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## **PART 1: REPORT BY GWP-SAS REGIONAL OFFICE**

### **1. Global Partner Database Update:**

The GWP-SAS office assisted the GWPO in clarifying minor issues with the updated Global Partner Database, with regard to the South Asian regional contacts.

### **2. GWP-SAS Website Revamp:**

The GWP-SAS office started the ongoing revision of content and structure of the current website in accordance with the latest Graphical Policy of the GWPO. The completion of this process is deemed to take some time due to the number of changes that need to be done in this regard.

## PART 2: REPORT BY BANGLADESH WATER PARTNERSHIP (BWP)

### 1. Workshop on “Collaboration and Sharing Experience between Bangladesh Water Utility Network (BAWUN) of BWP and Urban Water Utility Network of WSP - WB”:

The workshop was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 at the World Bank office from 10am. It was jointly organized by the BWP & WSP - World Bank. 28 Participants from water utilities attended the workshop including 3 Mayors from the Municipalities of Munshigonj, Gazipur and Shatkhira. Mr. Shahidul Hassan, President, BWP, Chaired the workshop.



*Mr. Shahidul Hassan, President, BWP, speaking at the workshop*

The objectives of the workshop were to;

- Review network activities (BAWUN set up by BWP and Urban Utilities Network) established by WSP-WB.
- Discuss the critical issues of urban water supply.
- Agree on the next steps - how the network's efforts contribute to the improved performance of urban water utilities.

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Executive Member, BWP, presented the historical background of the establishment of BAWUN and SAWUN and their activities to date. He indicated that Bangladesh Water Utility Network was established on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at a meeting of 9 water utilities with the following objectives;

- Establish a strong network of water utilities in Bangladesh and its linkages with SAWUN.
- Establish a database for performance indicators of improved water supply and sanitation services.
- Capacity building of water utilities personnel for performance improvement.
- Facilitate water utilities to set up a governance and management body and achieve operational and financial sustainability (eg:- reduction of non-revenue water, reaching full cost recovery).



*Dr. K. A. Haq presenting his paper*

Dr. K. A. Haq indicated BAWUN's expectations from the workshop. Those were;

- Joint programme between BAWUN and World Bank on benchmarking and performance improvement of water utilities and their capacity building.

- Linkage of water utilities with SAWUN.
- Building membership of SAWUN from Bangladesh.
- Improving strong communications between SAWUN and Water Utilities in Bangladesh.
- Identifying other collaboration areas like the arrangement of a twinning programme between water utilities.
- Sharing of knowledge and experience.



*Mr. Zakir Hossain presenting his paper*

In his presentation, Mr. Zakir Hossain, WSP-SA, informed that as an effective tool for performance improvement, the Benchmarking and Performance Improvement Program (PIP) was initiated in the water utilities of 11 towns that includes 2 Water Supply and Sewerage Authorities (WASA), 1 City Corporation and 8 pourashavas / Municipalities / water utilities in Bangladesh, in 2005, under the WSP-SA program of World Bank. Following the successful introduction of the Benchmarking and PIP, a National Dissemination Workshop, organized jointly by the LGD & WSP was held in May 2008. One of the recommendations of the workshop was to establish a Water Utility Network to achieve sustainability of the Benchmarking and PIP in Bangladesh. Accordingly, a framework on Urban Water Utilities Network for performance improvement is being developed by a team representing pourashavas, water utilities, WaterAid Bangladesh (WAB) and the Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF).

Subsequently, another workshop was held in March 2009 at World Bank's Dhaka Office where a total of 24 representatives from pourashavas / Municipalities / water utilities, City Corporations, Government Organizations and Non Government Organizations (NGOs) participated. At the workshop, the framework on Urban Water Utilities Network was finalized and six Mayors (from Chandpur, Shatkhira, Chuadanga, Manikganj, Chapai Nawabganj and Gazipur Pourashava) and representatives of Bagerhat, Jessore, Moulvibazar and Narsingdi Pourashava signed the framework. It was agreed that the utility networking members will rotate the responsibilities for coordinating the activities among themselves for a period of six months.

The Mayor of Manikganj Pourashava intended to hold the secretariat of the network starting from April 2009 to August 2009. It was also agreed that they will organize exchange visits to share good practices and contribute to their own performance improvement and that WSP-SA will support such initiative. The first exchange visit and networking meeting was held in Manikganj on 30 April 2009. Water superintendents' from 10 pourashavas visited Manikganj. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> exchange visits and urban water utility networking meetings were held at Manikganj, Lakshmipur, Satkhira, Chandpur and Meherpur on 30 April 2009, 26-27 September 2009, 23-24 December 2009 and 30-31 July, 2010 and 2-3 October, 2010 respectively. Now the utility network member is 24 from 24 utilities.

Mr. Shahidul Hasan, President, BWP and Mr. Abdul Motaleb, Senior water supply and sanitation specialist WSP-WP strong linkage and collaboration between BAWUN and UWUN for helping improve performance of water utilities.

## **2. Workshop on "Strengthening Ganges – Brahmaputra - Meghna (GBM) Regional Cooperation for Mutual Benefit: Focus on Climate Change":**

This workshop was organized jointly by the Dhaka School of Economics and the Bangladesh Economic Society on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center. Mr. Ramesh Chandra Sen, Honorable Minister for Water Resources was the Chief Guest. Dr. Q. K. Ahmed, Former

President, Bangladesh Economic Society, eminent Economist and Environmental Activist of the country, presented the keynote paper. Dr. K. Azharul Haq, EC Member, BWP participated in the discussions.



*Dr. Q. K. Ahmad presenting the keynote paper. The Honourable Minister for Water Resources is seen seated next to the podium.*

Dr. Q. K. Ahmed in his presentation indicated that the water issue is becoming increasingly complex and difficult with increasing population, accelerating economic growth, unplanned rapid urbanization, intensive and extensive land use, etc. This is being further compounded by the water governance issue; therefore, crucial both nationally and regionally, given the geographical realities.

He further indicated that the GBM region is characterized by too much water during the wet season (June – October) causing floods and too little water during the dry season causing wide spread drought. Bangladesh being the lowest riparian country of the GBM basin, suffers the most as it drains 90% of the water but constitutes only 7% of the total basin. As a way forward, Dr. Ahmed urged that to properly manage the water resources, a GBM Regional River Basin Authority may be established (in line with the Mekong River Commission) to fully exploit the full potential of the water resources of the basin taking into consideration, the impact of climate change.

Taking part in the discussions Dr. K. Azharul Haq said that in the GBM basin, 80% of the developed water is used by the agricultural sector which has also been identified as the most inefficient user of water. Under the pressure of competing sectors efficiency of water used in agriculture will have to be increased through joint collaboration.

The Honourable Minister for Water Resources in his speech indicated that a strong political will and a forward looking decision at the highest political levels of the co-riparian, on the basins of full appreciation of the ground realities was needed to optimise benefits from the water resources of GBM. He further indicated that presently a good political environment exists amongst the riparian country and it is the proper time to act. He also opined that the cost of non-cooperation could even be higher.

### **PART 3: REPORT BY BHUTAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (BhWP)**

#### **1. 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting:**

In the absence of the Chair, BhWP, the RC member chaired the meeting. Two important issues were discussed. In order to strengthen the functions of BhWP, the committee decided that the issue on the status of BhWP needs to be submitted in the forthcoming National Environment Commission meeting which is due in May. The RC member will take the lead role to submit the agenda to the Commission. He will also draft a recommendations note for submission to the Commission in consultation with BhWP Chair and the members.

The Executive Committee meeting also recommended that BhWP needs to update the members and create a Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will be responsible to study proposals and other technical issues of the partnership.

#### **2. SODIS Program for Schools and Non-Formal Education:**

With the onset of monsoons, drinking water in many parts of Bhutan becomes polluted due to open water sources. Many students in schools and children in communities become sick because of poor drinking water quality. One of the technologies to improve the drinking water quality is through SODIS. SODIS is a method where solar radiation kills the pathogens in the water thus improving the drinking water quality. This technology is very cheap and appropriate for types of communities in consideration.

BhWP aims to spread this technology to many schools and to the communities through non-formal education. In the first round, BhWP targets three districts covering about 30 schools and 30 non-formal education centers.

BhWP discussed with the Districts' Education Officers and have agreed that the program will be implemented in May. Reports from the schools and communities will be used to study the impact and to plan for future programs.

## PART 4: REPORT BY INDIA WATER PARTNERSHIP (IWP)

### 1. Rajasthan Adopts IWRM in its New State Water Policy – Need Capacity of all Stakeholders

The new Rajasthan State Water Policy which came into force on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 has incorporated Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) as part of the policy. India Water Partnership with the support of the zonal water partners first organized two consultation meetings in Jaipur Rajasthan in 2010 to review the new state water policy keeping in view, the role of Non Governmental Organizations in its implementation. During these consultations it was emerged, though the new water policy focuses on the implementation of the IWRM principle in the State, there is very little understanding of IWRM among the stakeholders in the State. The policy does not define the clear cut role of NGOs and PRI members. How it will be implemented at the ground level is not clearly defined.



Mr. Roussel, Ms Julie, Mr. Anil Mehta

The recommendations of these two meetings suggested that the capacity building of NGOs, PRI members, etc. who are working at ground level, is urgently needed, at the same time, knowledge enhancement of Water User Groups, farmers, village community is necessary for better and effective implementation of the policy.

In continuation of the India Water Partnership's efforts during 2010 to build capacity of all stakeholders who would be engaged in the implementation of IWRM in Rajasthan, IWP with the support of its partner organization Jheel Sanskaran Samiti (JSS), Udaipur invited all Rajasthan based stakeholders who contributed to the review of the new water policy and are also engaged in the European Union supported IWRM State Programme in Rajasthan for a brainstorming session on IWRM organized at Udaipur, Rajasthan on World Water Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011. Dr Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP and Mr. Anil Mehta, IWRM expert, strongly feels that IWP initiated and created a better understanding of IWRM in the context of Rajasthan by involving all stakeholders.



Workshop Participants

The first step was to bring together local authorities and key stakeholders onto one platform to take the lead in improving planning and management practices, drawing on each other's synergies. IWP and JSS have also built a good relationship with State EU-SPP IWRM officials by inviting them to the Capacity Development Programme which would give a strong support to the EU led IWRM process in Rajasthan.

In continuation of IWP's efforts for promotion of IWRM, a Capacity Development Workshop for different stakeholders on IWRM, second in a series, was organized on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2011 at Udaipur by JSS with the help of its strategic partners, Vidya Bhawan Polytechnic and Dr. Mohan Sinha Mehta Memorial Trust. The workshop was attended by 200 participants, including NGOs, Water User Associations (WUAs), elected representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) and farmers. Apart from that, the representatives of the European Union Rajasthan State Partnership Programme (EU-SPP) and officials of the Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan also participated and interacted. Ms. Julie Laudel (IWRM expert, EU-SPP) and Ms. Magalie Vuillet (Junior IWRM expert, EU-SPP) participated in the workshop under the leadership of Mr. J. M. Roussel (Team Leader, EU-SPP).



Media coverage of the Workshop in Daily Hindi newspaper called "Pratahkal" dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2011

The workshop had media coverage in 6 Hindi newspapers namely, Apranh Times, Pratahkal, Udaipur Express, Dainik Bhaskar, Rajasthan Patrika and Dainik Navjyoti dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2011. The newscutting

above was covered in the daily newspaper "Pratahkal". The heading of the newspaper reads as "Policy on IWRM ready". Part of the 2nd para reads as "The workshop was organized by Jheel Sanskaran Samiti with the support of India Water Partnership". The 3rd para reads as "NGOs, Water User Groups, Village Heads, Subject Matter Specialists and representatives of European Union participated".

The prominent stakeholders (Sewa Mandir, Gandhi Manav Kalyan Samiti, CASA, SPWD, FES, ALERT, Wells for India, Arpan Sewa Sansthan, Praytna Samiti, Hanuman Vikas Samiti, Jagaran Jan Vikas Samiti, Chandpol Nagarik Samiti, Jheel Hiteshi Manch and Jwala Sansthan) who are already involved in the preparation of IWRM plans at village level under the EU assisted programme actively participated in the workshop.

The workshop was convened by Mr. Anil Mehta and Mr. Nand Kishor Sharma. A comprehensive but user friendly "IWRM Capacity Development Manual" prepared in Hindi was given to all the participants.

The workshop was inaugurated jointly by Ms. Neelima Khetan (Ex. CEO, Sewa Mandir), Mr. Riaz Tehsin (President, Vidya Bhawan), Prof. Jagat S. Mehta (Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India & President, JSS) and Mr. J. M. Roussel (Team Leader, EU-SPP). Ms. Khetan explained various provisions of the state water policy in the context of IWRM and appealed for effective strategies and partnerships for the successful implementation of IWRM. Mr. Anil Mehta gave his interactive presentation on "Understanding IWRM", and elaborated GWP / IWP continued efforts for IWRM capacity building of different stakeholders. The workshop was conducted in seven sessions as follows;

- i. Inaugural Session
- ii. Technologies of Watershed Management and Water Resources Development
- iii. Panchyat Raj System & IWRM
- iv. Inclusive & Participatory Development, Water Ethics of Rajasthan and Mechanisms for Conflict Management & Resolution
- v. Livelihood Issues
- vi. IWRM & Ecological Concerns
- vii. Valedictory Session

During the valedictory, Ms. Priyanka Singh (EO, Sewa Mandir), Mr. V. S. Mehta (President, Dr. M. S. Mehta Trust) and Mr. J. M. Roussel (Team leader, EU-SPP) expressed the need for synergistic efforts and collaborations for the successful implementation of IWRM. Mr. Roussel expressed his willingness to partner in capacity development programmes of the GWP / IWP, and for more collaborative efforts in the state of Rajasthan.

The capacity building workshop would pave the way for adoption of a strong IWRM and effective implementation of a new Rajasthan Water Policy in the state. Efforts of IWP by involving all stakeholders would set the platform for achieving the IWRM objectives in the State of Rajasthan.

## **2. Data Collection by IWP West Zone Water Partnership on Wainganga Integrated River Basin Management Master Planning:**

Wainganga river sub-basin is a major river sub-basin of the Godavari River, for which preparation of an Integrated River Basin Management Master Plan with a negotiated approach has been taken as a holistic approach. Contrary to as reported in our March 2011 report that collection of data was expected to be completed by March end, it could not be completed and the work continued during April 2011 also. In April 2011, the following activities were undertaken;

- Data was collected on hydrology and groundwater survey from various water resources departments in Nashik, Aurangabad and Pune.
- List of villages categorized into watersheds and the area under each village has been received.
- Groundwater Survey and Development Agency (GSDA) of the Government of Maharashtra has provided more than 5,500 recorded lithologs of Piezometers and a location map of the installed Piezometers. The GSDA will provide a census of wells classified into domestic, industrial and irrigation which will be used for analysis of water usage in watersheds.
- Data on the quality of the groundwater has also been received along with a list of villages suffering from fluoride, nitrite and iron poisoning.

- Hydrology data like rainfall – autographic rain guage and standard rain guage stations, computed discharge, water level, evaporation, daily temperature, humidity, wind speed and wind direction, etc. for various locations in the Wainganga basin since 1994 (or since inception of the monitoring station) has also been obtained.
- Mr. Manish Ranjankar (BNVSAM), a member of the stakeholder group held several meetings with the Department of Fisheries in Nagpur during the month of April to get a general overview of the fisheries in the region.

### **3. Water Conservation Technologies in Rainfed Districts of Jharkhand:**

Jharkhand State is facing a serious water problem over the years, and as a result, the whole State was declared drought affected in the last two years. Hence, there is a need to create awareness on water conservation methods at large scale. India Water Partnership with its partner NGO, Action for Food Production (AFPRO) is involved in documenting the best practices to sensitize communities / NGOs / CBOs on affordable water management practices adopted by the other organizations in the state of Jharkhand. During April 2011 AFPRO started collecting information on communities practicing low cost water saving technologies. In this process, the interaction with IWP partner SPWD experience was discussed in detail. SPWD is practicing low cost water saving technologies for agriculture in three agro climatic zones covering 12 rainfed districts of Jharkhand. During consultative review meetings conducted by AFPRO with SPWD officials, it was learnt that the System for Rice Intensification (SRI) method of rice cultivation ensures higher yields, requires less water, as well as many other benefits. Discussing the various challenges involved in the SRI method of cultivation under rainfed conditions, the SPWD officials advised formulating suitable methodologies for rainfed areas.

The strategy focuses on the promotion of short to medium duration paddy (baad swarna - 90 days variety, birsa - 110, Lalat, Abhishek) adopted by partner organization, SPWD. Since the variety was of medium duration, it is recommended to reduce the spacing from 1foot to 25cm and subsequently to 20cm. This was done since the tilling potential of short and medium duration variety is less. The farmers are so encouraged by the results of SRI that they are cultivating paddy in the summer season. 1000 farmers were covered in six blocks in 2010.

The findings and experience of other partners of IWP will help to document the evidence based low cost water technologies which would be shared during the sensitization workshops in Jharkhand with officials of the Water Resource Department, PRIs, Water User Groups and Public Health Engineering Department officials.

### **4. Participation of Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP in a Workshop on “Nanotechnology for Safe Water: Strategies and Partnerships to Benefit the Bottoms of the Pyramid:**

On the initiative of Dr. K. Vijya Lakshmi, Alternate RC Member, India & Vice President, Development Alternatives (DA), an IWP partner, a workshop on “Nanotechnology for Safe Water: Strategies and Partnerships to Benefit the Bottoms of the Pyramid” was organized by DA with the support of the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011. Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP participated in the workshop. Officials of DST, Centre for Nano Materials, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, World Bank, The Energy & Research Institute (TERI), US Embassy and many research institutions and industry representatives from TATA Chemicals, Eureka Forbes, Thermax, participated in the workshop. Some of the IWP partner organizations also participated.

The DA has been researching the potential of nanotechnology to provide safe drinking water to the Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP) population. In this context, DA organized two workshops, one in Bangalore on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 and the second on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in association with DST. This workshop was the third and the concluding workshop in order to move forward and strategize workable models to get feasible nanotechnology solutions for water purification to the BoP.

The workshop concluded with the note that learning from these workshops would be taken forward to a potential Phase II DFID Action Research Programme. This would involve the experts in multi stakeholder processes to evaluate and pilot feasible approaches to enable nanotechnology to reach the BoP. The results of this action research would be widely share and disseminated.

## **5. Participation of Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP in India Water Forum 2011:**

India Water Forum, 2011 was organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi in association with the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Water Resources; Ministry of Rural Development; Ministry of Urban Development and Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India to address the dynamics of water and climate change in the context of India and the South Asian Region from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 at the India Habitat Center, New Delhi. The India Water Forum 2011 was aimed at exploring new strategies and technologies for water security, while being eco-friendly and ensuring sustainable development. This forum was attended by policy makers, researchers, industrial experts and water practitioners. The forum was inaugurated by Md. Hamid Ansari, Honourable, Vice President of India. Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Honourable Minister, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Mr. Salman Khurshid, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, were the distinguished guests.

Dr. R. K. Pachauri, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute, Mr. Ashok Jaitly, distinguished Fellow and Director, Water Resources Division of The Energy and Resources Institute, were also present during inaugural and thematic discussions. Mr. Suresh Prabhu, GWP Ambassador & Former Chairman, GWP-South Asia, Mr. Santosh Deshmukh from IWP partner organization, Jain Irrigations, Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary, IWP and Dr. Jasveen Jairath, RC member India participated and actively contributed in this 3 day International Forum. The India Water Forum 2011 addressed the dynamics of water and climate change, and deliberated on significant issues specific to water security, means to resolve same by investment in natural infrastructure, monitoring efficient usage, application of new technologies, etc. This forum was attended by more than 200 International and National participants.

## **PART 5: REPORT BY NEPAL WATER PARTNERSHIP (NWP)**

### **1. Accreditation of GWP Nepal:**

GWP Nepal received accreditation from the GWPO as a Country Water Partnership on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **2. 120<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting (ECM):**

The 120<sup>th</sup> ECM of GWP Nepal / JVS was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Kathmandu under the Chairmanship of Mr. Iswer Raj Onta. The meeting discussed programmatic and administrative issues of GWP Nepal / JVS.

### **3. Participation in International Workshop on Sustainable Management of Himalayan Rivers:**

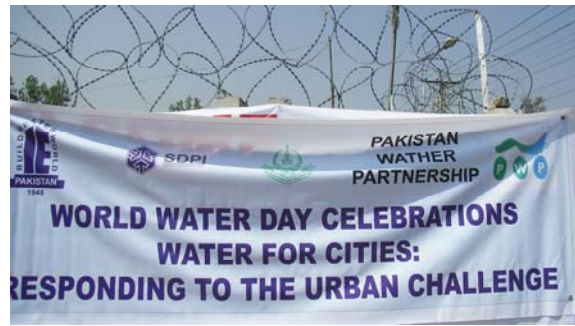
Dr. Upendra Gautam, RC Member and Treasurer of GWP Nepal / JVS participated in the "International Workshop on Sustainable Management of Himalayan Rivers" from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### **4. Appointment of a Consultant:**

GWP Nepal / JVS appointed Mr. Ngamindra Dahal as a Consultant on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to prepare / write a book on 'Climate Change and Livelihood Challenges in Nepal' in the local (Nepali) language.

## PART 6: REPORT BY PAKISTAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (PWP)

1. Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP) in collaboration with the Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad and the Institution of Engineers, Pakistan, Islamabad, organized a water awareness walk as a part of the series of events organized for the World Water Day, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the campus of the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Over three hundred people including engineers, professors, experts, students, common persons and university staff participated in the walk. The slogan was “Water for Cities – Responding to Urban Challenges”. The walk commenced at the main gate of the University and concluded at the National Library where Chairman, PWP, Project Director AIOU and the Vice Chancellor delivered their short speeches carrying messages on conserving and preserving water for judicious use in the cities by the present and the coming generations. The Vice Chancellor also gave away Walk Mementos to the organizers of the walk in commemoration of their hard work to organize the walk on a very hot day.



Two views of walk and banner display for the World Water Day Walk held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011.



Project Director, AIOU delivering his speech



Chairman, PWP delivering his speech



Vice Chancellor delivering his speech



Vice Chancellor handing over memento of WWD Walk to Chairman, PWP



Vice Chancellor handing over memento of WWD Walk to Country Coordinator, PWP



Vice Chancellor handing over memento of WWD Walk to Project Director, AIOU

- The Ministry of Water and Power (Water Sector Capacity Building & Advisory Services Project - WCAP), in collaboration with Asianics Agro-Dev. International (GWP Partner) and Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP) held the Mid Term Workshop on “Studies and Policies for Benefit Sharing on Hydropower Projects Among Stakeholders” at Islamabad Club, Islamabad, Pakistan on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 which was attended by the Executive Director / CEO, PWP contributing a presentation on the Mid Term Report prepared by PWP after consulting partners and affected communities, in the vicinity of hydropower projects during the past decades. PWP used this event to hold a dialogue with the participants from the Federal and Provincial Governments and assisted the Government of Pakistan to move forward on the launch of the National Water Policy, preparation of the National and Provincial Water Management Plans and the review of existing water laws and regulations involving all stakeholders. The next round of dialogues will be held in August 2011.
- The Country Coordinator, PWP assisted Dr. Pervaiz Amir, Director, Asianics Agro-Dev. International (GWP Partner) in carrying out interviews on 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011, of the following experts for filling out the survey questionnaire of UNCSD for the application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources;

Name	Organization	Job title
Mr. Riaz Ahmed Khan	Ministry of Water and Power	Advisor
Ms. Simi Kamal	Hisaar Foundation	Chairperson
Mr. Syed Raghieb Abbas Shah	Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA)	Member (Water)
Engr. Mr. Mumtaz Hussain	The Environ Monitor	Editor

- The Country Coordinator, PWP attended and contributed in the First Asia-Pacific Synthesis Meeting which was rescheduled at Bangkok, Thailand on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, highlighting potentials and opportunities available in South Asia. The meeting participants finalized the three policy priorities for water security – Development, Resilience and Well-being, for the Second Asia-Pacific Water Summit to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012. Seven Focus Area Sessions were defined to be held by lead organizations along with sub-regional coordinators and partner organizations during the summit on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The titles of the focus areas, lead organizations and sub-regional coordinators are given below:

#### **Focus Areas**

- Water Security: Leadership and Commitment
- Household Water Security
- Economic and Food Water Security
- Urban Water Security
- Environmental Water Security
- Water Risks and Resilience
- IWRM Process for a Water Secure World

#### **Lead Organizations**

- ADB
- UNESCAP
- FAO & UNESCAP
- PUB & UNHABITAT
- IUCN
- ICHARM
- UNESCO

**Subregions**

Central Asia  
Northeast Asia  
South Asia  
Southeast Asia  
Pacific

**Sub-regional Coordinators**

GWP CACENA & EC IFAS  
KWF  
GWP SAS  
GWP SEA  
SOPAC

5. World Water Day Consultative Workshop was held at the Institution of Engineers, Pakistan (IEP) on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and was co-organized by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) Islamabad, Partners in Sustainable Development (PSD), Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Integrated Rural Development Organization (IRDO) and Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP). The consultation was attended by over 57 partners from Islamabad.
  
6. Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), a PWP Partner and Permanent Donor, held a meeting on the engagement of general consultants for Diamer-Basha Dam and other projects of WAPDA in WAPDA Rawal Rest House, Islamabad, on th 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. Apart from local water resources management experts, Deputy Mission Director, USAID also attended the meeting. Executive Director / CEO, PWP emphasized on the incorporation of the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management in every work plan of hydropower projects, making it mandatory to have provisions for long term benefit sharing with the affected communities and stakeholders.

## PART 7: REPORT BY SRI LANKA WATER PARTNERSHIP (SLWP)

### 1. SACOSAN IV (South Asian Conference on Sanitation IV):

The South Asian Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN) was held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. The Ministerial Statement which was unanimously agreed upon, was concluded very successfully, from the SLWP point of view as the issues that were raised (school sanitation) were agreed upon as critical areas for future action.

The SLWP was involved in the planning of the entire conference, being invited to serve on the National Steering Committee and as a member of the WSSCC, Sri Lanka. By getting involved in the NSC, the SLWP has established itself in the sector and expanded its networking. The issues of school sanitation which was the SLWP's main focus, was specially mentioned by the President and the Minister in Charge, in the closing session, and has been included in the declaration and the Minister Dinesh Gunewardene spoke to the Chair, SLWP personally, mentioning of his interest in continuing work in this area.

The SLWP had an exhibition stall focusing on school sanitation which got a lot of attention. School children gave written submissions on the state of their toilets. In fact, the SLWP ran out of material in the stall. All those who read the SLWP sanitation leaflet were planning to check on their children's school latrines.

Nugawela Balika School in Kandy which has been supported by the SLWP as a girl-friendly school was selected as the site for the field visit. Ms. Mallika Samaranayake contributed to making the field trip to Nugawela Balika School, a success.



The SLWP Chair presented a paper on "Equity and Exclusion and Gaps in Sanitation in Sri Lanka", which was disseminated by the WSSCC. The Chair also was the rapporteur for two technical sessions. Dr Deepthi Wickramasinghe represented the Chair at the Civil Society Organization meeting held prior to SACOSAN.

### 2. SLWP 4<sup>th</sup> Programme Committee Meeting:

The SLWP 4<sup>th</sup> Programme Committee Meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2011, at IWMI.

3. SLWP has collaborated with partners in the Central Province on School Water Programs (Sisu Jala Hamuwa) through which the need for improved school sanitation has been highlighted. A top down school sanitation sensitization with the support of the Central Provincial Council was felt necessary, to have a real impact. In order to prepare for an evidence based advocacy program covering 1464 school in the Central Province, a situation analysis of the Central Province, much on the lines of a similar study carried out last year in the Nilwala Area water Partnership was needed. NetWwater with the support of the Women for Water Partnership carried out this study with the facilitation of the NWSDB and the Provincial Education Ministry. This Report has now been sent to the Central Province education authorities for their comments.

Based on the preliminary findings, an apex meeting of all decision makers in the Central Province education sector was held in January 2011. They will meet again to further develop the program outlined in the recommendations of the report. SLWP has developed and printed a poster and a school sanitation leaflet. Further support has been accessed to expand the Sinhala language leaflet from CAPNET Lanka. Support is being solicited to print the same in the Tamil language.