

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) Supported Integrated Water Resources Management, Capacity Building, Advocacy, Awareness Programs - Publications in the Year 2025

Integrity Training Workshop (InWASH)

From January 5–9, 2025, BWP conducted a training at Nabolok on “Water Integrity in WASH Services” in Khulna’s informal settlements of Montu Kaloni and Nurani Mahalla under the WISI initiative, with support from the Water Integrity Network (WIN). The program strengthened the capacity of community members, youth groups, and CBOs on legal water rights, access mechanisms, and TAPA principles (transparency, accountability, participation, and anti-corruption).



Training and Group work sessions in the integrity training workshop

National Consultation on Water Integrity

On January 22, 2025, BWP participated in a national consultation on Water Integrity Management, sharing lessons from its Khulna InWASH initiative on using tools like TAPA and AHP to address water governance gaps. During the event, BWP formally joined BAWIN, reinforcing national efforts to strengthen integrity, accountability, and anti-corruption practices in WASH services across Bangladesh.



Md. Shahidul Hasan, EC member, BWP is delivering his valuable insights at BAWIN meeting

Assessment of KWASA Service Areas

On January 10, 2025, BWP carried out a technical field visit to KWASA’s water treatment plant and low-income service areas in Khulna to assess the water integrity in Khulna City. Following WHO protocols, the findings will support water quality improvements, community advocacy, and accountability-focused dialogue with



KWASA water treatment facilities

Strategic Meeting with WIN on Textile Water Governance

On January 23, 2025, BWP held a strategy meeting with WIN to explore expanding the water integrity agenda into Bangladesh’s industrial water sector, particularly the textile industry in peri-urban areas such as Gazipur, Savar, and Narayanganj. Building on lessons from the WISI project, BWP proposed a joint pilot on industrial integrity assessments, focusing on ETP compliance risks, stakeholder mapping, and community-based pollution monitoring, with the aim of improving transparency, equity, and accountability in industrial water governance.



Meeting with Mary Galvin on WIN project and future collaboration

National Stakeholder Consultation on Drought Risk Management

On February 22, 2025, BWP organized a national-level consultation in Dhaka to address the escalating challenges of climate-induced droughts. With participants from government agencies, academia, and civil society, the event assessed current policy gaps and developed recommendations for early warning systems, nature-based solutions, and transboundary cooperation. BWP facilitated discussions on localized adaptation and proposed the formation of a national drought resilience platform. The event supported BWP's role under the GWP South Asia regional drought initiative and set the foundation for subsequent project endorsements under the Ministry of Water Resources.



National Stakeholder Consultation on Drought Risk Management in Bangladesh

BWP in the 10th International Conference on Water and Flood Management (ICWFM 2025)

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) as local organizing partner in the 10th International Conference on Water and Flood Management (ICWFM 2025) from 22–24 February in Dhaka to strengthen collaboration in IWRM, water governance, and related projects. Represented by Ms. Nazmun Naher Mita, Country Coordinator of GWP Bangladesh, BWP engaged with national and international experts, researchers, and development partners to share knowledge and best practices on sustainable water management and climate resilience. This opportunity paved the way for BWP identifying opportunities for collaborative research, policy dialogue, and project implementation to promote integrated and inclusive water governance in Bangladesh.



Ms. Nazmun Naher Mita, Country Coordinator, GWP Bangladesh, with IWFM faculty members at the 10th ICWFM 2025.

Strategic Dialogue on WASH Integrity in Khulna Informal Settlements

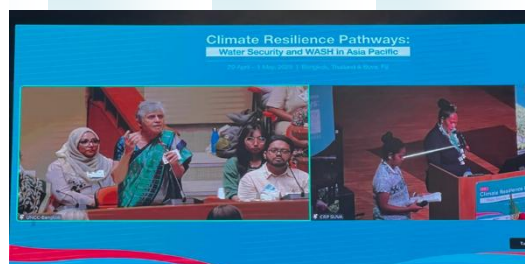
On April 22, 2025, BWP hosted a strategic stakeholder dialogue at KWASA's seminar hall to present findings from WASH integrity assessments in Montu Kaloni and Nurani Mahalla. The event brought together KWASA, KCC, NGOs, and CBOs to co-develop a roadmap for enhancing transparency, participation, and accountability in water service delivery. BWP highlighted key barriers, including informal fees, unclear eligibility for connections, and lack of grievance mechanisms, while KWASA and KCC committed to exploring community monitoring systems and resolving jurisdictional issues. The dialogue strengthened BWP's convening role and promoted the institutionalization of the TAPA framework in urban governance.



Participants in the strategic dialogue session

Regional Forum on Climate Resilience and WASH in Asia-Pacific

From April 29 to May 1, 2025, BWP took part in a high-level regional forum in Bangkok on "Climate Resilience Pathways: Water Security and WASH in Asia-Pacific," supported by DFAT Australia. BWP presented its WISI project experience, highlighting community-led integrity assessments, citizen monitoring, and nature-based solutions such as rainwater harvesting, while advocating for blended finance and South-South cooperation. The forum strengthened BWP's regional presence and opened avenues for future partnerships and cross-country collaboration on climate-resilient WASH initiatives.



Regional Forum on "Climate Resilience Pathways: Water Security and WASH in Asia-Pacific"

BWP Strengthening Water Governance under WRG 2030 (World Bank)

Being a technical partner under WRG 2030 of the WB, BWP actively participated in consultations and meetings convened by the Ministries with the support of the World Bank. In May 2025, BWP engaged in the 11th NSB meeting of the Bangladesh Water Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (BWMSP), where a project focusing on drought resilience in the Barind region through nature-based and governance-integrated solutions was discussed. Endorsed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources, the initiative aligned with the Delta Plan 2100 and the National Adaptation Plan, emphasizing inclusive planning, local government engagement, and financing pathways. The endorsement marked a significant institutional milestone and enabled BWP to mobilize support for co-financing.

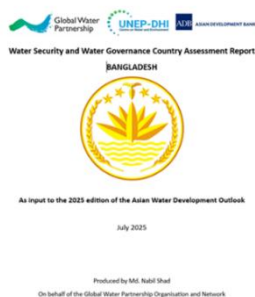


Bangladesh Water Multi-Stakeholder Partnership 11th National Steering Board Meeting

AWDO 2025 Bangladesh Country Assessment

BWP conducted and presented the Bangladesh Country Assessment Report for AWDO 2025 to ADB and GWP. The assessment synthesized national progress across five dimensions of water security and SDG 6.5.1. Findings indicated uneven progress—strongest in economic water security, weakest in environmental flows and disaster preparedness. BWP recommended scaling up IWRM, establishing multi-agency platforms, and mainstreaming climate hazards into national planning. This high-level presentation solidified BWP's role as a trusted country assessor and strategic partner for water security.

AWDO water security and water governance assessment
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Country Assessment Report and AWDO Presentation – Bangladesh

International Conference on Water Conflicts and Ecological Disasters

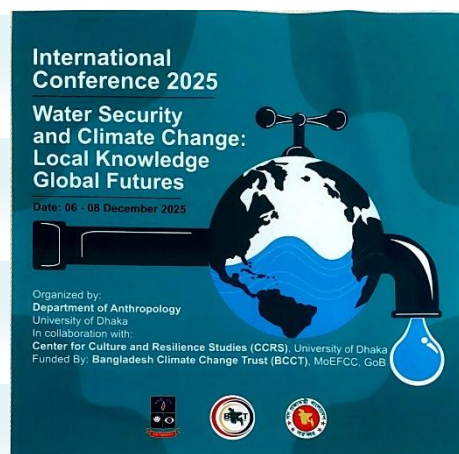
On June 28, 2025, Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), with the support of Green Watch BD and IFC (International Farakkah Committee), USA, steered the International Conference on “Conflicts Over Water” in Dhaka, addressing ecological degradation and governance challenges in South Asia's deltaic regions. BWP promoted integrated and cooperative transboundary river management, emphasizing basin-wide ecological thresholds, inclusive governance, climate-resilient environmental flows, and cross-border data sharing among riparian countries in the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna basin. In the conference, BWP shared lessons from Bangladesh on community-based water management and policy advocacy, highlighting science-based dialogue and regional cooperation to reduce water-related conflicts. The conference also enabled networking with regional and international experts, opening opportunities for future research collaboration.



International Conference on Water Conflicts and Ecological Disasters

BWP Advocating Climate Justice through Water Governance Research Global Futures

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) presented a paper at the International Conference on Water Security and Climate Change: Local Knowledge, Global Futures, held from 6–8 December 2025 in Dhaka. BWP emphasized the importance of real-time, data-driven, and participatory approaches to water governance in addressing climate risks. A full research paper titled “Real-Time, Data-Driven, and Participatory Water Governance for Climate Justice and Equitable Adaptation in South Asia” was submitted, highlighting BWP's experience and advocacy-oriented knowledge to promote climate justice-focused governance. The paper was selected for publication under the theme Governance, Policy, and Climate Justice.



BWP Advancing Industrial Water Pollution

On August 27, 2025, the Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), in collaboration with VERC, conducted a field visit to the Savar Industrial Zone to assess the impacts of unregulated textile expansion on water resources and community wellbeing. The team gathered baseline information for a joint proposal and identified potential partners and donors for projects addressing industrial water pollution. In Joynabari and Baruigram, severe pollution in the Karnapara Khal, linked to untreated effluents from factories such as Denitex Tex and Maxcom Industry, was observed, causing biodiversity loss, foul odors, and increased waterborne diseases. Many households now rely on expensive groundwater, while rapid industrialization has displaced agriculture and involved mostly non-local labor. BWP utilized the field findings for documentation to mobilize resources and advocate for establishing industrial water governance.



Field observation and community discussion in Savar Industrial Zone

BWP's Participation in the Coastal Water Convention Committee Meeting

BWP collaborated with the Coastal Water Convention Committee contributing to promote water governance, IWRM, and sustainable coastal management. The convention will be held in Jan 24-25, 2026.

Sustainability of Community Based Water Technologies - PSF

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), with the support of Rupantor, implemented a training program for the caretakers of respective pond sand filters and contributed to the provision of toolboxes. In addition, BWP is seeking to understand community knowledge regarding the sustainability and business models of local water technologies to strengthen water security.

Strengthening Drinking Water Security in Shyamnagar

Shyamnagar Upazila in southwestern Bangladesh faces acute freshwater scarcity due to prolonged drought, saline groundwater, and environmental degradation, disproportionately affecting women and children. Low-cost, climate-resilient solutions such as Pond Sand Filters and rainwater harvesting have proven effective, though challenges in maintenance and technical capacity remain. Global Water Partnership – Bangladesh (GWP-Bangladesh)'s community-led water management initiatives in Shyamnagar have been recognized by the UN for promoting resilient, equitable, and sustainable water governance in vulnerable coastal regions.

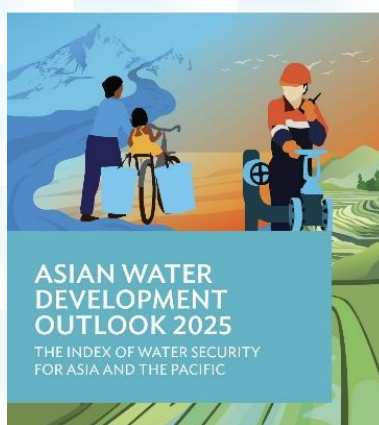


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Bangladesh Featured in AWDO 2025

The Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO) 2025 evaluates water security, governance, and management across Asia, including countries such as Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, and Afghanistan. Md. Nabil Shad, as Bangladesh's Country Expert for GWP, contributed insights on water governance, IWRM, and community-based interventions, highlighting both progress and challenges. Bangladesh's inclusion underscores its commitment to evidence-based water governance and regional cooperation, providing guidance to strengthen water security and resilience in vulnerable communities across the region. The report also identifies key areas for investment, capacity building, and policy reforms to address emerging water challenges. Furthermore, it emphasizes the importance of transboundary cooperation and knowledge sharing among Asian countries.

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