Grant No.32

35 - Ministry of Religious Affairs

Medium Terms Expenditure

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Projection					
Description	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21				
Non-Development							
Development							
Total							
Revenue							
Capital							
Total							

1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions

1.1 Mission Statement

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

1.2 Major Functions

- 1.2.1. Extending the overall co-operation and providing grants, as well as financing the activities to implement development activities of the Islamic Foundation, Waqf Administration, Hindu, Buddhist & Christian Religious Welfare Trusts;
- 1.2.2. 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;
- 1.2.3. Providing assistance to maintain and operateWaqf and Debouttarestates/properties;
- 1.2.4. Assisting research and publications in the field of religion and providing co-operation in the management of charitable institutions;
- 1.2.5. Arranging and participating in international conferences, seminars and dialogues on matters relating to religion and establishing contacts, relations, improving relations and signing contracts, agreements, conventions with different countries and international organisations/institutions;
- 1.2.6. Ensuring social development, conducting research, preventing corruption and terrorism, strengthening fraternity and religious harmony by encouraging different activities of religious organisations;
- 1.2.7. Providing grants-in-aid including reforms of different religious organisations and institutions, matters relating to moon sighting and celebration of major occasions;
- 1.2.8. Supporting the destitute for their rehabilitation with financial assistance.

2.0 Medium Term Strategic Objectives and Activities

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
Building a society based on religious	Publicity of the Holy Quran through digitization	Secretariat
and moral values	Providing pre-school and religious education to children	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust
	Teaching adolescents the Holy Quran	Islamic Foundation
	Providing basictraining to the teachers and persons concerned	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Providing religious education including basic literacy to the adults	
	Conducting life cycle education (library) programme	
	Distribution of free of costtext books and educational materials	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust
	Arranging inter-religion dialogues, workshops, seminars and discussion meetings	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Experimental and publication of religious books	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
Developmentof Hajj Management	Improvement of Hajj andUmrah management& sending Hajj delegations including medical teams	Secretariat Hajj Offices (Dhaka and Mecca)
	Issuance and renewalof licences to Hajj andUmrah agencies Providing training to Hajj guides	Secretariat
Developing the infrastructure of religious institutions and organizations and improving more approximately.	Identification,enrolment, maintenance andpreparation of databaseof Waqf estates Auditing of Waqf estates' activities	Bangladesh Waqf Administration
improving management standard	Digitization of the activities of Islamic Foundation	Islamic Foundation
Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions and destitute	 Secretariat Islamic Foundation Bangladesh WaqfAdministration Hindu Religious Welfare Trust Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust Christian Religious Welfare Trust

Medium-Term Strategic Objectives	Activities	Implementing Departments/Agencies
1	2	3
	Providing grants-in-aid to the poor and destitute	Secretariat Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durgapuja	Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust Christian Religious Welfare Trust
	Collection of Zakat and providing grants in aid to the poor and the destitute	Islamic Foundation
	Providing grants –in-aid and loanto the religious people(Imam and Muazzin)	
	Providing medical services to remote areas through Islamic Mission	

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:About 57,310 teachers will be engaged to teach children pre-primary and religious education. As many as eighteen lakhtwenty seven thousand and nine hundred fifty persons (boys, girls and adults) will receive quality education. This will help in reducing poverty in future.

Impact on Women's Advancement:Introduction of pre-school and religious education will further increase participation of female children. This will increase their social awareness and security. Women's employment opportunities will increase in different education centres. Women's participation in post-literacy and continuing education courses will be ensured through prioritizing women's participation in such courses.

3.1.2 Efficient Hajj Management

Impact on Poverty Reduction:No direct impact. Development of IT services and Hajj management will create temporary employment opportunities for qualified poor people of the country.

Impact on Women's Advancement: For ensuring proper services to female hajj pilgrims, every year a large number of female members are included in various hajj delegations. It has a positive impact on women's advancement.

3.1.3 Developing the infrastructure of religious institutions and organizations and improving management standards

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Efficient and effective maintenance of Waqf estates and Debouttar property will help create employment opportunities for the poorer section of the community enhancing opportunities for higher income. This will have an impact on poverty reduction.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Development work of Waqf estates' and Debouttar properties management development activities will create some job opportunities for women. This will contribute to generation of income. Indirectly, women will also be benefited because of the development works in religious institutions.

3.1.4 Socio-economic development of the destitute and religiouspersonalities/institutions

Impact on Poverty Reduction: Money collected through Zakat fund will be given to the extremely poor and destitute people as financial assistance intended to make them self-reliant. This will have a direct impact on poverty reduction.

Impact on Women's Advancement: Zakat money given to destitute for self-sufficiency will play direct role in making extremely poor and destitute women to become self-sufficient. Women's status in the family as well as in the society will improve because of their capacity to generate income. This will certainly serve the purpose of women advancement agenda.

3.2 Poverty Reduction and Women's Advancement Related Spending

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Projection					
Description	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21				
Poverty Reduction							
Gender							

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes

	Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
1.	Providing pre-school and religious education to thechildren This programme is very effective in preparing children eligible for getting admission to primary schools. For this reason, this programme has been accorded the highest priority in the ministry.	Building a society based on religious and moral values
2.	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues Trained religious personalities will be able to contribute to socio-economic development and anti-terrorist activities. Considering this, this programme has been accorded priority.	Building a society based on religious and moral values
3.	Improvement of Hajj and Omrah management and sending medical team and other delegation Appropriate services shall be provided 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 Guides and Hajj performer and also sending Hajj delegation including the medical team for providing required services to the Hajj pilgrims.	Development of Hajj management
4.	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
5.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions and destitute For the development of infrastructures of religious institutions grants play an important role. It is an imperative to take initiatives for increasing participation in labour market by turning people into skilled manpower through technical and vocational education. This area has been prioritized.	Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions
6.	Providing medical services to the poor and destitute for self-reliance Providing medical services to the poor in the far-flung areas of the country is also socially important. From this point of view, these activities have been accorded priority.	Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions

4.2 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates and Projection (2018-19 to 2020-21)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Operational Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection		
	2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

(Taka in Thousands)

Economic	Description	Budget Revised		Budget	Projection		
Group		201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

	Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Med	ium Term Ta	rgets
		Objectives		201	2016-17		2017-18		2019-20	2020-21
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Coverage of pre-primary and religious education *	1	%	11.78		12.00		12.00	12.10	
2.	Involving the religious personalities in socio- economic activities through providing training **	1	%	2.80		3.00		3.00	3.10	
3.	Development of religious institutions	3	No in thousand	8.30		8.50		8.70	9.00	
4.	Upgrading Haj j&Umrah services	2	No of Pilgrims (in thousand)	117		118		120	122	

Number of children aged between 3-6 years: 1, 27, 29,499

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

6.1 Secretariat

Recent Achievements: The National Hajj Policy 2017 has been issued for improvement of Hajj management. Online pre-registration and registration for pilgrims has also been introduced. During the last 3 years, Tk.47.48crorehas been disbursed grants-in-aid for repair and maintenance of 23526mosques, temples, maths, ashrams, pagodas, buddhist temples, graveyards, shashans, cemeteries etc. In addition, as many as 5118destitutewere given financial assistance for their self-employment.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

	Activities	Output Indicator	Strategic		Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			Objectives		2016	6-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Publicity of the Holy Quran through digitization	Beneficiary readers (website visitors)	1	Person (Thousand)	950		1000		1050	1050	
2.	Improvement of Hajj &Umrah management & sending Hajj	Hajj performed by pilgrims.	2	Person (Thousand)	117		118		120	122	
	delegation including medical teams	Representatives		Person	350		350		360	370	
3.	Issuance and renewal of licences to Hajj &Umrah agencies.	License issued/renewed	2	Number	1200		1250		1300	1350	
4.	Providing training to Hajj Guides	Trained Hajj Guides	2	Number (Thousand)	117		125		150	175	
5.	Training on Hajj affairs	Trained agency	2	Number	3000		3800		3800	4000	

^{**} Number of religious personalities: 2, 50,000

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target			argets
			Objectives		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		representatives, and Hajj pilgrims									
6	 Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions 	Religious institutions received grants	4	Number (Thousand)	8.50		9.00		9.50	10.00	

6.1.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates			
Project	Activity	2016-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

6.2 Islamic Foundation

6.2.1 Recent Achievements: During the last 3 years, 23 lakh 43 thousand children were provided pre-primary and 20 lakh 18 thousand children and adolescent were provided moral and holy quran education. 16,567 religious personalities were given training on socio-economic development issues. Besides this, 1036 officers, staffs and religious personalities were given computer training. 474 research papers and Islamic books were published for the development of people's moral values. With a view to reducing poverty, employment opportunities have been created by providing interest-free loans to 2940 Imam and Muazzinand also aidgivento 3430Imam and Muazzin. From Zakat Fund assistance have been given to 6048 male and5891.female.Some3416 women were given training on sewing and 576 sewing machines were distributed.309seminars on anti-drugs and dowry-free marriages, 2572 national and religious days' celebrations, 713Eid-e-Milad-un-nabi events, 3216holy Quran TafsirMahfils and 12543educational and education-based programmes/competitionswere organized/observed.Besides,30 lakh 49 thousand poor men and women of the remote areas of the country, were given free medical services.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic		Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target			
			Objectives		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Providing pre-school and religious education to children	Pre-school, religious and moral education provided	1	No. of children in thousand	910		930		960	1020	
2.	Teaching adolescents the Holy Quran	Holy Quran Teaching provided	1	No. of children in thousand	1022		1246		1435	1624	
3.	Providing basic training to the teachers and persons concerned	Training	1	Person (thousand)	60		67		74	80	
4.	Providing religious education including basic literacy to the adults	Person Benefited	1	Person (Thousand)	19		19		19	19	
5.	Conducting life cycle education (library) programme	Persons benefitted	1	Person (lakh)	40		42		43	44	
6.	Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials	Students benefitted	1	Person (lakh)	17.09		20.01		20.62	24.88	
7.	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Imams trained	1	Person (thousand)	6.00		6.70		6.70	6.70	
8.	Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meetings	Workshops/ seminars	1	number	563		575		580	585	

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Target Revised Medic		um Term Targets		
			Objectives		2016	6-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
9.	Research and publication of religious books	Books published	1	Number	230		250		265	275		
10.	Digitization of the activities of Islamic Foundation	Digitized Office	3	Number	103		113		113	113		
11.	grants in aid to the poor and the		4	Taka in crore	2.40		3.00		3.20	3.40		
	desuluie for seif- reliance	destitute for self- reliance	Persons benefitted	4	Person (thousand)	14		20		25	30	
12.	Providing medical services to remote areas through Islamic Mission	Persons benefitted	4	Person (thousand)	1000		1180		1220	1250		
13.	Providing grants-in-aid tothe religious people (Imam and Muazzin	Disbursement of money	4	taka in core	1.80		2.25		3.50	4.25		
		persons benefitted		person (thousand)	2.50		2.50		4.00	4.50		

6.2.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Anthelia		Budget	Revised	Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2016-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.3 Hajj Offices (Dhaka & Mecca)

6.3.1 Recent Achievements:During the last three years, 3 lakh 6 thousand hajj pilgrims and 45 thousand Umrahpilgrims have beenprovidednecessary services, enablingthem to perform their hajj properly. For effective hajj management using ICT and interactive website(www.hajj.gov.bd)have been introduced to enable pilgrims to obtain necessary information when required. Further, a bulletin used to be published every day during hajj period. About 2 lakhHajj pilgrims were given medical services through KIOSK machine at Mecca and Madina.

6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic		Revised Actual T Target	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	m Term T	argets	
		Objectives		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Formulation of Hajj policy,	Hajj service		D	103		118		123	125	
improvement of Hajj &Umrah managements & sending of Hajj representatives with medical team	Umrah service	2	Person (thousand)	17		18		19	20	

6.3.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

	Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget Revised		Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
	Project	Activity	2016-17	2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Γ	1	2	3	4	4 5		7	8

6.4 Bangladesh WaqfAdministration

6.4.1 Recent Achievements: As per section 71 of the Waqf Ordinance 1962, listed Waqf estates have to pay subscription at the rate of 5% on their net income. Accordingly, a total of Taka 17crore was realised from 21,831Waqf estates listedwithWaqf Administration. 1299 Waqfestates have been enlisted newly. A total of Tk.10.00 lakh were provided as grants-in-aid for repair and maintenance of mosques.

6.4.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic		Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	m Term T	argets
			Objectives		2016	6-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Identification of Waqf estates &Debouttar properties, their maintenance & preparation of database	New enlisted estates	3	Number	315		330		350	360	
2.	Auditing the activities of the Waqf estates, its	Audited estates	3	Number (thousand)	2.34		2.36		2.38	2.40	
3.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Repaired Mosques/ madrasas	4	Number	52		54		55	56	

6.4.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget Revised		Medium Term Expenditure Estimates			
Project	Activity	2016-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

6.5 Hindu Religious Welfare Trust

Recent Achievements:A total of Taka 5crore82 lakhwas distributed as grants-in-aid to repair 4153 religious institutions which also include financial assistance to2170destituteduring last three years. An amount of Tk.4crore50 lakh was distributed to 37000 PujaMondops (worship places). A total of 5,12,750 children and adults received education through5,750 educational institutions established in all 64 districts of the country under the Temple-based Childand Adult Education project (4thphase) implementedby the Trust. Furthermore, 396 events were organized to celebrate/observe various national and religion-based events.

6.5.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
		Objectives		2016	6-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Providing pre-school and religious education to children	Students received pre- school and Hindu religious education	1	Number (thousand)	165		195		195	195	
Distribution of free of costtext books and educational materials	Number of beneficiaries	1	Number (thousand)	177		208		208	208	
Providing training to religious personalitieson socio-economicissues	Person Benefited	1	Number (thousand)	6.50		12.00		6.60	6.60	
Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meeting	Workshops/ seminars	1	Number	140		140		150	150	
Research and Publication of religious books	Books Published	1	Number (Thousand)	1		1		1	1	
Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Moths/ temples/ ashrams repaired	4	Number in thousand	1700		1750		1800	1900	
Providing grants-in-aid to the poor destitute	No. of beneficiaries	4	Number	1000		1100		1150	1250	
Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durga puja	Worship places of Durga puja benefited	4	Number (Thousand)	5.00		7.00		8.00	9.00	

6.5.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	A - Challes		Budget	Revised	Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2016-17	2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.6 Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust

Recent Achievements: During the last three years BRWT provided taka 2.25 crore annual grant to 1421 Buddhist religious institutions (Pagoda/Vihar) for repair andrenovation and maintenance. Two thousand Buddhist children (5-6 year aged) completed pre-primary and religious education under pagoda Based Preprimary Education Project.

6.6.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives		Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	m Term T	argets
		Objectives		2016	6-17	201	7-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Providing pre-primary and religious education to children	Educated pre- primary students from Buddist Community	1	Number (person)	2000		2000		2000	2000	
Distribution of free text book and education equipment	Distributed text books and education equipment	1	Number (person)	2000		2000		2000	2000	
Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Institutions received grants-in-aid	4	Number	250		250		250	250	

6.6.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget Revised 2017-18		Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2016-17			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.7 Christian Religious Welfare Trust

Recent Achievements: During last three years Christian Religious Welfare Trust has given taka one crore thirty five lakh as grant/donation to 192 Churches and graveyards throughout the country for their maintenances. Repairing, renovation and protection. The Trust has also organized five training and workshops for the Church and Youth leaders forcreating awareness on present socio-political situation of the country.

6.7.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic		Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	m Term T	argets
		Objectives		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Institutions received grant in aid	4	Number	90		100		150	170	
Training for Youth and religious leaders	Trained up Christian boys/youth leaders	3	Number	5		6		7	8	

6.7.3 Medium Term Expenditure Estimates by Operational Unit, Programmes and Projects

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget Revised 2017-18		Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2016-17			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	2	3	4 5		6	7	8