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Context

- Bangladesh achieved remarkable progress in poverty alleviation. But concerns remain in translation of the growth into poverty reduction
- Rising inequality, youth unemployment and job informalisation have risked increase in social exclusion
- Socially excluded groups cannot avail opportunities available to others, endangering their entrapment in poverty
- Although poverty can be a cause of exclusion, social exclusion, especially in health and education, can also result in poverty among certain disadvantaged communities and hinder national poverty reduction
- COVID-19 pandemic and rising inflation has also threatened rise in poverty and exclusion, limiting progress towards SDG 1 (No Poverty)

Issues: Poverty, Social Exclusion and Social Safety Programmes

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- ▶ Limited effectiveness of rapid economic growth in mitigating poverty
 - Acceleration of GDP growth (2010 - 2016) was not aligned with pace of poverty reduction (World Bank, 2019)
 - Poverty reduction strategies need renewed focus on reducing social gap

02

- ▶ Inequities in access to essential services – Education and health
 - Educational attainments higher for youths from upper socioeconomic backgrounds risking poverty trap of the poorest and less educated (BIGD and BRAC, 2018)
 - Initial consultation for poor adolescents' health – local pharmacy, traditional healers

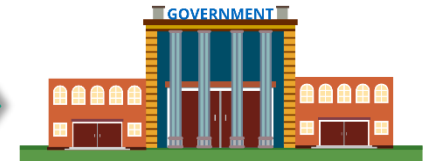
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- ▶ Minimal role of social protection programmes in addressing various forms of social exclusion
 - Inadequate allocation and coverage for increasing enrolment and completion of secondary school, services for the working age
 - Limited investments in programmes for natural disasters

Looking Forward: Policy Focus

Role of Government

- Enhance effectiveness of social protection programmes
- Facilitate meaningful participation in policymaking



Role of Youth

- Active engagements of youth organisations
- Established young entrepreneur's role in uplifting the disadvantaged youths of their community



Role of Community

- Advocacy by civil society organisations to bring forth the concerns of the “left behind”
- Engagement of clubs and associations with local organisations to reduce social exclusion



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