

Bangladesh Water Partnership Monthly Report July 2016

The following activities were carried out during July 2016.

Strategic Goal #3: Strengthen Partnerships.

Focus – *on enhancing the network's resilience and effectiveness through stronger partnerships, good governance, measuring performance to help learning and financial sustainability*

1. The 28th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN).

The 28th Steering Committee (SC) Meeting was held at BWP secretariat on 26 July 2016. The meeting was chaired by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of BWWN and facilitated by Ms. Mukta Akter, Member Secretary of BWWN and Executive Secretary of BWP. A total number of 6 members were present in the meeting.

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss about fund raising strategy and the proposals (submitted and new) of BWWN. The meeting basically emphasized on fund raising strategy. The members opined that BWWN should link with some other donor agencies like IUCN, Water Aid, WINDROCK, World Bank etc. to explore the possibility for raising fund. The members also identified that the fund BWWN receives from BWP each year, is not sufficient to cover its annual workplan. However, BWWN plans to work together with the Dept. of Women and Gender Studies under Dhaka University where some proposals could develop having joint interest. The meeting was ended by congratulating Ms. Mukta Akter as she has been selected for a women leadership course in USA for 4 months and expected to leave on 5 August 2016.

❖ Activities under WACREP

BWP planned to implement 2 activities for the year 2016 under strategic goal-01 & package-02. The implementation of both the projects are underway where Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) has been assigned for a case study on “the feasibility of Rain Water Harvesting in urban areas” and Center for Environmental and

Geographical Information Services (CEGIS) has been assigned for a study on “Affect of Climate Change on Water and Food Security in Selected Coastal Deltas and its possible economic impact”. CEGIS has already completed the field survey in the selected coastal deltas in Barishal District.

BWP plans to submit the final report on the projects after implementation by the end of Q3, 2016.

❖ **Activities under SDG**

To develop proposals under SDG Preparedness Facility Framework, BWP identified two partner organizations: Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) and Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS). BWP is in the process of developing the proposals one on (i) Sustainable water resources development in drought prone areas and the other on (ii) Improving irrigation efficiency through micro irrigation. Draft proposal has already been developed in collaboration with IWM and circulated to the Executive Committee (EC) members of BWP for review and comments which is expected by 02 August 2016.

Draft proposal on the second one is under preparation and is expected to be ready by early August 2016.

❖ **Activities outside the work plan of BWP**

a. **Young Water Leaders Summit in Singapore**

Ms. Mukta Akter, Youth Focal Point of GWP-South Asia and Executive Secretary of BWP was invited to participate in the Young Water Leaders Summit from 10 to 13 July 2016 in Singapore. It was a flagship event of Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) 2016. Her Back to Office Report (BTOR) has been circulated which was appreciated by GWPO and GWP-SAS. The report has already been posted in the BWP website (www.bwp-bd.org).

b. **GWP PanAsia Workshop in Singapore**

The GWP-PANASIA Workshop on “INNOVATIVE URBAN WATER MANAGAMENT” was held on 14 to 15 July 2016 back to back at SIWW. Dr. K. Azharul Haq, President of BWP participated in the workshop and presented a paper titled "Management of Flooding and Water Logging for Achieving Urban

Water Security: Dhaka”. In a follow up discussion, the GWPO Executive Secretary indicated that it is planning to prepare a project proposal on Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) and Dr. Haq presentation will be used for the purpose. Electronic copy of the presentation has been forwarded to the EC members.

c. Skype Meeting with Regional Office and Country Coordinator of GWP-South Asia

The Skype meeting was held on 28 July 2016 in collaboration with Regional Office and Country Coordinator of GWP-South Asia. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Priyanka Dissanayake, the Regional Coordinator of GWP-SAS. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss on the work plan and budget under core and WACREP for 2017. The meeting provided a clear view on outcome(s) and progress marker(s) under 3 strategic goals to the country coordinators. At the end of the meeting, the regional coordinator requested the country coordinator to submit the draft workplan & budget for 2017 by 10 August 2016. She informed that this draft workplan and budget will be presented in the upcoming RC meeting for the RC approval.

