

**Bangladesh Water Partnership  
Monthly Report  
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**Goal 1 – Catalyse change in policy and practice**

1. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Concept and Practice of Integrated Water Resources Management”

The following 2 activities were carried out during May 2014.



[Field visit in the Rugganj North Water Conservancy Project in Narayanganj District]

CEGIS has organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Concept and Practice of Integrated Water Resources Management” from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 with financial support from Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP). It is a regular activity of BWP. The main objective of this alliance is to enhance the knowledge, experience and capacity building of water resources professionals about IWRM principles and practices for its implementation.

Honorable Secretary Ministry of Water Resources, Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan was present in the inaugural session of the training. The main purpose of the training programme was to introduce the IWRM concept, its principle and to share

application experience to the mid level professionals of different GOs and NGOs. A total of 22 numbers of participants from different disciplines attended the training. The training programme was divided into two sessions, first session covered formal training session of four days lecture session on the IWRM and its Practices and the second session covered a day long field visit to gather practical experience on IWRM application. In total 26 lectures were presented by renowned resource persons from BUET, CEGIS, DoE, BWP, BRAC University and different government organizations.

In the field visit, the trainees were taken to Rupganj North Water Conservancy Project in Narayanganj District on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 where they had a practical observation & experience about the application and practice of IWRM going on in our country. This visit helped to enlighten their knowledge about water management and also helped to make coordination between theory and practice. In this visit, trainees were divided into three groups and each group was provided with individual assignments. Assignments on present project status, social and institutional conflicts in the project, present status of flora and fauna of the project after project implementation were given to the participants. The participants gave a brief presentation on their assignments.

In the closing ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, the president of BWP, Mr. Md. Shahidul Hassan and Executive Director of CEGIS were present and distributed the certificates among the trainees.

**Outcome:** CEGIS a partner organization has developed an e-list on the IWRM to stay in touch always in this regard. The main objective of this alliance is to enhance the knowledge, experience and capacity building of water resources professionals about IWRM principles and practices for its implementation.

[https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/iwrn\\_alliance](https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/iwrn_alliance)

### **Strategic Goal #3: Strengthen Partnerships.**

2. The 45<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of BWP.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for the year 2014 was held on 05 May 2014. The meeting was chaired by Mr. President, BWP. 10 out of 19 Executive Committee Members were present.

The main agenda of the meeting were on the Implementation status of the 2014 Work Plan under Core budget and Update on WACREP activities. It was a participatory approached discussion. The meeting informed the committee that among the 13 activities this year 6 have already been completed and implementation of the others are on schedule. The meeting also informed the committee about the detailed report on the addition activity on National Consultation on SDG on Water in the post-2015 development agenda Phrase-II which was held on 15 March 2014 which was sent to GWPO and GWP-SAS accordingly.

Under the WACREP activities, the meeting informed the committee that BWP has implanted 2 activities among 6 and the rest of the activities are also progressing as per schedule.

In the meeting the committee also discussed about schedule for holding the next AGM which has placed to hold between Nov. and Dec 2014 as was done previously.

The meeting also gave the present status of the Associated Program on Flood Management (APFN) with WMO that a conversation was held with Mr. Paul who has been joined recently as new chief in the position of Mr. Grab in this regard.

The EC members expressed their satisfaction on the progress on the above activities along with the implementation of work plan under Core budget and activities under WACREP.

