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Hague Academy Training Course on Multilevel Water Governance (4 April - 15 April 2016)

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

After successful completion of the Integrated Planning for Sustainable Water Management (IPSWM) Project in June 2011, a follow-up program named Blue Gold Program is being implemented since January 2013. The project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (KON). The Blue Gold Program has been designed taking into account the lessons learned over the past six years specially follow up to the IPWSM. One new insight is how to deal with the challenges created by the very dynamic rivers of Bangladesh and the new communication technologies. The Program includes activities covering many sectors and involves a great number of organizations and agencies that can play a role during implementation. The most involved departments are the Bangladesh Water and Development Board (BWDB), the Department of Agriculture Extension, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Livestock Services and the Department of Cooperatives. The objective of this Program is to create sustainable development in a great number of selected polders through improved water resources management and agricultural production. The community will be the driving force for the development and their effective participation in this development is crucial. The important components of the program are Community Mobilization and Institutional Strengthening, Water Management, Food Security and Agricultural Production, Business Development and Private Sector Involvement, Livelihood Improvement and Encouraging Business, Training and Capacity Building, Program Management etc.

Training (Local and Foreign) and Capacity Building is an important element in this Program. Good governance is also part of the training. Strengthening of the principles of good governance is the most important cross-cutting theme for this Program. There is provision of foreign training of BWDB staffs regarding innovations, Participatory Water Management, Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Proofing, Safe Plan 2030, Water Clean development etc.

As part of foreign training, twelve (12) days training course on "Multilevel Water Governance" under the Blue Gold Program was held in the Hague Academy for Local Government from 04 April to 15 April 2016 at The Hague, the Netherlands. Total number (18) nos. participants (six (6) from BWDB, two (2) from WU&R, one (1) from Planning Commission and one from TA Team attended the training program. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh issued a Government Order (GO) vide memo no. WU&R/GO.338.024/02.03.2016 para 13-14, dated 17 September 2016 in regard to this training in Japan (Annex 1).

The course was attended by seventeen representatives of eight countries such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, Colombia, Serbia, Kenya, New Zealand, Netherlands, Lebanon.

1.2 Objectives of the Training

The training was conducted with the following major objectives:

- gain state of the art knowledge on concepts and principles of integrated, multilevel water governance.

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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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