

Bangladesh Water Partnership

Monthly Report

October 2016

The following activities were carried out during October 2016.

❖ Activity under core program

Activity-1: Annual Newsletter Publication

BWP is in the process of finalizing the Newsletter. Peer review has been completed. BWP Secretariat has finalized the draft incorporating the comments. The Newsletter has been sent for printing.

❖ Activity under SDG

Activity- 1: 3rd Meeting of Water Governance and Sustainability Work-Stream Meeting: Bangladesh Water Multi-Stakeholder Partnership

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, President of Bangladesh Water Partnership participated in the 3rd Meeting of Water Governance and Sustainability Work-Stream Meeting: Bangladesh Water Multi-Stakeholder Partnership held on October 4, 2016 at the Conference Room, Ministry of Water Resources, Bangladesh Secretariat.

The Goal of the meeting was to improve effectiveness and efficiency of water governance through policy and legislative reforms, procedural, system improvements, financial mechanisms and make recommendations for collective measures to improve overall governance in order to ensure sustainability of water resources.

Activity- 1: Rapid Country Level Analysis

BWP already submitted the draft final report on "GWP Rapid Country Level Analysis: Country Profile & GWP at Country Level Profile for Bangladesh" to the regional office. Several meetings were held with the stakeholders and partners prior to finalizing the report. BWP is now in the process of developing the regional report.

❖ **Additional activity of BWP**

Activity-1: Workshop on “Learning Deltas”, Manila, 24 October 2016

Global Water Partnership (GWP) organized a workshop on “Learning Deltas” Initiative held on 24th October 2016 at ADB Headquarters, Learning Resources Center 1 in - Manila, Philippines.

Three participants from Bangladesh Dr. K. Azharul Haq, President of Bangladesh Water Partnership, Md. Mafidul Islam, Joint Chief, General Economics Division, Planning Commission and Mr. Md. Sarafat Hossain participated in that workshop.

The objective of the Learning Deltas Initiative:

To accompany urbanizing deltas in better connecting three processes that often unfold in relative isolation, and in learning from one another in so doing:

- IWRM planning exercises;
- broader integrated planning processes that guide socio-economic development; and
- preparation, financing and implementation of bankable projects that contribute to the resilience of urban deltas and help them adapt to climate change.

The end result of the initiative is a pipeline of bankable projects that contribute to climate adaptation, that are supported by stakeholders and make sense in broader socio-economic development context.

Learning Deltas is an initiative of GWP, set-up in cooperation with AsDB and WB. The program is developed against the background of the Delta Coalition, explained above. Asian members of the Delta Coalition include Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam. Other Asian countries are expected to join later (e.g. China, Pakistan).

The character of Learning Deltas will be South-South cooperation with an important role of the Country Water Partnerships of GWP. North-South exchange is already taking place in various other projects and programs such as the various Delta Plan projects funded by the Netherlands (e.g. in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar and Indonesia). It is planned to put the lead of the program in Bangladesh with BWP (Bangladesh Water Partnership). Bangladesh has gained considerable experience on Sustainable Delta Planning, has a developed knowledge infrastructure in this field (e.g. CEGIS, IWM, BUET) and will from this fall be the next chair of the Delta Coalition. BWP will set-up a Task Force for the Learning Deltas Initiative. This Task Force will be supported by external knowledge groups (e.g. by the Delta Alliance and Procasur). A Steering Group will be established to guide the activities,

consisting of representatives from all other participating countries, WB, ADB and GWP. Figure 2 illustrates the proposed organizational set-up.

❖ **Outside Activity of BWP**

Activity-1 : DeltaCap Workshop held on 23-24 October, 2016

A Workshop on DeltaCap was organized by Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) on 23-24 October, 2016 at BRAC Centre Inn, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka. On behalf of BWP, Mr. H S Mozaddad Faruque, Vice President and Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, EC Member of BWP participated in the workshop.

The workshop highlighted on the organizational structure and scheme of DeltaCap (including roles of partners) and meeting with DeltaCap partners prior to the kickoff meeting.

The objective of DeltaCap is to strengthening education and training capacities for water sector professionals required to putting the Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP2100) on the ground. It aims to create and enhance these capacities through an interactive, flexible and practical oriented training and learning approach involving both education and training providers and end-users using information services and concrete test beds and design workshops to foster interaction and wider uptake. Establishment of a Centre on Sustainable Delta Management (SDM) is foreseen to nurture and sustain to the outputs of DeltCap.

DeltaCap is funded by the Dutch Government (Nuffic) and will last 4 years. The partners of DeltaCap comprise Stichting IHE (UNESCO-IHE) (lead partner), the Delta Alliance Bangladesh Wing represented by IWM, of which BWP is a partner, Alterra part of Wageningen UR and the private companies mPower and Climate Adaptation Services Foundation (CAS).