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Training on Market Linkage Development and Women Empowerment  
At Patuakhali, Khulna & Satkhira



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**Background:** The international development community has recognized that agriculture is a source of growth and poverty reduction in countries where it is the main occupation of the poor. Women play a vital role contributing to the agricultural and food systems in all developing countries.

These roles vary considerably between and within regions and are changing rapidly. In many parts of the world, women contribute most vital roles in ensuring the agricultural sector. Rural women often manage complex households and provide through financial resources. However, women in the Blue Gold project areas, like many others, are traditionally not being able to properly manage economic activities and therefore their access to the economy — as decision makers, leaders and spending the earned money on their health and performance — is severely limited.

In Bangladesh rural women are doing a wide range of activities in agriculture like sowing, land preparation, weeding, watering and harvesting. But traditionally, they are not recognized as a farmer by the society. For they are working in unpaid family labor in their husband's fields. When women are working in others' fields they often only own 10% of the output as compared to men farmers. For the same work, women's labor is paid up to 70-80% less than men's labor. Women do not have any right to own, inherit, selling produce, and they are excluded from working and to use. In the same time they are even denied to household assets and agricultural activities. The Blue Gold Program understood the need to develop a training manual paper for women to completely participate in the whole process of decision making, production and marketing by teaching gender specific knowledge through a two-day training, which was held in three sessions in parallel 2016.

**The objective of the training:** was to increase women's empowerment by generating access to well covered over the entire process of farming — from production to marketing, for the participating women.

**Other empowerment:** Empowerment of women is now a global issue. Women are still often identified with domestic life, having opportunities to make meaningful decisions that cover life. Empowerment is a process involving three interrelated dimensions: gaining access to resources, increasing participation and influence in decision making, and achieving meaningful improvements in well-being and life outcomes. The result of the process may also be termed empowerment. The outcomes of empowerment should manifest itself in a redistribution of power between men/farmers, gender groups, farmers, women, women, other groups/organizations. Empowerment means the transformation of structures of subordination. Although empowerment is usually used for referring women's condition, in real sense it may be applied to any disadvantaged group of society, for helping them in the same level of subordinated status.

**Objective of the Training:** Economic empowerment of women through agriculture.

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The wiki version of the Lessons Learnt Report of the Blue Gold program, documents the experiences of a technical assistance (TA) team working in a development project implemented by the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) over an eight+ year period from March 2013 to December 2021. The wiki lessons learnt report (LLR) is intended to complement the BWDB and DAE project completion reports (PCRs), with the aim of recording lessons learnt for use in the design and implementation of future interventions in the coastal zone.

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