Grant No. 31

35 - Ministry of Religious Affairs

Medium Terms Expenditure

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Projection					
Description	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19				
Non-Development							
Development							
Total							
Revenue							
Capital							
Total							

1.0 Mission Statement and Major Functions

1.1 Mission Statement

To create a religiously balanced environment for people by upholding values and customs of all religion and ensuring freedom of religion and beliefs.

1.2 Major Functions

- 1.2.1. Extending the overall co-operation and providing grants, as well as financing the activities to implement the 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 operate Waqf and Debouttare states/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 important occasions;
- 1.2.8. Supporting the destitute and converted Muslims 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 religious education including basic literacy to the adults	
	Providing basic training to the teachers and persons concerned	
	Conducting life cycle education (library) programme	
	Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Islamic FoundationHindu Religious Welfare TrustBuddhist Religious Welfare Trust
	Arranging inter-religion dialogues, workshops, seminars and discussion meetings	 Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust Christian Religious Welfare Trust
	Research and publication of religious books	Islamic Foundation Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
Efficient Hajj Management	Improvement of Hajj and Umrah management& sending Hajj delegations including medical teams	Secretariat Hajj Offices (Dhaka and Mecca)
	Issuance and renewal of licences to Hajj and Umrah agencies Providing training to Hajj guides	Secretariat
Developing the infrastructure of religious institutions and	Identification, maintenance and preparation of database of Waqf estates and Debouttar properties	Bangladesh Waqf Administration
organizations and improving management standard	Digitization of the activities of Islamic Foundation	Islamic Foundation
	Auditing of Waqf estates' activities	Bangladesh Waqf Administration
Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	 Secretariat 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	Hindu Religious Welfare Trust
	Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durgapuja	
	Collection of Zakat and providing grants in aid to the poor and the destitute	Islamic Foundation
	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 79,000 teachers will be appointed to teach children pre-primary and religious education. As many as one lakh one thousand children (boys and girls) will receive quality education. This will help in reducing poverty in future. Religious personalities (Imams, Purahiths/Sebaiths and Vikkhus) will be provided training on socio-economic issues and IT. This training will enhance skills of the poor and create employment opportunities.

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 andsecurity. 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

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 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 destitute people as financial assistance intended to make them self-reliant. This will have a direct 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)

Particulars	Budget	Projection				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19			
Poverty Reduction						
Gender						

4.1 Priority Spending Areas/Programmes

	Priority Spending Areas/Programmes	Related Strategic Objectives
1.	Providing pre-school and religious education to the children This programme is very effective in making 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.	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
4.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions This area has been prioritized for bringing dynamism in post-literacy activities and developing reading habits through establishment of religious institution-based library and continuing education courses for socio-economic and moral development of the people.	Socio economic development of the destitute and religious personalities/institutions
5.	Providing grants in aid to the poor and destitute for self-reliance It is imperative to take initiatives for increasing participation in labour market by turning people into skilled manpower through technical and vocational education. In addition, 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 (201

6-17 to 201**8-19**)

4.2.1 Expenditure by Department/Agencies/Operational Units

(Taka in Thousands)

Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Projection		
	201	5-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	

4.2.2 Expenditure by Economic Group Wise

Economic	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Proje	ction
Group		201	5-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19

Economic	Description	Budget	Revised	Budget	Proje	ction
Group		201	5-16	16 2016-17		2018-19

5.0 Key Performance Indicator (KPIs)

	Indicator	Related Strategic Objectives	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Med	ium Term Ta	rgets
		Objectives		201	2014-15		2015-16		2017-18	2018-19
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Coverage of pre-primary and religious education *	1	%	10.32		11.00		11.78	12.00	
2.	Involving the religious personalities in socio-economic activities through providing training **	1	%	2.40		2.66		2.80	3.00	
3.	Development of religious institutions	3	%	3.00		3.33		3.67	3.90	
4.	UpgradingHajj services ***	2	Pilgrims no. in thousand	101		102		105	110	

^{*} 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

6.1.1 Recent Achievements: The Revised National Hajj Policy 2014 has been issued for improvement of Hajj management. During the last 3 years, Tk. 34.20 crore has been disbursed grants-in-aid for repair and maintenance of mosques, temples, maths, ashrams, pagodas, buddhist temples, graveyards, shashans, cemeteries, etc. Around 12,700 religious personalities were given training to create awareness for human resource development. In addition, as many as 5,650 destitute were given financial assistance for self-employment.

6.1.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
			Objectives		201	4-15	201	5-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Publicity of the Holy Quran through digitization	Beneficiary readers	1	Person (Thousand)	600		800		900	950	
2.	Improvement of Hajj &Umrah management & sending Hajj	Hajj performed by pilgrims.	2	Person (Thousand)	90		110		115	110	
	delegation including medical teams	Representatives		Person	300		330		340	350	
3.	Issuance and renewal of licences to Hajj &Umrah agencies.	License issued/renewed	2	Number	1160		1160		1160	1160	
4.	Providing training to Hajj Guides	Trained Hajj Guides	2	Number (Thousand)	100		115		120	125	
5.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Religious institutions received grants	4	Number (Thousand)	11.00		12.00		13.00	14.00	

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

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/ Project	Related	Actual 2013-14	Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates			
	Activity		201	4-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

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

^{***} Number of Hajj pilgrims in FY2009-10: 58,000

6.2 Islamic Foundation

Recent Achievements: During the last 3 years, 35 lakh 15 thousand children were provided pre-primary and religious education. 15,200 religious personalities were given training on socio-economic development issues. Besides this, 9150 officers, staffs and religious personalities were given computer training. 695 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 6,750beneficiaries and 4,500 women were given training on sewing and 675sewing machines were distributed. 370 seminars on anti- drugs and dowry-free marriages, 2,572 national and religious days' celebrations, 274 Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi events, 2,363 holy Quran Tafsir Mahfils and 1,264 educational and education-based programmes/competitions were organised/observed. In the remote areas of the country, 13 lakh 30 thousand pious Muslims were given holy Quran teachings in their local mosques.

6.2.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

	Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Medium Term Targets		
			Objectives		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	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	720		780		860	900	
2.	Teaching adolescents the Holy Quran	Holy Quran Teaching provided	1	No. of children in thousand	420		440		460	1022	
3.	Providing basic training to the teachers and persons concerned	Training	1	Person (thousand)	38		39		40	45	
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)	32		33		34	40	
6.	Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials	Students benefitted	1	Person (lakh)	12.40		13.00		13.60	15.00	
7.	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Imams trained	1	Person (thousand)	6.00		6.60		7.00	8.00	
8.	Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meetings	Workshops/ seminars	1	number	15		19		20	21	
9.	Research and publication of religious books	Books published	1	Number	190		220		230	250	
10.	Digitization of the activities of Islamic Foundation	Digitized Office	3	Number	32		103		103	103	
11.	Collection of Zakat and providing grants in aid to the poor and the destitute for self- reliance	Collected Zakat	4	Taka in crore	2.20		2.30		2.40	3.00	
	destitute for self- reliance	Persons benefitted	4	Person (thousand)	12		13		14	20	
12.	Providing medical services to remote areas through Islamic Mission	Persons benefitted	4	Person (thousand)	820		900		950	1000	

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

(Taka in Thousands)

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Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget	Revised	Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2013-14	201	4-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.3 Hajj Offices (Dhaka & Mecca)

Recent Achievements: During the last three years, 2 lakh 97 thousand hajj pilgrims and 42 thousand Umrah pilgrims have been provided necessary services, enabling them to perform their hajj effectively. For effective hajj management using ICT, SMS service and interactive website (www.hajj.gov.bd) have been introduced to enable pilgrims to obtain necessary information when required. Further, a bulletin was used to be published every day during hajj period. Four lifts were set up in the Hajj camp's dormitory to meet the commitment of the honourable Prime Minister. About1 lakh 20 thousand Hajj pilgrims were given medical services through KIOSK machine at Mecca and Madina since 2013.

6.3.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets	
		Objectives		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Formulation of Hajj policy,	Hajj service		D	98		120		130	140		
improvement of Hajj &Umrah managements & sending of Hajj representatives with medical team	Umrah service	2	2	Person (thousand)	15		16		17	18	

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

(Taka in Thousands)

	Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/		Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimate				
	Project	Activity	2013-14	2014-15		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
ſ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.4 Bangladesh Waqf Administration

6.4.1 Recent Achievements: As per section 71 of the Waqf Ordinance, 1962, listed Waqf estates to pay subscription at the rate of 5% on their net income. Accordingly, a total of Taka 16 crore was realised from 20,548 Waqf estates listed with Waqf Administration. 168 Waqf estates 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	Unit	Revised Target	Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
			Objectives		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	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	1500		1500		1500	1750	
2.	Developing the Waqf estates, auditing its activities	Audited estates	3	Number (thousand)	2.50		3.18		3.22	3.25	
3.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Repaired Mosques/ madrasas	4	Number	48		50		52	54	

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

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/			Revised	Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates	
Project	Activity	2013-14	2014-15		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.5 Hindu Religious Welfare Trust

Recent Achievements: A total of Taka 4 core 97 lakh was distributed as grants-in-aid to repair 4,110 religious institutions which also include financial assistance to1, 815 destitute. An amount of Tk.4 crore 90 lakh was distributed to 51,000 Puja Mondops (worship places) in the country for celebrating Durgapuja. A total of 4,91,250 children and adults received education through 5,250 educational institutions established in all 64 districts of the country under the Temple-based Child and Adult Education project (3rd phase)

implemented by the Trust. Furthermore, 190 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 Actual Target		Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
			Objectives		201	4-15	201	5-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Providing pre-school and religious education to children	Students received pre- school and Hindu religious education	1	Number (thousand)	156		165		165	165	
2.	Distribution of free of cost text books and educational materials	Number of beneficiaries	1	Number (thousand)	156		165		165	165	
3.	Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Person Benefited	1	Number (thousand)	14.40		14.40		14.40	14.40	
4.	Arranging inter-religion dialogue, workshop, seminar and discussion meeting	Workshops/ seminars	1	Number	265		265		265	265	
5.	Research and Publication of religious books	Books published	1	Number (Thousand)	1		5		5	5	
6.	Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Moths/ temples/ ashrams repaired	4	Number	1500		1600		1750	2000	
7.	Providing grants-in-aid to the poor destitute	No. of beneficiaries	4	Number	800		900		1000	1100	
8.	Providing grants-in-aid for celebration of Durgapuja	Worship places of Durgapuja benefited	4	Number (Thousand)	20		20		20	20	

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

(Taka in Thousands)

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	A - 41 - 44		Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates			
Project	Activity	2013-14	2014-15		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

6.6 Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust

Recent Achievements: During the last three years, a total of Tk.1.76 crore was provided as grants-in-aid for repair, renovation and maintenance to 1335 Buddhist temples. A sum of Tk. 10 lakh was provided as grants-in-aid to Buddhist temples situated in Ramu, Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila of Cox's Bazar and Patia Upazila of Chittagong District.990 religious personalities were provided training on human resource development issues.

6.6.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Strategic		Actual	Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
		Objectives		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Providing training to religious personalities on socio-economic issues	Trained Buddhist Vikkhus	1	Person	30		60		60	60	
Providing grants-in-aid to religious institutions	Institutions received grants-in-aid	4	Number	240		300		310	320	

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

Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	Actual	Budget	Revised	Medium Te	rm Expenditur	e Estimates
Project	Activity	2013-14	201	4-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

6.7 Christian Religious Welfare Trust

6.7.1 Recent Achievements: Christian Religious Welfare Trust was established in 2011 and its function started from 2012. During the last two years, an amount Tk. 52.40 lakh was provided as grants-in-aid for repair and reconstruction of 38 churches/worship places.

6.7.2 Activities, Output Indicators and Targets

Activities	Output Indicator	Related Strategic	Unit	Revised Target		Target	Revised Target	Mediu	ım Term T	argets
		Objectives		201	4-15	201	5-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
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	30		40		45	50	

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

Ī	Name of the Operational Unit/Programme/	Related	A - thatter		Budget	Revised	Medium Term Expenditure Estimates				
	Project	Activity	2013-14	201	4-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18			
ĺ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
ſ											