

# Bangladesh Water Partnership Monthly Report December 2015

The following 2 activities were carried out under core and WACREP-II program during December 2015.

## ❖ Activity under core

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

#### **Activity-1: 51<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of BWP**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of Bangladesh Water Partnership was held on 22 December 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 number of 6 members were present in the meeting.

#### **The main agenda of the meeting were as follows:**

- Implementation Status of 2015 Work Plan under Core/WACREP Funding.
- Discussion on the workplan and budget for 2016 under core/WACREP funding
- Discussion on the SADMS Validation 2016.
- Discussion on the SDG Preparedness Facility Framework Document for the year 2016.
- Induction of new EC of BWP
- Nomination of RC member

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Vice President, BWP informed the EC that, BWP has identified 11 activities for 2016 where 9 under core funding and two under WACREP funding. A detailed workplan for 2016 was delivered to the committee. Dr. Haq also informed the committee about the successful completion of workplan of 2015 under the Core/WACREP funding.

Dr. Haq also informed the committee that GWP-South Asia assigned BWP along with 4 other countries in the region to validate the South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS) in 2016. The committee also was informed that BWP will work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Preparedness Facility Framework in 2016. The committee identified CEGIS and IWM (partner organizations) to carry out the above mentioned additional activities of BWP for the year 2016.

The committee was informed that the newly elected EC will start its journey officially from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. But the existing committee tenure ended on 25 October 2015. To make up the gap, the existing EC will continue upto 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Dr. Haq added that this decision has been taken in the light of decision of the 13<sup>th</sup> AGM of BWP.

The committee approved the nomination of Begum Shamsun Nahar as a RC member and her tenure will be from 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2018. The committee also nominated Mr. Emaduddin Ahmad as a male RC member and his tenure will be from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.

The committee expressed its satisfaction on the successful implementation of the workplan 2015 under Core and WACREP activities and appreciated BWP for presenting the detailed workplan for 2016 and the new assignments on SDG & SADMS as well.

#### ❖ Activity under WACREP Phase II

### **Strategic Goal#2: Generate and communicate knowledge**

#### **Work Package # 6; Activity-6(A)**

#### **Workshop on Water Security and Urban Water Management for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Cities/Towns with Special Emphasis on Impact of Climate Change.**

Bangladesh Water Partnership organized a day long National workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 titled “Water Security And Urban Water Management For Sustainable And Eco-Friendly Cities/Towns With Special Emphasis On Impact Of Climate Change”. A total 56 participants were present in the workshops. The workshop started by an Inaugural Session and was followed by technical Sessions and a Concluding Session. The workshop was attended by representatives from various City Corporations/Municipalities, WASAs, Local Government Institutes (LGIs), researchers, engineers, economist, environmentalists, university faculty members, government officials, development workers, civil society actors, youth and media personnel. Eminent Environmentalist and Economists and Chairperson of Palli Karma Shahayan Foundation (PKSF) and Institute of Microfinance (InM) Dr. Qazi Kholikuzzaman Ahmad attended the workshop as the Chief Guest. The key note paper was presented by Dr. Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, Project Coordinator, Community Climate Change Project (CCCP) of PKSF. Other papers were presented by representatives from City Corporations, WASAs, DoE, CEGIS and WaterAid Bangladesh.

The main objective of the workshop was to sensitize the stakeholders about the water security & its management towards establishing sustainable and eco friendly Cities/Towns. This workshop was a prelude to develop a program of Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM).

The workshop was ended with vote of thanks by Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary, BWP.

## ❖ Participations : Outside activities of BWP Work Plan

### **Activity-1: 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).**

Ms. Mukta Akter, Youth Focal Point of GWP- South Asia and Executive Secretary of Bangladesh Water Partnership was sponsored by GWPO to participate in the COP21 in Paris, France from 01 December 2015 to 09 December 2015. The mega conference started with the objective to arrive at a legally binding and universal agreement on climate change, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C and agreeing on financing to help developing countries cope with climate change. More than 40,000 participants including nearly 25,000 official delegates from government, intergovernmental organisations, UN agencies, NGOs and civil society from 195 countries participated in the conference.

As a youth ambassador of GWP-South Asia, Ms. Mukta Akter took part in many activities during COP21 especially on youth campaign, slogan, human chain, Gender issues, side events, press conferences as well as high level panel discussions.

The GWP recorded her interviews during COP21 and posted in their social media link at <https://youtu.be/NJM82uSWWU0>.

She also covered some interviews of different youth and women groups and recorded their statements regarding water & climate issues and commitment to work for green environment.

### **Activity 2: Regional Workshop on South-South Cooperation Flood Management at Guangzhou, Guangdong, China.**

Engr. Md. Waji Ullah, Executive Director, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services, a partner organization of BWP participated in the regional workshop which was jointly organized by the Global Water Partnership China (GWP China) and Global Water Partnership. This event was supported by the Research Center on Flood and Drought Disaster Reduction (CDR), International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR) and WMO/GWP Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM). This was a three days programme starting from 14 December and ending on 15 December, 2015. Engr. Md. Waji Ullah presented a paper on “Case from Bangladesh-Community Based Flood Early Warning System and Information Dissemination” in session 2 of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the workshop.

The Workshop is one of the approaches of the organization to address the importance to draw more attention on the flood as water management of the partner countries.

The basic objective of these projects and pilot programmes are to ensure minimum loss of lives and resources while maximizing the benefits of the use of the flood plain and to generate better scope for the enhancement of flood management technologies.