

Bangladesh Water Partnership
Monthly Report
August, 2015

The following 2 Core activities were carried out under Strategic Goal 3 during August 2015.

Strategic Goal #3: Strengthen Partnerships

Focus: This goal focuses on enhancing the network's resilience and effectiveness through stronger partnerships, good governance, measuring performance to help learning and financial sustainability.

Activity-1: 50th Executive Committee Meeting of BWP

The 50th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of Bangladesh Water Partnership was held on 23 August 2015 at BWP secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Md. Shahidul Hassan, President, Bangladesh Water Partnership. The President initiated the discussion by welcoming the EC members. A total of 8 members out of 19 were presented in the meeting.

The main agenda of the meeting were as follows:

- Implementation Status of 2015 Work Plan under Core Funding.
- Implementation status of 2015 Work Plan under WACREP Funding (Phase-II).
- Fixation the date of AGM for 2014 & Approval of Secretary General's Report for presenting in the AGM.

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Vice President, BWP gave an overall progress of workplan under core and WACREP as well as implementation status for the year 2015. Dr. Haq informed that BWP has been assigned to implement 11 activities under core work plan in 2015 where 6 activities have already been completed successfully and implementations of the rest are on schedule.

Dr. Haq informed the committee that BWP has been assigned to implement two activities for the year 2015 under WACREP funding Phase II which were postponed due to freezing of fund from donor agency (DFID). He also informed the meeting that the situation has now over and the fund has been secured up to 2019. The EC was delighted to know about the release of frozen fund under WACREP activities. The committee suggested initiating activities under WACREP Phase-II immediately.

The EC also discussed to hold the 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BWP. After detailed discussion, the EC confirmed the date for the AGM on 24 October 2015.

The EC has been informed that the report of Secretary General of BWP will be electronically circulated to EC members.

The committee expressed their satisfaction on the progress of the activities of work plan under Core. The EC also suggested BWP to find a possible way to increase young professional in the working process of BWP.

This was the 3rd EC meeting of BWP for the year of 2015. The meeting was ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

Activity-2: The 24th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of BWWN.

The 24th Meeting of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) was held on 16 August 2015 at BWP Secretariat, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The Meeting was presided over by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of Bangladesh Women and Water Network. The Coordinator welcomed the members and extended her sincere thanks to the participants. A total number of 7 participants participated in the meeting.

Ms. Mukta Akter, Member Secretary of Bangladesh Women and Water Partnership (BWWN) gave a recapitulation of the 23rd SC meeting of BWWN held on 23 May 2015.

The main agenda of the meeting was the discussion on the Workshop venue and agenda for the year 2015. The meeting decided to finalize the title of the workshop similar to the theme of SACOSAN-6. The committee suggested to invite 1/2 participants from earlier programs, implemented by BWWN, to ensure grass roots level stakeholders' representation. The SC proposed the date for holding the workshop on 17th October 2015 and tentative venue at the conference room of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Dhaka.

The committee also discussed on the success story of Mrs. Rupbhanu who has been awarded as Role Model from grassroots level and attended in the BWWN workshop on 27 September 2014. The committee suggested to focus the story of Role Model in the project proposal of BWWN, related to women and youth, in flood prone areas of Bangladesh. The SC also advised to publish the flyer of BWWN incorporating all implemented activities both in urban & grassroots level and circulate among the members of BWWN.

The meeting also suggested updating the membership status of BWWN. The SC emphasized on incorporating interested female students and young women professionals in the member roster of BWWN.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks from the coordinator.