**Grants No. 15**

**118 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Medium Term Expenditure**

(Taka in Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Description | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| Operating Expenditure |  |  |  |
| Development Expenditure |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| Recurrent |  |  |  |
| Capital |  |  |  |
| Financial Asset |  |  |  |
| Liability |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

**1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions**

**1.1 Mission Statement**

To safeguard national interest and uphold the nation’s image and values in the international arena through effective diplomacy

**1.2 Major Functions**

* + 1. Maintaining bilateral diplomatic relations with different countries including neighbours;
    2. Maintaining liaison and coordination with United Nations, international, regional and multilateral organizations, holding dialogue/discussion, signing agreements/treaties to play effective roles at the regional and international levels for peace, security and development;
    3. Providing various assistance including consular and welfare services to expatriate Bangladeshis through diplomatic and consular representations and managing the Missions abroad and ensuring coordination of all matters relating to foreign relations with different Ministries/Divisions;
    4. Coordinating the activities of different Ministries/Divisions and Bangladesh’s Missions abroad on the matters relating to land and sea boundary and the continental shelf of Bangladesh;
    5. Organizing foreign tours of the Hon’ble President and the Hon’ble Prime Minister with all protocol arrangements and managing tours of visiting Heads of foreign States and Governments with due protocol and extending protocol services to the diplomatic and consular missions of the other countries stationed in Bangladesh;
    6. Continuing diplomatic efforts to repatriate forcefully displaced Myanmar nationals from Bangladesh and ensuring constructive roles in all contemporary regional/global issues relating to climate change, international migration and overall non-traditional national security;
    7. Pursuing people-oriented diplomacy to present Bangladesh as a secular, democratic and progressive state in the global forums through effective public diplomacy;
    8. Ensuring welfare of the Bangladeshi nationals living abroad and promoting and protecting of their interest in relation to education, culture, trade and commerce etc.

**2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities**

| Medium-Term Strategic Objectives | Activities | Implementing Departments/Agencies |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. Preservation of national interest by strengthening bilateral relations with neighbouring countries and other countries of the world | * Organizing foreign visits of the Honourable President and Honourable Prime Minister and visits of foreign governments and heads of state to Bangladesh | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |
| * Organizing and participating in ministerial-level meetings in the country and abroad. |
| * Signing of bilateral agreements/memorandum of understanding/necessary coordination in thesigning process |
| * Organizing / Participating in Bilateral Dialogue/Political Consultations/FOC/JCM/JWG/meetings for Director General and higher level |
| * Arrangement of meetings/telephone conversations of the Honourable President, Honourable Prime Minister, Honourable Foreign Minister and Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs with foreign ambassadors/ delegations | * Foreign Service Academy |
| 1. Protecting Bangladesh’s interests in multilateral, regional and international forums, enhancing partnerships and strengthening Rohingya repatriation efforts | * Participation of the Honourable President/ Honourable Prime Minister and ministerial level/ dignitaries/ organizations in multilateral/ regional forums, organizing visits of foreign dignitaries/ organizations in Bangladesh and documenting * Preparation of documents (including negotiation) in coordination with inter-ministry/department/organizations for organizing/participating in multilateral/regional/ international seminars/conferences/ meetings/ trainings/workshops * Participation in the elections of the United Nations and various international/regional organizations * Submitting reports of Bangladesh to various international/regional committees/ organizations including various organizations of the United Nations and inter/ intra-ministerial coordination in this regard * Organizing and actively participating in meetings/seminars/discussions/workshops/trainings to achieve sustainable development goals * Active participation and preservation of interests in resolutions raised and adopted in various international/regional organizations including the United Nations * To continue the diplomatic initiatives in coordination with the related agencies of the government in the repatriation of the Rohingya population sheltered in Bangladesh | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |
| 1. Expansion of foreign trade and investment through economic diplomacy, development of blue economy, expansion of foreign employment etc. | * Organizing/participating in various discussions, meetings and workshops, including bilateral and multilateral, on post-transition and comprehensive economic cooperation with LDCs * Undertaking different activities with different agencies like Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment and Ministry of Labour and Employment to expand foreign trade and investment, to create foreign employment, to improve the Ease of Doing Business etc. * Taking diplomatic initiatives to expand the labour market in different countries of the world and increase remittance flow | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |
| * Development of blue economy sectors and making necessary coordination regarding resource extraction, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Bangladesh's maritime boundaries * Implementation of UNCLOS-1982 and capacity building on ‘Blue economy’ in collaboration with international and regional organizations | * Maritime Affairs Unit |
| 1. Improving the image of the country and enhancing diplomatic ties by achieving excellence in public diplomacy and state protocol affairs | * Carrying out functions related to the appointment of diplomatic representatives at home and abroad and extension of diplomatic representation * Issuing diplomatic clearance for special (including chartered) flights of foreign countries for take-off/landing and using the airspace of Bangladesh * Providing diplomatic privileges and facilities to foreign missions located in Bangladesh * Organizing state banquets in honour of state/ foreign/ other distinguished guests/ diplomats * Publication of the monthly 'FOBN (Foreign Office Briefing Notes)' based on the activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions abroad * Other Publications, Editing & Printing/ Digital Publications/ Diplomatic Corps Publications * Presenting the government's adopted activities and positions on various issues to the diplomatic missions of different countries and international organizations located in Dhaka / sending press releases received from the ministries and missions to the media | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |
| 1. Simplifying and achieving excellence in the delivery of consular and welfare services | * Expansion of e-passport issuance program in Bangladesh Missions abroad * Document attestation, issuance of diplomatic passports/ SAARC stickers and delivery of other consular services * Repatriation of Bangladeshi nationals detained/stranded abroad, provision of cash, humanitarian assistance and relief assistance to distressed expatriate Bangladeshis, provision of legal assistance, repatriation of dead bodies | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |

**3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting**

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

**3.1.1 Effective diplomatic initiatives to safeguard national interests concerning political, economic & national security and other issues including climate change**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** No direct impact

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** No direct impact.

**3.1.2 Safeguard the sovereignty of land boundary and water territory of Bangladesh, enact law of the sea and develop the Blue Economy**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** No direct impact.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** No direct impact.

**3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women’s Advancement Related Spending**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Description | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| Poverty Reduction |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |

**4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes**

| Priority Spending Areas/Programmes | Related Strategic Objectives |
| --- | --- |
| 1. **Protection of national interest in the international arena**   The main responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to protect the national interest by sending envoys to the conferences/seminars/ meetings/workshops and representation in various international forums, including organizing bilateral and multilateral state visits of the Hon’ble President and the Hon’ble Prime Minister to different countries. The protection of national interests has been recognized as the highest priority spending area. | * Preservation of national interest by strengthening bilateral relations with neighbouring countries and other countries of the world |
| 1. **Upholding the country’s image in international arena**   One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to brighten the image of Bangladesh to the outside world through proper representation and establishing missions abroad. Under the kind guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is continuing its efforts to strengthen its representation in the outside world by purchasing its own land and building abroad for Embassy Chancery Complex/Bangladesh House. Also, efforts are being made to uphold the image of the country by establishing Bangladesh as a progressive, democratic, secular state. In this context, improving the image of the country has been given the second highest priority. | * Protecting Bangladesh’s interests in multilateral, regional and international forums, enhancing partnerships and strengthening Rohingya repatriation efforts |
| 1. **Propagation of the ideology of the Father of the Nation**   Missions undertake special activities on nationally important days to promote globally the contribution of the Father of the Nation in building a world free from poverty and exploitation and in establishing world peace. On the Class 'A' days including Independence Day/Victory Day/National Mourning Day/Children's Day related meetings/seminars/ conferences are organized in the Missions. Various activities including establishment of a chair in the name of Bangabandhu, conducting research programs are going on in reputed universities around the world. These activities have been given the third highest priority. | * Enhancing the country's image and enhancing diplomatic goodwill by achieving excellence in public diplomacy and political affairs |
| 1. **Organizing meetings as chair of international organizations**   In recognition of the growing acceptance of Bangladesh in the international arena, Bangladesh has been elected Chair in various forms of different international organizations including in the United Nations. As the chair, Bangladesh has to organize the high-level meeting including summit/ministerial etc. through which Bangladesh can consolidate its position on the issues like immigration, climate change etc. This sector has been considered as the fourth highest priority sector. | * Protecting Bangladesh’s interests in multilateral, regional and international forums, enhancing partnerships and strengthening Rohingya repatriation efforts |
| 1. **Export Market diversification, investment promotion, and labor market expansion through economic diplomacy**   It is very important to organize campaigns, seminars, exhibitions, workshops, conferences, etc. with the aim of highlighting the benefits of investing in and trading with Bangladesh. Ministry also sends exploratory missions to different regions with the aim of exploring new export market and expanding the new labour market. Recognizing the importance of the trade and investment promotion activities this sector has been given high priority. | * Expansion of foreign trade and investment through strengthening economic diplomacy, development of blue economy, expansion of foreign employment etc |
| 1. **Development of Continental Shelf, Law of the Sea, and the blue economy of Bangladesh**   'Blue Economy' has been identified as a new area of potential in the overall economic development of the country. The government has already prepared the 'Blue Economy Development Action Plan' to ensure the optimum use of marine resources and to determine the potential areas of the blue economy with the aim of proper management, extraction and sustainable utilization of marine resources. Implementation of this action plan is one of the priority spending areas of the Ministry. | * Expansion of foreign trade and investment through strengthening economic diplomacy, development of blue economy, expansion of foreign employment etc. |
| 1. **Providing improved consular services**   Providing consular services to Bangladeshi citizens abroad has always been a priority. Expatriate Bangladeshis keep the wheels of the country's economy moving by sending hard-earned remittances to Bangladesh. Hence delivering improved consular services has been considered as a priority sector | * Simplifying and improving the delivery of consular and welfare services |
| 1. **Expansion of diplomatic activities**   Bangladesh's overall geopolitical and economic interests and needs have to be assessed in the rapidly changing domestic, regional, sub-regional and global context. In that light, it is necessary to undertake increased diplomatic presence and activities aimed at providing consular services to Bangladeshi and foreign nationals and presenting it as an emerging middle-income country. Consideration will be given in opening new missions in potential countries/regions. This activity has been selected as one of the priority spending areas. | * Preservation of national interest by strengthening bilateral relations with neighbouring countries and other countries of the world |

**4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2024-25 to 2026-27)**

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

(Taka in Thousands)

| Description | Budget | Revised | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise**

(Taka in Thousands)

| Economic  Group | Description | Budget | Revised | Budget  2024-25 | Projection | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**5.0 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

| Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised  Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1. VVIP visits: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outward | 1,2 | Number of visit | 12 |  | 22 |  | 13 | 14 |  |
| Inward | 6 |  | 6 |  | 7 | 8 |  |
| Total | 18 |  | 18 |  | 20 | 22 |  |
| 1. Average time taken in the delivery of consular services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By Missions abroad | 5 | Working day | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| By the Secretariat | 5 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1. Participation in meeting for signing of Bilateral and Multilateral treaties | 1.2 | Number | 18 |  | 18 |  | 18 | 18 |  |
| 1. Participation I meeting for signing of Bilateral and Multilateral MOU | 1.2 | Number | 38 |  | 40 |  | 40 | 40 |  |
| 1. Ministerial Meeting | 1.2 | Number | 60 |  | 62 |  | 64 | 65 |  |
| 1. Foreign Office Consultation | 1.2 | Number | 12 |  | 12 |  | 13 | 14 |  |
| 1. Public Diplomacy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visit arrangement for foreigners | 4 | Number | 3 |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  |
| Publications | 4 | Number | 3 |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  |
| 1. Organizing Seminar and Workshop to promote foreign investment | 3 | Number | 7 |  | 8 |  | 9 | 10 |  |
| 1. Organizing Seminar and Exhibition to expand foreign trade | 3 | Number | 7 |  | 8 |  | 9 | 10 |  |
| 1. Diplomatically important Visit arrangement | 1,2 | Number | 7 |  | 8 |  | 9 | 10 |  |

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

**6.1 Secretariat**

**6.1.1 Recent Achievements**: President of India Mr. Ram Nath Kovind was present as the chief guest at the celebration of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. Moreover, the Presidents of Nepal and Maldives and the Prime Ministers of Bhutan, India and Sri Lanka visited Bangladesh on the same occasion. Besides, greeting messages and 46 video messages were received by the Hon’ble President and the Honorable Prime Minister from the heads of state and government of 108 countries, along with from distinguished persons and the heads of 12 international organizations. A Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) was signed with Bhutan on 6 December 2020, which is the first such agreement signed by Bangladesh. Bangladesh received the final recommendation of the United Nation’s CDP to graduate from LDC group. Provisional directives were received from ICJ against Myanmar in the Rohingya genocide case filed by The Gambia on behalf of the OIC. Bangladesh assumed the presidency of CVF and V20, a forum of countries affected by climate change. Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) South Asia Regional Office was set up in Dhaka .Bangladesh has assumed the presidency of IORA for two years from October 2021. In 2022, Bangladesh was elected as a member of the UN Human Rights Commission for 3 years by getting maximum 160 votes. Formulation and implementation of post-graduation (from LDC) action plans in coordination with all concerned, active role in the international level in protecting the interests of the climate vulnerable countries, and implementation of the roadmap of the International Labor Organization are also recent achievements in our diplomacy. In addition, diplomatic efforts for sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas, continued assistance and cooperation in legal proceedings at the International Criminal Court, maintaining coordination and communication with the special envoys of the UN Secretary General, ASEAN, OIC are also going on.

**6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| Activities | Output Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1. Arrangement of Foreign Visits of the Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister, and Visits of Foreign Heads of Government and Heads of State to Bangladesh | Visits arranged | 1 | Number | 5 |  | 10 |  | 12 | 12 |  |
| 1. Organizing and participating in ministerial meetings at home and abroad | Organized/ Attended meetings (including virtual meetings) | 1 | Number | 35 |  | 35 |  | 36 | 37 |  |
| 1. Signing of bilateral agreements/memorandum of understanding/assistance in execution process | Drafting, discussion, signature, amendment, ratification, renewal | 1 | Number | 80 |  | 82 |  | 84 | 85 |  |
| 1. Organizing/participating in bilateral dialogue/meeting | Arranged meeting/discussion/seminar/dialogue/workshop etc. | 1 | Number | 50 |  | 52 |  | 54 | 55 |  |
| 1. Arrangement of meetings/telephone calls for the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Foreign Minister and Hon'ble Minister of State for Foreign Affairs with their counter parts/ foreign dignitaries/ ambassadors/ delegates | Arranged meetings (including virtual meetings/ telephonic dialogues) | 1 | Number | 160 |  | 170 |  | 180 | 185 |  |
| 1. Participation of Hon'ble President/ Hon'ble Prime Minister and representatives of ministerial level/ dignitaries/ organizations in multilateral/ regional forums, and organizing visits of foreign dignitaries/ representatives of organizations to Bangladesh and preparation of documents. | Arranged visits | 2 | Number | 15 |  | 16 |  | 17 | 18 |  |
| (Prepared documents - Position Papers, Interventions, Briefs, Speeches, talking points, Letters, Greetings, etc.) | 2 | Number | 75 |  | 77 |  | 79 | 80 |  |
| 1. Organizing or participating in multilateral, regional, and international conferences/ seminars/ meetings/ workshops | Attended conferences/seminars/meetings /workshops (including tele-conferences and virtual meetings) | 2 | Number | 75 |  | 77 |  | 78 | 80 |  |
| 1. Preparation of documents (including negotiations) for multilateral, regional and international conferences/seminars/meetings/workshops | Prepared documents | 2 | Number | 50 |  | 52 |  | 53 | 55 |  |
| 1. Contesting in elections of the United Nations and various international/regional organizations | Contested election | 2 | Number | 2 |  | 3 |  | 3 | 4 |  |
| 1. Submitting reports of Bangladesh to various UN agencies and other international/regional committees/organizations and making related intra/inter-ministerial coordination | Submitted report/ inter/intra-ministry coordination | 2 | Number | 19 |  | 19 |  | 19 | 20 |  |
| 1. Coordinating with Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations for organizing/ participating in various Multilateral/ Regional Seminars/ Conferences/Meetings/Training | Coordination functions with ministries/ department/ organizations | 2 | Number | 100 |  | 115 |  | 107 | 110 |  |
| 1. Organization and active participation in various meetings/ seminars/ discussions/ workshops/ training related to SDGs. | Organized Discussions/ Meetings/ Seminars and Workshops/ Training (including Virtual) | 2 | Number | 3 |  | 4 |  | 4 | 4 |  |
| Participated in Discussions /Meetings/ Seminars and Workshops/ Training (including Virtual) | Number | 5 |  | 5 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| 1. Active participation in resolutions sponsored and adopted in various international/ regional organizations including the United Nations | Sponsored/Co-sponsored resolution | 2 | Number | 3 |  | 4 |  | 4 | 4 |  |
| 1. To continue diplomatic initiatives in coordination with relevant agencies of the government for the repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh. | Organizing high-level visits to Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Rohingya camps in coordination with the relevant ministries and departments of the government | 2 | Number | 30 |  | 31 |  | 31 | 32 |  |
| Various meetings and seminars organized at the government level (including National Task Force) at home and abroad on Rohingya repatriation, management, and accountability | 2 | Number | 3 |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |  |
| Various meetings and seminars attended at the government level home and abroad on Rohingya repatriation, management, and accountability | 2 | Number | 4 |  | 5 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| 1. Organizing/ participating in various discussions, meetings and workshops, including bilateral and multilateral, on post-transition (from LDC) and comprehensive economic cooperation. | Organized discussions/meetings/workshops (including virtual | 3 | Number | 6 |  | 7 |  | 7 | 7 |  |
| Participated discussions/meetings/workshops (including virtual | 3 | Number | 10 |  | 11 |  | 11 | 11 |  |
| 1. Undertaking joint programs with the relevant ministries/agencies like M/O commerce and M/O Labor and Employment, BIDA, BEZA, BEPZA, BHTPA etc. in order to expand foreign trade and investment, create employment, improve the Ease of Doing Business and improve the labor environment, | Jointly organized meetings/seminars/fairs and meetings/ discussions (including virtual) with government and private organizations, business chambers, and development partners | 3 | Number | 15 |  | 16 |  | 16 | 16 |  |
| Attended meetings/ seminars/fairs and meetings/ discussions (including virtual) with government and private organizations, business chambers, and development partners | 3 | Number | 25 |  | 26 |  | 26 | 27 |  |
| 1. Arrangement of special learning sessions on contemporary issues related to global diplomacy, geopolitics, and economics for skill and capacity building | Arranged learning session | 3 | Number | 4 |  | 5 |  | 5 | 6 |  |
| 1. Organize study activity on contemporary issues | Organized research activity | 3 | Number | 5 |  | 5 |  | 6 | 6 |  |
| 1. Development of blue economy sectors and necessary coordination in Bangladesh's maritime zone for resource extraction, conservation, and sustainable use of biodiversity | Organized conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, and training programs | 3 | Number | 5 |  | 5 |  | 6 | 6 |  |
| Participated in conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, and training programs | 3 | Number | 4 |  | 4 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| 1. Implementation of UNCLOS-1982 in collaboration with international and regional organizations, conducting activities to ensure fair access to continental shelf of Bangladesh, and capacity building related to blue-economy | Organized various meetings, workshops and training programs and activities related to the establishment of cooperation with other states and organizations | 3 | Number | 5 |  | 5 |  | 6 | 6 |  |
| Attended various meetings, workshops and training programs, and activities related to the establishment of cooperation with other states and organizations | 3 | Number | 4 |  | 4 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| 1. Taking diplomatic initiatives to expand the labor market in different countries of the world | Organizing bilateral meetings with labor ministries of various countries with the aim of expanding the labor market | 3 | Number | 4 |  | 5 |  | 6 | 7 |  |
| 1. Carrying out functions related to the appointment of diplomatic representatives at home and abroad and the expansion of diplomatic representation | Actions taken for the appointment of Ambassadors/ High Commissioners, Honorary Consuls/ Attachés/ Heads of International Organizations/ Actions taken for the establishment of new Missions/ Honorary Consulates | 4 | Number | 60 |  | 62 |  | 63 | 65 |  |
| 1. Issuance of diplomatic clearance for special (including chartered) flights for take-off/landing using Bangladeshi airspace | Number of Air flight Clearance | 4 | Number | 50 |  | 52 |  | 53 | 53 |  |
| 1. Granting diplomatic privileges to foreign missions stationed in Bangladesh | Issued Diplomatic/ Non-Diplomatic Visa/ Diplomatic Identity Card | 4 | Day | 21 |  | 21 |  | 22 | 22 |  |
| Authorized/coordinated domestic/local visits of foreign diplomats | 4 | Number | 60 |  | 62 |  | 62 | 63 |  |
| 1. Organising state banquets in honor of state/ foreign/ other distinguished guests/ diplomats. | Organized State Banquet | 4 | Number | 30 |  | 31 |  | 31 | 32 |  |
| 1. Publication of 'FOBN (Foreign Office Briefing Notes)', a monthly publication based on the activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions abroad | Publications circulated (including online | 4 | Number in thousand | 4 |  | 4 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| 1. Other Publications, Editing, and Printing/ Digital Publications/ Diplomatic Corps Publications | Publications circulated (including online | 4 | Number in thousand | 2 |  | 2.2 |  | 2.2 | 2.5 |  |
| 1. To highlight the activities and positions taken by the government to the diplomatic missions of different countries and international organizations located in Dhaka / press releases received from the ministries and missions to be sent to the media | Arranged diplomatic briefing and press release | 4 | Number | 190 |  | 200 |  | 200 | 205 |  |
| 1. Extension of e-passport issuance program to Bangladesh Missions abroad | Missions implemented | 5 | Cumulative Number | 30 |  | 40 |  | 50 | 60 |  |
| 1. Attestation of Documents, Issuance of Diplomatic Passports/ SAARC Stickers, and Provision of Other Consular Services | Police clearance, Education certificate, and other certificates attested | 5 | Number in Lakh | 6 |  | 6.25 |  | 6.30 | 6.40 |  |
| Issuance of Note Verbal and LOI | 5 | Average working day | 2 |  | 2 |  | 2 | 2 |  |
| Issuance of Diplomatic Passport | 5 | Number | 300 |  | 320 |  | 340 | 350 |  |
| Issuance of SAARC visa sticker | 5 | Number | 300 |  | 320 |  | 340 | 350 |  |
| 1. Repatriation of Bangladeshi nationals detained/stranded abroad, providing cash, humanitarian assistance and relief assistance to distressed expatriate Bangladeshis, provision of legal assistance, and repatriation of dead bodies | Repatriated Bangladeshi | 5 | Number | 200 |  | 210 |  | 210 | 215 |  |

**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  2022-23 | Budget | Revised | Medium Term Expenditure Estimates | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.2 Foreign Service Academy**

**6.2.1 Recent Achievements**: The Foreign Service Academy conducted specialized training courses on Foreign Policy and Diplomacy for 36 foreign affairs cadre officers in last 3 (three) years. Apart from this, orientation courses for selected ambassador-high commissioners, special orientation courses for officials of press, trade and labor wings of various embassies, and various workshops and seminars was organized. One year Professional Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy (PMIRD) was launched as per the MOU signed with the Department of International Relations of the University of Dhaka.

**6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| Activities | Output Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1. Conduct training courses on diplomacy for national and international trainees | Trained probation officers | 1 | Number (Person) | 16 |  | 16 |  | 16 | 17 |  |
| Orientation courses for Commercial, Economic and Labour Wings’ officers | 15 |  | 17 |  | 17 | 18 |  |
| Special orientation courses for selected Ambassadors and High Commissioners | 2 |  | 2 |  | 2 | 2 |  |
| Short term courses/seminars on contemporary issues | 100 |  | 100 |  | 110 | 112 |  |
| 1. Conduct training on foreign language, accounts management and basic computer literacy | Elementary courses on foreign languages organized | 1 | Number (Person) | 24 |  | 24 |  | 26 | 28 |  |
| Training courses on basic computer operations organised | 24 |  | 30 |  | 32 | 34 |  |

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

(Taka in Thousands)

| Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project | Related Activity | Actual  2022-23 | Budget | Revised | Medium Term Expenditure Estimates | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.3 Maritime Affairs Unit**

**6.3.1 Recent Achievements**: Ever since the establishment of Bangladesh’s right over the vast area of the Bay of Bengal through the International Court of Arbitration, Blue Economy was given top priority for its development as a new area of opportunity. 'Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1974' had been amended and updated, and gazetted on 7th December 2021.

**6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets**

| Activities | Output Indicator | Related Strategic Objectives | Unit | Revised Target | Actual | Target | Revised Target | Medium Term Targets | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1. Development of Blue Economy Sector and making necessary coordination regarding resource extraction, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Bangladesh's maritime boundaries | Organized conference, meeting, seminar, workshop, training program | 3 | Number | 8 |  | 5 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| Participated in conference, meeting, seminar, workshop, training program | 10 |  | 6 |  | 6 | 6 |  |
| Arranged various meeting, workshop, and training program, and cooperation establishment activities with different states and organizations | 8 |  | 5 |  | 5 | 5 |  |
| Participated in various meeting, workshop, and training program, and cooperation establishment activities with different states and organizations | 10 |  | 6 |  | 6 | 6 |  |

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

(Taka in Thousands)

| Name of the Institutional Unit/Scheme/ Project | Related Activity | Actual  2022-23 | Budget | Revised | Medium Term Expenditure Estimates | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |