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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020131 Total estimated cost: EUR 44 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 44 000 000 ¹ of which EUR 38 000 000 ² for budget support and EUR 6 000 000 ³ for complementary support. The TEI Decent Work is a collaborative platform for EU and Member States (Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden), and an umbrella that includes over 40 programmes and over EUR 500M funding.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Budget Support: Sector Reform Performance Contract - Procurement Indirect management with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.4.			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Despite significant progress in human development and poverty reduction, income and consumption inequality are on the rise in Bangladesh and a large share of the population continues to face livelihood, food and nutrition insecurity. The majority of this group is engaged in vulnerable employment with low wages and limited protection against risks. After the socioeconomic disruption brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, vulnerable groups continue to bear the brunt of the current macroeconomic instability and resulting inflationary pressures. The National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) and its two action plans embed the country's vision to create an inclusive social protection system that addresses poverty, inequality, and vulnerability, contributing to human development, gender equality, employment, and economic growth.

The proposed action aims to consolidate progress in reform areas where the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has demonstrated ownership and interest in advancing. The intervention aims to strengthen governance of the digital infrastructure of the social protection system, while also strengthening social protection for young children, women and working-age population. The action particularly addresses (i) further development of Single Registry MIS and G2P for better management, inclusive targeting and effective monitoring of the social protection system; (ii) effectiveness of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (MCBP); (iii) integration of shock-responsive elements in the MCBP; (iv) improvement of the implementation of the Social Protection Programme for Unemployed and Distressed Workers (SPPUDW); (v) launch of the Labour Management Information System; (vi)

¹ Proposed top-up on the existing total EUR 252 million.

² Top-up budget support of EUR 247 million.

³ Top-up the existing complementary support of EUR 4.5 million (both direct and indirect management).