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Lower Bhadra River Erosion Damage
Breach to Polder 29 near Chandghar Village
Briefing Note**

Background

Chandghar village is located in Sharafpur union of Dumuria upazila in Khulna district, close to the eastern perimeter bund of Polder 29 and adjacent to the Lower Bhadra river. Since the creation of the polder in 1968, the embankment has been prone to river erosion and the embankment in this reach has been eroded eleven times. During IPSWAM (2004-2011), the embankment was eroded twice.

The considerable area that has been eroded in the vicinity of Chandghar is shown in Figure-1 (Mouza Map) comparing the alignment of the river bank at the time of surveying the Mouza map (unknown) and the sketched alignment of the river bank in March 2015.

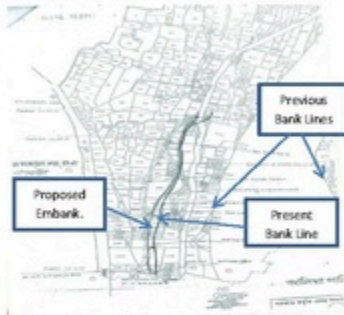


Figure-1: Location of Present River Bank in Mouza Map

Recent History

• **Monsoon 2013:**

There were severe erosion in the Chandghar area and the people were really at a loss thinking of their future. They appealed to local UP, UZP, local MP and BWDB for some kind of protective measures. As temporary protection was no more practiced in BWDB design offices, BWDB was trying for some kind of hard (CC Block) protection, but could not manage necessary fund.

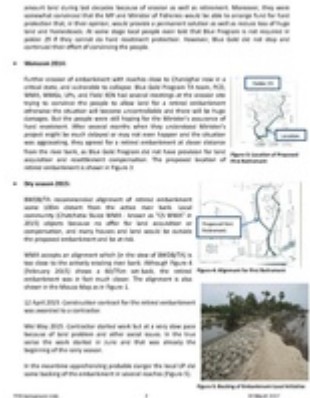
• **Dry season 2014:**

During this year erosion was getting worse. Local people appealed to the local MP and Minister for Fisheries & Livestocks, who gave them some hope of concrete block protection. As reported he also assured them that the fund was almost there and the work would be done soon. When Blue Gold Program became operational in April 2014, this issue was of primary importance to Blue Gold Program. Blue Gold had several meetings with WMGS, WMA and UPs regarding probable action that could be taken. Blue Gold proposed that since this program does not have provision for concrete block protection, it can go for a retired embankment at a sufficient setback distance (min. 100m). But the people were not ready to accept embankment retirement as they have already lost huge



Figure-2: Continued Erosion in 2014

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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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