

**Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level Project
(EAMGLP-Component No. 4.4.1)**

Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP)

Quarterly Project Progress Report

Quarter: July-September 2002

SIA: Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB)

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1) Project Identity

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#*Title of the Project:* Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level Project
(EAMGLP)

Sub-Implementing Agency: Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB)

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2) Project Goal and Objectives:

a) Goal of the Project:

The goal of the project is Protection of Grassroots Environment through community participation.

b) Objective of the Project

Better environment management by raising environmental awareness at the grassroots level through community participation.

Specific objectives of the project are as follows:

- ❑ To make the grassroots people aware of the environmental problems highlighting the current trends of environmental degradation.
- ❑ To involve the community people in assessing and protecting the quality of environment they live in.
- ❑ To provide necessary support to the community people contributing to increasing their capacity in terms of environment management, protection and development.

3) Project Interventions:

a) Capacity Building of the Project Staff

- ❑ Training/Workshop on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring.
- ❑ Staff Training and Field Level Exposure (at home) on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Study Tour/Group Training (Abroad) on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Staff Orientation Course (Newly Recruited)

b) Strengthening the Capacity of NGOs

- ❑ Training of Trainers (ToT) on Environment Management Sustainable Agriculture and Disaster Preparedness and Response at Central Level.
- ❑ Training of Trainers (ToT) on Environment Management Sustainable Agriculture and Disaster Preparedness and Response at Chapter Level.
- ❑ Training on Environment Protection and Sustainable Agriculture (EPSA) for the Staff of NGOs.
- ❑ Training on Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR) for the Staff of NGOs.

c) Capacity Building of Environment Watch Committee

- ❑ Formation and Functioning of Environment Watch Committee at Central Level and Upazila Level.
- ❑ Orientation of Environment Watch Committee at Upazila Level.
- ❑ Quarterly Workshop of Upazila Environment Watch Committee.
- ❑ Quarterly Workshop of UEWC Representatives at Chapter Level

d) Environmental Awareness & Education Program at Grassroots Level.

- ❑ Orientation /Classes at School Level on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Participation in the Scout Jamboree.
- ❑ Participation in the Environment Fair
- ❑ Displaying Popular Theatre on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Displaying Video Documentary on Environmental Issues at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Exhibition on Sustainable Agriculture at Local Level (to be organized in collaboration with Agriculture Department of the Government).
- ❑ Organizing Rally of Grassroots People against Environmental Pollution at Local Level.
- ❑ Observance of World Environment Day and Disaster Day at Central and Chapter Level.
- ❑ Functioning at Upazila Environment Watch Committee.

e) Workshop/Seminar/Consultative Meeting on Environmental Issues

- ❑ Workshop on Conceptualization of the Project (Inception Workshop).
- ❑ Workshop/Seminar on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Annual Project Progress Review Workshop by the Chapter Steering Committee.
- ❑ Consultative Meeting with EAMGLP/SEMP Partners and other stakeholders including government.
- ❑ Quarterly Project Progress Review Workshop (Staff).
- ❑ Annual Workshop of Chapter Trainers Pool at Chapter Level
- ❑ Workshop on National Land Use Policy (DRAFT) at Regional and National Level.
- ❑ Workshop with Member NGOs on Emerging Environmental issues (Need Based)

f) Development and Publication of Environmental Awareness Education Materials

- ❑ Developing and Printing of Training Module on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Publication of Poster, Leaflet and Booklet on Environmental Issues and Brochure on EAMGLP.
- ❑ Publication of Quarterly Newsletter.
- ❑ Developing Guideline for Environment Monitoring and Tools for Collection of Information at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Developing Video Documentary and TV Spot

g) Development of Database

- ❑ Collection of Data from Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Development of a Database Programme at Central and Chapter Level.
- ❑ Updating of Data Bank on Regular Basis.
- ❑ Information from Media through News Clippings.

h) Reporting

- ❑ Pre-implementation Status Report on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Mid-term Status Report on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Post implementation Status Report on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Quarterly Project Progress Report (Terminal Report).
- ❑ Synthesized Report on the information collected from Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Publication of Project Report.

4) Planned Activities: (July-September 2002)

- ❑ Developing and Printing of Training Module on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level
- ❑ Organizing Orientation and Training of Surveyors from NGOs selected by ADAB
- ❑ Printing and Distribution of Poster
- ❑ Printing and Distribution of Leaflet
- ❑ Printing and Distribution of Brochure.
- ❑ Developing Guideline for Environmental Monitoring and Tools for collection of information at Grassroots Level
- ❑ Collection & Purchase of Environmental Publications & distribution among the Members (Need based).
- ❑ Video Documentary
- ❑ Developing of TV Spot
- ❑ Study Tour/Training for Project Staff (Abroad)
- ❑ Orientation/ Classes at School on Environmental Issues.
- ❑ Displaying Popular Theatre on Environmental Issues at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Displaying Video Documentary on Environmental Issues at Grassroots Level
- ❑ Functioning of Upazila Environment Watch Committee (UEWC)
- ❑ Quarterly Workshop of Upazila Environment Watch Committee.
- ❑ Quarterly Workshop of UEWC Representatives (Member-Secretary & Convenor) at Chapter Level.
- ❑ Consultative Meeting with EAMGLP Partners and other Stakeholders.

- ❑ Training on Environment Protection and Sustainable Agriculture (EPSA) for the Staff on NGOs.
- ❑ Quarterly Project Progress Review Workshop (staff).
- ❑ Workshop/Seminar/Rally on Emerging Environment Issues (Need based)
- ❑ Exhibition on Sustainable Agriculture at the Local Level (To be organized in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Extension, GoB).
- ❑ Development of a Computer Database Programme at Central and Chapter Level.
- ❑ Updating Data Bank on Regular Basis.
- ❑ Collection of Data from Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Information from Media through News Clippings.
- ❑ Organizing Training of Field Investigators.
- ❑ Preparing the Pre-implementation Report on the Status of Environmental Awareness at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Periodical Project Report.
- ❑ Publication of Quarterly NewsLetter.
- ❑ Video on Emerging Environmental Issues (Need based).
- ❑ Organize Issues Based Rally of Grassroots People for Protection Against Environmental Pollution at Local Level.
- ❑ Functioning of Environment Watch Committee at Central level.

5) Activities/Target accomplished during the period:

Developing and Printing of Training Module on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level

The Training Module on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level has been developed during the quarter.

Developing Guideline for Environmental Monitoring and Tools for collection of information at Grassroots Level

The Guideline for Environmental Monitoring and Tools for collection of information at Grassroots Level has already been developed earlier by BCAS, one of the partners of EAMGLP/SEMP.

Collection and Purchase of Environmental Publications and Distribution among the Members

The Paribesh Patra and Eco-file published by Unnayan Shamannay in the previous quarters and the FoRAM Newsletter published by Forum for Regenerative Agriculture Movement (FoRAM) have been collected from the concerned organizations and distributed among the 16 chapter offices of ADAB for display in the Environment Board provided by ADAB for the schools selected for school orientation programme under EAMGLP/SEMP

Orientation/Classes at School on Environmental Issues

Orientation/Classes were held in 13 (Thirteen) schools under ADAB Comilla, Dinajpur, Khulna, Kushtia, Faridpur, Sylhet, Rangpur and Rajshahi chapters. A total of 3,596 (Three thousand five hundred ninety six) students participated in the orientation classes. Considering the local environmental issues and current trends of environmental degradation the orientation classes were organized on environment protection, sustainable agriculture and disaster preparedness and management. The concerned trainers of EAMGLP/SEMP, members of Chapter Trainers Pool and the efficient and experienced members of Upazila Environment Watch Committee concerned worked as facilitator during the school orientation. This is an effective programme under the project, which has been gladly accepted as well as appreciated by the students and teachers of the concerned schools including all stakeholders at grassroots level.

Quarterly Workshop of Upazila Environment Watch Committee.

Quarterly Workshop of Dumuria, Khulna and Gheor, Manikgonj Upazila Environment Watch Committee (UEWC) were held at Dumuria Adarsha Biddyaniketon, Dumuria, Khulna and SEDA Training Centre, Gheor, Manikgonj respectively. The main objective of the workshops was to review the activities undertaken by the committee during the quarter and to finalize the future course of action.

Functioning of the Upazila Environment Watch Committee (UEWC)

A total of 8 Functioning of Upazila Environment Watch Committee was held on 6 issues under Comilla, Khulna, Kushtia, Manikgonj Mymensingh and Rangpur Chapters. Different local environmental issues such as arsenic contamination in ground water, role of women, adverse impact of brick field, importance of afforestation, Garbage disposal, adverse impact of chemical fertilizer and pesticides and importance of sustainable agriculture and other issues of environmental pollution/degradation at local level were addressed in the functioning of UEWC. People's participation was ensured in the functioning of UEWCs. Emphasize was given to the women specially on raising awareness on the adverse impact of arsenic contamination. Community people including the Govt. authority participated in the different activities and appreciated the efforts of ADAB.

6) Non compliance's and reasons:

- Organizing Orientation and Training of Surveyors from NGOs selected by ADAB
- Printing and Distribution of Poster
- Printing and Distribution of Leaflet
- Printing and Distribution of Brochure.
- Video Documentary
- Developing of TV Spot
- Study Tour/Training for Project Staff (Abroad)

- ❑ Displaying Popular Theatre on Environmental Issues at Grassroots Level.
- ❑ Displaying Video Documentary on Environmental Issues at Grassroots Level
- ❑ Quarterly Workshop of UEWC Representatives (Member-Secretary & Convenor) at Chapter Level.
- ❑ Consultative Meeting with EAMGLP Partners and other Stakeholders.
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Earlier, it was very difficult to prepare the Implementation Plan due to partial budget (Requested for Fund Advance: Tk.25, 32,907, a total of Tk. 16,71,407 was approved by PMU/SEMP) provided by PMU/SEMP against the RFA to carry out the planned activities during the quarter. However, the total programme was planned on the basis of the fund received so far. But unfortunately all activities have been suspended with effect from 14 August 2002 vide a letter (No. SEMP/PMU/120/1953, dated 13 August 2002) of the National Programme Director, SEMP. Therefore no programme was implemented since 14 August 2002.

7. Major programmatic success and failure

Success:

- National Workshop on National Land Use Policy (Draft)

The national workshop was organized at **IDB Bhaban**, Agargoan, Dhaka on April 23, 2000. To ensure the people's participation as well as the experts opinion in the National Land Use Policy (Draft) prepared by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. A total of 66 participants from different stakeholders shared their views and opinion on the draft. It is expected that the people's comments, recommendations and suggestions have taken into consideration in finalizing the National Land Use Policy.

* It is to be noted here that a total of six regional workshops on National Land Use Policy (draft) were held at Khulna, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal, Mymensingh and Comilla on different dates during October-November 1999.

Training of Trainers (ToT) course at central and chapter level.

- With a view to develop the skilled trainers pool at central and chapter level, a total of 17 ToTs (central-1 & chapter- 16) were organized during June -July 2000 at ADAB Central and Chapters level. A total of 361 NGOs people from 252 organizations participated in the Chapter ToTs and 22 people from 7 organizations including ADAB participated in the Central ToT. The members of the trainers pool have been involved in raising awareness of their colleagues of the respective organizations as well as their target people / beneficiaries regarding environment management and conservation, sustainable agriculture and disaster preparedness and response during their training to staff and the Target People's weekly group meetings. Thus a large number of grassroots people will be made aware of environment conservation, sustainable agriculture and disaster management.

Special TV Spot on Polythene:

- ADAB prepared a special TV Spot on adverse effect of polythene and telecasted through the BTV from 27 December 2001 onwards. Moreover, a large number of ADAB/CEN members including the partner organizations of EAMGLP/SEMP participated in the Rally with banners, festoons and expressed amity with the government decision on ban on polythene from January 2002.

Observance of World Environment Day - 2002

Following the instruction/suggestion of the Hon'ble Minister for Ministry of Environment Forest, GoB as well as the concerned secretary, ADAB observed the WED-2002 in 78 Upazilas out of 100 Upazilas selected of EMGLP/SEMP. The day was observed in a befitting manner through participation in the Environment Fair, Rally, Workshops, Seminar, Consultative meeting Art competitions for school students, Popular theatre at central, chapter and Upazila level. The initiative taken by ADAB was highly appreciated by all. The Hon'ble Minister of different ministries of the Govt. of Bangladesh, high officials of the Govt. institutions including all stakeholders observed and actively participated in the WED-2002 organized by ADAB. It is to be noted that ADAB observed the WED-2002 first time in 78 Upazilas including central & chapter level.

Displaying the Popular Theatre

Popular theatre is an effective method to raise awareness among the grassroots people. A total of 8 Popular Theatre were organized during April-June 2002 at ADAB Bogra, Dinajpur Faridpur, Jessore, Khulna, Manikgonj, Rajshahi and Rangpur Chapters, where a thousands of people including the govt. & Non Govt. officials NGOs, grassroots people's representatives local community people observed the theatre.

Failure:

Publication of News Letter

- Reason: Due to unavailability of the concerned staff as well as sudden suspension on the project activities, the Newsletter was not published.

Table – I
Quarterly Progress of the Project
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CMBL	Target Activities	Status	Remarks
21.01	Developing and Printing of Training Module on Environmental Awareness and Monitoring at Grassroots Level	Accomplished	Proshika, EAMGLP/SEMP partner in cooperation with ADAB has developed the Module
21.01	Organizing Orientation and Training of Surveyors from NGOs selected by ADAB	Not yet organized	BCAS (EAMGLP/SEMP Partner) was assigned to organize the course.
21.02	Printing and Distribution of Poster	Not published	Due to suspension on the project activities, the poster was not published
210.02	Printing and Distribution of Leaflet	Not yet published	Due to suspension on the project activities, no leaflet was published
21.02	Printing and Distribution of Brochure	Not yet published	Due to suspension on the project activities, the brochure was not published
21.02	Developing Guideline for Environmental Monitoring and Tools for collection of information at Grassroots Level	The Guideline has already been developed	
21.02	Collection & Purchase of environmental Publications & distribution among the members (Need based).	Accomplished	It is a need-based activity, which is being implemented on regular basis.
22.01	Video Documentary	Not yet prepared	Proshika will prepare the Video Documentary on environmental issues.
22.01	Developing of TV Spot	4 TV Spots developed as draft	
32.01	Study Tour/Training for Project Staff (Abroad)	Not accomplished	Due to suspension on the project activities, the programme was not done.
33.01	Orientation/ Classes at School Level on Environmental Issues.	Accomplished	A total of 13 schools were taken by 8 chapters under this activity.

CMBL	Target Activities	Status	Remarks
33.01	Display Popular theatre on Environmental issues at Grassroots level.	Not accomplished	Due to partial budget provided by PMU/SEMP, the programme was not taken by ADAB.
33.01	Displaying Video documentary on environmental issues at grassroots level	Not yet displayed	As the Video Documentary not yet developed therefore it was not displayed.
33.01	Functioning of Upazila Environment Watch Committee (UEWC)	Accomplished	A total of 8 Functioning was done in 6 issues at 7 Upazilas under 6 ADAB chapters up to 13 August 2002
33.02	Quarterly Workshop of Upazila Environment Watch Committee.	Accomplished	Organized in 2 Upazilas
33.02	Quarterly Workshop of UEWC Representatives (Member-Secretary & Convenor) at Chapter Level.	Not accomplished	Due to suspension on the project activities, the programme was not done.
33.02	Consultative Meeting with EAMGLP Partners and other Stakeholders.	Not accomplished	This is a need based activity
33.02	Training on Environment Protection and Sustainable Agriculture (EPSA) for the staff on NGOs.	Not accomplished	Due to partial budget provided by PMU/SEMP, the programme was not taken by ADAB
33.02	Quarterly Project Progress Review Workshop (Staff).	Not accomplished	Due to suspension on the project activities, the programme was not done.
33.02	Workshop/Seminar/Rally on Emerging Environment Issues (Need based)	Not accomplished	Due to partial budget provided by PMU/SEMP under In-service Training, finally the programme was not taken by ADAB
33.03	Exhibition on Sustainable Agriculture at the local level (To be organized in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Extension, GoB).	Not accomplished	Due to partial budget provided by PMU/SEMP, finally the programme was not taken by ADAB
33.03	Development of a Computer Database Programme at Central and Chapter Level.	Not accomplished	Proshika, EAMGLP/SEMP Partner is doing this job.

CMBL	Target Activities	Status	Remarks
33.03	Updating data on regular basis.	Not accomplished	After development of the computer data base, the information will be updated on regular basis
33.03	Collection on data from Grassroots Level.	Not accomplished	
33.03	Information from Media through News Clippings.	Accomplished	It is an ongoing activity.
52.01	Organizing Training of Field Investigators.	Not accomplished	BCAS has been assigned for this activity
52.01	Preparing the Pre-implementation Report on the status of Environmental Awareness at Grassroots Level.	Not accomplished	Do
52.02	Periodical Project Report.	Accomplished	
52.02	Publication of Quarterly News Letter.	Not accomplished	
52.04	Video on Emerging Environmental Issues (Need based).	Not accomplished	No such event was found
72.00	Organize issues based rally of Grassroots people for Protection Against Environmental Pollution at Local Level.	Not accomplished	Due to partial budget provided by PMU/SEMP under In-service Training, finally the programme was not taken by ADAB
72.00	Functioning of Environment Watch Committee at Central level.	Not accomplished	

Need Based Activity:

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Rally on Polythene:

ADAB participated in the (Issue Based) Rally on Ban on Polythene Shopping Bags from Dhaka City organized by MoEF, GoB on 27 December 2001 along with the Sub-SIAs of SEMP & CEN Members. ADAB also displayed banners on Ban on polythene over different roads and spots of Dhaka City.