

# Blue Gold Program



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## Agreement Signing Ceremony on O&M in Between WMA & BWDB



Ava Center, CSS, Khulna  
September 23, 2018





## INTRDUCTION

September 23, 2018 Blue Gold - Khulna zone organized “Agreement Signing Ceremony on Operation & Maintenance in Between WMA and BWDB” at Ava Center, CSS, Khulna. The objective of this program was to make both the parties (WMA & BWDB) agreed on the roles & responsibilities on the operation and maintenance of water management infrastructures under the specific polders, sign and formal handing over the documents among the partners.

The Executive Engineer, BWB and Chairpersons of Water Management Associations were signed O&M agreement & handed over the documents to each other in presence of 126 officials/representatives, implementing partners, EKN representative, BGP Technical Experts, Media people and the representatives of WMAs.

## CATCHMENTS/POLDERS

SL#	Name of Catchment	Name of Polder
01	Chachatia Sluice	Polder 29
02	Bakultal Sluice	Polder 29
03	Dhibura Khal	Polder 22
04	Nandankhali Sluice	Polder 31 Part
05	Shakhabai Khal	Polder 26
06	Batiaghata Khal	Polder 30



## THE PARTICIPANTS

Water Management Association - the Executive Committee Members of 6 Water Management Association’s from the 1st phased 4 polders - 22, 26, 29, 30 and 31(part). All the male and female members (50 Male and 14 Female Members) attended the Program at 10.00 AM on September 23, 2018.

BWDB - the Chief Engineer, South Western Zone, BWDB, Khulna, Chief Water Management,



BWDB, Dhaka, Project Coordinating Director, BGP & Project Director, Directorate Planning III, BWDB, Dhaka, Superintendent Engineer Khulna O&M Circle, BWDB, Khulna, Executive Engineers, Khulna O&M Division-1, BWDB, Chief Extension

Officer, BWDB, Jessore and other local BWDB Sr. officials attended the program as well.

DAE – the Deputy Director, Khulna and Upazilla Agriculture Officer, Dumuria, Batiaghata, Paikgacha under Khulna participated in this program.

EKN & BGP Experts - the First Secretary, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Team Leader, Deputy Team leader, Senior Experts from Dhaka HQ, BGP Zonal and Polder Teams of Blue Gold Program, Local and National Journalists attended that. A total of 123 participants attended the program at Ava Center, CSS, Khulna.

## THE PROGRAM

All the WMA Chairpersons were invited to the Dais and BWDB, DAE the Project Coordinating Director (PCD) Mr. Amirul Hossain chaired the program, the Executive Engineer Mr. Sariful Islam welcomed the participants and Md.



Md. Lutfar Rahman, Chief Engineer (CE) South Western Zona, BWDB, Khulna inaugurated the program.

Following were the key session of the program:

- Inauguration and introduction of the WMA participants and other guest;
- Video show on summary of BGP success which was published in different Television Media;
- O&M agreement signing, handover documents and photographs;
- Key messages and comments on the purposes & importance of In-polder water management for crop production, agreement signing in between WMA & BWDB, specific roles of WMO and BWDB in O&M of water management infrastructures.
- Socio-drama on the Roles of WMA after O&M agreement signing
- Valuable message and impressive comments given by the First Secretary, EKN and Team Leader, Blue Gold Program
- Program Coordinating Director summarized the key focus of the program and concluded with vote of thanks.



## REMERK & COMMENTS

The First Secretary, EKN and Blue Gold Team Leader congratulated the team for organizing such an effective program. The Team leader also congratulated the team. The message of the Team



Leader was sent through email which is attached within the report. “My congratulations to you all for yesterday’s successful ceremony – the signing of the Blue Gold’s first O&M Agreements between six WMAs and BWDB. The mix of events (with video, drama contributions from WMAs), the inclusion of DAE,

and the positive environment of the workshop all take careful planning and great effort to

create – much of which is not seen by the participants. My thanks to you all your work – both behind the scenes and in leading the workshop – which made such a great event”

To add to that, the PCD wrote in his Facebook - “Blue Gold Program-BWDB. A Step Forward, Contract Signing on Operation and Maintenance of Water Management Infrastructures with 6 Water Management Associations (WMA) of 5-Polders of Khulna. 23 September 2018. A happy moment of WMAs, Chief Engineers South Western Zone, Chief Water Management, SE Khulna, EE, DD-DAE, Development Partner-Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands Representative, TA Team and Program Coordinating Director. Congratulations to all from the PCD. Good Team Work made it possible.”

## CONCLUSION

This is one of the greatest successes and milestones of Blue Gold Program which indicates that WMOs is becoming self-sustaining organization who can take O&M responsibilities of water management infrastructures, handle In-polder water management with their own resource and expertise. They have proved their confidence/commitment and ownership on the water management infrastructures through signing of the agreement & through handing over the document in presence of all the implementing partners, representatives of Donor and Media people. This is a step forward of successful phasing out (exit) of the program.



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