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Acronyms

BBBangladesh Bank

BKB Bangladesh Krishi Bank

Foreign Commercial Bank **FCB**

Mobile Financial Service **MFS**

MFI Micro-Financial Institution

MRA Microfinance Regulatory Authority

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

NID National Identity

Private Commercial Bank **PCB**

PPO Pension Payment Order

RAKUB Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank

RMG Ready-Made Garments

SB Specialized Bank

State Owned Commercial Bank **SOCB**

SSN Social Safety Net

Executive Summary

This report demonstrates quarterly review of the No-Frill accounts opened with an initial deposit of Tk. 10/50/100 by the underprivileged people, school going students under 18 years of age and working children. As of September 2020, the number of different components of Tk. 10/50/100 accounts reaches at 2,20,56,710 and the cumulative deposits in these accounts amount to Tk. 2,180.79 crore. The number of accounts shows an increasing trend with 8.48 percent growth compared to the reporting quarter of the previous year. Tk. 10 Accounts for Farmers, which remain the largest component (constituting 44.00 percent) of the No-Frill accounts, decrease by 5.57 percent since the previous quarter. This decline is due to loss of information during data migration in Core Banking Software of a bank.

Accounts for the Freedom Fighters and the beneficiaries of the Social Safety Net (SSN) have increased by 28.29 percent and 5.10 percent respectively in the review quarter. The number of No-Frill accounts which the Government has used to disburse subsidy/salary reaches at 61,66,742. These accounts belong to the various segments of underprivileged people including Ready-Made Garments (RMG) workers. Banks have extended Tk. 363.64 crore credits to the underprivileged people under Tk. 200 crore refinance and other schemes through the No-Frill accounts. In addition, these accounts have played an important role in disbursing foreign remittances. As of the reporting quarter, 1,25,846 such accounts have brought Tk. 497.61 crore foreign remittances in Bangladesh.

School Banking activities are in a similar pace during this quarter. Up to September, 2020, School Banking Accounts amount to 24,50,564 with Tk. 1821.40 crore deposits. Trend in School Banking activities indicates an increasing savings habit among the school students. A total of 19 banks has so far opened 10,652 Working Children accounts through 23 NGOs. In addition, this quarter observes 5.46 percent increase of loans disbursed under Tk. 200 crore refinance scheme over the previous quarter.

No-Frill accounts play crucial role in maintaining the livelihood of the underprivileged mass during the COVID-19 pandemic. They help the Government to disburse subsidy/salary to the various segments of underprivileged people. Despite severe constraints on economic activities, the increasing trend of No-Frill accounts indicates a solid progress in financial inclusion of the marginal people. *Chapter 2* of this report describes current scenario on Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts for Farmers, the Extreme Poor, the Freedom Fighters, beneficiaries of the SSN etc., *Chapter 3* presents the progress on School Banking while *Chapter 4* summarises updates on accounts related to Working Children.

No-Frill Accounts

BB has taken various initiatives to provide financial services for the people of all segments of the society. As part of these initiatives, the central bank has issued directives for the banks to open accounts for the underpriviledged people with an amount of initial deposit Tk.10/50/100.

These accounts require neither a minimum balance nor any service charge/fee. On the contrary, they often offer higher interest rate than the existing savings rates to augment welfare of the marginal people.

Generally, these accounts are referred to as No-Frill accounts. The target groups of these accounts include Farmers, the Freedom Fighters, Disabled Persons, the Extreme Poor, the beneficiaries of the SSN etc.

Up to the review quarter, the Government has used 61,66,742 out of 2,20,56,710 No-Frill accounts to disburse subsidy/salary to the various segments of underprivileged people of the society. In addition, No-Frill accounts have played important role in channelizing inward foreign remittances. Up to the current quarter, 1,25,846 accounts have brought in Tk. 497.61 as inward remittances.

The salient features of No-Frill Accounts (Up to September 2020):

Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

- Total number of Accounts: 2,20,56,710
- Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 2,180.79 crore
- Total number of Accounts for Farmers: 96,98,152 (44 percent of total Tk.10 accounts)
- Second and third largest categories are Accounts for the beneficiaries of the SSN (35 percent) and the Extreme Poor (12 percent).
- The amount of remittance sent through Tk. 10 Accounts: Tk. 497.61 crore.

School Banking Accounts

- *Total number of Accounts: 24,50,564*
- Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 1821.40 crore

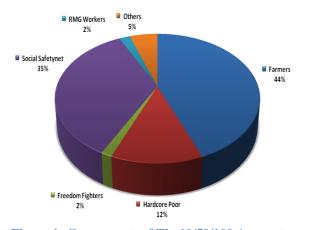
Street Children Accounts

- *Total number of Accounts:* 10,652
- Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 0.39 crore

Current scenario of Tk.10/50/100 Accounts

2.1. Different components of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

As shown in Figure 1, Tk. 10/50/100 accounts comprise of various components including the Accounts for Farmers (constitute 44 percent), beneficiaries of the SSN (constitute 35 percent) and the Extreme Poor (constitute 12 percent). A complete list of these components can be found in the Table 1 in the Appendices.



| Components | Accounts | Deposits in crore |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Farmers | 96,98,152 | 404.24 |
| Extreme Poor | 26,94,062 | 191.08 |
| Freedom Fighters | 3,26,119 | 515.11 |
| SSN | 77,33,802 | 605.36 |
| RMG Workers | 4,51,620 | 178.25 |
| Others | 11,52,955 | 286.75 |
| Total | 2,20,56,710 | 2180.79 |

Figure 1: Components of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

2,180.79 crore.

As of September 2020, Tk. 10/50/100 accounts amounts to be 2,20,56,710 containing deposits of Tk.

A small but significant component of Tk. 10/50/100 accounts is the Accounts for the RMG workers. In the current quarter, the number of these accounts increase to 4,51,620 from 4,35,956 (reported in June 2020 quarter) and constitute 2 percent of the total Tk. 10/50/100 accounts. This increase indicates channeling of Government's quick recovery funds for RMG sector, especially, for disbursing salary/allowance through the banks and the MFSs.

Source: Calculation of FID

2.2 Quarterly movement of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

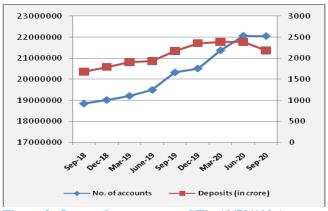


Figure 2: Quarterly movement of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

As of September 2020, the total number of Tk. 10/50/100 accounts reaches at 2,20,56,710. This indicates a 0.06 percent decrease over the previous quarter and 8.48 percent increase over the previous year. Total deposit in Tk.10/50/100 accounts amounts to Tk. 2180.79 crore. The deposits reported in the current quarter are 8.63 percent lower than the previous quarter but 0.33 percent higher than the previous year.

While the number of accounts and deposits show an increasing trend from the historical data until June 2020, the current quarter observe a decline in some components of Tk. 10/50/100 accounts due to loss of information during data migration of RAKUB.

2.2.1 Tk. 10 Accounts for Farmers

BB introduced Tk. 10 Accounts for Farmers in 2010¹ as one of the most significant financial inclusion initiatives to bring rural mass living on agriculture under the umbrella of formal financial services.

As of September 2020, the total number of Accounts for Farmers reaches at 96,98,152 which is 5.57 percent lower than that of the previous quarter and 3.80 percent lower than that of the previous year. In the reporting quarter, RAKUB has reported 6,29,289 accounts less than the previous quarter due to loss of information related to the accounts during data migration process in the Core Banking Software. The number of Accounts for

Farmers reported by the other banks excluding RAKUB increases by 0.69 percent from the previous quarter

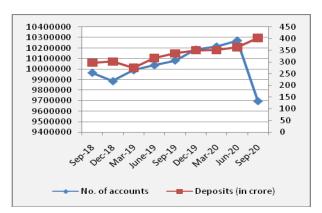


Figure 3: Quarterly Movement of Tk. 10 Accounts for Farmers

(from 83,06,736 to 83,64,025). On the other hand, the total deposit in the Accounts for Farmers reaches at Tk. 404.24 crore, which is 11.01 percent higher than that of the previous quarter and 19.53 percent higher than that of the previous year. This indicates that the significant fall in the number of accounts held with RAKUB does not affect the total amount of deposits held with overall Accounts for Farmers.

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¹ BRPD Circular No.-01/2010

2.2.2 Tk. 10 Accounts for the Extreme Poor

Poverty reduction is one of the major policy objectives of BB. The central bank has advised all banks to open accounts for the extreme poor so that they can get various Government financial assistances through the banking system. Tk.10 account also provides the Extreme Poor with the opportunities to utilize their hard-earned money properly.

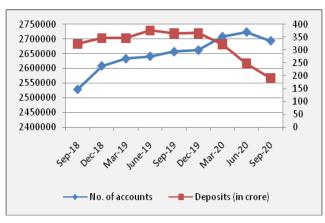


Figure 4: Quarterly movement of Tk. 10 Accounts for the Extreme Poor

Up to September 2020, the number of Accounts for the Extreme Poor reach at 26,94,062, which is 1.10 percent lower than that of the previous quarter and 1.40 percent higher than that of the previous year. However, deposits in these accounts decreases by 22.62 percent over the previous quarter and by 47.65 percent over the previous year. The significant fall in deposits related to the extreme poor potentially indicates the withdrawal of savings during COVID-19 pandemic.

2.2.3 Tk. 10 Accounts for the Freedom Fighters

Since inception in 2011, Tk. 10 accounts have been playing important role to facilitate the distribution of Government allowances for the freedom fighters.

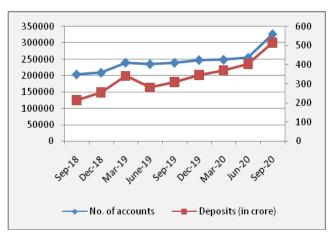


Figure 5: Quarterly movement of Tk. 10 Accounts for the Freedom Fighters

Up to September 2020, Accounts for the Freedom Fighters' reaches at 3,26,119 which is 28.29 percent higher than that of the previous quarter and 36.27 percent higher than that of the previous year. On the other hand, deposits on these accounts increase by 27.89 percent in September 2020 over the previous quarter and increase 67.11 percent from the previous year. This reflects a steady growth of Government assistance disbursed through these accounts.

2.2.4 Tk. 10 Accounts for the beneficiaries of the SSN

Government SSN programs are greatly contributing to support the marginal people of the society. Poor people can receive SSN benefits through Tk. 10 accounts. BB has advised all the banks to open SSN accounts for the individuals having NID cards and PPO book.² It is noteworthy that during COVID-19 pandemic, Government has used the Accounts for the beneficiaries of the SSN distribute cash allowances among the affected low-income families.³

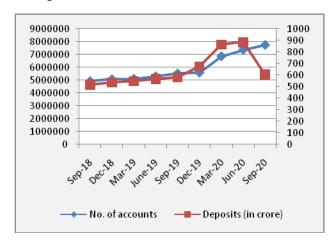


Figure 6: Quarterly movement of Tk. 10 Accounts for beneficiaries of the SSN

The number of Tk. 10 Accounts for the beneficiaries of the SSN has increased by 5.10 percent in the review quarter over the previous quarter and 39.60 percent over the previous year. However, deposits in these accounts have decreased by 31.68 percent in this quarter compared to the previous quarter. The significant fall in deposit in these accounts potentially indicates the need of cash leading to depletion of deposits during pandemic.

² BRPD Circular No-05 dated 19 June 2011

³ FID Circular No-02 dated 06 July 2020

2.3 Bank performance of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

SOCBs dominates over other catogories of banks in opening Tk.10/50/100 Accounts. As of September 2020, SOCBs have opened 1,25,34,872 accounts which constitute 57 percent of the total accounts. SBs have 29 percent while the PCBs have 14 percent share of the total Tk. 10/50/100 accounts. However, due to limited branch newtorks, participation of FCBs is low in this area. During the reporting quarter, the total deposits held by the scheduled banks in Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts amounts to Tk. 2,180.79 crore. SOCBs hold Tk. 1,285.76 crore or 58.96 percent of the total deposits in these accounts.

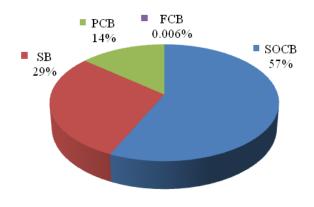


Figure 7: Market share of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

2.4 Top 5 Banks performance in Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

As of September 2020, top 5 banks have opened 83.06 percent of the total Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts. Sonali Bank Limited has opened 25.80 percent of the total accounts. On the other hand, top 5 banks hold 79.30 percent of the total amount of deposits. Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited and Bank Asia Limited have emerged in the list as two PCBs with Sonali, Agrani and Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB).

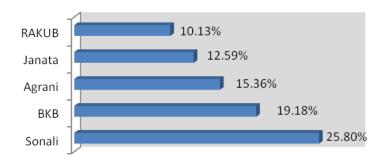


Figure 8: Number of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts held with top 5 Banks

2.5 Tk. 200 crore Refinance Scheme and others

BB has created a refinance scheme with a revolving fund of Tk. 200 crore in 2014 to facilitate the rural economic activities of the low income people. The fund aims at expanding the income-generating activities of the marginal traders/farmers with Tk. 10 accounts. The scheme provides refinance to the loans offered by the banks directly or through MFIs. Under the scheme, the banks can lend up to Tk. 50,000 to the account holders of Tk. 10 without any collateral. The tenure of such loans is up to one year. BB extends this refinance facility to the banks under agreement at existing bank rate.

In addition to this scheme, banks are encouraged to extend credit facilities through the No-Frill accounts to support rural economic activities. Up to September 2020, 70,492 No-Frill accounts has received Tk. 363.64 crore as loans. There is an increase of such loans by 5.46 percent over the previous quarter and decreased by 5.00 percent since the last year. The decline in loans disbursement through Tk. 10 accounts is potentially due to sluggish demand during COVID-19 pandemic.

Current scenario of School Banking activities

3.1. School Banking activities in Bangladesh

School Banking Program is one of the most significant financial inclusion initiatives of Bangladesh Bank. The program was initiated with an aim to develop savings behavior of the students at an early age. This program introduces banking services and modern banking technologies to students less than 18 years.

Bangladesh Bank issued directive for the banks to introduce School Banking in November 2010⁴, later framed a comprehensive policy in October 2013⁵. These policies have preceded the directive to convert School Banking accounts to general savings accounts once the students reach the age of 18 years (subject to the consent of the account holder)⁶.

In 1961, School Banking originated under the program named 'National Publicity Campaign to Develop Banking Habit and Savings' by the erstwhile State Bank of Pakistan⁷. Re-attempt of School Banking Program in 2010 has been quite successful in encouraging young students to develop their banking habits.

In light of the existing School Banking policies,

Highlights of the School Banking, September 2020:

- No. of banks operate school banking accounts: 55
- Total no. of school banking accounts: 24.50.564
- Total amount of deposits as on September 2020: Tk.1821.40 crore
- 60.73 percent of total accounts are in the urban area and 39.27 percent are in the rural area.
- Male students are holding 56.74 percent and female students are holding 43.26 percent of total no. of accounts.
- The number of accounts have increased by 0.78 percent from the previous quarter.
- The amount of deposits has increased by 3.32 percent from the previous quarter.
- The PCBs have the largest share of 68.91 percent in opening School Banking accounts.

banks can open student accounts with a minimum deposit of Tk. 100 and no service charges. Moreover, these accounts offer attractive interest rates, debit card facilities and financial education programs. 55 banks out of 60 banks operating in Bangladesh have so far offered school banking. The number of School Banking accounts has increased by 0.78 percent in September 2020 s June 2020 quarter. The amount of deposit in these accounts has also risen by 3.32 percent during the period. Pertinently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the School Banking accounts and deposits have a slower growth during this quarter.

⁴BRPD Circular Letter No.12/2010.

⁵GBCSRD Circular No.7/2013.

⁶FID Circular Letter No.02/2018.

⁷ BCD (D)/47/22_61, 15 March 1961.

However, year-to-year comparison has marked significant growth in school banking activities. The number of accounts has increased by 32.25 percent since September 2019 while the deposits have risen by 18.17 percent during the period.

3.2. Regional scenario of School Banking Activities

As of September 2020, banks have opened 24,50,564 School Banking accounts. 60.73 percent of these accounts are in the urban area while 39.27 percent are in the rural area. The number of accounts in the rural and urban areas has increased by 1.02 percent and 0.63 percent respectively in this quarter.

In division wise distribution, Dhaka has the largest share of School Banking accounts and deposits in those accounts. 30.19 percent of the total School Banking accounts are located in Dhaka division. Accordingly, 45.10 percent of the total deposits are held with banks in Dhaka division. Chottogram follows Dhaka with 19.55 percent share of the total School Banking accounts and 23.07 percent of the total deposits. Figure 9 and 10 illustrates the division wise distribution of school banking accounts and deposits held with those accounts.

Dhaka Division

Total no. of Accounts: 7,39,735

Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 821.48 crore

Chottogram Division

Total no. of Accounts: 4,79,081

Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 420.22 crore

Rajshahi Division

Total no. of Accounts: 3,42,494

Total amount of Deposits: Tk. 137.65 crore

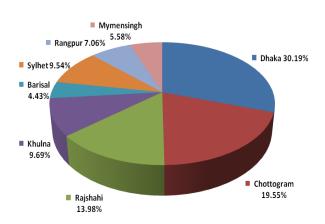


Figure 9: Division-wise School Banking Accounts

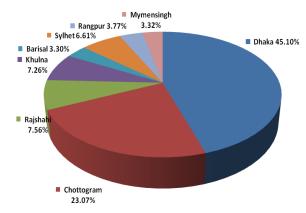
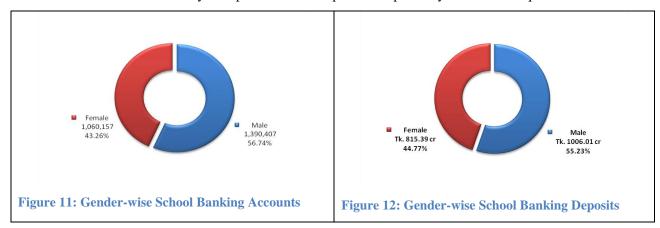


Figure 10: Division-wise School Banking Deposits

3.3. Gender-wise School Banking activities

Gender distribution of these accounts is biased to the male students holding 56.74 percent of the total accounts. Female students, on the other hand, hold 43.26 percent. The number of male and female accounts has increased by 0.83 percent and 0.72 percent respectively in the reporting quarter. The amount of deposit in male and female accounts has increased by 3.28 percent and 3.37 percent respectively in the review quarter.



3.4. Bank performance on School Banking Accounts and Deposits

The PCBs have the largest share in the accumulation of School Banking accounts and deposits. They have opened 68.91 percent of the total School Banking accounts and held 83.43 percent of the overall School Banking deposit amounting to TK. 1,519.75 crore. During the reporting quarter, the number of accounts and deposits held with the PCBs has increased by 0.58 percent and 3.66 percent respectively. The SOCBs rank next to the PCBs with 25.16 percent of the total accounts and 13.11 percent of the total deposits. The number of accounts and collection of deposits by the SOCBs has increased by 1.39 percent and 4.11 percent respectively in this quarter. SBs have opened 5.82 percent of the total School Banking accounts and hold deposit Tk. 21.37 crore. 7 banks out of 9 FCBs operating in Bangladesh have offered School Banking so far and have opened 2,716 accounts with a collection of Tk. 41.46 crore of deposits. The number of accounts opened by the FCBs has decreased by 0.33 percent, although the collection of deposit has increased by 59.22 percent in this quarter.



Figure 11: Bank Performance in Opening School Figure 12: Bank Performance in School Banking Banking Accounts

Deposits

3.5. Top performing 5 Banks in School Banking activities

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited has ranked the top in School Banking operations containing 5,27,397 number of accounts covers 21.52 percent of the total as well as holding Tk. 528.78 crore deposits covers 29.10 percent of total deposits.

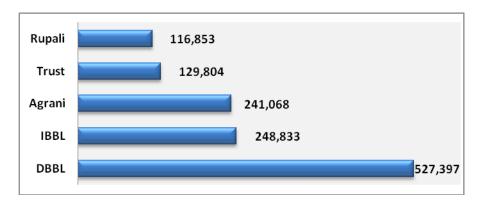


Figure 13: Top performing 5 Banks in opening School Banking Accounts

Current scenario of banking services for Working Children

BB has advised banks⁸ to provide financial services to the Working Children to secure their hard earned money and help them grow a savings attitude. Children who do not have biological parents can open accounts in the designated banks with the help of the registered Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The NGOs involved in this process are responsible for the account operation and for the welfare of the account holders. No fees are charged on these accounts.

Up to September 2020, 19 banks have opened 10,652 accounts for Working Children with the help of 23 NGOs. The number of accounts have doubled compared to the last year. Agrani Bank Limited has ranked the top with the highest number of 5,930 accounts and Rupali Bank Limited is the top deposit collecting bank with a total amount of Tk. 11.75 lac.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, there is only a small growth in number of accounts and amount of deposits related to working children during this quarter. The number of accounts for Working Children increases 6.21 percent in the review quarter. However, there is 116.99 percent increase since the last year. This indicates that COVID-19 pandemic has significantly hindered the growth of the financial inclusion of the street children.

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⁸BRPD Circular No.05/2014

Appendices

Table 1: Different components of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

| | | Details Acco | | Accounts Govt. subs | | Tk. 200 Refin Scheme/ | ance | | eign ttance |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Components | Cumulative number of Accounts | Cumulative amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | Cumulative number of Accounts | Cumulative amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | Cumulative number of Accounts | Amount of lending under the scheme (Tk. in crore) | Cumulative number of Accounts | Amount of Remittance (Tk. in crore) |
| 1 | Farmers | 96,98,152 | 404.24 | 27,01,927 | 81.58 | 46,809 | 122.57 | 1,08,557 | 412.34 |
| 2 | Extreme poor | 26,94,062 | 191.08 | 9,80,522 | 64.63 | 5,096 | 17.99 | 2,492 | 11.65 |
| 3 | Freedom fighters | 3,26,119 | 515.11 | 6,436 | 143.21 | 9,325 | 204.36 | 252 | 3.02 |
| 4 | Social Safety net allowance | 77,33,802 | 605.36 | 21,66,371 | 130.79 | 5,209 | 0.95 | 2,276 | 18.74 |
| 5 | Food & livelihood security | 65,933 | 5.06 | 11,720 | 0.45 | - | - | 243 | 0.40 |
| 6 | Poor rehabilitation under Ministry of Religious Affairs | 1,767 | 0.34 | 286 | 0.24 | - | - | 115 | 0.26 |
| 7 | City corporation workers | 10,097 | 0.99 | 5 | 0.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | RMG workers | 4,51,620 | 178.25 | 75,428 | 13.21 | 1 | 0.01 | 178 | 1.52 |
| 9 | Leather Industry workers | 3,308 | 2.06 | 54 | 0.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | National Service Program | 60,673 | 67.00 | 14,692 | 36.09 | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | Small Life Insurance Program | 1,26,616 | 41.71 | 6,186 | 2.48 | - | - | 495 | 1.87 |
| 12 | Physically challenged persons | 3,54,759 | 51.30 | 1,33,396 | 38.01 | 259 | 0.01 | 278 | 0.04 |
| 13 | Others | 5,29,802 | 118.29 | 69,719 | 9.75 | 3,793 | 17.75 | 10,960 | 47.77 |
| | Total | 2,20,56,71 | 2,180.79 | 61,66,742 | 520.44 | 70,492 | 363.64 | 1,25,846 | 497.61 |

Table 2: Growth of Tk. 10/50/100 Accounts

| Components | September 2019 | June 2020 | September 2020 | Change in Q-to-Q [*] | Change in Y-to-Y** |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Farmers | 1,00,81,534 | 102,70,143 | 96,98,152 | -5.57% | -3.80% |
| Extreme poor | 26,56,915 | 27,23,995 | 26,94,062 | -1.10% | 1.40% |
| Freedom fighters | 2,39,326 | 254,197 | 3,26,119 | 28.29% | 36.27% |
| Social safety net allowance | 55,40,120 | 73,58,243 | 77,33,802 | 5.10% | 39.60% |
| Others | 18,13,909 | 14,64,052 | 16,04,575 | 9.60% | -11.54% |
| Total | 2,03,31,804 | 2,20,70,630 | 2,20,56,710 | -0.06% | 8.48% |

^{*}Quarter **Year

Table 3: Growth of Deposits in No-Frill Accounts (Tk. in crore)

| Components | September 2019 | June 2020 | September 2020 | Change in Q-to-Q [*] | Change in Y-to-Y** |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Farmers | 338.20 | 364.15 | 404.24 | 11.01% | 19.53% |
| Extreme poor | 365.00 | 246.94 | 191.08 | -22.62% | -47.65% |
| Freedom fighters | 308.25 | 402.78 | 515.11 | 27.89% | 67.11% |
| Social Safety Net | 582.28 | 886.12 | 605.36 | -31.68% | 3.96% |
| Others | 579.83 | 486.76 | 465.00 | -4.47% | -19.80% |
| Total | 2,173.56 | 2,386.74 | 2,180.79 | -8.63% | 0.33% |

^{*}Quarter **Year

Table 4: Cumulative amount of Deposits in Tk. 10 Accounts for Farmers

| Quarter | Cumulative Number of Farmers' Accounts | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| March 2018 | 92,22,560 | 289.67 |
| June 2018 | 93,17,557 | 296.56 |
| September 2018 | 99,65,836 | 298.23 |
| December 2018 | 98,86,847 | 303.37 |
| March 2019 | 99,89,906 | 276.11 |
| June 2019 | 10,036,907 | 318.63 |
| September 2019 | 1,00,81,534 | 338.19 |
| December 2019 | 1,01,86,605 | 351.76 |
| March 2020 | 1,02,14,049 | 351.92 |
| June 2020 | 1,02,70,143 | 364.15 |
| September 2020 | 96,98,152 | 404.24 |

Table 5: Cumulative Amount of Deposits against Tk. 10 Accounts for the Extreme Poor

| Quarter | Cumulative Number of Extreme Poor Accounts | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| March 2018 | 24,35,573 | 279.50 |
| June 2018 | 24,83,832 | 282.56 |
| September 2018 | 25,28,182 | 323.73 |
| December 2018 | 26,08,484 | 346.14 |
| March 2019 | 26,32,787 | 346.76 |
| June 2019 | 26,41,206 | 376.15 |
| September 2019 | 26,56,915 | 365.00 |
| December 2019 | 26,62,162 | 365.59 |
| March 2020 | 27,08,409 | 322.76 |
| June 2020 | 27,23,995 | 246.94 |
| September 2020 | 26,94,062 | 191.08 |

Table 6: Cumulative number of Tk. 10 Accounts for the Freedom Fighters and amount of Deposits

| Quarter | Cumulative Number of Accounts for the Freedom Fighters | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| March 2018 | 2,01,643 | 200.29 |
| June 2018 | 2,01,250 | 211.80 |
| September 2018 | 2,03,441 | 214.00 |
| December 2018 | 2,08,731 | 254.43 |
| March 2019 | 2,39,451 | 341.05 |
| June 2019 | 2,34,908 | 280.21 |
| September 2019 | 2,39,326 | 308.25 |
| December 2019 | 2,47,497 | 345.39 |
| March 2020 | 2,48,189 | 368.87 |
| June 2020 | 2,54,197 | 402.78 |
| September 2020 | 3,26,119 | 515.11 |

Table 7: Cumulative number of Accounts of the beneficiaries of SSN and amount of Deposits

| Quarter | Cumulative Number of SSN Accounts | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 2018 | 46,27,936 | 402.66 |
| June 2018 | 47,00,466 | 516.87 |
| September 2018 | 49,51,883 | 515.92 |
| December 2018 | 50,92,453 | 537.66 |
| March 2019 | 51,25,164 | 549.07 |
| June 2019 | 53,19,619 | 568.17 |
| September 2019 | 55,40,120 | 582.28 |
| December 2019 | 56,00,708 | 674.93 |
| March 2020 | 68,64,052 | 866.46 |
| June 2020 | 73,58,243 | 886.12 |
| September 2020 | 77,33,802 | 605.36 |

Table 8: Bank category-wise No-Frill Accounts

| Category of Banks | No. of Accounts | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in Crore) |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| State Owned Commercial Banks | 1,25,34,872 | 1,285.76 |
| Specialized Banks | 64,64,700 | 271.42 |
| Private Commercial Banks | 30,55,734 | 623.02 |
| Foreign Commercial Banks | 1,404 | 0.59 |
| Total | 2,20,56,710 | 2,180.79 |

Table 9: Top 5 Banks based on number of Accounts and amount of Deposits

| | Top 5 Banks (Based on Number of Accounts) | | | | Top 5 Banks (Based on Deposits of Tk. in crore) | | | | |
|----|--|-----------|------------|----|--|---------|------------|--|--|
| SL | Bank Name | Account | Percentage | SL | Bank Name | Deposit | Percentage | | |
| 1 | Sonali Bank Limited | 56,90,113 | 25.80% | 1 | Sonali Bank Limited | 920.95 | 42.23% | | |
| 2 | Bangladesh Krishi Bank | 42,30,923 | 19.18% | 2 | Agrani Bank Limited | 312.60 | 14.33% | | |
| 3 | Agrani Bank Limited | 33,88,027 | 15.36% | 3 | Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited | 185.28 | 8.50% | | |
| 4 | Janata Bank Limited | 27,77,641 | 12.59% | 4 | Bank Asia Limited | 162.06 | 7.43% | | |
| 5 | Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank | 22,33,777 | 10.13% | 5 | Bangladesh Krishi Bank | 148.40 | 6.80% | | |
| | Total | | 83.06% | | Total | | 79.30% | | |

Table 10: Number of Accounts and amount of Deposits under the Tk. 200 crore Refinance Scheme

| | June 2019 | March 2020 | June 2020 | Change in Q-to-Q [*] | Change in Y-to-Y** |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of Accounts | 74,203 | 66,844 | 70,492 | 5.46% | -5.00% |
| Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | 405.47 | 336.43 | 363.64 | 8.09% | -10.32% |

Table 11: Area-wise School Banking Accounts and Deposits

| | Ru | ral | Ur | Total | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage | |
| Number of Accounts | 9,62,308 | 39.27% | 14,88,256 | 60.73% | 24,50,564 |
| Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | 464.66 | 25.57% | 1,356.74 | 74.49% | 1,821.40 |

Table 12: Regional distribution of School Banking Accounts and amount of Deposits

| Division | Number of Accounts | Percentage | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | Percentage |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Dhaka | 7,39,735 | 30.19% | 821.48 | 45.10% |
| Chottogram | 4,79,081 | 19.55% | 420.22 | 23.07% |
| Rajshahi | 3,42,494 | 13.98% | 137.65 | 7.56% |
| Khulna | 2,37,380 | 9.69% | 132.31 | 7.26% |
| Barisal | 1,08,556 | 4.43% | 60.14 | 3.30% |
| Sylhet | 2,33,730 | 9.54% | 120.42 | 6.61% |
| Rangpur | 1,72,945 | 7.06% | 68.73 | 3.77% |
| Mymensingh | 1,36,643 | 5.58% | 60.45 | 3.32% |
| Total | 24,50,564 | 100% | 1,821.40 | 100% |

Table 13: Gender-wise School Banking Accounts and Deposits

| | Male | | Fei | Total | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Total | Percentage | Total | Percentage | |
| Number of Accounts | 13,90,407 | 56.74% | 10,60,157 | 43.26% | 24,50,564 |
| Amount of Deposit (Tk. in crore) | 1,006.01 | 55.23% | 815.39 | 44.77% | 1,821.40 |

Table 14: Bank Category-wise School Banking Accounts and Deposits

| Bank Type | Number of Accounts | Percentage | Amount of Deposits (Tk. in crore) | Percentage |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| State-owned Commercial Banks | 6,16,586 | 25.16% | 238.83 | 13.11% |
| Specialized Banks | 1,42,619 | 5.82% | 21.36 | 1.17% |
| Private Commercial Banks | 16,88,643 | 68.91% | 1,519.75 | 83.44% |
| Foreign Commercial Banks | 2,716 | 0.11% | 41.46 | 2.28% |
| Total | 24,50,564 | 100 % | 1,821.40 | 100 % |

Table 15: Bank performance in opening School Banking Accounts in the last 5 Quarters

| Types of Banks | Number of Accounts | | | | | Growth O-to- O* | Growth Y-to-Y** |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Sep-19 | Dec-19 | Mar-20 | June-20 | Sep-20 | Q-10- Q | 1-10-1 |
| State-owned Commercial Banks | 4,88,107 | 4,95,560 | 5,73,465 | 6,08,133 | 6,16,586 | 1.39% | 26.32% |
| Specialized Banks | 1,35,823 | 1,35,256 | 1,40,809 | 1,41,855 | 1,42,619 | 0.54% | 5.00% |
| Private Commercial Banks | 12,26,403 | 13,59,407 | 16,12,113 | 16,78,889 | 16,88,643 | 0.58% | 37.69% |
| Foreign Commercial Banks | 2,580 | 2,679 | 2,744 | 2,725 | 2,716 | -0.33% | 5.27% |
| Total | 18,52,913 | 19,92,902 | 23,29,131 | 24,31,602 | 24,50,564 | 0.78% | 32.25% |

^{*} Quarter **Year

Table 16: Top 5 Banks' in opening School Banking Accounts and Deposits collection

| | Top 5 Banks (Number of Accounts) | | | | Top 5 Banks (Amount of Deposits) | | | |
|----|----------------------------------|----------|------------|----|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| S1 | Bank Name | Accounts | % of Total | Sl | Bank Name | Deposits | % of Total | |
| | | | Accounts | | | (Tk. in crore) | Deposits | |
| 1 | Dutch-Bangla Bank | 5,27,397 | 21.52% | 1 | Dutch-Bangla Bank | 528.78 | 29.10% | |
| 2 | Islami Bank | 2,48,833 | 10.15% | 2 | Eastern Bank | 148.28 | 8.16% | |
| | Bangladesh Limited | | | | Limited | | | |
| 3 | Agrani Bank Limited | 2,41,068 | 9.84% | 3 | Islami Bank | 114.68 | 6.31% | |
| | | | | | Bangladesh Limited | | | |
| 4 | Trust Bank Limited | 1,29,804 | 5.30% | 4 | Dhaka Bank | 106.91 | 5.88% | |
| | | | | | Limited | | | |
| 5 | Rupali Bank Limited | 1,16,853 | 4.77% | 5 | United Commercial | 86.52 | 4.76% | |
| | | | | | Bank Limited | | | |

Table 17: Overview of the banking services for Working Children

| Sl | Name of the Bank | Accounts Opened in September Quarter | Accounts Closed in September Quarter | Cumulative Number of Accounts | Cumulative Amount of Deposits (Tk. in thousands) |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Sonali Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 46 | 9.10 |
| 2 | Agrani Bank Ltd. | 610 | 0 | 5930 | 70.72 |
| 3 | Janata Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 200 | 80.00 |
| 4 | Rupali Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 981 | 1,175.01 |
| 5 | Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd. | 0 | 3 | 185 | 13.88 |
| 6 | Bangladesh Krishi Bank | 0 | 0 | 162 | 40.00 |
| 7 | Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 153 | 209.57 |
| 8 | Bank Asia Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 234 | 185.75 |
| 9 | Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 20 | 4.41 |
| 10 | Mercantile Bank Ltd. | 10 | 0 | 236 | 139.11 |
| 11 | Mutual Trust Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 45 | 1.68 |
| 12 | National Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 19 | 13.00 |
| 13 | One Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 226 | 214.42 |
| 14 | Prime Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 39 | 2.00 |
| 15 | Pubali Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 544 | 300.00 |
| 16 | Social Islami Bank Ltd. | 4 | 0 | 1168 | 1,097.40 |
| 17 | The City Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 152 | 200.00 |
| 18 | Trust Bank Ltd. | 0 | 1 | 273 | 100.00 |
| 19 | Uttara Bank Ltd. | 0 | 0 | 39 | 6.30 |
| | Total | 624 | 4 | 10,652 | 3,862.35 |

Table 18: Number of Accounts and amount of Deposits in Working Children Accounts

| | September 2019 | June 2020 | September 2020 | Change in Q-to-Q [*] | Change in Y-to-Y** |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of Accounts | 4,909 | 10,029 | 10,652 | 6.21% | 116.99% |
| Amount of Deposits (Tk. in lacs.) | 35.27 | 38.84 | 38.62 | -0.57% | 9.50% |

BB Circulars used as references in this report

| Date | Circular No. | Title |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 17-01-2010 | BRPD Circular No01/2010 | Regarding the Opening of Farmers' Accounts. |
| 08-09-2010 | BRPD Circular No29/2010 | Bank Accounts for the Extreme Poor |
| 11-04-2011 | BRPD Circular No04/2011 | Bank Accounts for the Freedom Fighters |
| 19-06-2011 | BRPD Circular No05/2011 | Bank Accounts for Beneficiaries under Social Safety Net Program |
| 03-08-2015 | FID Circular No02/2015 | Opening Bank Accounts for the Dwellers of Angorpota -Dohogram and Newly Included 111 Enclaves in Bangladesh |
| 02-11-2010 | BRPD Circular Letter No12/2010 | School Banking Accounts |
| 18-06-2015 | GBCSRD Circular Letter No07/2015 | Regarding Opening 10 Taka Accounts for Small/ Marginal/ Landless/ Natural Disaster Affected Farmers and Small or Micro Traders |
| 17-12-2018 | FID Circular Letter No02/2018 | Conversion of the School Banking Accounts into General Accounts |
| 15-03-1961 | BCD(D)/47/22_61 | National Publicity Campaign to Develop Banking Habit and Savings |
| 09-03-2014 | BRPD Circular No05/2014 | Regarding Banking Service for Working Children |