

Grant No. 04
106 - Election Commission
Medium Term Expenditure

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2019-20	Projection	
		2020-21	2021-22
Operating Expenditure	779,47,00	826,24,00	875,81,00
Development Expenditure	1141,23,00	1206,70,00	1279,29,00
Total	1920,70,00	2032,94,00	2155,10,00
Recurrent	753,22,18	1127,39,11	2043,60,98
Capital	1166,92,82	905,04,89	110,99,02
Financial Asset	55,00	50,00	50,00
Liability	0	0	0
Total	1920,70,00	2032,94,00	2155,10,00

1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions**1.1 Mission Statement**

To conduct free, fair and impartial elections in accordance with the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the prevailing laws of the country.

1.2 Major Functions

- 1.2.1 Preparation of electoral rolls for presidential election, parliamentary elections and local government elections and maintaining of related database and data center;
- 1.2.2 Delimiting the constituencies for holding parliamentary elections;
- 1.2.3 Conducting elections for the Office of Honorable President, Honorable Members of Parliament, different Local Government bodies, by-elections and other electoral processes prescribed by any other law;
- 1.2.4 Preparation and distribution of National Identity Cards (NIC) and providing related services;
- 1.2.5 Formation of the Election Tribunal and disposal of election disputes as per relevant Acts;
- 1.2.6 Preparation of proposals and formulation of laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines with regard to elections and the Election Commission;
- 1.2.7 Registration of political parties and reservation of symbols for the registered political parties; and
- 1.2.8 Handling of matters related to the coordination and communication with local and international agencies, organizing and participating in international meetings and conferences, seminars/workshops and formulation of contracts;

2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
1. Building firm confidence of the people in the Election Commission and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
updating the activities of the Election Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> independent institution Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules 	
2. Preparation of accurate and authentic electoral roll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors Preparing and distributing National ID Cards (Smart Cards) and providing related services Maintaining the electronic database of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
3. Free and fair elections and modernization of election management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders including political parties Declaration of election schedules, management of polling stations, voting, preparation, announcement and publications of election results in view of conducting free and fair election Introduction of technology in election activities Ensuring compliance of the election conduct rules Taking steps to ensure normal law and order for holding free and peaceful election by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training to the polling personnel and persons involved in the election process regarding election management and vote casting Provide training to the relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Training Institute
4. Supporting democratic culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and international communication for the ensuring fair election environment and the development of a better political culture Organize seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat

3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting

3.1 Impact of Strategic Objectives on Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement

3.1.1 Building firm confidence of the people on Election Commission and updating the activities of Election commission

Impact on Poverty Reduction: There is no direct impact.

Impact on Women's Advancement: There is no direct impact.

3.1.2 Preparation of accurate and authentic electoral roll

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Identification of the exact poor beneficiaries is needed for poverty reduction activities or expansion of the social safety net. Preparation of National ID cards based on the correct electoral roll information will help identify true beneficiaries, and thus will contribute to efficient implementation of anti-poverty programs. Acute poverty will be reduced through the implementation of programs related to the targeted poor.

Impact on Women's Advancement: It is obvious that women's individualism is recognized through their inclusion in the electoral roll. Inclusion in the electoral roll encourages woman to involve herself in democratic process and to consolidate democracy through application of her voting right. Opportunities of woman's participation as a candidate will be created resulting in her inclusion in electoral roll. As a result, the whole process will be strengthened and this will help establish true democracy. Thus their greater participation in governance will be ensured.

3.1.3 Free and fair elections and modernization of election management

Impact on Poverty Reduction: It is true that a free and fair election process strengthens democracy and elects qualified candidates, who will, in fact, try to implement government's programs based on the choices and aspirations of the people. Their visionary intention will also influence poor people's hopes and aspirations. Modernization of election management through leveraging information and communication technology strengthens efforts of the Election Commission to manage the election process efficiently and to ensure free and fair elections.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Necessary rules have been enacted to increase women leadership in political parties and actions have been taken to implement them properly. Specifically in the formulated acts/regulations related to the registration of political parties, a provision is made that 33 percent women to be represented at all levels in all the Committees of any political parties by 2020. Hence women's participation as representative in the National Parliament is expected to be increased. Further, the number of women representatives in local government bodies will also increase which will result in their empowerment. Fair and neutral elections will encourage women to participate in the election process. Introduction of modern information technology will also help women officers and staff to discharge their responsibilities smoothly. Therefore, due to the greater involvement of women in the decision making process, overall governance will be improved.

3.1.4 Supporting democratic culture

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Strong democratic processes and institutions are critical for good governance and the protection of fundamental rights of the people. It will indirectly contribute to poverty reduction.

Impact on Women's Advancement: A strong democratic culture in all fields has a positive impact on women's representation and articulation of women empowerment, which, in turn, will shape the development of policies and women-oriented programs of the Government.

3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement Related Spending

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget 2019-20	Projection	
		2020-21	2021-22
Poverty Reduction	718,07,18	688,39,47	583,79,81
Gender	1019,18,63	1319,34,84	1991,38,46

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Scheme

Priority Spending Areas/Scheme	Related Strategic Objectives
1. Conduct National Parliament and local government elections According to the Constitution, one of the primary duties of the Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building firm confidence of the people in the Election

Priority Spending Areas/Scheme	Related Strategic Objectives
Commission is to conduct national elections and by-elections. Besides this, conducting elections for local government bodies is also a key responsibility of the Election Commission. Conducting free and fair elections within the given time-frame, and the discharge of Constitutional responsibilities have therefore been considered as the highest priority.	<p>Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and fair elections and modernization of election management
<p>2. Updating electoral rolls and proper preservation of electoral database</p> <p>To prepare an accurate/authentic electoral roll is the prerequisite to ensure free and fair elections for the Election Commission. It is crucial to update the electoral rolls periodically in order to incorporate changes necessitated by new voters and drop out voters. It is also essential to collect personal information including biometric data with the intention of preparing an accurate/authentic electoral roll and database with photos of the voters. National ID Cards have been issued based on the information provided. This is therefore a priority area for the Election Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of accurate and authentic electoral roll
<p>3. Using information technology in election management</p> <p>Installation of server stations, establishment of a data center, and inter-ministerial network through VPN would enable free flow of election related information. Beside these, election related information have been provided to the voters through using the installed database. Further, the Commission is taking steps to introduce Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) which would strengthen and quicken the election management process. This area is therefore given priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and fair elections and modernization of election management
<p>4. Increase public awareness through publicity</p> <p>Building public awareness about the democratic process and the role of the Election Commission is essential to ensure the election process transparent and the election machinery accountable. Further it is essential to design, implement and sustain electoral reform programmes through discussion and debate on relevant issues in various public forums, and through public awareness programmes. This is therefore a priority area for the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support democratic culture

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2019-20 to 2021-22)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2019-20	Projection	
	2018-19			2020-21	2021-22
Secretariat	1619,07,36	4013,85,44	1705,56,00	1711,73,00	1860,83,00
Election Training Institute	126,50,64	159,80,40	15,84,00	81,23,00	42,07,00
Regional Election Offices	6,29,00	10,92,65	10,58,00	10,87,00	12,53,00
District Election Offices	37,02,00	40,74,70	47,06,00	53,91,00	57,26,00
Upazila Election Offices	100,48,00	109,52,42	132,90,00	165,53,00	172,21,00
Metropolitan Thana Election Offices	5,87,00	8,26,62	8,76,00	9,67,00	10,20,00
Grand Total :	1895,24,00	4343,12,23	1920,70,00	2032,94,00	2155,10,00

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget 2019-20	Projection	
		2018-19			2020-21	2021-22
	Recurrent Expenditure					
3111	Wages and salaries in cash	829,53,17	1251,96,11	343,52,69	400,29,51	367,96,36

Economic Group	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection	
		2018-19		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
3211	Administrative expenses	123,09,36	304,08,67	136,73,90	94,01,77	120,00,83
3221	Fees, charges and commissions	54,08,00	151,19,49	32,98,17	20,01,67	76,17,67
3231	Training	123,23,99	159,76,62	17,98,91	76,59,90	36,01,10
3243	Petrol, oil and lubricants	271,47,00	166,89,62	36,96,68	21,68,58	21,89,84
3244	Travel and Transfer	11,28,54	19,16,50	11,85,56	19,25,74	19,50,86
3253	Public order and safety supplies	0	85,00	0	0	0
3255	Printing and stationery	324,44,16	559,46,89	111,09,49	78,14,17	82,12,32
3256	General supplies and materials	28,50	30,25	33,12	34,56	36,09
3257	Professional services, honorariums and special expenses	2,68,09	11,66,80	2,75,95	3,56,30	3,56,30
3258	Repairs and maintenance	10,85,51	19,28,53	34,93,66	48,13,95	58,57,93
3631	Current grants	1,00	1,00	0	0	0
3821	Current transfers not elsewhere classified	2,11,11	1,90,61	1,94,19	1,89,33	1,95,09
3911	Reserve	2,50,00	3,57,17	22,09,86	363,43,63	1255,46,59
	Total : - Recurrent Expenditure	1755,58,43	2650,13,26	753,22,18	1127,39,11	2043,60,98
	Capital Expenditure					
4112	Machinery and equipment	52,70,47	1526,05,82	1152,63,51	893,78,48	99,66,61
4113	Other fixed assets	40,85,10	120,83,15	14,29,31	11,26,41	11,32,41
4911	Reserve	45,50,00	45,50,00	0	0	0
	Total : - Capital Expenditure	139,05,57	1692,38,97	1166,92,82	905,04,89	110,99,02
	Assets					
7215	Loans	60,00	60,00	55,00	50,00	50,00
	Total : - Assets	60,00	60,00	55,00	50,00	50,00
	Grand Total :	1895,24,00	4343,12,23	1920,70,00	2032,94,00	2155,10,00

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Updating electoral rolls *	2	%	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
2. Using of electronic voting machine (EVM)**	3	Coverage (number)	10	10	10	15	15	15	15
3. Citizen Registration and Providing National ID Card*	2	Coverage rate (%)	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

* Considering 10.15 crore voters in 2017-18, 10.40 crore voters in 2018-19, 10.66 crore voters in 2019-20, 10.92 crore voters in 2020-21 and 11.19 crore voters in 2021-22 as baseline.

** 10 constituencies out of the total number of constituencies in the Upazilla Parishad/Pourashava / City corporation / Union Parishad in which elections held and to be held.

6.0 Recent Achievements, Activities, Output Indicators and Targets and Expenditure Estimates of the Departments/Agencies

6.1 Secretariat

6.1.1 Recent Achievements: In last three financial years (from 2015-16 to 2017-18) Election conducting Rule, 2008, Conduct Rule for Political Parties and Candidates in Parliamentary Elections 2008, Representation of the Peoples Order, 1972 and Rules/Conduct Rules for using Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) in City Corporation, Municipality, Upazila Parishad and Union Council Elections have been amended. Election of the President, election of 09 vacant seats in the 10th parliamentary elections, 05 city corporation general elections, by the election of 07 city corporation elections, general elections of 282 municipalities and 57 municipal posts, general elections of 61 district councils, by-elections of 07 district councils, Fourth Upazila

Parishad general election of 1224, by election of the 4266 posts 1085 posts of Union Parishad election and by-election has been completed successfully. Moreover, construction of 548 server stations in different regions, districts and upazilas were completed successfully.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Promoting public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an independent institution	Meetings and dialogue activities	1	Number	10	08	100	120	100	50	50
2. Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules	Orientation meetings	1	Number	45	40	40	50	40	40	40
3. Updating of electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors	Inclusion of new voters	2	Number (in thousands)	4300	4000	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
	Inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens			10	10	10	10	10	10	10
4. Preparing and distributing National ID Cards (Smart Cards)	Provide new National Identity Cards	2	Number (in lakh)	370	100	25	120	25	25	25
5. Maintaining electronic database of electoral roll	Establishment of server stations*	2	Number	200	200	114	200	50	27	-
6. Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders including political parties	Interact with the political party, media and civil society	3	Number	75	55	75	80	50	50	50
7. Declaring of election schedules, management of polling stations, voting, preparation, announcement and publications of election results in view of conducting free and fair election	Voter Education Program	3	Number	50	32	50	35	25	25	25
	Domestic observers appointed		Number (in thousands)	12	9.5	25	10	30	10	10
	Foreign observers appointed		Number	50	23	150	25	50	50	50
	Election results published on the web		%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8. Introducing of technology in election activities	Introduction of GIS in voting centers	3	Number (in thousands)	5	0	10	0	20	20	4
	Candidates information on the web		%	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9. National and international communication for ensuring fair election environment and developing a better political culture	Participation in international forums	4	Number	20	13	25	25	25	35	35
	Participation in international workshops and seminars			5	5	7	10	10	15	15
10. Organizing seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management	Dialogue with political parties	4	Number	40	48	50	50	50	50	50
	Conduct national workshops/ workshops			05	03	50	35	40	05	30
11. Ensuring compliance of election conduct rules	Election disputes and complains	3	Number	400	310	210	180	200	200	240

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	resolution									
12. Taking steps to ensure normal law and order situation by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments	Meeting/dialogue	3	Number	10	8	10	11	10	10	13

* Server Station Buildings have been completed. However, the target of planning for establishing main database servers has shown in the medium term target.

6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/Project	Related Activity	Actual 2017-18	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates		
			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Operating Activities							
General Activity							
1060101 - Secretariat	1-12	150,43,54	63,28,36	66,12,13	83,88,00	96,54,00	98,94,00
1060102 - Election Training Institute	12	8,65,79	126,50,64	159,80,40	15,84,00	81,23,00	42,07,00
1060201 - Regional Election Offices	1-8,11,12	0	6,29,00	10,92,65	10,58,00	10,87,00	12,53,00
1060202 - District Election Offices	1-8,11,12	0	37,02,00	40,74,70	47,06,00	53,91,00	57,26,00
1060203 - Upazila Election Offices	1-8,11,12	1,82	100,48,00	109,52,42	132,90,00	165,53,00	172,21,00
1060204 - Metropolitan Thana Election Offices	1-8,11,12	0	5,87,00	8,26,62	8,76,00	9,67,00	10,20,00
Total : General Activity		159,11,15	339,45,00	395,38,92	299,02,00	417,75,00	393,21,00
Special Activity							
120000200 - Elections	7-8	77,59,88	1277,98,00	1820,13,31	310,00,00	237,86,00	311,66,00
120000201 - Voter list preparation program	3-5	0	67,00,00	103,00,00	103,00,00	103,00,00	103,00,00
120000801 - Loans to Government Employees	1-12	0	0	0	55,00	50,00	50,00
120007600 - Examination Expense Management	1-12	0	80,00	4,40,00	0	0	0
120012101 - National Identity Registration	3-5	0	0	0	66,89,00	67,12,00	67,43,00
127002201 - Association of the Asian Election Authorities	1-12	0	0	0	1,00	1,00	1,00
Total : Special Activity		77,59,88	1345,78,00	1927,53,31	480,45,00	408,49,00	482,60,00
Support Activity							
136002200 - Association of the Asian Election Authorities	11	0	1,00	1,00	0	0	0
Total : Support Activity		0	1,00	1,00	0	0	0
Total : Operating Activities		236,71,03	1685,24,00	2322,93,23	779,47,00	826,24,00	875,81,00
Development Activities							
Annual Development Program							
221000106 - Reserve for unapproved project Election Commission Secretariat	8	0	10,00,00	0	10,01,00	348,14,35	1198,52,38
224000800 - Identification system for enhancing access to Services (1st Revised) (01/07/11-31/12/11r)	1-8,11,12	332,27,45	200,00,00	657,95,00	0	0	0
224246800 - Strengthening and Capacity Development of Election Commission Secretariat (SCDECS)	1-12	0	0	9,72,00	7,22,00	3,68,33	3,68,33
224252700 - Use of Electronic Voting Machine in order to Apply ICT in Election System	1-12	0	0	1352,52,00	1124,00,00	854,87,32	77,08,29
Total : Annual Development Program		332,27,45	210,00,00	2020,19,00	1141,23,00	1206,70,00	1279,29,00
Total : Development Activities		332,27,45	210,00,00	2020,19,00	1141,23,00	1206,70,00	1279,29,00
Total :		568,98,48	1895,24,00	4343,12,23	1920,70,00	2032,94,00	2155,10,00

6.2 Election Training Institute

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: A total of 11,64,485 people have been trained in the last three financial years (2015-16 to 2017-18). On the occasion of updating the electoral rolls, 1,36,400 people, 74,548 people on

the occasion of municipal general elections, 1,01,924 on the occasion of the city corporation general elections, 7,34,191 people on the occasion of the general election of the Union Parishad, 23577 people on the occasion of Zilla Parishad general election, 13,438 people were given training under the vacant seats of the National Parliament. 79,432 people in the other by-elections / postponed / general elections were provided training. Besides, training of 1,015 people in regular courses under internal training has been given to increase the capability of own staff officers.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
				2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Provide training to the polling personnel and persons involved in the election process regarding election management and vote casting	Trained Presiding and Assistant Presiding Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	60	16	353	500	300	370	100
	Trained Polling Officers			480	34	108	1000	700	613	220
	Trained Returning and Assistant Returning Officers			0.6	0.2	01	02	03	01	0.5
2. Provide training to the relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll	Registration Officer	3	Number (in thousands)	.65	0.61	.65	0.65	.075	.55	0.75
	Supervisor			12	11.6	22	22	32	25	32
	Data collector			54	116	55	120	160	160	160
	Revising Authority			0.40	0.1	0.40	0.55	0.2	0.2	0.2

6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects: Not Applicable