

**Bangladesh Water Partnership**  
**Monthly Report**  
**July, 2017**

BWP has implemented the following activities in July 2017.

❖ **Under Core Workplan**

**01. 30<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of BWWN**

The 30<sup>th</sup> SC meeting of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) was held on 25 July 2017 at BWP secretariat. The objective of the meeting is to strengthen the BWWN. The main agenda of the meeting was to develop an outline for upcoming workshop on “Women’s easy access to safe water and sanitation service in low income community”, which has been scheduled to be held in October 2017. A total number of 7 members of BWWN were participate in the meeting.

**02. Improving knowledge and awareness build up on safe water management and climate change adaptation through gender sensitive secondary school Students.**

**Progress:**

- a. School selection, profiling and announcement for essay competition among the students have already been completed.
- b. The area water partnership has scheduled to organize a workshop on 5 August 2017 in the study area Norail district.
- c. A total number of 65 essays from 3 selected schools have been received. The theme of the essay competition is on “climate change adaptation and safe water management”.
- d. To monitor the progress of the event, Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Executive Committee (EC) Member of BWP has kindly agreed to participate in the event as a special guest on 5 August 2017.

❖ **Under WACREP Workplan**

**Activity-01: Ensuring sustainable access to water supply for the communities, living in the coastal areas, especially those of women and youth to bring about a qualitative change in their livelihood with special reference to climate change adaptation.”**

This activity, under strategic goal-02 & package-07 is being implemented by the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information System (CEGIS), a partner organization of BWP, has been identified to implement this activity.

The progress of the activity is as follows:

- Primary and secondary data has been completed & a draft report is under preparation.
- Three dissemination workshops have been scheduled to be held in August to discuss the survey findings and to solicit suggestions from the targeted population from the study areas i.e; Bagherhat, Borguna and Noakhali districts
- A final report will be then prepared incorporating the suggestions and feedback received from workshops.

### **Additional Activities:**

#### **❖ Multi Stakeholder Workshop on UN-WB High Level Panel on Water “Valuing Water Initiative”**

A multi stakeholder workshop on UN-WB High Level Panel on Water “Valuing Water Initiative” was held on 31 July 2017. The workshop aims was to assist HLPW to build momentum to accelerate and improve the way that governments, societies and the private sector use and manage water. One of its key deliverables is a set of shared principles to motivate and encourage governments, business and civil society to consider water’s multiple values, and to guide the transparent incorporation of these values into decision-making and of course assist in mobilizing action to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, many of which depend on managing water more effectively.

The workshop was participated by over 60 Experts from government organizations, NGOs, Development Partners, CBO’s, Semi Govt. Organizations, Research Organizations, Academia, Private sector, relevant stakeholders, foreign experts etc. The inaugural session was graced by the honorable state Minister, Mr. Muhammad Nazrul Islam, Ministry of Water Resources, as the Chief Guest. Ms. Suraiya Begum, Senior Secretary and HLPW Sherpa to the Hon’ Prime Minister of Bangladesh as special guest and HE Ms. Leonie Cuelenaere, Ambassador of Netherlands in Bangladesh as guest of honor. Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Chaired the inaugural session.

During the consultation a number of recommendations were forwarded by the participants, details of which will be included in the report being prepared by the global and national facilitators. The report is expected to be submitted on or before 14 August 2017.