



Blue Gold Program

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PDP WORKSHOP REPORT POLDER 43/2F



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1. Introduction and Background

The Blue Gold Program is a Dutch – Bangladesh joint endeavor to support the people of Khulna, Satkhira and Patuakhali districts in water management for development. In these three districts, the Blue Gold Program will work in 9 polders that were already developed by BWDB during a previous project (IPSWAM) and 17 other polders will be selected for rehabilitation and fine-tuning. Total area of the Blue Gold polders is 160,000 hectares.

To know the present situation of Polder 43/2F, there were several discussions, meeting with WMO, UP Chairman and other key informants and assessment was conducted by the different components with a view to come to a consensus for finalizing the Polder development Plan of Polder 43/2F.

Objectives of PDP workshop

- To aware about the polder situation identified by the different components;
- To identify the Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of Polder 43/2F;
- To discuss the initial plan of action for Polder 43/2F and identify the way to integrate component activities and plans.

Contents of the workshop

The workshop was started at 8.30 AM and ended at 5.30 PM. Following were the major content of the workshop:

- Brief presentation on the polder situation identified by the components;
- Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis;
- Presentation on Initial plan & actions by the components and integration each activities;
- Integration of Action Plans of different components.

Methodologies and process

The workshop was conducted by using a set of participatory methods where each level of participants had the opportunity to review others view/ideas, interact each other's and shared their opinion.

Following participatory methods were used in the day long workshop:

- Large Group Discussion
- Small Group Discussion
- Brainstorming
- Question & Answers
- Interactive Discussion

Date and duration of workshop

The workshop was designed for one day organized at SDE Patuakhali on May 20, 2014.

Participants

A total of 34 participants were attended in the PDP workshop where 01 from BWDB and 01 from DAE. Blue Gold participants were from the different component both HQ and field, DRR, Gender, Institutionalization, Environment. List of participants are enclosed in **(Attachment-1)**.

Process of Implementation

Welcome and inauguration

The workshop was inaugurated by the Blue Gold Team Leader and clarified the objectives of the PDP workshop and its importance. In this inaugural session he invited participants to give more concentration to prepare integrated Polder Development Plan where priority problem of the polder people will be reviewed and discussed. This workshop will review SWOT and develop a comprehensive and



integrated plan of Polder 43/2F to overcome their priority problems to improve lives of the polder people.

Workshop agenda was distributed among the participants and clarified the detailed process. Please see the workshop agenda (*see attachment-2*)

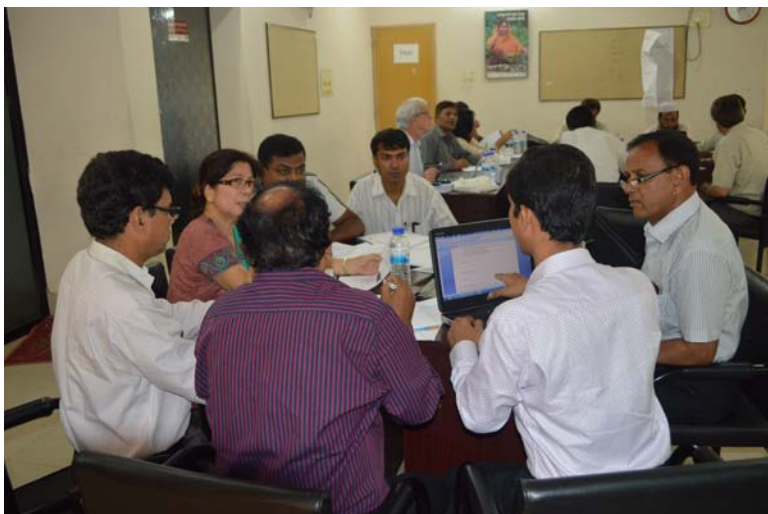
Brief presentation on the polder situation identified by the components

The Blue Gold components were presented the present situation of the polder 43 2/F through Power Point Presentation. After each presentation the participants were invited for discussion, interaction and query.



Based on the discussion and feedback from other components the components were reviewed their assessment report and presentations. Please find the presentation slides (*see attachment - 3*).

Identify Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis



The workshop participants were divided into 4 groups and assigned to review the existing situation presentation by the components and identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of Polder 43/2F. Each individual group was assigned one single issue i.e. Group-1 was assigned to work for Strengths, Group-2 was assigned for weaknesses,

Group-3 was assigned for Opportunities and Group was assigned for Threats. Each group contains mixed participants from different components, cross cutting and field staff.

The groups were instructed to follow the following sequence for analysis and preparation of presentation:

1. Natural Resources
2. Human Resources
3. Infrastructures
4. Technical production
5. Social & Gender
6. Institutional
7. Economic & Commercial



After group work each group facilitator presented their group outcomes.

At the end of each presentation there was an interactive discussion, inclusion, revision etc based on the assigned topics of SWOT. After that discussion the groups were taken notes on the recommendations and included in their presentation slides. The group outcomes were attached with this report (*see attachment-4*).

Presentation on Initial plan of actions by the components and integration each activities

All the components were presented their plan of actions for Polder 43/2F. That presentation



addressed the problems of the polder people (Polder 43/2F) as per their existing assessment and experiences. These presentations also addressed the areas where these activities can be integrated with other components.

At the end of each component presentations, participants were invited for suggestions addressing the issues were identified the issues through SWOT analysis in this workshop. The plan of actions is attached (*see attachment - 5*).

Integration of Action Plans

The participants were asked for suggestions on overall Polder Development Plan for Polder 43/2F based on today's experience i.e. reviewing the present situation of the polder, SWOT analysis, action plans presented by the components and reactions/reflections of this workshop. Following were the major recommendations provided by the participants:



1. The plan of actions of each component should be fine tuned/accommodated with the outcome of SWOT analysis;
2. The Polder Development Plans should be shared/finalized by the WMG;
3. The draft of final plans should be shared with District level staff;
4. Each component should meet together to review and identify the solutions of common issues in the polder level;
5. The plan of actions should be circulated internally so that each of the component should be aware and updated about others plans;
6. The plan can be shared with M&E people;
7. The activities are to be included in the PDP only those can be achievable with the project resources and within the project period;
8. The Polder Development Plan should be integrated and combined;
9. The plan can be shared with BWDB, DAE and other related partners.

Overall observations & recommendations

The PDP workshop on Polder 43/2F was found very productive. Before finalizing the PDP for Polder 43/2F the above recommendations needed to be followed. All the components were agreed to sit together in small group to review their actions considering the SWOT analysis outcomes.