**Grant No.32**

**135 - Ministry of Religious Affairs**

**Medium Terms 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. **Mission Statement**

Establish liberal, harmonized and collective society by fostering religious values and ethics.

**1.2 Major Functions**

* + 1. Formulation of national Hajj and Umrah policy, dealing with all matters relating to Hajj and Umrah, including announcement of Hajj policy and Hajj Package, signing of bi-lateral Hajj agreement and management of residential accommodation for Hajj pilgrims and religious delegations to and from foreign countries;
    2. Publishing, developing and sponsoring various researches and publications in the field of religion, providing co-operation in the management of charitable institutions;
    3. Maintenance and management of waqf and debottore states and properties;
    4. Arranging and participating in international conferences, seminars and dialogues on matters relating to religion and establishing contacts and relations, improving relations and signing contracts, agreements, conventions with different countries and international organisations/institutions;
    5. Development of Islamic education and culture including male and female prayer by providing religious and moral education to pre-primary and elderly children of different religions and building model mosques and Islamic cultural centers at the district and upazila levels;
    6. Strengthening awareness, fraternity, religious values, morality and communal harmony to prevent terrorism and extremism through various activities in religious institutions and educational institutions;
    7. Providing grants-in-aid including repair/reforms of different religious organisations and institutions, matters relating to moon sighting and celebration of major occasions;
    8. Training of imam-muezzins of mosques, socio-economic development and their welfare and rehabilitation of the destitute through payment of zakat and donations.

**2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities**

| Medium-Term Strategic Objectives | Activities | Implementing Departments/Agencies |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. Building a society based on religious and moral values | * Providing pre-school and religious education to children and the Holy Quran education to adolescents * Providing training to religious personalities/Imams on socio-economic issues * Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials * Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meetings * Publication of research and religious books | * Islamic Foundation |
| * Providing pre-school and religious education to children | * Hindu Religious Welfare Trust |
| * Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust |
| * Providing free of cost text books | * Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust |
| * Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials * Arranging discussion meeting and prayer on national and religious days * Publication of religious books | * Hindu Religious Welfare Trust |
| * Training for skill development of religious leaders/priests and training for student-youths on ethics and morals | * + Christian Religious Welfare Trust |
| 2. Development of Hajj Management | * Improvement of Hajj and Umrah management & sending Hajj delegations including medical teams | * Secretariat * Hajj Office, Dhaka and Jeddah |
| * Issuance and renewal of licences to Hajj & Umrah agencies. * Providing training to Hajj Pilgrims and Hajj Guides * Training on Hajj affairs | * Secretariat * Hajj Office, Dhaka |
| 3. Developing infrastructure of religious institutions and organizations and improving management standard | * Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions | * Secretariat |
| * Construction of model mosques and Islamic cultural centers in all districts and upazilas of the country | * Islamic Foundation |
| * Enlistment of waqf estates, identification, maintenance and preparation of data base * Audit activities of waqf estates * Eviction of illegal occupants | * Bangladesh Waqf Administration |
| * Development and renovation of temples and religious institutions | * Hindu Religious Welfare Trust |
| * Providing grants for development and renovation of Buddhist religious institutions | * Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust |
| * maintenance/repair of religious institutions/church and conservation of cemetery | Christian Religious Welfare Trust |
| 4. Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions | * Providing grants-in-aid to poor and indigent people | * Secretariat |
| * Collection of Zakat and providing grants in aid to the poor and indigent people for self- reliance * Providing medical services to remote areas through Islamic Mission * Providing grants -in-aid and loans to the religious people (Imam and Muazzin) for self-reliance | * Islamic Foundation |
| * Providing grants-in-aid to the poor and indigent people * Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions * Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durgapuja | * Hindu Religious Welfare Trust |

**3.0 Poverty and Gender Reporting**

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

**3.1.1 Building a society based on religious and moral values**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** With the introduction of pre-primary education center, employment opportunities for women and men have also been created that will help in reducing poverty.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** The pre-primary education center is imparting pre-primary education and Holy Quran education to girls. It is to be noted that 20% of the centres of the mosque-based children and mass education centre, 80% of temple-based children and mass education centres and 85% of pagoda-based pre-primary education centres are run by the female teachers. Their awareness of social security and the increase in participation in social activities will create employment opportunities for women. Women's participation is being ensured by giving priority to women in post-literacy and continuing education courses, which will have a direct impact on women's overall development.

**3.1.2 Development of Hajj Management**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** There is no direct impact on poverty reduction. But, development of IT services and Hajj management will create temporary employment opportunities for the people. This will increase the job opportunities for qualified poor people of the country.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** In order to ensure proper services to female hajj pilgrims, every year a large number of female members are included in various hajj delegations that has a positive impact on women's advancement.

**3.1.3 Developing infrastructure of religious institutions and organizations and improving management standard**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** Efficient and effective maintenance of Waqf estates will help create employment opportunities for the poorer section of the community and enhance the opportunities for higher income. Grants allocation by government for the maintenance and repair of religious institutions will reduce in financial support required from local people for the repair and maintenance of religious institutions, including increased opportunities for the people to observe religious rituals.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** Development activities of the Waqf estate management will create employment opportunities for women and help them increase their income. Women will also be indirectly benefited by the development of religious institutions.

**3.1.4 Socio-economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions**

**Impact on Poverty Reduction:** Money collected through Zakat Fund will be given to the extremely poor and indigent people as financial assistance intended to make them self-reliant. A significant number of men and women are being given financial assistance every year from the Zakat Fund. In addition, through the Imam Muazzin Kalyan Trust, interest-free loans and grants were given to the imams. As a result, the benefitted poor people will be permanently graduated from poverty through self-employment; and it will help to establish poverty-free society.

**Impact on Women’s Advancement:** Grants andZakat money given to the indigent people for self-sufficiency will play direct role in making extremely poor and indigent women to become self-sufficient. Women’s status in the family as well as in the society will increase for their increased income.

**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/Schemes**

| Priority Spending Areas/Schemes | Related Strategic Objectives |
| --- | --- |
| 1. **Providing pre-school and religious education to the children**   This Scheme is very effective in preparing children eligible for getting admission to primary schools by imparting pre-primary and religious education. For this reason, this Scheme has been accorded the highest priority in the ministry. | * Building a society based on religious and moral values |
| 1. **Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues**   Religious personalities’ involvement in socio-economic activities will increase due to providing income generating and productive training to them. Trained religious personalities will be able to contribute to socio-economic development along with anti-militant and anti-terrorism activities. Considering this, the sector has been considered as the priority sector of the ministry. | * Building a society based on religious and moral values |
| 1. **Improvement of Hajj and Umrah management and sending medical team and other delegation**   Appropriate services shall be provided to hajj pilgrims to ensure proper performance of Hajj through online pre-registration and registration for pilgrims and visa lodgement system. This has given due importance to bring dynamism in the Hajj process through provision of training to the Hajj Agencies, Hajj and Umrah management Act 2021, Hajj Guides, and Hajj performers and also sending Hajj delegation including the medical team. In 2022, 92% of the Hajj immigration process was completed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. This will save the time of hajj pilgrims and ease the trouble. 100% immigration of Hajj pilgrims will be completed in Bangladesh during upcoming Hajj season, which will make the Hajj and Umrah activities of the pilgrims easier and faster. | * Development of Hajj management |
| 1. **Research and publication of religious books**   This area has been given priority in order to promote people’s morality  and values through research and publication of religious books | * Building a society based on religious and moral values |
| 1. **Model Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre**   With the directives of the Hon’ble Prime Minister, construction of 564 Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centres in every district & upazila has been started. There are provision for praying of 4.50 lac devotees including 31,400 female at a time, Islamic cultural function, Islamic invitation activities, Hefzkhana, research room, library, training for Hajj pilgrims and arrangement for washing dead bodies in this complex. | * Developing infrastructure of religious institutions and organizations and improving management standard |
| 1. **Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions and indigent people for self reliance**   By providing grants, standard of the infrastructure of religious institutions will be improved by repair and maintenance. Apart from this, this sector has been given importance to bring the poor and the distressed in the field of information technology, technical and vocational education, to transform them into skilled manpower and increase their participation in the labour market. | * Socio economic development of the indigent people and religious personalities/institutions |
| 1. **Providing medical services to the poor and destitute**   Providing medical services to the poor and destitute in the far-flung areas of the country is also socially important. From this point of view, these activities have been given priority. | * Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions |

**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 Indicator (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. Coverage of pre-primary and religious education \* | 1 | No in lakh | 26.60 |  | 26.60 |  | 26.60 | 0 |  |
| 1. Involving the religious personalities in socio-economic activities through providing training \*\* | 1 | No in thousand | 15.90 |  | 20.00 |  | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1. Upgrading Haj j & Umrah services | 2 | No in thousand | 128 |  | 138 |  | 138 | 138 |  |
| 1. Providing grants to religious institutions | 3 | No in thousand | 6.8 |  | 7.4 |  | 7.6 | 8.0 |  |
| 1. Providing grants to indigent people. | 4 | No in thousand | 3.0 |  | 3.5 |  | 3.6 | 3.7 |  |

\*Number of children aged between 3-6 years: 1, 27, 29,499 \*\* Number of religious personalities: 2, 50,000

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

**6.1 Secretariat**

**6.1.1 Recent Achievements:** E-Hajj management was introduced on the directives of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the first Hajj and Umrah Management Act, 2021 was enacted. As a result, the responsibilities of ministries, departments and agencies related to Hajj management will be made clear by legal regulations, which will help to make Hajj management more fair, beautiful and dynamic.All information related to Hajj is being sent through online. Information about pre-registration is provided through SMS and the information about registration, flight information, health certification information and training schedule is provided to all the pilgrims through call centres. Hajj and Umrah Management Rules, 2022 have been framed for proper implementation and implementation of Hajj and Umrah Management Act, 2021. All aspects of Hajj activities are being managed smoothly in the light of the rules. In 2021, the guidelines for grant distribution have been formulated. In the light of the policy, 100% grants between various religious institutions and the poor are being sent directly to the bank accounts of institutions or individuals through the G 2 P method in the iBAS++ system, which is playing a leading role in building Digital Bangladesh. In the last three financial year (from 2019-20 to 2021-22), grant-in-aid worth of about Tk 84.00 crore was given to maintain and repair of about 26000 mosques, temples, monasteries, pagodas and Buddhist temples, graveyards, eidgahs, cremation and cemetery. In addition, a grant of Tk.13.00 crore was provided to 8 thousand poor people for self-employment.

**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. Improvement of Hajj & Umrah management & sending Hajj delegation including medical teams | Hajj performed by pilgrims. | 2 | Person  (Thousand) | 128 |  | 138 |  | 138 | 138 |  |
| Representatives | Person | 550 |  | 560 |  | 590 | 600 |  |
| 1. Issuance and renewal of licences to Hajj & Umrah agencies | License issued/renewed | 2 | Number | 300 |  | 250 |  | 900 | 300 |  |
| 1. Providing training to Hajj Pilgrims and Hajj Guides | Trained Hajj Guides | 2 | Number | 300 |  | 320 |  | 330 | 340 |  |
| 1. Training on Hajj affairs | Trained agency representatives, and Hajj pilgrims | 2 | Number in lakh | 1.30 |  | 1.30 |  | 1.35 | 1.37 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions | Religious institutions received grants | 3 | Number  (Thousand) | 6.8 |  | 7.4 |  | 7.6 | 8.0 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid to poor and destitute people | poor and destitute people received grants | 4 | Number  (Thousand) | 3.0 |  | 3.5 |  | 3.6 | 3.7 |  |

**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 Islamic Foundation**

**6.2.1 Recent Achievements:** During the last three years, 25 lac 92 thousand children were provided pre-primary and 46 lac 41 thousand children and adolescent were provided with moral and Holy Quranic education. Along with religious and moral teaching, 57 thousand and 6 hundred illiterate males and females were given literacy, 72 lac 88 thousand 6 hundred people were give education in three stages. 17407 religious personalities were provided with socio-economic development training (regular Imam Refreshers training and 60 days computer training). A total of 521 research-based and Islamic books were published for the development of people’s moral values. With a view to reducing poverty, employment opportunities were created by providing interest-free loans and grants to 2000 and 13110 Imam-Moazzin and other people respectively and grants to 55700 men and 59760 women from Zakat Fund. Through the 50 Islamic Mission centres and hospitals located in the remote areas of the country, 38 lac 51 thousand 2 hundred 86 poor men and women were provided medical services. Through the 479 missions Maktab, 45 thousand 6 hundred and 50 children have acquired knowledge of literacy.

**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. Providing pre-school and religious education to children and the Holy Quran education to adolescents | Pre-school, religious and moral education provided | 1 | No. of children in thousand | 2430.20 |  | 2430.20 |  | 2430.20 | 2430.20 |  |
| 1. Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials and management of life-long education (library) scheme | Students / persons benefited | 1 | No. of children in lacs | 25.00 |  | 25.00 |  | 25.00 | 25.00 |  |
| 1. Providing training to religious personalities/Imams on socio-economic issues | Imams trained | 1 | Person  (thousand) | 6.30 |  | 6.50 |  | 6.70 | 6.90 |  |
| 1. Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meetings | Arranging Workshops/ seminars | 1 | number) | 581 |  | 585 |  | 590 | 595 |  |
| 1. Publication of research and religious books | Books published | 1 | number | 165 |  | 170 |  | 175 | 180 |  |
| 1. Collection of Zakat and providing   Grants-in-aid to the indigent people for self- reliance | Collected  Zakat | 4 | Taka in crore | 10.21 |  | 12.00 |  | 13.00 | 14.00 |  |
| Persons benefitted | Person  (thousand) | 53.20 |  | 55.00 |  | 60..00 | 70.00 |  |
| 1. Providing medical services to remote areas through Islamic Mission | Persons benefitted | 4 | Person  (thousand) | 1360 |  | 1400 |  | 1450 | 1500 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid and loans to the religious people (Imam and Muazzin) for self-reliance | Disbursement of money | 4 | taka in core | 4.60 |  | 4.60 |  | 4.80 | 5.00 |  |
| persons benefitted | person (thousand) | 5.40 |  | 5.80 |  | 6.00 | 6.20 |  |
| 1. Construction of model mosques and Islamic cultural centers in all districts and upazilas of the country | Construction of mosques and Islamic cultural centers | 3 | number | 100 |  | 100 |  | 314 | - |  |

**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 Hajj Offices (Dhaka &Jeddah)**

**6.3.1 Recent Achievements:** Hajj Office, Dhaka has provided full cooperation in completing all activities including immigration of all Hajj pilgrims to perform the holy Hajj. By ensuring highest application of information technology in Hajj Management, all activities were completed very fast and smoothly through using the website [www.hajj.gov.bd](http://www.hajj.gov.bd). By using e-Hajj system all information and database of all Hajj performers preserved according to requirements of Saudi Embassy and Saudi Ministry of Hajj and supplied to all concerned organizations. Hajj pilgrims were arranged access to online registration from their respective areas. By establishing full-time IT help desk at Hajj camp, information was transmitted through circulating regular bulletin. Visas on passports of all Hajj pilgrims were collected by completing online ‘Visa lodgement and sent to MOFA’ activities under Saudi e-Hajj Systems. By using the modern information technology-based KIOSK machines installed at Hajj Camp, Dhaka; reporting and medical services to all Bangladeshi Hajj performers were provided during Hajj season in Macca & Madina.

**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. Improvement of Hajj &Umrah managements & sending of Hajj delegations including medical team | Hajj service | 2 | Person  (thousand) | 128 |  | 138 |  | 138 | 138 |  |
| Umrah service | 550 |  | 560 |  | 590 | 600 |  |

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

**6.4 Bangladesh Waqf Administration**

**6.4.1 Recent Achievements:** About Tk.25.16 crore was collected in the last three years, at the rate of 5 percent of net income as contribution from 16781 Waqf estates listed under section 71 of the Waqf Ordinance of 1962. In the same period, 328 new waqf estates have been enlisted. A modern computer lab was established in Waqf Administration. Its website was connected to national web portal. In order to collect information of Waqf estates from anywhere in the world, a data base of the estates was prepared.

**6.4.2 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. Enlistment of waqf estates, identification, maintenance and preparation of data base | Enlistment of un-enlisted estates | 3 | Number | 75 |  | 100 |  | 105 | 110 |  |
| 1. Audit activities of waqf estates | Audited estates | 3 | Number  (thousand) | 2.40 |  | 2.80 |  | 2.90 | 2.95 |  |
| 1. Eviction of illegal occupants | Number of evictions | 3 | % | 55 |  | 70 |  | 75 | 85 |  |

**6.4.3 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.5 Hindu Religious Welfare Trust**

**6.5.1 Recent Achievements:** A total of Tk. 12.55 crore has been provided as financial assistance to 4,091 Hindu religious institutions and financial assistance to 2,643 destitute persons during the last three years. Tk.7 crore received from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund have been distributed to about 24,000 puja mandaps in the country to provide financial assistance to the biggest religious festival of Hindus, Autumn Durga Puja. 278 programs have been organized in the last 3 years to celebrate national and religious days. 5,13,750 children and adults and religious knowledge in the last three years through 5,000 pre-primary education centers, 1,000 religious (Gita education) children education centers and 1,400 religious (Gita education) adult education centers across the country under the scheme titled Temple-based Children and Mass Education- 6th Phase. 8,850 priests and ministers have been imparted various trainings through the project to enhance the skills of priests and ministers in religious and socio-social contexts. Tk.200 crore has been spent on the renovation/repair/development of 2,091 Hindu religious institutions through the project titled Development and renovation of temples and religious institutions of Sanatan religions in the entire country.

**6.5.2 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. Providing pre-school and religious education to children | * 1. Students received pre-school and Hindu religious education | 1 | Number  (thousand) | 180 |  | 180 |  | 180 | 180 |  |
| 1. Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials | Number of beneficiaries | 1 | Number  (thousand) | 222 |  | 222 |  | 222 | 222 |  |
| 1. Arranging discussion meeting and prayer on national and religious days | Arranged programs Trained personalities | 1 | Number | 140 |  | 140 |  | 140 | 140 |  |
| 1. Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues | Trained personalities | 1 | Number thousand | 42 |  | 42 |  | 42 | 42 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions | Moths/ temples/ ashrams repaired | 4 | Number | 1400 |  | 1500 |  | 1600 | 1700 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid to the poor and indigent people | No. of beneficiaries | 4 | Number person | 1150 |  | 1200 |  | 1250 | 1300 |  |
| 1. Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durgapuja | Worship places of Durgapuja benefited | 4 | Number  thousand) | 8.00 |  | 9.00 |  | 10.00 | - |  |
| 1. Development and renovation of temples and religious institutions | Number | 3 | Number | 1000 |  | 200 |  | 500 | 700 |  |

**6.5.3 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.6 Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust**

**6.6.1 Recent Achievements:** Tk.80 lac has been given to 361 religious institutions for repair, renovation and conservation of Buddhist temples/viharas/pagodas/crematories and Tk.6.50 lac to 2914 religious institutions for celebrating religious festivals in the last three years. Tk. 27.00 lac welfare grant for the treatment of sick Buddhist monks and sick people. Pre-primary education and religious education has been imparted to 20 thousand Buddhist children through pagoda-based pre-primary education project. Apart from this, due to the adoption of the project, 300 Buddhist women and men have been employed at the grassroots level.

**6.6.2 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. Providing pre-primary and religious education to the children | Students received pre-school and Buddhist religious education | 1 | Number  (Person) | 6000 |  | 6000 |  | 6000 | 6000 |  |
| 1. Providing free of cost text books | Students benefitted | 1 | Number  (Set) | 6000 |  | 6000 |  | 6000 | 6000 |  |
| 1. Providing grants for development and renovation of Buddhist religious institutions | Religious institutions received grants | 3 | Number | 29 |  | 30 |  | 31 | 31 |  |

**6.6.3 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**6.7 Christian Religious Welfare Trust**

**6.7.1 Recent Achievements:** In the last three years, a grant of Tk.379.75 lac was distributed for the construction, renovation, repair and maintenance of 745 churches/shrines and renovation of graveyards. Two training workshops on skill development of the religious leaders and four training workshops on ethics and moral values were organized. Three hundred two priests and six hundred sixty-one students and youths participated in these programs. In addition, five meetings and rallies were organized in the last two financial years with the participation of religious and social leaders in order to establishing communal harmony and social awareness. In these programs three hundred twenty-five religious and social leaders participated.

**6.7.2 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. Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions/church and maintenance/repair and conservation of cemetery | Institutions received grants | 3 | Number | 130 |  | 135 |  | 140 | 145 |  |
| 1. Training for skill development of religious leaders/priests and training for student-youths on ethics and morals | Trained Christian priests/religious leaders and students/youths | 1 | Number of Trainees  (Person) | 450 |  | 465 |  | 480 | 500 |  |

**6.7.3 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 |
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