

# **Bangladesh Water Partnership**

## **Monthly Report**

### **April, 2017**

BWP has implemented the following activities in April 2017.

#### **❖ Under Core Workplan**

### **01. ToT Course on Concept and Practice on Integrated Water Resources Management**

BWP in association with its partner organization Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) organized a 5 day long Training of Trainers (ToT) course on “Concept and Practice of Integrated Water Resources Management” from 16 to 20 April 2017 in Dhaka. The aim of the TOT was to introduce concept on IWRM among mid level professionals so that they can practice those in the respective fields and can arrange training on IWRM among other professionals. The training program was comprised of two parts; the theoretical part and the practical field work. The theoretical aspect of IWRM was covered in the first part with theoretical lectures on several concept, aspects, implications and applications prospects of IWRM. The practical field work was conducted as a case study on Hatirjheel water management intervention, a ‘light house’ project in the Dhaka city.

The inaugural session of the ToT course was held at CEGIS conference room on 16 April. The Senior Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan was kind enough to be present as the chief guest in the inaugural session. The President of Bangladesh Water Partnership, Dr K. Azharul Haque, was present as the Special Guest. The Vice President of Bangladesh Water Partnership, Hossain Shahid Mozaddad Faruque, was also present as a Guest of the Inaugural session. The session was Chaired by the Executive Director of CEGIS and Member JRC, Engineer Md. Waji Ullah. Around nineteen (19) participants from different organizations such as Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Department of Environment (DoE), Department of Agricultural Extension(DAE), Department of Forest (DoF), Dhaka WASA, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRRI), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), IWFM, BUET, Dhaka University, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA), Soil Resource Development Institute (SRDI), Institute of Water Modeling (IWM) and Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), from different disciplines with diverse experience participated in the Training Program.

Closing ceremony was also held at CEGIS premises on 20 April, 2017. Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (BUET), Professor Dr. Saiful Islam was present as the chief guest of the closing session. After successful completion of the five day long training Program the participants were awarded certificates of completion along with necessary training materials. The half day field word was conducted with a brief note on the case study, a short presentation and an interactive evaluation process.

The training was well contented with diverse subject arena , highly professional and well reputed resource persons from CEGIS and other institutions like Dhaka University, BRAC University, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) etc. The 5 days program was an inclusive attempt to institutionalize IWRM concept and its application by training mid level professionals working in the large water sector.

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

### **01. National Workshop on “Gender consideration in Integrated Water Resource Management in Bangladesh”**

Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies (BCAS), a partner organization of BWP, as the secretariat of CapNet-Bangladesh, organized a two day long national workshop entitled ‘Gender Consideration in Integrated Water Resource Management’ on 24 to 25 April 2016. The goal of this training of trainers’ course was to capacitate water professionals, capacity builders, local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure women involvement in the context of integrated water resources management. The aim of this workshop was to help policy makers and key practitioners in developing strong evidence based integrated, strategic approach to reducing gender discrimination and create equal space for women in IWRM which best suits their specific conditions and needs.

The main objectives of this workshop was to strengthen capacity of water managers at different levels of policy implementation, academics, community stakeholders with a view to disseminating gender sensitive IWRM knowledge among government and non-government water professionals, urban planners and water researchers to develop an integrated and interdisciplinary vision for achieving IWRM goals.

The two day long workshop has conducted in 10 sessions under two thematic areas

- a. Gender and Empowerment concepts and IWRM
- b. Gender Approaches in WASH and Agricultural water use

The sessions were followed by lecture, group discussion with Q/A slot.

The workshop targeted participants with knowledge and experience in capacity building and research in the field of gender sensitivity, women empowerment, and integration of women in water resource management etc. who can transfer the knowledge to professionals of any background working in the designated sector, and decision makers in general.

Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary, BWP and Ms. Ms. Hashibun Nahar Khanam, Steering Committee member, Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) participated actively in the workshop.