

# Bangladesh Water Partnership Monthly Report February, 2016

BWP has implemented the following activities under core program.

→ **Activities under core**

**Activity-1: 52<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of BWP**



The 52<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of Bangladesh Water Partnership was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at BWP Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq, President, Bangladesh Water Partnership. The President initiated the discussion by welcoming the newly elected EC members. A total number of 12 members were present in the meeting.

The main agenda of the meeting were as follows:

- Discussion on the work plan and budget for 2016 under core funding.
- Discussion on the work plan and budget for 2016 under Water and Climate Resilience Program (WACREP).
- Discussion on SDG Preparedness Facility Framework Document
- Discussion on the SADMS Validation
- Discussion on collaborative work with Water Resources Group (WRG) 2030/IFC

The president informed that a total number of 11 activities have been identified to implement for the year 2016, where 9 under Core and 2 under WACREP funding. He further informed that BWP has assigned its relevant partner organizations to implement the activities. He also informed that the preliminary

works have already been completed with the partner organizations and implementation of the activities in Quarter 1(January to March), 2016 are well under way. While discussing on Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN), the committee suggested that BWWN should get involved in partnership action with local Area Water Partnerships. The committee also requested BWP secretariat for securing fund for publication of the book “Water and Culture” written by Dr. Prof. Anwarul Karim, Vice Chancellor, Northern University, Khulna.

EC was informed that BWP has secured two additional activities for the year 2016. The activities are (i) Preparation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Preparedness Facility Framework Document and (ii) South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS) Validation. The committee was informed that BWP proposed to address first two targets out of 6 under SDG water goal#6.The committee advised BWP to focus on water and sanitation coverage. The committee suggested that BWP should interact with Planning Commission on works related to SDG at national level so that BWPs effort could supplement/Complement GoB efforts.

The President informed that for SADMS Validation CEGIS has been identified and they are in final stage to start the work. He mentioned that the objective of the validation work is evaluation of Integrated Drought Severity Index (IDSI) product for major drought events at country level and provide accuracy assessment by testing in field level.

About the collaborative work with Water Resources Group (WRG) 2030/IFC, the President informed the committee that BWP has become a member of Water Resources Group (WRG) 2030/International Finance Corporation (IFC) which is working under Bangladesh Water Multi-stakeholder Partnership (Bangladesh Water MSP) formed by IFC/WRG 2030. He further informed that the formation of the Bangladesh Water MSP has been approved by the Honorable Prime Minister and a gazette notification has also been published in this regard where BWP has been identified as a civil society member/partner of the Bangladesh Water MSP National Steering Board.

### **Activity-2: Meeting with the Department of Women and Gender Studies (DWGS), Dhaka University on International Women’s Day Celebration**

To celebrate the International Women’s Day, a preliminary meeting with Bangladesh Women and Water Network and Department of Women and Gender Studies was held on 03 February 2016 at DWGS, Dhaka

University. On behalf of BWP, Dr. Nilufa Islam, Treasurer of BWP, Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of BWWN & RC member of GWP-SAS and Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of BWP & Member Secretary of BWWN were present at the meeting with Dr. Sayed Saikh Imtiaz, Chairman of DWGS, Ishrat Khan Barsha and Ms. Afsana, Associate Professors of DWGS.

The meeting has led to the decision that there will be a half day seminar at the Senate Bhaban followed by a rally on 08 March 2016. It has also been decided that the seminar will discuss grass-root level participants focusing on the social, cultural and economic involvement of women with water. A few success stories of women association with water will also be presented at the seminar. An open floor has also been proposed for the students to share their knowledge and questions.

## → **Activities outside the work plan of BWP**

### Activity-1 : Meeting with International Finance Corporation (IFC)

To explore the possibility of collaborative work between BWP and IFC- Partnership for Cleaner Textile (PaCT), a meeting was held on 15 February, 2016 at the IFC office. On behalf of BWP, Dr. K. Azhazrul Haq, President of BWP and Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of BWP were present at the meeting with Mr. Yasin Ahmed, Consultant of Partnership for Cleaner Textile of IFC- PaCT team.

PaCT is a program that supports textile wet processing factories in adopting cleaner production (CP). PaCT helps factories identify and implement CP measures in water along with other sectors. PaCT also works to develop platform for community and national dialogue on sustainable water use in the textile sector.

## Activity-2 : Briefing Session and Discussion on Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) 2100 Formulation Project



Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) organized a half-day briefing session and discussion meeting on “Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 (BDP) Formulation Project” on 23 February 2016 at Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) office. Mr. Moshir Rahman, Secretary General of Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of BWP and Ms. Naima Nazir, Research Assistant of BWP participated on behalf of BWP.

Dr. Md. Abdul Matin, General Secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA); Coordinator, Jatyo Nadi Rakkha Andolon (JNRA) and Secretary General People's SAARC Water Forum, Bangladesh, chaired the meeting. A paper titled “Developing strategies for adaptive delta management in the face of climate change and transboundary issues” was jointly presented by Dr. M. Rafiqul Islam, Institutional Governance Expert of BDP and Mr. Maurits Bosman, Consultant International Development.

The main objective of the meeting was to share the present status of Delta Plan and to take suggestions and ideas. The meeting informed that the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 Formulation Project is being executed by the General Economic Division (GED) under the Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh and financed by the Government of the Netherlands. The meeting specially focused on the current situation of BDP and the future targets of the BDP.