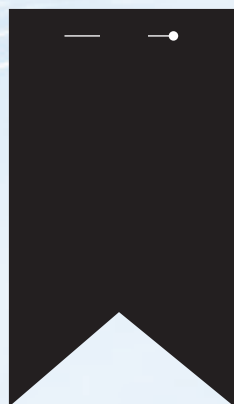




NRP Quarterly Updates

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NRP Pays Homage to 15th August National Mourning Day

NRP's Stakeholders' Meeting [UN EX. Board Members, GOB Officials, UN Agencies & NRP Team]



The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA, and UNOPS participated in a stakeholder meeting with the National Resilience Programme (NRP) on 29 June 2022 at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre (BICC), during their week-long visit to Bangladesh. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to the UN (Head of Delegation) spoke highly of NRP's contribution in mainstreaming resilience in a disaster-prone country like Bangladesh. NRP contributes to disaster risk reduction through gender-responsive DRM, and risk-informed development and planning. The Chair,

Mr. Md. Kamrul Hasan ndc, Secretary of MoDMR reflected that Bangladesh faces different types of disasters like floods, cyclones, landslides, and drought; and many a time, in combination. The NRP, a Technical Assistant Project, helps the GoB to enhance existing capacities in collaboration with the MoDMR and other related ministries. A total of 50 personnel from GoB Ministries/Division, Development Partners including representatives from the Government of Sweden, and FCDO & UN Agency Representatives (UNDP, UNOPS, and UN Women) actively participated & exchanged ideas with Board Members.

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Road To New NRP



PCMT organized a Design and Planning workshop on 17-18 June 2022 on sharing the draft ProDoc of New NRP. GoB Official (Additional and Joint Secretaries from six ministries/divisions, related departments), UN Agencies (UNDP, UN Women & UNOPS), Representatives from NRP's subprojects, Experts, and and NRP-PCMT participated in the workshop. Main objectives of the workshop were;

- Sharing NRP key achievements and activities and critical reviews there of
- Identifying the gaps in NRP-I's implementation and way forward through formal discussion within UN agencies
- Developing a work plan for new NRP's ProDoc and way forward.

- Understanding country context from the Disaster and Resilience lense



NRP's Team Meeting with Development Partners



NRP-PCMT arranged a Design & Consultation workshop with Development Partners developing on a work plan for new NRP's ProDoc.

Contribution Towards Resilience

A comprehensive study on gender analysis of COVID 19 and recent disasters

A comprehensive study on gender analysis of COVID 19 and recent disasters has been conducted to inform government and non-government organizations for necessary policy and programmatic actions. A policy brief along with key findings of the study has been finalized in this regard for wider dissemination. It is expected that the findings from this study will provide useful direction on designing, targeting, implementing, and monitoring

interventions that will be able to mitigate the challenges that are threatening to reverse the gains that Bangladesh achieved on educational attainment, women's livelihood, income and food security, WASH, mobility, gendered role, and norms dictating work distribution and load of unpaid work on women, women's leadership and decision-making authority, gender-based violence.



Rapid gender analysis of flooding in north and north-eastern Bangladesh



The preliminary rapid gender analysis of flooding in north and north-eastern Bangladesh has been produced by the Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) working group under National Resilience Programme. Gender responsive humanitarian response plan of HCTT for 2022 flood is highly influenced by this rapid

gender analysis articulating needs of the women and girls in post disaster need assessments and response plan.

Source:

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Initiatives for Enhancing Capacity

1. NRP-PD Part organized three training courses on Risk Informed Development Planning

NRP-PD Part organized three training courses on Risk Informed Development Planning from April-June 2022 in association with National Academy for Planning and Development (NAPD) and BCS Administration Academy. A total of 63 GoB officials participated in the training courses.



Secretary, Planning Division and Director General, NAPD along with the training participants in closing session

2. Training on Sendai Framework Monitor and Data & Information Sharing:

To build the capacity of GoB Official a day long Training was organized on "Sendai Framework Monitor and Data & Information Sharing" on 30 June 2022 at DDM, Mohakhali. Mr. Md. Atiquel Huq, Director General, Department of Disaster Management graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Mr. Abu Saleh Md Mohiuddin, Project Director (Joint Secretary), NRP: DDM was the chair of the training course. Technical Sessions were facilitated by NRP: DDM trainers along with Mr. Md. Abdullah Al-Mamun, (Joint Secretary), Director (Research & Training); Mr. Anjon Chandra Paul, (Joint Secretary), Director(FFW); Mr. Md Safiqul Islam, (Joint Secretary), Project Director of Department of Disaster Management (DDM).



3. Continued emphasis on spreading knowledge: Basic Course on Asset Management

Since the beginning of the Programme, the NRP-LGED part has focused on capacity building - to build a pool of qualified professionals on fundamentals of Asset Management. This pool is expected to work as a community to build a strong Asset Management System within the country. LGED has become the pioneer in adopting and working towards establishing an Asset Management System. Through 15 Batches 321 engineers from across the country received the 5-Day Basic Course on Asset Management. This quarter alone **43 participants received training in 2 batches.**



Development Partners Visit to Fields of NRP



A high-level field mission visited various project activities of NRP at Chilmari Upazilas in Kurigram from 30 May to 02 June 2022. The purpose of the mission was to observe post situation and immediate impact of piloting activities through consultation meetings with stakeholders in Kurigram. Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden, Ms. Alexandra Berg Vone Linde; along with Mr. Abu Saleh Md. Mohiuddin Khan, Joint Secretary, MoDMR & PD, NRP-DDM Part; Mr. Mohammad Iftekhar Hossain, Programme Coordinator, NRP; Mr. Prasenjit Chakma, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP; DRRO Kurigram, UNO Chilmari, and representative from UNDP & UN Women visited NRP DDM part's activities at Ramna and Raniganj Union of Kurigram District. The mission visited community-based resilience building activities of the project. The ambassador interacts with community people and explores how the community be benefited from the project activities in Ramna and Raniganj Union under Kurigram. The mission visited



activities on DRR inclusive Social Safety Net, Disability Inclusive DRR and Flood Preparedness Programme (FPP) under NRP and mobilized relevant stakeholders in Kurigram.





Volunteers in Action to Save Lives and Protect Assets: Volunteer Support during Monsoon Flood



UCVs of Rangamati participated and supported FSCD for organizing drill on Fire, Rescue operation

Failure Analysis Mission of UNOPS



An engaging and insightful Failure Analysis Mission, designed for Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) personnel, was successfully conducted by UNOPS from the 22nd to 26th of May 2022. The primary aim of the mission was to capacitate LGED engineers with the concept of Failure Analysis. In this 5-day mission participants were able to gain foundational training on the critical components of road and bridge pathologies and

hands-on training on the failure analysis toolkit. Participants also displayed their contextual understanding of the subject and concluded that this Failure Analysis Framework will underpin the 'Build Back Better' approach (priority 4 of the Sendai Framework) in the recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction work of LGED.



Programme Activities (April – June 2022)

1. 13th Meetings of NRP's Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC)

The 13th meeting of the Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC) for the National Resilience Programme (NRP) was held on May 24, 2022, at 3.00 pm at NRP Office. Mr. Ranjit Kumar Sen ndc, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) and National Programme Coordinator (NPC) of NRP chaired the meeting. This meeting reviewed the last quarter of 2021 activities of NRP's four subprojects and discussed other important issues including joint programme evaluation, new NRP formulation etc. Mr. Mohammad Iftekhar Hossain, Programme Coordinator (PC), NRP presented an overview of the NRP project Intervention. All the subproject's Project



Directors also shared their quarterly progress in this meeting. The chair expressed his concern about the next phase of NRP formulation and requested everyone to work together for the future one.

2. 8th Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of NRP Programming Division Part

8th meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) for NRP PD Part Project was held on 30 May at Planning Commission Conference Room with Mr. Pradip Ranjan

Chakraborty, Secretary, Planning Division in the chair. The meeting reviewed the project activities and exit plan beyond the project period.

3. Sharing Session on Asset Management between CPTU and LGED



A sharing session between the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of IMED of the Planning Ministry and the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) was held on 25 April 2022 at the CPTU office on the asset management system established at LGED under NRP. The session was presided over by Mr. Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury, Director General, CPTU. He was accompanied by senior CPTU officials. The LGED team was led by Mr. Jasim Uddin, Project Director, NRP LGED Part.

4. Learning Sharing Meeting on earthquake preparedness programme in Rangpur:

A learning and result-sharing meeting on Earthquake Preparedness Programme was held at Rangpur City Corporation. The purpose of the event was to find out the sustainability of the NRP DDM part's activity on the earthquake preparedness and response through consultation meetings with Mayor, ward commissioners, DRRO, Rangpur, CEO, town planner, other members of CCDMC & UCVs in Rangpur City Corporation. The event highlighted the status and role of the Contingency Plan along with trained UCVs for coordinated effective response preparation with increasing capacities of city corporation, local administration, DMCs, public and private stakeholders. In the event, Mr. Abu Saleh Md Mohiuddin Khan, Project Director (Joint Secretary) has discussed and consulted with the key stakeholders that shared the outcome of the earthquake preparedness programme including risk information, draft contingency plan, and cadre of UCVs are providing response services to save and protect the lives and assets. The programme showed a positive change in terms of capacity in managing the risk of earthquake, fire, and



other urban hazards. The event recommended more collaborative works to sustain the project outcome including increased capacity within the local institutions and policy perspectives including SOD, NPDM, BNBC to strengthen urban resilience.

5. NRP DWA Part launched a study to generate and disseminate gender responsive time disaster early warning information

To strengthen the current disaster early warning system in Bangladesh, UN Women under National Resilience Programme (NRP) launched a study to understand better of current institutional mechanisms and capacities of the relevant stakeholders to generate and disseminate gender responsive time disaster early warning information to the most vulnerable groups. The study team would consult with sex workers, transgenders, elderly women, women with disabilities, female-headed households, and women farmers to learn their perspectives in this regard. Relevant stakeholders i.e., Bangladesh Meteorological

Department, Flood Forecasting Warning Centre, Cyclone Preparedness Programme, Flood Preparedness Programme, Department of Disaster Management, and others will also be interviewed. A detailed questionnaire and KII checklists have already been developed to collect firsthand information which will lead to providing some concrete recommendations for relevant government entities to ensure effective disaster early warning for most marginalized groups and people of all genders.

6. Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan of Department of Women Affairs

Department of Women Affairs (DWA) with technical support from the National Resilience Programme (NRP) has started the process to review and update the Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan (DRRAP) of DWA developed in 2013. The primary objective is to support the integration

of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation mechanisms into their regular programs, projects, and activities by considering the vulnerability of women and children due to different disasters across the country and international and national drivers.

7. 4th Advisory Committee Meeting of NRP DWA Part

4th Advisory Committee Meeting of National Resilience Programme of Department of Women Affairs Part was held on June 5, 2022, at the secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, MoWCA, Dr. Muhd Anwar Hossain Howlader. The meeting called for the development of the next phase of NRP taking into consideration

the recommendations made in the programme evaluation and DWA part endline report while discussing the legacy left by the project. Director General, Department of Women Affairs, PD NRP DWA part along with representatives from different ministries and departments attended the meeting.

8. Support to National Adaptation Plan

National Resilience Programme DWA part provided technical support to Ministry of Women and Children Affairs in reviewing the draft National Adaptation Plan (NAP) through a gender lens produced by Ministry of Environ-

ment, Forests and Climate Change. After critical review, feedback has been provided to integrate gender concerns into the plan.

9. Strengthening MoDMR's Capacity for Resilience

NRP DDM part contributed to strengthening MoDMR's capacity to address recurrent and mega-disasters through updating drafted policies, and guidelines and facilitating international events and collaboration. In the reporting period, the NRP DDM part supported MoDMR in showcasing Bangladesh's progress on Early Warning and Early Action, Disability risk-informed and inclusive DRR, Resilient Recovery under World Reconstruction efforts, Inclusive DRR Financing, Sendai Stock Taking in the GPDRR 2022. Chilmari, Kurigram under Disability Inclusive DRR activities of NRP. With the technical support of NRP DDM part, MoDMR has developed a road

map for conducting SFDRR Mid-Term Review, updated NEOC, revised National Volunteers Guidelines, presented a report on SDG progress to a national platform, and organized NDMC Meeting following the flash and monsoon flood 2022

Upcoming Event Calendar

PD- Training on Risk Informed Development Planning

PD- Meeting of DRIP Data Upgradation Committee

PD- Orientation Course on DIA/DRIP for LGED Officials

PD- Refresher Training on DIA & DRIP

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DDM - Result sharing workshop on DiDRR and DRRinSSN

DDM - Support GoB Sendai Framework Mid Term Review and drafting the report to share with UNDRR

DDM - Facilitate DDM to Data validation and entry in SF Monitor

DDM - Follow up the FPP volunteer activity and DFRM generated warning dissemination

DDM - Documentation and communication of knowledge products

DDM - Finalization of Policy Briefs

LGED- Basic Course on Asset Management

LGED- Training Workshop on Road Deterioration Model

LGED- Preparatory Course for Project Management Professionals Exam

LGED- Training on Risk-Informed Development Planning (jointly with the NRP PD Part)

LGED- Training workshop on Failure Analysis

DWA - NRP Photo book launching

DWA - Dissemination of COVID Gender Analysis Report



Story 01

Promote Nature Based Solution within the Infrastructures of Social Safety Net with Vetiver Grass

The social safety net in Bangladesh has been recognized as a critical strategy to reduce poverty, build resilience, and enable development. Country facing recurrent disasters, access to regular social safety net supports can protect the poor and vulnerable households from the impacts of shocks, including erosion of productive assets, and can minimize negative coping. Ministry of Disaster Management (MoDMR) is being implemented the Employment Generation Program for the Poorest (EGPP) programme which means “employment to manual workers during the lean season over two cycles of 80 days’ work is done for the rural infrastructure”.

The NRP DDM initiated piloting in DRRISN within the EGPP for building resilience by introducing disas-



ter risked informed schemes of plantation of trees and vetiver grasses in Chilmari Upazila and Islampur Upazila of Kurigram and Jamalpur Districts. The plantation of trees and grasses protects EGPP schemes from washed out and flooding. Especially, the vetiver grass. Vetiver grass can also be used for other purposes poor people can earn money utilizing vetiver grass.



“When heavy rainfall started during the rainy season a hedge of grass (Vetiver) blocked the movement of soil and protected soil erosion”. Lutfa interpreted the advantages of the vetiver”

Said Ms. Lutfa Bewoa (65), a widower who has established a vetiver nursery on her small piece of land at Kulkandi (Dakshin Moddopara) in Islampur Upazila for the last three years.

NRP's Joint Programme Evaluation report sharing with UN Agencies, DPs, and GoB Officials



NRP PCMT organized a meeting for sharing the findings of the NRP Joint Programme Evaluation with the Representatives of UN Agencies (UNDP, UNOPS & UN Women), Representatives of Development Partners (FCDO & Government of Sweden), and GoB officials. After a long presentation by Oxford Policy Management (Hired firm), the representatives carried on a critical discussion on future NRP.

Welcome Note



Team NRP is delighted to convey that Mr. K M Abdul Wadud, Additional Secretary (Law), Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) had taken over the charge as the National Programme Coordinator (NPC) on 12th June 2022 on the retirement of his predecessor, Mr. Ranjit Kumar Sen ndc. Mr. Ranjit Kumar Sen ndc, Additional Secretary, MoDMR retired from government service on 1st June 2022. Team NRP welcomes Mr. K M Abdul Wadud as the NPC, wishes him all the success and thanks Mr. Ranjit Kumar Sen ndc for his excellent leadership and dedication to NRP. The new NPC, Mr. K M Abdul Wadud' glorious journey with Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) started in 1995. Prior to joining as an Additional Secretary in MoDMR, he served as Joint Secretary and Director (Admin & Finance) in Department of Bangladesh Haor and Wetlands Development Board, Project Director of Eradication of Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh & Skill Development for Mobile Game Application Projects, Deputy Secretary in Ministry of Agriculture & Ministry of Commerce. Mr. K M Abdul Wadud obtained his Masters in International Economic Relations from Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management, University of Dhaka. He is married and blessed with a daughter and a son.

Nick's farewell



Mr. Nick Harvey, Senior Humanitarian Adviser of Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in Dhaka left Bangladesh finishing his tenure. Team NRP expressed their sincere thanks to him for his excellent guidance and supports all through. Thank You Nick. Thanks indeed and wish you all the best with your new assignment.