

Bangladesh Water Partnership

Monthly Report

June, 2016

BWP has implemented the following activities under core program.

❖ Activities under core

01. Enhance Youth Capacities on Gender Sensitive Climate Change Adaptation towards Sustainable Water Management in the Chitra-Nabaganga Area Water Partnership, Narail

Environment and Population Research Center (EPRC) is conducting several studies in Chitra Nabaganga Area in collaboration with BWP. Surveys, training sessions and essay competitions have been held in selected local schools in the study area. The main objective is to enhance capacity of school youths focusing gender response to climate change adaptation towards sustainable water management inside the Chitra-Nabaganga Area Water Partnership at Narail district. A workshop will be conducted in the area and prize ceremony of the essay competition will be held in July. A final report on “Enhance Youth Capacities on Gender Sensitive Climate Change Adaptation towards Sustainable Water Management in the Chitra-Nabaganga Area Water Partnership, Narail” will be submitted by the end of July.

02. Annual Newsletter Publication

BWP is also working on publishing its yearly newsletter for the year 2015. An initial draft has already been prepared and it is expected to be published in July.

❖ Activities under WACREP

Implementation of the following 2 activities for the year 2016, which are under strategic goal-01, is ongoing.

- a. Activity 2E (BWP) : Conduct a case study on the feasibility of Rain Water Harvesting in urban areas.

- b. Activity 2F (BWP) : Conduct a study on Affect of Climate Change on Water and Food Security in Selected Coastal Deltas and its possible economic impact.

Shushilan/IWM and CEGIS have been selected as partners to implement them. CEGIS already has completed the field survey in the selected coastal deltas in Barishal District.

❖ **Activities under SDG**

Two partners have been assigned for proposal development under SDG: Center for Environment and Geographical Information Services (CEGIS) and Institute of Water Modeling (IWM). Dr. K. A. Haq, President of BWP, has been communicating with the partners on a regular basis regarding proposal development. Two meetings were held between Dr. Haq and representatives from CEGIS and IWM on 28 June and 29 June respectively.

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

01. Roundtable between journalists and experts on water quantity and quality on the lower Ganga.

The thirdpole.net organized a roundtable on 16-18 June 2016 in Kolkata on the subject of water quantity and quality on the lower Ganga. The roundtable specially invited journalists and experts from Bangladesh, India and Nepal. From Bangladesh Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq, President of BWP was invited and participated in the roundtable as a resource person.

The roundtable was held aboard a small ship which moved upriver from Kolkata till the end of the tidal zone and just beyond. The idea was to stop at various points so that the journalists can see the water quality and flow situation for themselves and discuss the issues with the experts.

The thirdpole.net is an organization who has the mandate to improve the quality and quantity of environmental journalism, with a primary focus on the Himalayas and the basins of rivers that flow down from this mountain range.

The Hindustan times is expected to publish Dr. Haq's presentation as an article.