



Ministry of Women and Children Affairs



Honorable Prime Minister's Global Women Leadership Award in recognition of achievements in women leadership



Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Vision

Society with
Gender equality and child protection



Mission

Establishing the rights of women and children and
women empowerment through mainstreaming
development



Guiding principles

- Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 1979
- National Women Development Policy, 2011
- Beijing Declaration and Action Plan, 1995
- National Child Policy, 2011
- Rules of Business, 1996
- Government election manifesto
- And various laws and regulations relating to women and children



Budget (in crore)

Fiscal Year	Operating Budget	Development Budget	Total Allocation
2022-23	3507.35	783.44	4290.79

Departments Under MoWCA

- Department of Women Affairs
- Jatiyo Mohila Sangstha (National Women Organization)
- Joyeeta Foundation
- Bangladesh Shishu Academy
- Department of DNA Laboratory Management

Running Projects – 17 and Programme - 18



	Projects	Programme
Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	03	15
Department of Women Affairs	08	03
Jatiyo Mohila Songstha	03	-
Bangladesh Shishu Academy	01	-
Joyeeta Foundation	02	-

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's special initiative and branding

Empowerment of women is one of the '10 Special Initiatives of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina'.

The slogan '**Sheikh Hasina's message, equality between women and men**' is being promoted through letters, envelopes, pads, posters and folders of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs and its subordinate offices/organizations as branding.

'Joyeeta Foundation' has been formed for the development of women entrepreneurs and branding of women empowerment activities.

Joyeeta Tower is being constructed at a cost of Tk 154.25 crore to help women entrepreneurs in branding the products made by Joyitas in the country and abroad.

Under the Joyeeta Onneshone Bangladesh' programme, 5 best winners in 5 categories are awarded every year on International Women's Day from among the winners selected at the divisional level from the union.

Global Gender Gap and Gender Responsive Budgeting

Global Gender Gap: According to the Global Gender Gap Report published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), Bangladesh is at the top of South Asia in terms of gender equality. Bangladesh closed 71.4% of its overall gender gap and obtained 71th position out of 146 countries globally.

Gender Responsive Budgeting: Since 2009, the current government has formulated a gender budget for the development of women. A total of TK 229,434 crore has been allocated to 44 ministries for gender issues and development of women.

Mega Projects of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

- Project on Establishment of Kishore Kishori Club (Tk. 551.56 Crore)
- “Tottho Aap: Empowering Women through Information and Communication Technology (Phase 2) to Build Digital Bangladesh” (Tk 544.90 Crore)
- Income Generating Activities of Women at Upazila Level (Tk. 283.22 Crore)
- Multi-Sectoral Program for Prevention of Violence against Women (Phase 4) (Tk. 115.076 crore, Project Aid: Tk. 27.60 crore)
- Accelerating Protection for Children (APC) (Tk 115.06 crore, project aid: Tk 108.40 crore)
- Joyeeta Tower Construction Project (Tk 154.25 Crore)
- Joyeeta Foundation Capacity Building Project (Tk. 262.99 Crore)
- ICVGD (2nd Phase) Project (Tk. 327.73 Crore)
- Capacity building project of coastal communities, especially women, to cope with salinity due to climate change (Tk. 276.86 crore)

Social Security Activities

Government is providing 30 kg of rice per month for every 02 (two) years through the Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) program to poor, widowed, divorced women. Government is providing normal rice in 323 upazila and fortified rice in 170 upazila.



মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা অসচ্ছল, বিধবা, তালাকপ্রাপ্ত নারীদের ভালনারেবল উইমেন বেনিফিট (VWB) কর্মসূচির মাধ্যমে প্রতি ০২ (দুই) বছর মেয়াদে মাসে ৩০ কেজি চাল প্রদান করছে।



মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়

Social Security Activities



Mother and Child Benefit Programme

Government is implementing Mother and Child Support Program for pregnant mothers and children aged 20 to 35 years from poor and helpless families. The child from the gestational and pre-childhood stages i.e. the first critical 1000 days (golden days) of the child to the age of 4 years. Each beneficiary receives a monthly cash transfer of 800 BDT for 36 months to support their additional food requirement during pregnancy and after birth for nutrition and childcare. Under this programme (MCBP) 1.25 million women and children are getting support as of now. By february 2022 MCBP implemented in total 68 upazilas , 42 Municipalities, 2 City Corporations and 6 garments factory where nearly 20,00000.

All financial assistance is fully G2P (Government 2 Person) system through EFT to beneficiary's bank account/mobile bank.



মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা দরিদ্র ও অসহায় পরিবারের ২০ থেকে ৩৫ বছর বয়সী গর্ভবতী মা ও শিশুর জন্য মা ও শিশু সহায়তা কর্মসূচি বাস্তবায়ন করছেন।



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Different protection and support activities

Battered Distressed Women and Children Welfare Fund

Disbursement of financial assistance in the light of the 'Aggrieved, Destitute Women and Children Welfare Fund Management Policy' in view of the application of the victimized, destitute and distressed women and children applicants.

Working Women's Hostel

Hostel facilities are being provided for working women through 8 working women hostels in Dhaka and Divisional headquarters.

Daycare facilities form children

The Child Day Care Act 2021 has been enacted. The process of finalizing the rules is ongoing.

Daycare facilities for the children of working women are being provided by establishing 85 daycare centers at present.



Different protection and support activities

Rehabilitation of Street Children

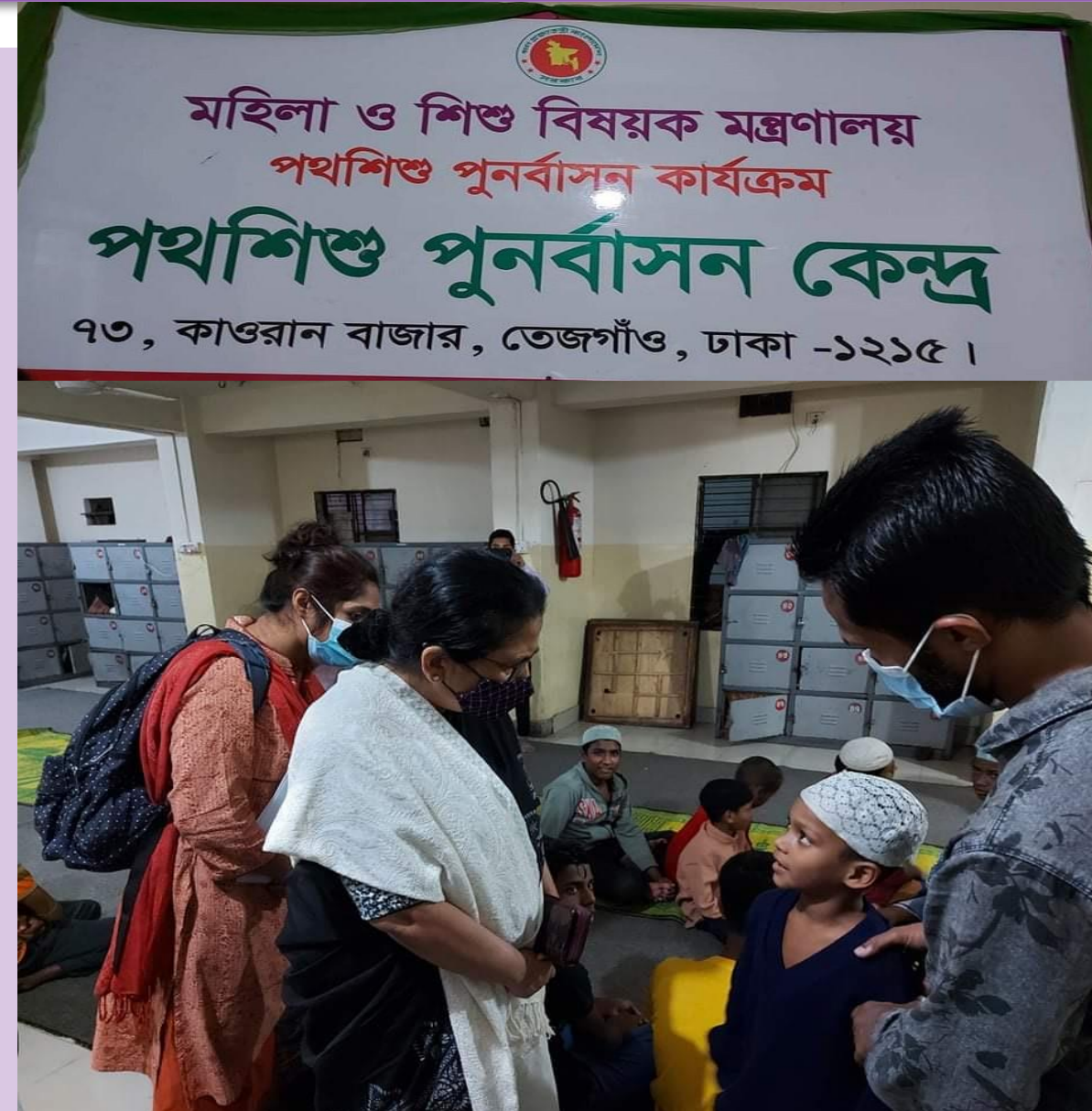
Ministry of Women and Children Affairs established two shelter homes for rehabilitation of Street Children. Initiative has been adopted to develop a comprehensive project to rehabilitate the street and disadvantaged children throughout the country.

Voluntary Women's Association

The total number of registered societies in Bangladesh is 20357. The number of societies receiving grants is 3700

Distribution of sewing machines

Regular distribution of sewing machines is done on the basis of applications to help the registered women's societies, poor and trained women in income generating activities.



Different protection and support activities

- 14 One-Stop Crisis Centres established in Public Medical College Hospitals in order to provide comprehensive services to the victim of violence and rape.
- 47 One-Stop Crisis Cells at District General Hospital and 20 One-Stop Crisis Cells at Upazila Health Complexes provides services to the women and children victims of violence.
- National Forensic DNA Profiling Laboratory in Dhaka and seven Divisional DNA Screening Laboratories are situated at district and divisions. Department of DNA Laboratory Management has been established.
- National Trauma Counseling Centre in Dhaka and 8 Regional Trauma Counseling Centres have been established for providing psychosocial counseling to the women and children.



Different protection and support activities

- Six Child Development Centers to rehabilitate poor children.
- A Safe custody for Women, Children and Adolescent girls has been established to support them during the trial period.
- Violence Against Women Prevention Cell in Dhaka and temporary shelter homes have been established at 6 divisional level.



Income generating training programs for women empowerment

- Skill based training program for livelihood in every district
- Women Training Center (WTC) in 136 upazilas
- Upazila Level Women Income Enhancement Training (IGA) Scheme
- Urban Marginal Women Development Project (2nd Phase)
- Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs at Grassroots Level Project (Phase 3)
- Providing training to women in various trades through National Women's Training and Development Academy and other residential/non-residential training institutes.



Activities undertaken to prevent violence against women and children

- Operation of National Toll Free Helpline '109' since 2012 to prevent violence against women and children. Through this, 53,79,480 phone calls have been received till May/2022.
- 'JOY' mobile apps launched on July 29, 2018 to provide immediate support to abused women and children. Through these apps, affected women or children can send victim's GPS location and audio and video information to National Helpline 109, Superintendent of Police of concerned district, Deputy Commissioner of Police of metropolitan area, nearest police station and 3 FnF mobile numbers stored in this app. So far 1721 people have been helped through these apps.
- Action plan to prevent violence against women and children 2018-2030
- National Action Plan to Prevent Child Marriage 2018-2030

Women friendly work environment

- Maternity leave has been increased from 03 months to 04 months in 2009 and from 04 months to 06 months in 2011 with full pay.
- At present 85 child day care centers have been set up for the children of working women. Providing safe residential hostel facilities at Dhaka and Divisional HQ for working women.
- Building construction program for expansion of safe residential hostels and child daycare centers for working women at upazila, district and divisional levels is in progress.
- 9 seats have been reserved for women, children and disabled in public transport. Separate bus service for women and safe vehicle scheme pilot programs have also been taken up.

Digital Bangladesh

“Tottho Apa”

To empower women through the use of information technology, the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs has implemented a project titled ‘Tottho Apa: Empowering women through information and communication technology to build a digital Bangladesh’.



Through 490 information centers at the upazila level, various services are being provided to women at the grassroots level by holding yard meetings and going door to door. Basic health services such as blood pressure test, weight measurement, diabetes test, various information technology services such as internet browsing, e-mail, video conferencing, job information, test results and various government services related to receiving this information.

Digital Bangladesh

- 45,430 women in 64 districts across the country have received hands-on training in information and communication technology under the district-based women's computer training scheme.
- Under the program titled “Amar Internet Amar Aay” 2304 women have been provided training on various important subjects of freelancing such as data entry, search engine optimization, web design and development, graphics design, digital marketing and e-commerce business.



Digital Bangladesh

3000 women have been trained for 1 month under the program titled “Women ICT Freelancer and Entrepreneur Development”. The objective of the program is to empower women in outsourcing work by creating freelancers and to create income opportunities by providing employment support to less educated women in urban and rural areas at home using the Internet.



Digital Bangladesh

All over the country, including Dhaka, female bus passengers are subjected to sexual harassment and other forms of harassment. There have also been incidents of rape and gang rape of female passengers inside the bus and throwing them out of the moving bus. In this situation, the government has installed CCTV cameras in buses for the protection of women passengers. CCTV cameras are being installed in 100 buses on four routes in and around Dhaka under the program called 'Development Program for Safe Travel Management of Women in Public Transport'.



Bangladesh / Dhaka

100 Dhaka buses get CCTV cameras for the safety of women

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs has taken this initiative



Marketing facilities for women entrepreneurship development

- **Angana:**

A sales and exhibition center named “Angana” has been started under the revenue budget on the ground floor of the head office of the Women's Affairs Department to provide financial assistance to poor women through the sale of garments/goods made by women's associations.

- **Joyeeta:**

A sales and exhibition center called Joyeeta ' has been set up at Rapa Plaza shopping mall in Dhanmondi area of Dhaka under the Jayita Foundation with the aim of financial empowerment of women. Through this, around 14,000 women are self-reliant and contributing to the economy by marketing the products produced by 180 women's organizations in the remote areas of the country.



Virtual/e-commerce shop launched for women entrepreneurs under the initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Affairs

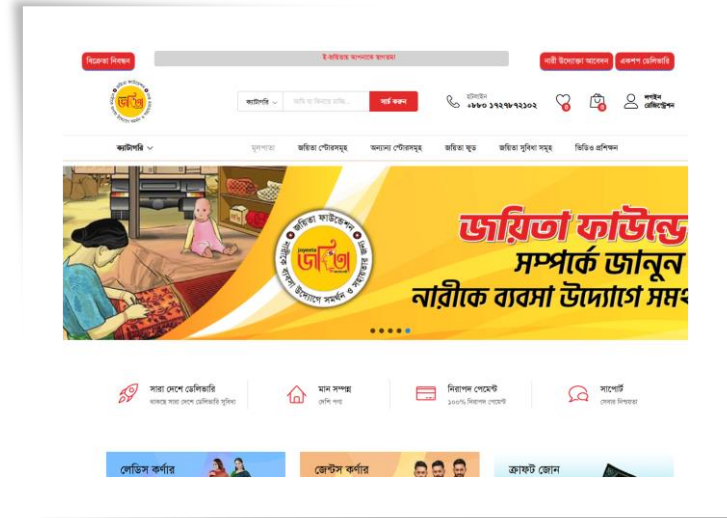
- **laalsobuj.com:**

An e-commerce marketplace named “laalsobuj.com” has been built in an effort to provide economic emancipation to rural women entrepreneurs by selling their produced and collected products.



- **e-joyeeta.com:**

E-Joyita (online platform) has been launched to launch the business activities of women entrepreneurs of Joyita Foundation online and to further expand their business. Women entrepreneurs of Joyita Foundation and women entrepreneurs across the country can manage their businesses by registering on the e-Joyita website.



Ministry of Women and Child Medical Services

- Setting up Women and Child Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Hospital at Segunbagicha.
- Establishment of Children and Women Cardiac Unit at National Heart Foundation, Mirpur.
- Establishment of 50 bedded Women and Children Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Hospital at Uttara.
- Establishment of Nurses Hostel at National Heart Foundation in Mirpur.

Activities to prevent dowry and child marriage



- 7,38,022 people have been sensitized so far through 23,725 yard meetings to prevent dowry and child marriage.
- The government won The Accolade Global Film Competition 2017 Humanitarian Award and The Accolade Winner Award End Child Marriage for its outstanding contribution to the anti-child marriage campaign.
- A positive change is being brought in the society by establishing 4883 youth clubs in all unions and municipalities to improve the life skills of marginalized and helpless teenagers from different levels of society and prevent gender based violence.
- Monitoring activities to prevent child marriage are ongoing in 64 districts. 7,161 child marriages have been stopped from 2015 to June 2020.



Activities for children

- The head office, 64 district office and 6 Upazila branch offices of Bangladesh Shishu Academy are working for the development of children's literature, culture, science and entertainment and latent talents. Every year, training is being imparted in 14 creative subjects including music, dance, painting, recitation, acting and chess through shishu academy across the country.
- A total of 6 child development centers are running through Bangladesh Shishu Academy for the development and rehabilitation of ultra poor children. In each center, activities are being carried out for the development and rehabilitation of 750 destitute and underprivileged children by providing food, shelter, education, medical treatment and various cultural activities.
- Bangladesh Shishu Academy under its various activities for the welfare of poor children provides pre-primary education to the children aged 4 to 5+ for making them suitable to admit in primary schools through 01 child development and 01 pre-primary education center of 71 offices including head office, 64 districts and 06 upazila branches.



Various laws/rules, policies and action plans

- Child Day Care Centre Act, 2021
- Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Act, 2020
- Dowry Prevention Act, 2018
- Bangladesh Shishu Academy Act, 2018
- Mental Health Act, 2018
- Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2017
- Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Act, 2014
- Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act, 2010
- Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Regulations 2013
- Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Regulations 2013
- National Women Development Policy 2011
- National Child Policy 2011
- National Action Plan for Women Development 2013
- Relevant Sections of Prevention of Child Marriage Act 2017 Scheduled to Mobile Courts Act, 2009

Observance of various important days

- 8 March, International Women Day
- 17 March, Birthday of the Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children Day
- 8 August, Birthday of Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib
- 1st week of October, World Children Day and Children Rights week
- 18 October, Sheikh Rassel Day
- 16 days of Activism Against Gender based Violence (25 November-10 December)
- 9 December, Begum Rokeya Day



Award

- Begum Rokeya Award
- Bangmata Begum Fazilatunnessa Mujib Award
- Joyeeta Award



International recognition of women's development

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received number of awards in recognition of her effort and commitment on women development issues:

- Planet 50-50 Champion by UN Women and Agent of Change Award 2016 by Global Partnership Forum for her outstanding contributions to women empowerment.
- MDG award from United Nations for reducing child mortality in 2010.
- Gold Medal in 2011 by the Dauphin University, Paris for her contribution to the women empowerment.
- South South award in 2011 and 2013 from UN for her success in poverty alleviation and reduction in maternal mortality rate through ICT.
- Peace Award 2013 for the reduction of child mortality, polio eradication and UN Peacekeeping Mis Memento of Tree of Peace from UNESCO for promotion of girls and women's education in 2014.
- Women in Parliaments Global Forum award for her significant contribution to the political empowerment of women at the regional level and the elimination of gender inequality in 2015.
- Champions of the Earth award in the Policy Leadership category from UNEP in 2015.
- Global Women's Leadership Award from Global Summit of Women 2018 in Sydney for her outstanding contribution to promote women rights and empowerment.
- SDG progress award 2021 for Bangladesh steady course in responding to the universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure peace and prosperity for all.



Websites of Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs: www.mowca.gov.bd

Department of Women Affairs: www.dwa.gov.bd

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Bangladesh Shishu Academy: www.shishuacademy.gov.bd

Joyeeta Foundation: www.joyeeta.gov.bd

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