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## National Social Welfare Council reconstituted

The government has reconstituted the Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council for a period of three years, says a PID Landour.

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The Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs will be the Chairman of the 48-member council while the Director General of the Social Services will act as Secretary. The other members of the council include senior government officials of different Ministries, Divisions, representatives from district social welfare councils and non-official government nominated members.

The Council will advice and assist government in formulating policies, preparing schemes and implementing Social Welfare programmes; to cause a survey of different social problems in modern scientific way and to furnish reports to Government about its findings; to advise and assist the Government in changing, extending and adopting new voluntary and Government sponsored programmes for social welfare in the light of the real social needs; to foster creation and development of Voluntary social welfare agencies for the improvement of urban and rural societies; to scrutinise and select the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies for the Grant-in-aid programme of the Government of Bangladesh; to assist in the co-ordination among different voluntary Social Welfare Agencies at national level and co-ordinate the assistance extended by different Government, Semi-Government, non-Government and International organisations for the promotion of Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies; to review the progress of Social Welfare Schemes and suggest means for their improvement; to analyse and propagate Social Welfare programmes in the public and local organisations to create confidence about the programme; to evaluate the programme of the Government and Voluntary Social Welfare agencies and to submit annual report to the Government and to assist local authorities in matters of emergency relief.