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Summary

Program duration
2015 to 2021

Program area in Bangladesh
Districts of Patuakhali, Khulna, Satkhira and Barguna

Objective
To reduce poverty and to increase household income through appropriately targeted interventions for 185,000 households in the coastal districts of Patuakhali, Khulna, Satkhira, and Barguna; by helping local communities to mitigate impacts of climate change and to develop their local economy through diversified farming practices based on information on input costs and market prices, and supported by participatory management of local water resources.

Partners

Implementation
Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)
Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE)
in association with
Department of Livestock Services (DLS)
Department of Fisheries (DoF)

Donor
Government of the Netherlands (GoN)
Government of Bangladesh (GoB)

Consultants
Euroconsult Mott MacDonald
in association with
FEMconsult, Socioconsult and BETS Consulting

A Call for Action

This is the executive summary of the Lessons Learnt Report of the Blue Gold Program (BGP), which is written with the aim of assisting its intended readership of policy makers, planners and practitioners to use practical lessons gained from Blue Gold in modifying policies, plans, procedures, and the design of programs, and projects that support water management in the coastal zone. This executive summary is intended to present summary recommendations from Blue Gold's eight year practical experience with 800,000 farmers in 22 polders as a "call for action" by investment platforms like the government's Delta Plan.

What is the importance of lessons from the Blue Gold Program?

Bangladesh's impressive economic development has brought the country's imminent identification as a middle-income country as a realistic goal. One precondition for development is that adequate water security sustains lives and livelihoods. This means that adequate protection from the destructive force of water must be in place and that the productive potential of water for the greater good of society is harnessed at the same time. The better a society functions, the higher the level of water security must be. One can see this relation between economic development and water security already: Dhaka City –

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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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