

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) Supported Integrated Water Resources Management, Capacity Building, Advocacy, and Awareness Programs in the Year 2024

21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BWP

The 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) for the year 2022 was held on 20 January 2024 at the Conference Room, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Executive Engineer Office, Dhaka. BWP executive committee, general members, and representatives of partner organizations of BWP participated in the meeting. Mr. Moshir Rahman PEng, President, BWP chaired the meeting. The Secretary General's report was presented by Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Secretary General, BWP. The report was appreciated by the audience. The summary of the audit report 2022 was presented by President, BWP for Members' approval. He informed to the house that Audit Report 2022 was approved by GWPO, which was audited by the firm Shafiq Mizan Rahman & Augustine. The Audit Report of BWP for 2022 was approved in the AGM as both GWP and NGO Affairs Bureau had no objection in the management and financial reports. The lowest bidder (Mahfel Haq & Co.) was selected for Audit for the year 2023 of BWP. Also, Progress under work plan for 2023 and programs under work plan for 2024 were discussed.



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Water Replenishment and Corporate Water Stewardship Initiatives



BWP's Meghna River visit promoted corporate water stewardship with Hamdard WAQF and Reliance Bangladesh under the Water Replenishment Project.



In March 2024, BWP conducted a pivotal field visit to the Meghna River as part of the Water Replenishment Project, engaging with Hamdard Laboratories WAQF Bangladesh and Reliance Bangladesh LNG and Power Limited. These strategic meetings focused on promoting corporate water stewardship practices and understanding their environmental sustainability ethos. A comprehensive report was produced by BWP as an output to the financial assistance provided under water replenishment initiatives in 2023.

Intergenerational Dialogues on Severity of Natural Water Resources Degradation by RUN

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), in collaboration with RUN, Barishal, organized a program to amplify youth voices in addressing the degradation of natural water resources, associated hazards, and challenges in development accountability. The program featured case studies and video documentation, highlighting environmental hazards, conservation needs, and sustainable infrastructure development. Key discussions led to the formation of a district task force to assess encroachment, prepare a master plan with detailed documentation, and estimate budgets for demarcation, eviction, and conservation of canals and rivers. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for long-term planning and committed to presenting the recommendations to the Ministry of Water Resources for phased implementation. The program raised awareness of Integrated Water output to the financial assistance



BWP and RUN Barishal hosted a program on water resource conservation, forming a task force and promoting IWRM and nature-based solutions.

provided under water replenishment initiatives in 2023. Resources Management (IWRM), climate-related migration, and gendered impacts of water scarcity, while fostering collaboration among government officials, activists, and youth. It highlighted the importance of nature-based solutions and governance in ensuring water security and environmental resilience. Participants, including youth changemakers, gained critical insights into policy gaps, actionable strategies, and the interconnectedness of water resources, climate change, and societal challenges.

Strategic Meeting with IWFM, BUET

On May 6, 2024, the Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) and the Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM), BUET, held a strategic meeting at IWFM, BUET. This meeting emphasized strengthening their partnership, aligned with the goals outlined in their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



Strategic meeting between BWP and IWFM, BUET

BWP Executive Committee Meetings

Throughout the year, BWP held four Executive Committee meetings (83rd–86th), providing strategic oversight and reviewing project progress. These sessions facilitated impactful decision-making, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and stakeholder expectations.

The EC Meetings (83–84th, 85th, and 86th) were held respectively on 04 May, 12 July, and 09 November 2024. The main agenda of the meetings included discussion on the WIN Project on WASH, Informal Settlements & Integrity (WISI), initiatives and scope for locally raised funds, Change of EC Member from NGO, selection of new EC Member from IWFM, BUET, appointing new Accounts Officer of BWP, etc.



BWP Executive Committee Meeting

Technical Support to WRG 2030

BWP provided technical support in Bangladesh Water Multi Stakeholder Partnership-10th National Steering Board Meeting held in May 2024. The meeting was chaired by the Cabinet Secretary where BWP was recognized for its prestigious role in providing technical support to WRG 2030, highlighting its commitment to sustainable water resource management.



Bangladesh Water Multi Stakeholder Partnership-10th National Steering Board Meeting supported by BWP

Regional Programs

World Water Forum

Ms. Nazmun Naher, Country Coordinator of BWP represented us at the 10th World Water Forum, actively participating in the Session: "Strengthening Resilience: Capacity Building for Gender-Inclusive Proactive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management" held on May 22, 2024, in Bali, Indonesia. This critical discussion focused on integrating gender perspectives into disaster risk reduction.



Country Coordinator, BWP sharing her insights on advancing gender-inclusive disaster management

WASH, Informal Settlements & Integrity (WISI) Project

The Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) launched the WASH, Informal Settlements & Integrity (WISI) project, funded by the Water Integrity Network (WIN), Berlin, as part of WIN's 2023-2033 strategy, "*Catalysing a Culture of Integrity*." The project aims to enhance WASH services in Khulna's informal settlements by driving policy reform, strengthening civil society, and empowering marginalized communities. Through collaboration with community-based organizations, grassroots groups, and government stakeholders, BWP seeks to promote integrated water resource management and sustainable WASH solutions in the region.



Country Coordinator of BWP with Barbara Schreiner, Executive Director of Water Integrity Network in 10th World Water Forum

In-Country Workshop on Built Water Storage in South Asia



View from In-Country Workshop held on 12 June 2024

On June 12, 2024, the Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS) hosted a consultation meeting for the "Built Water Storage in South Asia Project" at Golden Tulip the Grandmark Dhaka. The event brought together regional water experts to address critical water storage challenges in South Asia. Distinguished guests included Mr. Md. Rezaul Maksud Jahedi, Director General of the Water Resources Planning Organization, as Chief Guest, alongside Special Guests Mr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman and Mr. Malik Fida A Khan. BWP President Mr. Moshir Rahman PEng. chaired the session, while General Secretary Md. Siddiqur Rahman delivered the welcome address. Technical sessions showcased key findings on water storage policy, institutional frameworks, and mapping in Bangladesh, with experts providing constructive feedback to strengthen these studies. This collaborative initiative aims to bolster adaptive capacity, improve water security, and contribute to sustainable water management across South Asia.

Meeting on Yarlung Zangbo-Brahmaputra River Basin (YBBN)

On July 16-17, 2024, the Bangladesh Water Development Board and ICIMOD, Nepal, jointly organized a partner consultation on *Managing Cryosphere and Water Risks in Bangladesh* and a stakeholder meeting for the Yarlung Zangbo-Brahmaputra River Basin (YBBN) at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka. The event brought together around 30 participants from national institutions focusing on water resource management, disaster risk preparedness, climate change adaptation, and river basin management. Discussions centered on enhancing ICIMOD's collaboration with Bangladeshi partners to address climate-related hazards such as cyclones, floods, and droughts. Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Secretary General of BWP, played a key role in identifying joint areas for collaboration and potential partnerships to manage cryosphere and water risks effectively.



YBBN Partner consultation and Stakeholder meeting

Collaborative Partnership with Marga Institute, Sri Lanka

In 2024, the Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) signed an MoU with the Marga Institute, Sri Lanka, to collaborate on research in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), WASH, climate change adaptation, and socio-economic analysis. Two strategic meetings focused on cross-country WASH policy analysis and strengthening regional collaboration on water and environmental challenges. With a legacy of over 1,500 studies in social, economic, and political dimensions of human development, the Marga Institute's multidisciplinary expertise—spanning areas like international migration, peacebuilding, and early childhood education—will enhance the partnership's impact and research endeavors.

Training Programs and Ongoing Projects

ToT on Integrated Water Resources Management for Water Professionals

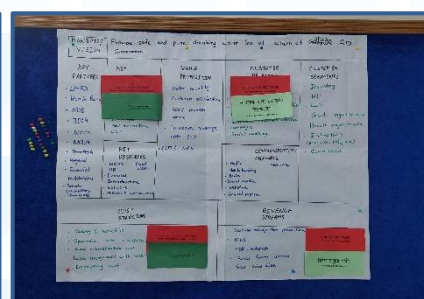
The Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), in collaboration with CEGIS, organized a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) program on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) from 10 to 14 November 2024. The program aimed to strengthen the capacity of 22 water professionals from various organizations by enhancing their understanding of IWRM principles and practices. The training emphasized coordinated and participatory management of water resources, considering environmental, social, and economic impacts in policy, planning, and monitoring. Participants also visited the Goran Chatbari Project area to assess the practical application of IWRM principles and identify gaps. The program effectively advanced participants' capacity to apply IWRM in policymaking and project implementation. An evaluation showed that most participants met their learning objectives and achieved their expectations.



Water professionals engaged in practical sessions during the IWRM Training, inspecting Goran Chatbari Project and applying principles learned

Training on Integrity in WASH (InWASH) by Water Integrity Network (WIN)

On August 22, 2024, the Water Integrity Network (WIN) and NGO Forum for Public Health organized a training on *Integrity in WASH (InWASH)* in Dhaka. The session focused on addressing corruption and strengthening integrity in the water and sanitation sectors, equipping participants with tools to apply the InWASH process. The event fostered collaboration among key stakeholders, advancing efforts to promote sustainable WASH practices and enhance service integrity in Bangladesh.



Participants of the WIN training program and practical session on InWASH tools

WISI project of WIN

The Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), under the WASH, Informal Settlements & Integrity (WISI) project funded by WIN, conducted field visits in Khulna's informal settlements in July and October 2024. Led by BWP President Mr. Moshir Rahman, the team collaborated with NGOs and KWASA, establishing a partnership with Nabolok. The visits assessed WASH conditions and finalized training content for community groups, with plans for upcoming training and dialogues between KWASA and local communities.



CBO and Youth groups

Rehabilitation of the Bdhakhali Bill

The Rehabilitation of Bdhakhali Beel project, funded by BWP and implemented by Initiative for Right View (IRV), addressed water management issues affecting 50,000 people in Bagerhat Sadar Upazila. The beel, spanning 7,000 acres, faces waterlogging and shortages due to broken sluice gates and illegal encroachments. With a budget of BDT 25,000, the project conducted site visits, focus group discussions, and a workshop to develop an action plan. Key recommendations included repairing sluice gates, excavating canals, and improving governance to restore the beel and support sustainable livelihoods.

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