

## Sharing Experience Between Water Utility Networks



BWP and Water Sector Project (WSP) of the World Bank organized a workshop on 'Collaboration and Sharing Experience to Strengthen the Water Utility Network Activities' at the World Bank office, Dhaka on 19 April 2011. The participants included Mayor of Munshiganj, Gazipur and Shatkhira Municipalities. Mr. Shahidul Hassan, President, BWP chaired the workshop. The workshop reviewed Bangladesh Water Utility Network (BAWUN) of BWP and Urban Water Utility Network activities and discussed the critical issues of urban water supply.

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Executive Member, BWP presented the historical back ground of establishment of BAWUN and SAWUN and their activities. He told that BAWUN was established in 2008 to develop strong network of water utilities in

Bangladesh and linkage with SAWUN, build database for performance indicators for improved water supply and sanitation services, facilitate the water utilities for setting up governance and management body and achieve operational and financial sustainability (such as reduce non-revenue water, full cost recovery) through capacity building and performance improvement of water utilities. The workshop will influence contribute to organize joint program by BAWUN and World Bank on

benchmarking and performance improvement of water utilities and their capacity building, develop linkage of water utilities with SAWUN, enroll membership of SAWUN from Bangladesh, improve communication between SAWUN and water utilities in the country, identify other collaboration areas and share of knowledge and experience.

## World Water Day

Bangladesh observes World Water Day through various activities every year. On this occasion a seminar was organised on 'Water for Cities: Responding to Urban Challenge' on 23 March 2011 at Dhaka. Minister and State Minister and Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, were present as Chief Guest and Special Guests, respectively. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, Director General, BWDB chaired the seminar. The seminar was organized with support by BWP member organizations including Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO), Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (DWASA), Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information System (CEGIS) and Institute of Water Modelling (IWM).

A key note paper was presented by Dr. Liakath Ali, Deputy Managing Director, DWASA. The paper focused on the status of water supply, sanitation and storm water drainage of Dhaka city. Dr. Ali indicated that excess use of ground water would make the resource unsustainable. He presented a plan to increase surface water based projects to share 50 percent of water supply within the next five years. Dr. Ali suggested that the population in 2020 would be 15.5 million with a water supply demand of around 3500 MLD to supply water to urban slums which house 30 percent of the city population. Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, Chief of Planning, BWDB emphasised the need for accommodating possible impact of climate change on the temporal and special distribution of rainfall which will eventually have an influence on water availability in Dhaka city.



**T. A. Khan, BWP Secretary General at a workshop on World Water Day in Khulna**

Bhairab River Area Water Partnership (AWP) and Initiative for Right View (IRV) organized a workshop at Khulna city with BWP support on 'Present Status of Water Supply in Khulna City and Way Forward'. Mr. Talukder Abdul Khaleque, Mayor, Khulna City Corporation (KCC), was present as Chief Guest. Dr. Tarun Kanti Sikdar, Director, Department of Environment (DOE) and Ms. Amena Halim Beby and Mr. Sk. Ali Akbar Tipu, Councilors, KCC were



**Mr. Md. Abdullah, Managing Director, Khulna WASA, presents his keynote paper**

present as special guests. The seminar was chaired by Advocate. Firoz Ahmed, Convener, Bhairab River AWP. Mr. Kazi Zaved Khalid Pasha, Coordinator, IRV inaugurated the workshop. A video documentary on the status of water supply in Khulna city and prospect was shown by Mr. Kausik Ahmed, Secretary, Southwest Youth Water Forum. Secretary General, BWP was present at the workshop.

In his speech Mayor told that KCC was trying to resolve the water crisis. According to him severe pollution of Rupsha River on the east of the city is a major issue in resolving the crisis. This issue prevails throughout the coastal area in the southwest region. Upstream water flow disappears during the dry season. On the other hand, the saline area in his region needs priority on the surface water supply. He suggested for workable solutions to ensure adequate water supply in this area. He stressed on the improvement of navigability of the Gorai River which is the main source of sweet water supply for the coastal region.

Mr. Md. Abdullah, Managing Director, Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (KWASA) presented a keynote paper on 'Present Status of Water Supply in Khulna City and Way Forward'. His presentation focused on source of drinking water and sanitation situation, background of water supply and present water supply system Khulna city, salinity levels in the rivers, water resources development plan, and management and operation and future development plan of KWASA. He indicated that KWASA can supply only about 227 MLD of water against the demand of 945 MLD for 1.5 million inhabitants. Director, DOE suggested for integrated approach to solve the water problems of Khulna city. BWP Secretary General highlighted the future water demand with the increase in population. Ms. Nausin Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Southwest Youth Water Forum presented a paper on 'Pollution of Bhairab River'.



**Md. Fazlullah, Managing Director, CWASA, presents key note paper in seminar on World Water Day in Chittagong**

Chittagong WASA organised a seminar on 28 March 2011 with BWP support. Presided by Mr. Md. Fazlullah, Managing Director, CWASA, a key note paper on 'Status of Water Supply in Chittagong: Problems and Prospects' was presented by Mr. Izaz Rasul, Superintending Engineer CWASA. Dr. K.Azharul Haq, Executive Committee Member, BWP was present as special guest. In his presentation Mr. Izaz explained historical development of CWASA. According to the description, CWASA supplies 278 MLD of water which meets 40 percent of the demand for 4 million people. Source of the remainder is ground water pumped by own arrangement. Performance of CWASA is significantly lower than DWASA in terms of key indicators including NRW and revenue collection.

CWASA has a favourable balance between surface and ground water. Presently, Chittagong city has no piped sewerage system. Septic tanks effluents and waste water are discharged in open drains. Korea International Cooperation Agency (KICA) has prepared Master Plan in 2009 with identification of priority sewerage project with STP at South Halishahar. Chittagong City Corporation has constructed RCC box culvert storm water drainage but it is totally out of condition inadequate for improvement.

Managing Director, CWASA told that necessary funds had been mobilized and construction begun in one water treatment plant with a capacity of 90 MLD. At the same time CWASA has initiated preparation of master plan with assistance of KICA.

### **Workshop on Arsenic Mitigation**

In association with EPRC and Garnet-SA, BWP has organized a workshop on arsenic mitigation in Kalia Upazila, Narail district on 23 March 2011. Representatives of local government and NGO, school teachers and water management caretakers of EPRC drinking water points were the participants. The objectives of the workshop were to provide understanding about the existing drinking

water condition and educate the people at grass root level about the arsenic mitigation options on climate change adaptation perspectives. Mr. Md Abu Zahid, EPRC chaired the workshop. Mr. Mr. Mollah Shahid Alam, President Upazila Primary Teachers Association and Mr. Md Milton Shaik, Secretary of Upazila Primary Teachers Association were present as special guests. Mr. Sohel Rana, Research Officer, EPRC described objectives of the workshop and highlighted the importance of World Water Day.

### **ToT Course on IWRM**



**Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Member, BWP Executive Committee at the concluding session of the TOT course on IWRM**

A training of trainer (TOT) course was organized on 'IWRM and its Practices for Regional Level Water Manager' by BWP and CEGIS. The objective of the six-day course from 21 to 26 May 2011 was to strengthen knowledge sharing and communications and capacity building. Professionals of various institutions involved in natural resources management were the participants of the course. The major contents of the course were IWRM concepts, methods and IWRM practices in Bangladesh and field work. The course will contribute to improve capability of the participants in organizing training course on IWRM in their respective organizations as well as in organizing and motivating different groups of stakeholders to carryout their activities according to IWRM principles

### **Training Workshop on IWRM**

The Bhairab River and Gorai River Basin AWP and Initiative for Right View (IRV) organized a training workshop on IWRM on 13 May 2011 at Khulna. The participants included representatives from Southwest Water Youth Forum, Gorai River Basin AWP and IPSWAM Water Management Group. Dr. Muhammad Alomgir, Vice- Chancellor, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology was present as Chief Guest. Mr. Firoz Ahmed, Convener, Bhairab River AWP chaired the workshop. Principal Rehana Akter was present



**Training Workshop on IWRM at Khulna**

Special Guest. Mr. Safikul Islam Bhuban, Organizing Secretary, Bangladesh Southwest Water Youth Forum described the objectives of the training workshop. Mr Mollah Safikur Rahman, Associate Professor, Environment Science Mollah Safikur Rahman, Associate Professor, Environment Science Discipline, Khulna University urged government to take initiative for integrated development of agriculture, fisheries with salinity control. The resource personnel of the training workshop included Ms. Nazia Hasan, Lecturer, Environment Science Discipline, Khulna University; Zihan Al Tuhin, Assistant Engineer, LGED, Khulna; and Md. Azizur Rahman, Senior Zonal Trainer, IPSWAM. The workshop focused on IWRM for Youth Forum. It covered objective and mandate of IWRM water policy, water resources management issues in Bangladesh, economic dimension of IWRM, natural system of integration, gender and water, youth forum and IWRM in Bangladesh.

### **Halda River AWP Activities**

Halda River AWP organized a dissemination workshop on IWRM principles and importance for future water security in association with a local NGO NOWZUAN. The workshop was held on 20 February 2011 to create awareness about river protection from pollution and encroachment among the people of Halda River Basin in Chittagong. It was participated by fishers, traders, entrepreneurs, students, journalists, government officials, and NGO staff. Mr. Kazi Md. Shafiul Alam Director, Family Planning was present as Chief Guest and Mr. M.H Choudhury, Chief Executive, NOWZUAN coordinated the program. The Chief Guest appealed government and non-government organizations, civil societies, stakeholders to join together for the protection of Halda River environment. Mr. Keshob Kumar Barua, President of local press club and Raozan Fisheries Society urged for the eco-friendly use of Halda River. Later folk songs and poetry were presented at the workshop by renowned local Kabial (versifier) Mr. Md.Abu Yusuf and his team. Ms. Sazeda Choudhury, Vice-Chairman of Raozan upazila, Mr. Zakir Hossain, Team Leader of Halda project and

Mr. Md. Elias, President of Halda River Raksha (protection) Committee were also present.

### **International River Protection Day**

NOWZUAN, a local NGO and Halda Area Youth Forum with BWP support organized human chain, rally and meetings to observe International River Protection Day in Chittagong on 7 May 2011. Fisher community, students, journalists, civil society and NGOs staff were the participants. Mr. Anjon Chandro Pal, Rawzan Upazila Nirbahi Officer was present as Chief Guest at the meeting. Mr Shofiquel



**Human Chain in Chittagong on the International River Protection Day**

Islam Chowdhury former Pouroshoba (municipality) Mayor presided the meeting. Mr Abdus Salam, a Social Leader and Mr Sofiul Alam, local Journalist were present as Special Guests. Mr Anisuzzaman Khan, Team Leader, Halda River Development Project coordinated the Program. Similar programs were organized on the following day at Hathazari Upazila. Principal Md Ismail Hossain, Upazila Chairman was present as Chief Guest at the meeting. Mr Mahabubul Alam Chowdhury Upazila Vice-Chairman, Mr. Keshob Kumar Barua President Hatazari Press Club, Mr Najim Uddin Khokhon Student Leader, Mr Ali Azam Chowdhury Social Leader, Mr. Mahabubul Aalam, Union Parishad (Council) member and member of the Halda River beneficiary group were present at the workshop.

### **Workshop in Coastal Region**

Initiative for Right View (IRV) and Bhairab River Basin AWP organized a workshop on 'Water Problem in South-west Coastal Region in Perspective of Climate Change' in Khulna on 7 June 2011. BWP supported the initiative to build an effective network. Professor Dr. Mohammad Faekuzzaman, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Khulna University was present as Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Ramjan Ali Paramanik, Executive Engineer, Water Development Board, Mr. Mollah Safikur Rahman, Associate Professor, Environmental Science Discipline, Khulna University were present as

Special Guests. The workshop was chaired by Advocate. Firoz Ahmed, Conveyer, Bhairab River Basin Area Water Partnership. Mr. Kushol Roy, Lecturer, Environmental Science Discipline, Khulna



**Consultation Workshop at Narail district**

University presented keynote paper on 'Water Security and Climate Change'. The workshop was moderated by Marina Juthi, Secretary, BWWN and Associate Coordinator, IRV. The keynote paper covered climate change tidbits, Bangladesh climate change past and future projections, water security issues and immediate concerns.

### **Consultation Workshop at Naboganga and Chitra River Basin Area**

Naboganga and Chitra River Basin Area Water Partnership organized a consultation workshop on 25th January 2011 in Narail district in the southwest region of Bangladesh. Naboganga and Chitra River and its tributaries support most part of this second smallest district in Bangladesh. The objectives of this workshop were to create awareness about the issues described under the aim of the AWP in 2011, discuss the existing water challenges, update the AWP committee and plan future activities. Dr. Bilqis Amin Hoque, BWP Executive Committee Member, President, Environment and Population Research Centre (EPRC), and Principal Investigator of the AWP presided over the workshop. Mr. Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director, Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Mr. Anwar Hossain, Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) and Mr. S. M. Anamul Haque, District Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries, were present as special guests. Ms. Sufia Khanam, Research Coordinator, EPRC highlighted the purpose of the workshop and activities of the Naboganga and the Chitra River Basin AWP. The workshop was organized by EPRC in collaboration with BAUL (GARNET-SA member organization) and with assistance by Naboganga Chitra AWP Committee members and support by BWP.

The participants included local people, local government representatives, teachers, social leaders and NGOs, DPHE, LGED, DAE and DOF staff.

### **Study on Irrigation System**

The Study on Productivity of Land in Diverse Irrigation System in Bangladesh completed in May 2011. The study was included in 2010 work plan to assess the technical, institutional and economical feasibility of these irrigation management systems with a developed questionnaire to ascertain the productivity of land with the financial support of BWP. According to the findings of the study most of the irrigation equipments in Bangladesh are installed and managed by various groups or organizations. These were categorized into public managed irrigation, private owned and operated irrigation, and public developed and community managed irrigation systems. The systems vary on efficiency and management practice. The study recommended for comprehensive assessment of technical, institutional and economical feasibility of irrigation management systems in the country for the productive use of water in crop production accompanied by efficient management capability.

### **Achievement of MDG Goals**

In collaboration with Research, Training and Management (RTM) International, a local consulting firm, BWP has carried out a study to assess the status of achievement of MDG goals in the water and sanitation sector. Household survey was undertaken in rural and urban areas in seven administrative divisions in the country. The data were analyzed to draw inference if Bangladesh would achieve MDG by 2015. In 2003, Bangladesh government envisaged that the country would have full coverage in water supply and sanitation by 2010. The study found very low coverage in low-lying haor and in hilly areas. Many households of the hardcore poverty group in these areas could not afford to buy sanitary hardware. They were found to be reluctant to spend for installing latrine without any support. For example hardware supply free of cost or at subsidized rate. The BBS-UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey in 2006 assessed that 39.2 percent of the population used sanitary means of excreta disposal. The study suggests that it could take 20 to 25 years to achieve the target of full coverage. Access to safe drinking water was almost common excepting that some households in hilly areas still use springs or fountain water. Program can be taken to support them on water purification in areas where tube well installation is not possible. Other options for safe water supply in the remote hilly villages can be examined.

### **Integrated Management in Mining Sand**

A seminar on 'Importance of Integrated Management in Mining Sand from the Riverbeds of Bangladesh' was held on 24 August 2011. Mr. Shahidul Hasan, President, BWP chaired the seminar.



Mr. Shahidul Hasan, President, BWP chairs seminar on Integrated Management in Mining Sand

Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Secretary General, BWP presented a keynote paper. The presentation described the sources and use of river sand and present status of sand mining. With reference to the status of current draft on sand mining policy, the paper recommended for integrated management in mining sand from the riverbeds. Md. Makbul Hossain, Director General, WARPO and Dr. Bilqis Amin Hoque BWP Executive Committee Member, were the designated discussants. The seminar was organized by Save Our Urban Life (SOUL) with BWP support. The findings of the seminar were widely publicized by local media. The participants of the seminar stressed on the creation of public awareness on the adverse affect of unplanned sand mining.

### IWRM Framework

Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) supported by BWP has carried out a study on Urban Flood Risk Management Framework for Dhaka City to Combat the Threat of Climate Change. Dhaka mega city with a population of about 20 million experience urban and river flooding, water logging, earth quake, fire hazard, traffic congestion and different anthropogenic problems. The city is bounded by a river network. It experiences about 2,000 mm of rain fall annually, of which 80 percent during the monsoon. Flooding associated with river water overflow and rain water stagnation is the major problems. The drainage capacity of the city decreases alarmingly due to development of unauthorized settlements and illegal occupation of drainage canals and wetlands. The drainage depends largely on the water levels of the peripheral river systems. The CEGIS study focused on the urban flooding on the north part of the city as a result of climate change. It attempted to develop a flood risk management framework for Dhaka city.

### Workshop on Climate Change

A workshop on 'Climate Change Information and Best Practices on Climate Change Adaptation' was held on 28 December 2011 at Dhaka. It was



Participants in the seminar on Climate Change

organized by CEGIS in association with BWP. The objective of the workshop was to disseminate climate change information and best practices on climate change adaptation in the southwestern part of Bangladesh. Mr Giasuddin Ahmed Choudhury, Executive Director, CEGIS presented a keynote paper. The participants were from government, semi-government, autonomous, NGOs, and universities. They are involved in climate change and natural resource management activities. The participants recommended for linking up of micro aspects of climate change, increasing height of the coastal embankments and taking initiative by IWM and CEGIS to fill up knowledge gap that might exist while linking up micro aspects. Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Project Director, ESPP, BWDB, Mr. Md. Lutfur Rahman, Chief Scientific Officer, River Research Institute, Faridpur Mr. Emaduddin Ahmed, Team Leader, IWM, Dr. Nilufa Islam, WARPO, Mr. Md. Shamim Hasan Bhuyian, Meteorologist, BMD, Md. Shahjahan, DG, WARPO and BWP President Mr. Md Shahidul Hassan and Executive Committee members were present in the workshop and participated in the discussion.

### Plumbing Fixtures



BWP has supported Mr. Abul Basher Khan, Water and Sanitation Specialist to carryout a study on plumbing fixtures for conservation of water. Piped water supply coverage in most of the cities in Bangladesh is significantly low. The cities include two metropolises, four city corporations and 308 Paurashavas (municipalities). In addition to these, 108 Paurashavas towns have piped water supply systems. Municipalities are mainly responsible for the operation of the piped systems. However, semi-

autonomous Water and Sewerage Authorities (WASAs) are responsible for the operation in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna. The cities face shortage of water supply. Groundwater is the major source of water supply. Aquifer yields to meet the growing demand for water have already become limited. As a result, surface water could be a major source. Piped water supply covers 83 percent in Dhaka 41 percent in Chittagong and 18 percent in Khulna city. Expansion of piped water supply is required to increase the coverage.

The study recommended that periodic maintenance and plumbing fixtures of the systems will contribute to control leakages in pipelines and early deterioration of pipes, fittings, pumps and wells.

### Water and Environmental Problems

A seminar on 'Water and Environmental Problems in Padma-Gorai Rivers: Role of Elected Representative from Local Government' by Garai River AWP in cooperation with BWP. It was held on 29 September 2011 in Kushtia district and participated by government and NGOs officials, reporters and journalists. Prof. Dr. Anwarul Karim, Executive Director, Folklore Research Institute Bangladesh (FRIB) and Chairman, Gorai AWP chaired the seminar. Mr. Babu Bonmali Bhoumik, Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia district was the



**Seminar on Water and Environmental Problems**

Chief Guest. Mr. Obaidur Rahman, Superintendent Engineer, Bangladesh Water Development Board and Dr. Abdul Karim Khan, former Dean, Law Department, Islami University, Kushtia were present as Special Guests. Mr. M. A. Kader, Director, FRIB described the objectives of the seminar. These included review status of water quality of the Gorai River and its tributaries and develop awareness among the communities for environment pollution. Prof Shafiu Islam, Geography Department, Kushtia Government College presented a paper on the current situation of Gorai River and the impacts and problems arisen due to decreasing fresh water supply in its catchment area. Prof. Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University and PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia presented a paper.

### Meeting on Safe Water

A knowledge sharing meeting was held at Halda River Area on 'Safe Water: Need & Necessity'. In cooperation with a local NGO NOWZUWAN, BWP



**Meeting on Safe Water in Rawzan upazila**

has organized the meeting on 28 July 2011 at Nari Unnayan Shokti (Women Development Force) in Hathazari upazila to motivate women about the importance of water conservation, river protection and pollution control. Mrs. Shajeda Begum Chowdhury, Upazila Mohilla (Female) Vice-Chairman was the Chief Guest of the meeting. In her speech, she emphasized on women role in water conservation and protection from pollution. Mr. Keshob Kumar Barua, President Hathazari Press



**Meeting on Safe Water in Hathazari upazila**

Club; Mr Ilias Sha, President of Halda Beneficiary Motshay Shamiti ((Fishery Association) were present as Special Guests. Mr. Md. Anisuzzaman Khan, Team Leader of Halda River Restoration Project presided the discussion meeting. The participants included students, housewives, health workers and NGO workers.

Similar meeting was held at Rawzan upazila town within Halda River catchment area on 1 August 2011. Upazila Mohilla Vice-Chairman Fowzia Khanam Mina was present as Chief Guest. In her speech, she recounted that Halda River generously supplies water and fish and provides navigation facilities for centuries. Now, pollution of water and

encroachment by land grabbers threatened the river existence. It is now our responsibility to protect the river and women being one of the major stakeholders should play a key role in restoring the river. She reiterated. Mr. Mozibur Islam, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Ms. Jahanara Hana, Networking and Advocacy officer, NOWZAWAN was present as special guests. Ms. Bejoia Lakshmi Dabe, Principal, Nowapara Collage presented the keynote paper. Alhaj Md. Didarul Islam Chowdhury Chairman of Nowapara Union Council chaired the meeting. The participants included students and teachers.

### Enhancing Participation of Women



**BWWN Workshop in Dhaka**

Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) organized a seminar on ‘Enhancing Effective Participation of Women through Water Policies of Bangladesh’ at Dhaka city on 10 October 2011 with BWP financial assistance. The participants were woman officials from government and non government organizations. BWWN Coordinator Ms. Begum Shansun Nahar of BWWN described the background and objectives of the seminar. Among other BWP Executive Members including Mr. Mohammad Zamir, Ms. Lailunnahar Ekram and Dr. K. Azharul Haq were present as special guests.

Two papers were presented at the seminar by BWWN Members. The paper on Women’s Participation in Irrigation Water Management by Ms. Nayeema Naznin Naz highlighted the National Water Policy to enhance the role of women in water management. She described that LGED designs and develops irrigation infrastructure with the formation of women-friendly water users associations. LGED has employed 17,000 women in the development of irrigation infrastructure and 2,164 of women in the decision making process in two completed SSWR projects in the country. Ms. Nayeema Khatun, member of BWWN and as designated speaker presented a paper on Detailed Area Plan (DAP) of Dhaka – A Potential Guideline of Water-Body and Open Space Protection through

Community Participation. She suggested that so far as the Dhaka city’s planned spatial development and development control was concerned, DAP had no alternative. It was not only that its absence had hampered undertaking of necessary development projects by RAJUK but instead it led to the uncontrolled and undesirable spatial growth under private sector projects. Indeed, the latter forced RAJUK to complete the DAP component of DMDP.

### BWP Annual General Meeting

The 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BWP was held on 17 December 2011. It was the 9th AGM since the foundation of BWP. Mr. Md. Shahidul Hassan, President, BWP chaired the meeting. Secretary General, BWP presented the annual report and auditor report of BWP. The meeting approved the reports with few minor observations.

### BWP Executive Committee Meeting

The 32nd meeting of the BWP Executive Committee was held on 22 January, 2011. The major decisions taken in the meeting included implementation and monitoring of the specific components of the work plan by Executive Committee members and appointment of Ms. Reba Paul as part-time consultant of BWP.

The 33rd meeting of the BWP Executive Committee was held on 14 May 2011. It reviewed progress on the implementation of 2011 work plan and the approved the new BWP constitution. It was reported at the meeting that 5 of 15 target activities in 2011 were completed. Monthly progress reports covered the summary of the completed activities. The remaining 10 activities were progressing satisfactorily. The revised constitution was finalized to submit for approval by Social Welfare Department. The meeting agreed to appoint Ms. K. M. Zeba Rahman, Engineer as Executive Secretary and Ms. Mukta Akter as Administrative and Accounts Officer.

The 34th Executive Committee meeting was held on 22 October 2011. The agenda included review of the progress of the implementation of 2011 work plan, approval of the new constitution of the BWP and appointment of auditor for auditing the accounts of 2011 calendar year.

The 35th Executive Committee meeting was held on 26 December 2011. The major agenda were implementation plan of 2012 work plan of BWP, initiation of Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) activities and participation of 6th World Water Forum (WWF6) at Marseille, France.