

9th World Bank Implementation Support Mission of SPFMS held



A wrap-up meeting of the 9th World Bank Implementation Support Mission (WBISM) was held on 15 October 2027 at the Finance Division, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. The WBISM was held from October 8–16, 2025 to review the progress of the Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS). The mission rated the Program Development Objective as Satisfactory.

The meeting was moderated by Dr. Ziaul Abedin, Additional Secretary, Budget-1 and National Program Director, SPFMS and attended by Program Executive and Coordinators (PECs), SPFMS Md. Rafiqul Islam, Dr. Abdur Rahim, Tanima Tasmin, Dr. Mahfuza Begum, and Md. Firoz Khan, along with Implementation Support Consultants and other technical experts of SPFMS. The World Bank team was represented by Suraiya Zannath, Lead Governance Specialist, and Khuram Farooq, Senior Governance Specialist.



The mission members shared the draft technical notes in the meeting and participants provided inputs to finalize the technical note.

The technical note highlighted the key achievements of SPFMS including the full automation of pension payments through the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) system, enhanced fiscal forecasting using a macro-econometric model, improved gender- and climate-responsive budgeting, strengthened SOE reporting and debt management, and notable progress in internal audit and procurement oversight. The iBAS++ platform now ensures timely, integrated budget and accounting information across government entities.