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# Water Management and Productive Sectors Innovation Fund

Report of Quarter 1 – 2015

## 1. Development and introduction of a web-based GIS information Platform

Between the months of January and March 2015 the Blue Gold team has focused on updating the data of the web-based GIS information platform for all 12 polders of the program. As part of this activity the Blue Gold team purchased a GIS dataset from the Water Resource Planning Organization (WARPO), which is currently being analyzed on its usefulness for the GIS portal. Additionally the data gathered by Blue Gold itself is added to the portal (i.e. WMGs, roads, kahls and structures).

It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of May 2015, after which the third and final N&S expert mission will take place (planned for June 2015).

## 2. Women-managed Small Household Ponds (SHHP)

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, WorldFish submitted a request to extend the contract of the SHHP project, citing that the project was started up later than originally planned which lead to unspent funds. It was agreed by Blue Gold to extend the original end date of the SHHP project of March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June with no additional costs. A final report on the SHHP project is expected by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## 3. Pilot with IWM on Polder Community Water Management (CoWM) in polder 30.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, Martina Groenemeijer finished her four months internship at the community water management pilot in Polder 30 in Khulna District by presenting her findings to the Blue Gold team in the Dhaka office. Martina's main tasks were to carry out a baseline survey, to monitor progress of the pilot and to advise on up scaling options.

In December 2014 IRRI informed that their proposal for additional funding (US\$ 750,000) under the CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land, and Ecosystems (WLE) has been successful. Blue Gold is supporting this initiative, which includes IRRI, WorldFish, IWM, IWM and a number of NGO's. The inception workshop for the IRRI research initiative took place in February 2015. The start of the integrated field visit is planned for April 2015.

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4. New mission  
4.1. Mission objectives of the 2015-2016 mission to Bangladesh (2015-2016)  
The Joint Water Subsector (JWS) and Joint Land Use Subsector (JLUS) under the Blue Gold program between 2011-2015 (2015-2016). The focus of the mission is to explore possibilities for mutual cooperation with the Blue Gold program.  
JWS and JLUS have their working methods and content of work as comparable to the activities conducted in the Blue Gold program, and identified three possible areas of cooperation:  
• Develop and execute existing for Bangladesh Water Development Board staff or life cycle testing, creating comprehensive awareness in design, implementation and operation of assets.  
• The introduction of a pilot scale evaluation system for development under the operational setting of JWS.  
• In order to ensure that the development of a pilot approach through participatory land use planning and modification of participatory water management. This is to be reported within the timeline of the Blue Gold project.  
• A young health assistant will be placed in Bangladesh to cooperate with the Blue Gold program and to assist in observational activities.  
• Further cooperation activities will be defined after establishment of a health working mission.  
A detailed mission report with the background of the visit, program analysis and findings has been submitted to Blue Gold.  
4.2. Mission of Joint Water Subsector (JWS) and Joint Land Use Subsector (JLUS)  
The representative member of the JWS and JLUS will be located in collaboration with Blue Gold around the placement of a house from the Netherlands within the Blue Gold project, as part of the Netherlands-Luxembourg Water Program (NL Water program).  
This house is an extension of JWS, as well as JLUS is the applicant for the participation of the house in the NL Water program. As part of the NL Water program, the house will be placed in Dhaka. The house will be active within Component 1 of the Blue Gold program.  
The responsibilities of the house include being with the Blue Gold Innovation Fund Manager to jointly identify sites and proposals for innovative technology solutions in the field of non-renewable resources, climate change mitigation, sustainable energy generation (water logging) and storage of water management structures (dikes, levees, weirs, etc.) for the coastal areas in southern Bangladesh.

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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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