**Grants No. 15**

**118-Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**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**

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

**1.2 Major Functions**

* + 1. Maintaining good bilateral political and diplomatic relations with different countries including neighbors;
    2. Maintaining liaison and co-ordination 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 other welfare services to expatriate Bangladeshi’s through diplomatic and consular representations and overall management of Bangladesh’s Missions abroad and ensuring coordination of all matters relating to foreign relations with different Ministries/Divisions;
    4. Coordinating between the functions of different Ministries/Divisions and Bangladesh’s Missions abroad on matters relating to land and sea boundary and the continental shelf of Bangladesh and resolving associated issues;
    5. Organizing foreign tours of the Hon’ble President and the Hon’ble Prime Minister with all protocol arrangements and management of tours of visiting Heads of foreign States and Governments including other state rituals and providing protocol services to foreign diplomats, consular missions and diplomatic and consular representatives of 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 external publicity;
    8. Ensuring protection and promotion of interest of the citizens of Bangladesh living abroad in relation to education, culture, trade and commerce etc. for the welfare of the Bangladeshi expatriates.

**2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities**

| **Medium-Term Strategic Objectives** | **Activities** | **Implementing Departments/Agencies** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **1** | **2** | **3** |
| 1. Effective diplomatic efforts to safeguard national interests concerning political, economic & national security and other issues including climate change | * Manifest Bangladesh’s commitments and raise proposals to UN and other regional and international forums to protect national interest | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions |
| * Facilitate collaboration with different countries on issues related to energy security. |
| * Secure financial and technical assistance from the UN and other carbon emitting countries to encounter the adverse impact of climate change and build global opinions to safeguard interests of the countries facing severe climate change risks |
| * Provide better consular services to Bangladeshi nationals at home and abroad |
| * Conduct training courses on diplomacy for national and international trainees | * Foreign Service Academy |
| * Conduct training on foreign language, financial management and basic computer literacy |
| 1. Safeguard the sovereignty of land boundary and water territory of Bangladesh, enact law of the sea and develop the Blue Economy | * Establish rightful claim of the Continental Shelf according to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)-1982 | * Secretariat and concerned Foreign Missions * Maritime Affairs Unit |
| * Finalize the pending un-demarcated land boundary by bi-lateral cooperation with neighbouring countries | * 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**  **2021-21** | **Projection** | |
| **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| Poverty Reduction |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |

**4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes**

| **Priority Spending Areas/Programmes** | **Related Strategic Objectives** |
| --- | --- |
| 1. **Facilitate expansion of Bangladesh’s labour and product markets abroad including attraction of FDI through effective economic diplomacy**   It is necessary to explore new markets for labour and exportable products, and to consolidate and expand existing markets. It is also necessary to send Fact Finding Missions abroad and organise seminars, exhibitions and campaigns to attract foreign direct investment into and trade with Bangladesh. Therefore, this programme has been given the highest priority. | * Effective diplomatic initiatives to safeguard national interests concerning political, economic & national security and other issues including climate change |
| 1. **Upholding the country’s image in international arena**   Promoting Bangladesh’s history, culture, heritage and tourism etc. in international arena with a view to establishing Bangladesh as a progressive, secular, effective and capable country. This has therefore given the second highest priority. |
| 1. **Defending the Continental Shelf of Bangladesh, enactment of the Maritime Zones Act and development of the Blue Economy**   In order to defend Bangladesh’s claim on its Continental Shelf at the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (UNCLCS), the Maritime Affairs Unit of Ministry of Foreign Affairs is taking due preparation and accordingly formulating the necessary explanation supporting the claim. Furthermore, in order to establish Bangladesh’s right over the maritime area, an act titled “The Bangladesh Maritime Zones Act, 2019” is going to be enacted in line with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)- 1982 and the verdicts of the International Tribunals on the delimitation of the maritime area. To properly manage, exploit and fully utilize the resources lying in the maritime area of Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal, two international dialogues had been arranged in 2014 and 2017. Moreover, to determine the further necessary action in the potentially important sectors of blue economy, a strategic document namely “Policy Guidelines for Bangladesh on Blue Economy” formulated. | * Safeguard the sovereignty of land boundary and water territory of Bangladesh, enact law of the sea and develop the Blue Economy |
| 1. **The celebration of the centenary birth anniversary of Bangabandhu and Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh**   On the occasion of celebrating of the centenary birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with utmost honour, Bangladesh Missions abroad will arrange seminar and exhibit Bangabandhu’s philosophy of life and his contribution. Moreover, it is required to publicize the government’s activities and initiatives for building golden Bangladesh following the dream of Bangabandhu. Therefore, this programme has been given the fourth highest priority. | * Effective diplomatic initiatives to safeguard national interests concerning political, economic & national security and other issues including climate change |
| 1. **Expansion of diplomatic services**   In the backdrop of changing domestic, regional/sub-regional and global perspective, it is necessary to ascertain the geo-political and economic interests of Bangladesh. Accordingly, in order to provide more friendlyservices toBangladeshisand foreigners and to present Bangladesh as anemerging middle income country,it is necessary to establish new Missions abroad to extend diplomatic/consular services.Keeping this in view, new missions/embassy will be opened in the selected regions/states. This has, therefore, been identified as the fifth priority area. |
| 1. **Repatriation of the forced displaced Myanmar citizens**   Diplomatic efforts, along with bilateral and multilateral discussions with Myanmar Government and relevant International Organizations are continuing to revive nearly 10 lakh forced displaced Myanmar citizens for repatriation. It is identified as the priority area since this issue has been going on for a long time. |
| 1. **Mobilise opinions worldwide relating to climate change issues and secure cooperation in mitigating climate change risks**   It is critical to mobilise opinions around the world to protect the rights of the countries at risks from climate change. In addition, Bangladesh’s positions on this issue and to secure technical and financial assistances from countries including the UN are also very vital. | Effective diplomatic initiatives to safeguard national interests concerning political, economic & national security and other issues including climate change |

**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** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**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 Indicators (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. VVIP visits: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outward | 1,2 | Number of visit | 12 |  | 20 |  | 22 | 12 |  |
| Inward | 5 |  | 8 |  | 9 | 5 |  |
| Total | 17 |  | 28 |  | 31 | 17 |  |
| * 1. Average time taken in the delivery of consular services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By Missions abroad | 1 | Hour | 2 |  | 2.0 |  | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| By the Secretariat | 1 | 2 |  | 2.0 |  | 1.0 | 1.0 |  |
| 3. Signing of Bilateral and Multilateral treaties | 1.2 | Number | 15 |  | 18 |  | 18 | 18 |  |
| 4. Signing of Bilateral and Multilateral MOU | 1.2 | Number | 18 |  | 36 |  | 38 | 23 |  |
| 5. Ministerial Meeting | 1.2 | Number | 42 |  | 56 |  | 60 | 55 |  |
| 6. Foreign Office Consultation | 1.2 | Number | 10 |  | 12 |  | 12 | 12 |  |

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

**6.1 Secretariat**

**6.1.1 Recent Achievements**: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has played an important role in achieving recognition by the UN of Bangladesh’s graduation from LDC status. Ministry’s activities in regard to solving the current Rohingya crisis were acclaimed globally by establishing a global opinion, strengthening the diplomatic interactions with other countries, signing a bilateral agreement with Myanmar and implementing the repatriation process of Rohingya. The Ministry arranged the 45th Organization of Islamic States (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers in May 2017 where Foreign Ministers of 57 OIC countries attended and also hosted the 9th summit of Global Forum on Migration and Development where representatives from 125 countries participated. These represent a symbol of trust in the leadership of Bangladesh internationally. The relationship between Bangladesh and India has been more secured and fortified by solving long pending land boundary dispute through exchanging enclaves and signing 35 agreements and MOUs during the visit of honorable Prime Minister to India in 2017 in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, the Ministry worked to sign 27 agreements and MOUs between Bangladesh and China during the visit of H.E. President of China to Bangladesh in 2016 which took the two countries relation in a higher magnitude. Besides, the Ministry took proper action in order to build global support to seek justice against war criminals, ensuring the rights of the workers of garments factories and also other important issues of Bangladesh. In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs played a key role to initiate global peace through effective multilateral diplomacy by sending troops in UN Peace Keeping Missions, taking SDG as a national strategy and participating in the process of international migration.

**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. Manifest Bangladesh’s commitments and raise proposals to UN and other regional and international forums to protect national interest | Proposals/ commitments presented | 1 | Number | 18 |  | 30 |  | 30 | 30 |  |
| 1. Facilitate collaboration with different countries on issues related to energy security. | Memorandum of Understanding signed | 1 | Number | 3 |  | 6 |  | 6 | 6 |  |
| 1. Secure financial and technical assistance from the UN and other carbon emitting countries to encounter the adverse impact of climate change and build global opinions to safeguard interests of the countries facing severe climate change risks | Proposals of financial and technical assistance presented | 1 | Number | 4 |  | 4 |  | 4 | 4 |  |
| 1. Provide better consular services to Bangladeshis at home and abroad | Documents attested | 1 | Day | 2 |  | 2 |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| 1. Establish rightful claim of the Continental Shelf according to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)-1982 | Dialogue/ Workshop/ Arbitration of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) | 2 | Number | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1. Finalize the pending un-demarcated land boundary by bi-lateral cooperation with neighboring countries | Dialogue/ Workshop/ Arbitration of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) | 2 | Number | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |

**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**  **2019-20** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.2 Foreign Service Academy**

**6.2.1 Recent Achievements**: As part of regular activities, Foreign Service Academy has arranged Specialized Diplomatic Training Course (SDTC) for 36 Foreign Service probationer officers in the last 3 fiscal years for increasing their theoretical and practical knowledge and skills on foreign policy and diplomacy. Besides, Orientation Courses for selected Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Special Orientation Courses for officers of press, commercial and labour wings of different Bangladesh missions abroad and various workshops and seminars had been arranged. Moreover, Refreshing Course for the director level officers of the Ministry had been initiated since 2015. In 2017-18 fiscal year, a special diplomatic training course was arranged by the Academy with the participation of Asian diplomats.

**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. Conduct training courses on diplomacy for national and international trainees | Trained probation officers | 1 | Number (Person) | 13 |  | 30 |  | 35 | 35 |  |
| Orientation courses for Commercial, Economic and Labour Wings’ officers | 36 |  | 35 |  | 35 | 35 |  |
| Special orientation courses for selected Ambassadors and High Commissioners | 10 |  | 15 |  | 15 | 15 |  |
| Short term courses/seminars on contemporary issues | 25 |  | 30 |  | 35 | 35 |  |
| 1. Conduct training on foreign language, accounts management and basic computer literacy | Elementary courses on foreign languages organized | 1 | Number (Person) | 30 |  | 30 |  | 30 | 35 |  |
| Training courses on basic computer operations organised | 40 |  | 45 |  | 48 | 45 |  |

**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**  **2019-20** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.3 Maritime Affairs Unit**

**6.3.1 Recent Achievements**: To properly manage, exploit and fully utilize the resources lying in the maritime area of Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal, two international dialogues had been arranged in 2014 and 2017. Moreover, to determine the further necessary action in the potentially important sectors of blue economy, a strategic document namely “Policy Guidelines for Bangladesh on Blue Economy” formulated.

**6.3.2 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. Establish rightful claim of the Continental Shelf according to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)-1982 | Taking due preparation to defend Bangladesh’s claim on its Continental Shelf | 2 | number | - |  | 1 |  | 1 | 0 |  |
| dialogue/ Workshop to ensure sustainable use of marine resources organized | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| Enactment of Maritime Zones Act | - |  | 1 |  | - | - |  |

**6.3.3 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**  **2019-20** | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Medium Term Expenditure Estimates** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2020-21** | | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |