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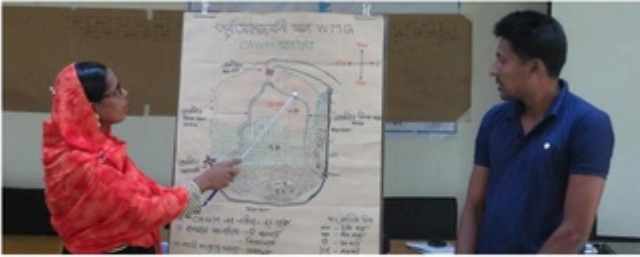
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Blue Gold Program  
**Report on CAWM Planning Workshop**  
 Ava Center, Khulna  
 May 15-16, 2019

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**Introduction**



It is commonly perceived that salinity is the main reason for non-adoption of improved agricultural technologies and low productivity in the coastal zone of Bangladesh. But actually the poor water management/ waterlogging, in particular, lack of drainage during and at the end of the rainy season is the root cause of low production in polder areas and also lack of coordination among the polder dwellers on water management and that community coordination is needed to enable wide scale adoption of improved agricultural technologies in the polder ecosystems. To overcome of this problem Blue Gold Program started Community Agricultural Water Management (CAWM) from 2016 in sub-catchment level.

This year (2019-2020) also 21 CAWM area are selected, among these 13 in 6 polders of Patuakhali, 6 in 2 polders of Khulna and 2 in Satkhira with an aim to improve the understanding of the concept of CAWM and share experiences with Govt. representatives of DAE, BWDB, BADC, UP, WMA and farmers of selected CAWM area, two days' workshop organized in Patuakhali, Khulna and Satkhira from 12 to 22 May 2019.

**Workshop objectives**

This year two days' CAWM Planning Workshop has been designed slightly differently than the previous years by increasing numbers of participants and segregating the participation of different participants. 1<sup>st</sup> day of the workshop has been designed for representatives from DAE, BWDB, BADC, IRR, BARI, UP and WMA members with an aim to develop linkages & relations among the involved GoB departments with WMA for obtaining necessary support and disseminate the experience for upscaling CAWM.

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The day 2 workshop organized for 1000s from DAE, BWDB, BADC, IRR and WMA members from 12 CAWM areas across the coastal zone of Bangladesh. Participants discussed water management problems, identified solutions and based on that prepared action plan for their areas.

**Participants**

Following are the list of participants who attended the workshop in 2 areas. The officials of the Govt departments and their interaction with the participants are a great value for this workshop following are the details of the participants.

**Patuakhali**

Area	DAE	BWDB	BADC	UP	WMA	CAWM	Govt	IR	IR	IR
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Khulna**

Area	DAE	BWDB	BADC	UP	WMA	CAWM	Govt	IR	IR	IR
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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**Major findings and observations**

Based on the last year's experience, the nature of the workshop was revised to make it more cost-effective, practical and increase value of the workshop following are the changes:

1. Increasing the numbers Govt sector officials and WMA representatives

The 1<sup>st</sup> day was designed for sharing CAWM best experiences, sharing national perspectives among the participants and help them self support CAWM farmers in solving water management problems and increase cropping intensity. The DAE, BWDB, BADC, UP, WMA sector officials and UP Chairman shared their opinion and developed attention to support CAWM farmers.



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### Report on CAWM Planning Workshop

Community-led Agricultural Water Management - with DAE, Blue Gold established a network of schemes for demonstration purposes where locally-applicable annual cropping patterns are introduced along with water level control facilitated by small-scale water infrastructure, and the development of value chain skills in farmers

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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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