**Grant No. 04**

**106 - Election Commission**

**Medium Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

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| **Description** | **Budget**  **2021-22** | **Projection** | |
| **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| Operating Expenditure |  |  |  |
| Development Expenditure |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| Recurrent |  |  |  |
| Capital |  |  |  |
| Financial Asset |  |  |  |
| Liability |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

**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. Preparation of electoral rolls for presidential election, parliamentary elections and local government elections and maintaining of related database and data center;
2. Delimiting the constituencies for holding parliamentary elections;
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;
4. Preparation and distribution of National Identity Cards (NIC) and providing related services;
5. Formation of the Election Tribunal and disposal of election disputes as per relevant Acts;
6. Preparation of proposals and formulation of laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines with regard to elections and the Election Commission;
7. Registration of political parties and reservation of symbols for the registered political parties; and
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** |
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| **1** | **2** | **3** |
| 1. Building firm confidence of the people in the Election Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission | * Promoting public awareness about the functions of the Election Commission by highlighting its commitment to operate as an independent institution * Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules | * Secretariat |
| 1. Preparation of accurate and authentic electoral roll | * 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 | * Secretariat |
| 1. Free and fair elections and modernization of election management | * 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 | * Secretariat |
| * 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 | * Election Training Institute |
| 1. Supporting democratic culture | * 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 | * 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **Budget**  **2021-21** | **Projection** | |
| **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| Poverty Reduction |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |

**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 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. | * Building firm confidence of the people in the Election Commission and updating the activities of the Election Commission * Free and fair elections and modernization of election management |
| **2. Updating electoral rolls and proper preservation of electoral database**  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. | * Preparation of accurate and authentic electoral roll |
| **3. Using information technology in election management**  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. | * Free and fair elections and modernization of election management |
| **4. Increase public awareness through publicity**  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. | * Support democratic culture |

**4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2021-22 to 2023-24)**

**4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Institutional Units**

(Taka in Thousands)

| **Description** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Budget**  **2021-22** | **Projection** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020-21** | | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
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**4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise**

(Taka in Thousands)

| **Economic**  **Group** | **Description** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Budget**  **2021-22** | **Projection** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020-21** | | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)**

| **Indicator** | **Related Strategic Objectives** | **Unit** | **Revised**  **Target** | **Actual** | **Target** | **Revised Target** | **Medium Term Targets** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| 1. Updating electoral rolls \* | 2 | % | 2.5 |  | 2.5 |  | 2.5 | 2.5 |  |
| 1. Using of electronic voting machine (EVM)\*\* | 3 | Coverage (number) | 15 |  | 15 |  | 15 | 15 |  |
| 1. Citizen Registration and Providing National ID Card\* | 2 | Coverage rate (%) | 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** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| **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 | 120 |  | 100 |  | 50 | 50 |  |
| 1. Preparing and reforming electoral laws and rules | Orientation meetings | 1 | Number | 50 |  | 40 |  | 40 | 40 |  |
| 1. Updating of electoral rolls and inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens along with new electors | Inclusion of new voters | 2 | Number (in thousands) | 2500 |  | 2500 |  | 2500 | 2500 |  |
| Inclusion of eligible expatriate citizens | 10 |  | 10 |  | 10 | 10 |  |
| 1. Preparing and distributing National ID Cards (Smart Cards) | Provide new National Identity Cards | 2 | Number  (in lakh) | 120 |  | 25 |  | 25 | 25 |  |
| 1. Maintaining electronic database of electoral roll | Establishment of server stations\* | 2 | Number | 200 |  | 50 |  | 27 | - |  |
| 1. Preparing election plans and having dialogues with different stakeholders including political parties | Interact with the political party, media and civil society | 3 | Number | 80 |  | 50 |  | 50 | 50 |  |
| 1. 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 | 35 |  | 25 |  | 25 | 25 |  |
| Domestic observers appointed | Number (in thousands) | 10 |  | 30 |  | 10 | 10 |  |
| Foreign observers appointed | Number | 25 |  | 50 |  | 50 | 50 |  |
| Election results published on the web | % | 100 |  | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| 1. Introducing of technology in election activities | Introduction of GIS in voting centers | 3 | Number (in thousands) | 0 |  | 20 |  | 20 | 4 |  |
| Candidates information on the web | % | 100 |  | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |  |
| 1. National and international communication for ensuring fair election environment and developing a better political culture | Participation in international forums | 4 | Number | 25 |  | 25 |  | 35 | 35 |  |
| Participation in international workshops and seminars | 10 |  | 10 |  | 15 | 15 |  |
| 1. Organizing seminars, workshops and dialogues for evaluation and review of election management | Dialogue with political parties | 4 | Number | 50 |  | 50 |  | 50 | 50 |  |
| Conduct national workshops/ workshops | 35 |  | 40 |  | 05 | 30 |  |
| 1. Ensuring compliance of election conduct rules | Election disputes and complains resolution | 3 | Number | 180 |  | 200 |  | 200 | 240 |  |
| 1. Taking steps to ensure normal law and order situation by conducting meeting/dialogue with concern ministries, divisions and departments | Meeting/dialogue | 3 | Number | 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**  **2018-19** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
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**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** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| **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) | 500 |  | 300 |  | 370 | 100 |  |
| Trained Polling Officers | 1000 |  | 700 |  | 613 | 220 |  |
| Trained Returning and Assistant Returning Officers | 02 |  | 03 |  | 01 | 0.5 |  |
| 1. Provide training to the relevant personnel in the preparation and up-gradation of electoral roll | Registration Officer | **3** | Number  (in thousands) | 0.65 |  | .075 |  | .55 | 0.75 |  |
| Supervisor | 22 |  | 32 |  | 25 | 32 |  |
| Data collector | 120 |  | 160 |  | 160 | 160 |  |
| Revising Authority | 0.55 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.2 | 0.2 |  |

**6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Institutional Unit, Schemes and Projects:**

Not Applicable

(Taka in Thousands)

| **Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project** | **Related Activity** | **Actual**  **2018-19** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2019-20** | | **2020-21** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |