

District level workshop for DLS and DoF officials (web site publication)

Day long workshops for the Department of Fisheries and Livestock officials of Satkhira, Khulna and Patuakhali were organized by Blue Gold TA respectively on 25, 26 and 28 July 2016. The main objective of these workshop was to strengthen linkage with line department for future planning and implementation of Blue Gold activities at polder level. The Upazila and District level officers of DoF and DLS, along with DLS focal point, attended the workshops. After presenting the ongoing Blue Gold activities on Fisheries and Livestock, the officers had a group work to identify and discuss priorities activities, sustainability, strengthen linkages between WMO and line departments, and to identify innovative ideas for different polders.

The group work outputs on livestock were to continue activities on backyard poultry rearing, beef fattening, dairy cow rearing, fodder crop cultivation, providing vaccination services, etc. For sustainability, suggestions were on availability of low cost feed, vaccination and animal health service, improved breed rearing, and locally managed technology adaptation, market linkages etc. For possible new initiatives they suggested activities on goat rearing (black bengal goat), sheep rearing, goose rearing (Muscovy), as well as quail and pigeon rearing.

The group work outputs on fisheries were, selection of fish culture packages depending on pond size, selection of local fish like Koi, cat fish, Mola, high value fish with larger pond (Pabda, Aoir, Kural etc.), and develop nursery for white fish fingerling production. For open water the group recommended community managed fisheries, sanctuary establishment, establish refuge with *beel* for fish culture etc. For new initiative they suggested cage culture (in open water), develop local fish meal producer, and crab culture. For sustainability, the suggestions were on training, motivation, learning visit, demonstration, locally made low cost input preparation, leadership development, monitoring, etc.

Regarding linkages between line department and WMO/contact farmers, the suggestions were on the need of good communication between FOs and line department, quarterly meetings with line department and contact farmer and WMO representatives, monitoring by line department experts, submission of monthly activity report to the line department etc. It was also suggested to share service provider list and activity reports of vaccinators with DLS.