

# **Bangladesh Water Partnership**

## **Monthly Report**

### **February, 2017**

BWP has implemented the following activities in February 2017.

#### **❖ Under Core Workplan**

##### **01. The 56<sup>th</sup> EC meeting of BWP**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (EC) Meeting and the 1<sup>st</sup> for the year 2017 was held on 19 February 2017 at BWP Secretariat. A nine EC Members were present in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq, President, Bangladesh Water Partnership.

Main agenda of the meeting are being described below:

The meeting discussed on the status of implementation of the 2016 work plan under core and WACREP and plan for the implementation of 2017 work plan. The EC was informed that the work plan for 2016 was fully implemented and implementation partners were identified for 2017 work plan under core and WACREP. They were also informed about the activity, budget and time frame for implementation. The EC expressed its satisfaction on the status of both the work plans.

The committee was informed that BWP has revised two proposals under SDG Preparedness facilities and sent to GWP-SAS/GWPO for comments which is still awaited.

The Chair informed that an expert team of 4 members from Bangladesh participated in a regional workshop on South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS) was held on 30-31 January, 2017 at New Delhi. He also informed that the workshop mainly focused on operationalization of the developed SADMS to the member countries to assess and monitor the drought by the respective member countries.

Learning Delta Asia Initiative (LDAI) was another important agenda of the meeting. The EC was informed that GWPO initiated a joint Learning Agenda on Adaptive Delta Management between Bangladesh and Myanmar CWPs. The committee was also informed that the LDAI has been advanced and rescheduled to be held in Dhaka from 25-28 Feb' 2017 followed by a field trip to visit land reclamation area of Jamuna River at Sirajganj. A 4-Member delegation from Myanmar participated in the "Learning Process". In addition one participant from GWP-SAS and the Coordinator of the project Mr. Ariel Halpern of PROCASUR was also present. The committee was informed that the project is being implemented in collaboration with IWM a partner organization of BWP. A final report on LADI will be sent later.

Another important agenda was about locally raised funds for the year 2017. The EC was informed that in the current year BWP will have to raise funds locally both for core and WACREP activities. The EC was informed that BWP is in the process of raising funds locally and has already raised USD\$5,000 from WRG 2030 Group.

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

### **01. Youth Conference on climate change.**

The Divisional Commissioner of Barisal Division, the Office of the Divisional Director of the Department of Environment and Forest, Barisal and UNICEF Barisal Office have jointly organized a two days long Youth Conference on Climate Change 2017. The conference was held in Barishal Division (Southern part of Bangladesh) from 11 to 12 February 2017.

The conference engaged Youth groups, Universities, Members of the Parliament, policy makers, experts and concern stakeholders with an aim to promote and engage the youth to address the challenges of the impacts of climate change. About twenty five youth groups formed a network (YouthNet for Climate Justice) in Barisal to work together on climate change issues. The youth was in the center of organizing the conference on climate change in Barisal which provided them an opportunity to participate, share the experiences of climate change impact, vulnerabilities and works to be done in future.

One of the main objectives of the conference was to help build capacity of youth networks and other stakeholders on climate change issues. The network “YouthNet for Climate Justice” has developed a declaration during the conference. The “Barishal Youth Declaration” demanded protect of vulnerable coastal areas, islands and its communities. They also recommended building of a climate resilient and green Bangladesh. The conference was followed by inaugural session, concluding session, technical sessions and cycle rally. The events of the conference were covered by a number of social, electronic and printed media.

Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of BWP and the Youth Focal Point of GWP-South Asia was participate in the conference and presented a paper titled “Youth-The Prime Mover in Climate Resilient Sustainable Water Management: Lessons from Global Water Partnership” which was very well received by the audience.