

Bangladesh Water Partnership
Monthly Report
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The following 2 Core activities were carried out under Strategic Goal 2 & 3 during September 2015.

Strategic Goal #2: Generate and Communicate Knowledge.

Focus: *This goal focuses on developing the capacity to share knowledge and to promote a dynamic communications culture, so as to support better water management.*

**Activity-1: Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Safe Water Management
The Chitra - Nabaganga Area Water Partnership, Narail**

A day long workshop on ‘Climate Change Adaptation and Safe Water Management: Chitra-Nabaganga Area Water Partnership in Narail District’ has been organized under the research project entitled “Building Capacity about Safe Water Management and Climate Change Adaptation through Local Organizations and Youths in the Chitra-Nabaganga Area Water Partnership, Narail”. The project was jointly implemented by Bangladesh Water Partnership and the partner organization Environment and Population Research Centre (EPRC). The workshop was organized on 15 September 2015 at Democracywatch auditorium, Narail with the technical support of Global Applied Research Network-South Asia (GARNET-SA).

The main objectives of the workshop were (1) to discuss on Climate change adaptation and safe water management; and (2) to give prizes among the awardee students in the school essay competition 2015 inside the Chitra and Nabaganga water basin.

There were two sessions in the workshop: (a) Discussion Session; and (b) Prize Giving Ceremony.

The workshop was chaired by Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Secretary General of BWP. Mr. Md. Fazlul Haque, Upazila Secondary Education Officer, Narail Sadar was the chief guest. The special guests were: Mr. Md. Rawsan Ali, Principal of Birsresto Nur Mohammed College, Narail and Chair of AWP; Assistant Inspector, District Education Office, Narail; Executive Director, Sabolambi, Narail.

A key note paper on “Climate change adaptation and safe water management” was presented by Md. Abubakkor Siddik, Assistant Research Coordinator, EPRC. He pointed out that Bangladesh is one of most vulnerable climate change affected country of the world and as a result of climate change the average temperature of Bangladesh is in an increasing trend which is alarming for the living and plant of the world. Mr. Siddik mainly focused on salinity, cyclone, flood, sea level rise, arsenic, drought and its association with climate change as well as consequence on safe water management and possible strategy for overcoming the problems.

The key note paper was followed by an open discussion session where students also participated along with the participants.

Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan also facilitated the open discussion session and acknowledged the education department and schools for involving in the various stage of the research project.

The workshop was ended by compiling the following main recommendations:

- 1) The teachers should establish and monitor safe water & technology management facilities at the schools and encourage the students to maintain WSPs properly.
- 2) The schools with government and non-government partners should arrange competition regarding climate change, safe water management, homestead waste management, hand washing/sanitation on environment, hand wash, sanitation and other designated days.
- 3) Adequate quality of educational materials should be prepared and distributed in all the schools
- 4) BWP-GWP and other development partners should be encouraged to undertake this kind of educational intervention in all parts of the country.

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: The 25th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of BWWN.

The 25th SC Meeting of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) was held on 20 September 2015 at BWP Secretariat, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The Meeting was presided over by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of Bangladesh Women and Water Network and facilitated by Ms. Mukta Akter, Member Secretary of BWWN. The Coordinator welcomed the members and extended her sincere thanks to the participants. A total number of 7 participants participated in the meeting.

Ms. Akter, gave a recapitulation of the 24th SC meeting of BWWN held on 16 August 2015.

The main agenda of the meeting was the discussion on the forthcoming Workshop venue and agenda for the year 2015. Similar to the theme of SACOSAN-6, the meeting finalized the workshop titled “Safe water and improved sanitation always adds value to the women’s lifestyle”. Due to heavy workload the workshop has been rescheduled to be held either on 14 or 21 November 2015.

The meeting expected that the workshop will sensitize the women from grassroots level and water professionals about improving their quality of life.

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