Bangladesh: Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector II

**Project Name**: Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector II  
**Project Number**: 30209-013  
**Country**: Bangladesh  
**Project Status**: Closed  
**Project Type / Modality of Assistance**: Loan  
**Source of Funding / Amount**:  
- Loan 1831-BAN: Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector II  
- concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund  
- US$ 34.00 million

**Strategic Agendas**  
- Environmentally sustainable growth

**Drivers of Change**  
- Governance and capacity development

**Sector / Subsector**  
- Agriculture, natural resources and rural development  
- Water-based natural resources management

**Gender Equity and Mainstreaming**  
- Effective gender mainstreaming

**Description**  
The overall goal of the Project is to support the Government's poverty reduction effort by increasing sustainable agricultural and fishery production. The project objective is to develop sustainable stakeholder-driven, small-scale water resource management systems with special attention to the poorer section of the population. The objectives will be achieved by (i) developing improved means of beneficiary participation in the selection, design, implementation, and operation and maintenance of smallscale water resource management development systems; (ii) rehabilitating and constructing small-scale water resource management infrastructure with appropriate agricultural extension, fisheries extension, and aquaculture development; (iii) developing effective management of environmental and social impacts of subprojects, including on those engaged in practicing floodplain capture fisheries; and (iv) developing institutional strengthening and capacity building of relevant Government and stakeholder organizations to ensure adequate support for smallscale water resources development at all levels.

**Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy**  
Sustainable water resource management is a critical element of the Government's poverty reduction strategy, as 90 per cent of the poor living in rural areas and water resources being the foundation of many traditional rural activities engaged by the poor. Based on the Government's main instrument to have the strategy implemented, the SSWRDSP was launched in 1996 to enhance rural incomes by developing community-based water management associations (WMAs) and community-managed, small-scale infrastructure; this has proved to be an effective means to reduce rural poverty. Participatory water resources development and management is necessary to effectively implement key principles by strengthening the implementation framework; this was demonstrated under the SSWRDSP. Expansion of small-scale water resources development is one of the key elements in effectively reducing rural poverty. Consistent with the National Water Policy of Bangladesh and with the water policy of ADB.

**Impact**  
To support the Government's poverty reduction effort by increasing sustainable agricultural and fishery production.

**Project Outcome**  
**Description of Outcome**: Increase agricultural production in subproject areas through sustainable stakeholder-driven, small scale water resource management systems [Taken from the Project Framework]

**Progress Toward Outcome**: Overall implementation progress is 99%

**Implementation Progress**

**Description of Project Outputs**  
- Participatory Water Resources Development: Mobilization of Beneficiary Participation  
- Community-Based Infrastructure Development  
- Water Resources-Oriented Support Programs  
- Institutional Strengthening in the Small-Scale Water Resource Sector

**Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)**  
- Implementable subprojects target stood at 300.  
- 100% contribution of O&M fund received for 300 subprojects.  
- WRS completed in 300 subprojects.  
- Various water resources oriented support programs were undertaken in the completed subprojects  
- IEE/EIA included in feasibility reports.  
- BME systems established  
- Regular progress meetings held at management level  
- LGED training counterpart has been placed

**Geographical Location**

**Safeguard Categories**

- **Environment**: B
- **Involuntary Resettlement**
- **Indigenous Peoples**

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**
Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement
The Project processed land acquisition for 48 subprojects for a total area of 43.42 ha, but funds were released for 15 subprojects only. Affected land owners in 10 subprojects voluntarily donated their lands at free of cost for the infrastructure sites even after obtaining administrative approval from the Ministry. EA agreed to make land payments to the affected land owners in future projects as these are scarce resources particularly for the vulnerable community who has small parcel of land.

Indigenous Peoples
An indigenous peoples’ development plan has been prepared for Boraghat subproject in Mymensingh.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
Beneficiaries participated in subproject selection, planning, implementation, and O&M. NGO facilitators were selected taking performance in the first phase of the Project into consideration. The facilitators were trained and fielded in April 2003. Total 2,948 subproject proposals were received from intended beneficiaries.

During Project Implementation
100 percent of beneficiaries fully contributed required annual O&M amounts in each subproject.
A total of about 3.7 million person-days of local labors were engaged to complete about 9.7 million cubic meters of earthworks for the Project. This activity created employment opportunity for a total of 40,483 LCS members (35,077 male and 5,406 female) over the duration of the Project. An empowerment process was ongoing and women were found to be elected as WMCA chair and treasurer. Women were also representing in the sub-committees and in some WMCA’s they were heading the micro-finance (MF) Sub-committee, Fisheries Sub-Committee etc.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services
Consulting services will assist project implementation with capacity building and institutional strengthening. Aa total of 962 person-months of consulting services are required, including 824 person-months of domestic and 138 person-months of international consultant inputs. The total cost of the consulting services will be financed by the Government of the Netherlands and the services will be administered by ADB. ADB Management has approved advance procurement of urgently needed consultant services, materials, equipment and vehicles. Shortlisting is scheduled in July 2001.

Procurement
Supplies to be procured under the Project will consist generally of service vehicles, construction equipment, computers and survey and laboratory equipment. All supplies, equipment and services will be purchased in accordance with ADB’s Guidelines on Procurement. Civil works contracts for structures will be awarded under local competitive bidding procedures. Earthworks contracts valued at less than $5,000 will be carried out by LGED’s force account utilizing Labor Contracting Societies. Supplies contracts not exceeding $500,000, will be awarded in accordance with the international shopping procedures. Other miscellaneous equipment and supplies, with each package value below the equivalent of $100,000, will be procured by direct purchase procedures.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance
15 May 2002

Fact Finding
17 May 2002 to 19 May 2002

MRM
18 Nov 2002

Approval
12 Jul 2001

Last Review Mission
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04 Feb 2007

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