

National Resilience Programme (NRP)
GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Programme Title & Project Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Title: National Resilience Programme (NRP) • Programme Number 20135-001 and 21098-002 • UNOPS Project Reference Number:³ 20135-001 (DFID) and 21098-002 (SIDA) | <p style="text-align: center;">Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results²</p> <p><i>(if applicable)</i> Country/Region Bangladesh</p> <p>Priority area/ strategic results</p> <p><i>The NRP's goal is to sustain the resilience of human and economic development in Bangladesh through inclusive, gender responsive disaster management and risk informed development. The outcome of the programme will be a substantial increase in resilience to disaster and reduction in disaster risk, loss of lives, livelihoods and health of men, women, girls and boys, and protection of persons, businesses and communities in Bangladesh.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Participating Organization(s)</p> <p>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women (UNW) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Implementing Partners</p> <p>The Department of Disaster Management (DDM) of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), the Department of Women Affairs (DWA) of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), the Programming Division of the Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning (MoP), and the Local Government Engineering Division (LGED) of the Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives (MoLGRD&C).</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</p> <p>Total approved budget as per project document: USD 12,434,186</p> <p>JP Contribution⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by Agency <i>(if applicable)</i> Agency Contribution: none • by Agency <i>(if applicable)</i> Government Contribution <p>USD 1,180,875</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Programme Duration</p> <p>Overall Duration: 39 months</p> <p>Start Date⁵ (01/05/2017)</p> <p>Original End Date⁶ 30/07/2020</p> |

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;

³ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁴ The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁵ The start date is the date of the first transfer of the funds from the MPTF Office as Administrative Agent. Transfer date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁶ As per approval of the original project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

Other Contributions (donors)

DFID – GBP 4,000,000;

SIDA – SEK 50,000,000

(currency as stated in the
Programme Document)

TOTAL: 12,434,186

Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.

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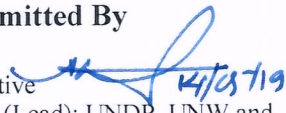
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Mid-Term Evaluation Report – *if applicable please attach*

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⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

NARRATIVE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Resilience Programme (NRP) is a unique partnership between the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), that will provide strategic support to develop national capacity to keep pace with the changing nature of disasters. The NRP aims to sustain the resilience of human and economic development in Bangladesh through risk informed, disability inclusive and gender-responsive disaster management in the public and private sectors. The Programme will provide strategic support in building resilience in Bangladesh to develop national capacity to keep pace with the changing nature of disasters in association with the UNDP, UN Women, and UNOPS as technical partners. NRP's four sub projects are being implemented by:

- the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR),
- the Department of Women Affairs (DWA) of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA),
- the Programming Division of the Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning (MoP), and
- the Local Government Engineering Division (LGED) of the Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives (MoLGRD&C).

The UNDP, UN Women and UNOPS signed the NRP Programme Document with the Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the Finance Ministry of the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) on **21 August 2017**. The NRP implementation period as per the signed Programme Document is 1 May 2017 to 30 July 2020. Following the due Government procedure and inter-ministerial review and approvals, the four Technical Assistance Project Proposals (TAPPs) belonging to different Ministries were approved between **July and August 2018**. Project staff appointment from the GOB side followed the TAPP approvals. Except the UNOPS (whose Team Leader was on board January 2018), the Project Managers in the remaining three sub projects were on board around **September, 2018**. The first Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC) meeting was held on **October 17, 2018**, where the Annual Work Plans (with budgets for 2018 and 2019) belonging to the four sub projects were approved. The NRP was formally launched on **November 15, 2018** by the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

During the reporting period (January - December 2018), each of the sub projects started progressing after the TAPP approvals in the third quarter of 2018, and primarily focused on the inception phase activities such as the preparation of the AWP and the approval of budgets, opening of bank accounts for implementing partners, set up the project office, staffing, preparing work plans and coming to a common understanding in a coordinated way. While initial sub project start up activities were accomplished during the reporting period, they do not correspond to strategic, higher level outcomes in the Results Framework. These should be visible and reportable in the next Annual Report (January - December 2019).

I. Purpose

The goal of the joint programme is:

To sustain the resilience of human and economic development in Bangladesh through inclusive, gender responsive disaster management and risk informed development.

By implementing the activities proposed, the outcome of the programme will be a substantial increase in resilience to disaster and reduction in disaster risk, loss of lives, livelihoods and health of men, women, girls and boys, and protection of persons, businesses and communities in Bangladesh.

This corresponds to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2020 third outcome: Enhance effective management of the natural and manmade environment focusing on improved sustainability and increased resilience of vulnerable individuals and groups.

II. Results

i) Narrative reporting on results:

Outcomes: Outcomes are the strategic, higher level of change that the Programme is aiming to contribute towards. NRP has one joint Outcome, which is, “Substantial increase in resilience to disaster and reduction in disaster risk, loss of lives and livelihoods of men, women, girls and boys; and protection of the health of persons, businesses and communities in Bangladesh”.

Due to the delay of the TAPP approvals and subsequent operational delays, the main activities of the sub projects have been around the inception stage goals. As such, the NRP joint outcome was not directly contributed to in this calendar year. The Outcome will be measured as per regular programmed evaluations in the future.

Outputs: Outputs are the more immediate results that the Programme is responsible for achieving. The key outputs for the sub projects are summarized below. NRP has five outputs that are to be implemented jointly by the four sub projects. The outputs are as follows:

- Output 1: Improved capacities for risk-informed and gender responsive development planning;
- Output 2: Strengthened gender-responsive national capacities to address recurrent and mega disasters;
- Output 3: Improved capacity of GoB to achieve resilience through designing and constructing risk-informed and gender-responsive infrastructure system;
- Output 4: Enhanced women leadership capacities for gender-responsive disaster management decisions, investments and policies at national and local levels; and
- Output 5: Strengthened disability inclusive, gender responsive community preparedness, response and recovery capacities for recurrent and mega disasters.

Due to the late start of the sub projects, and because the sub projects had about four months of activities in the reporting period, the outputs were contributed towards through Programmatic and Operational activities. These are highlighted below. **For details, please see Annex 1.**

Programmatic results:

Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC)

The first Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC) was held on October 14, 2018 to introduce the NRP team to each other; to review the draft AWP and immediate plans of action to be presented at the Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC). The meeting gave important strategic guidance on the inception stage, especially budget and work plan preparation, that were followed up on.

Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC)

The nominations for the Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC) have been obtained by the MODMR, and the first JPSC was held on October 17, 2018. The need for closer coordination between the subprojects was raised at the meeting; along with the inclusion of Sunamganj and Sharitapur in the DDM intervention areas. Each sub project gave detailed presentations on their work plans for 2018 and 2019, and key decisions were made on NRP governance and implementation. The four sub projects presented their AWP (2018 and 2019), which were approved by the JPSC. The approved AWP can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qx5mP-hp11h0kEbyUI5NnFfoQ7RSvcNO>

NRP Launching Ceremony

The NRP was formally launched on November 15, 2018 by the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MODMR) at the NRP Launching Ceremony. The high-level event was a gathering of Government officials from relevant ministries, development partners, volunteers, NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies working in the DRR space. The event was also attended by the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh. Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Charlotta Schlyte expressed an interest in possibly increasing SIDA contribution to NRP in the future. Speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch ceremony, Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Honourable Minister, MODMR said, “NRP is a knowledge-based programme that will enhance women’s leadership in a gender-responsive and disaster-resilient nation.” Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MODMR, presided over the function, and said, “To sustain economic and human development, it’s essential to form a strong partnership for an inclusive disaster risk reduction plan.”

A launching ceremony report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb

NRP Orientation and Planning Event

A two day NRP Orientation and Planning Event was held at the DDM on November 21 -22, 2018, for the project staff from the four sub projects, at the end of which participants had a better understanding of NRP concepts – such as resilience, risk information, gender responsiveness, disability inclusiveness, etc. – as they relate to Bangladesh and NRP; a common understanding about each sub project’s outputs; a clear understanding of the funding mechanism and budget approval process of the NRP (GOB and DP); and came up with a collaboration plan across the five common outcomes. The event contributed towards building a common understanding and implementation capacity. An Orientation and Planning report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb?usp=sharing

NRP Website

A website for NRP has been designed and it was formally launched by the Honourable Minister, MODMR on the same day as the launch of the NRP. The website is an important first step in making everyone aware of the vision of NRP, the results achieved in the future and the collaborative approach to resilience building. The website will be regularly updated during the implementation phase. The website is available at: <http://www.nrpbd.org/>

The DDM Part Inception Workshop was held on December 4, 2018 at the DDM for achieving a broader understanding with technical outlines on the key activities and approaches of the sub project. The key outcomes of the workshop were as below:

- Employment Generation of the Poorest Poor (EGPP) identified a potential area for integrating DRR in building community resilience. Knowledge and information support suggested strengthening the EGPP for reducing the risk disaster and climate, which are gender responsive and disability inclusive. The ultimate goal of this programme is recommending wider dissemination of adaptive social protection programme.
- Proposed a model for piloting of Flood Preparedness Programme (FPP) which include proposed structure, rules and strengthening the early warning dissemination mechanism through community engagement.

- Integrating local knowledge with scientific model in providing real time warning is critical aspect along with socio-economic dimension for promoting Forecast based Financing (FbF). Addressing challenges in flash flood area for its piloting need to be way out for its success and recommended a mode for scaling up.
- Ward level earthquake preparedness need to activate the Ward Disaster Management Committee to identify the risk and agreed risk reduction action plan. The physical mapping and location specific preparedness and response are the key in meaning earthquake risk at the community and household level. Volunteer capacity building and aligning them with municipalities and FSCD is a key aspect for urban resilience.
- Consider the type of disability in designing disability inclusive disaster risk reduction programme. The early warning message needs to be understandable according to nature of disability. The group identified wider scope of works for disability inclusive DRR where the leadership role in disaster management committees (DMCs) and ensure mobility of them are critical to address.

An Inception report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb?usp=sharing

The Programming Part Inception Workshop was held on December 12, 2018 at the NEC Committee Room. The main objectives of this workshop were a) to share the project goals, vision and action plan among

the planning officials and other stakeholders b) to get feedback from the participants and stakeholders for further enrichment of project interventions, and c) find out the scope and opportunity for more cooperation and collaboration among other three projects under NRP and Programming Division. The key recommendations from the workshop are as follows:

- Better coordination with other three sub projects and promote a culture of sharing
- To emphasise on stakeholders engagement for designing and implementing the activities
- To emphasise on the ownership of the business community for working on business continuity plans
- Active engagement of Project Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group Members in decision making process
- Effective knowledge management and sustainability of knowledge learned from the project

An Inception report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb?usp=sharing

NRP Brochures and other communications materials

Five brochures were designed and printed for the Launching ceremony – one from each sub project, and one from the whole of NRP. The brochures are being distributed widely among stakeholders and are raising NRP's profile. All five brochures can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15UbInO8kk6mDSzUHm8JOnIFzaqk6eQ6M>

Inception Phase Activities:

DDM part:

- Progress towards setting up of the NRP DDM Part offices
- Initiated in setting up the Implementing partner's bank account
- Completed the recruitment for three positions and one position is under process (see the below table).

Table 1: UNDP staffing for the DDM part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Project Manager | Completed | On board since 23 September 2018. |
| Disaster Preparedness Specialist | Completed | On board since 11 November, 2018 |
| M&E Officer | Completed | On board since 26 August 2018 |
| Programme Associate/Admin Finance Associate | Under process | |

Programming Division part:

- Setting up of the Programming Division offices
- Completed setting up the implementing partner's bank account

Completed the recruitment for the following staff:

Table 2: UNDP staffing for the Programming Division part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Project Manager | Completed | On board since 4 September 2018 |
| Risk Informed Planning Specialist | Completed | On board since 18 November 2018 |
| Programme Associate/Admin Finance Associate | Completed | On board since 11 November 2018 |

DWA part:

- Letter of Agreement signed between DWA and UN Women;
- Joint Planning and Coordination meeting
- Office setup within DWA premises;
- Equipment (Laptop) purchased for DWA part officials;
- Bank account opened in November 2018
- Project Implementation committee (PIC) formed
- Procurement Committee formed
- Baseline Study has started in December 2018
- Completed the recruitment for the following staff:

Table 3: UN Women staffing for the DWA part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gender and DRR Analyst | Completed | On board since 15 October 2018 |
| Admin and Finance Assistant | Completed | On board since 15 November 2018 |

LGED part:

- Formation of three sub-committees as below:
 - Asset Management Task Committee
 - Resilient Infrastructure System Task Committee
 - Professional Development Task Committee
- NRP-LGED Sub Project Inception and Orientation Meeting
- Technical Assessment of the current Practices of on at LGED (Baseline assessment)
- Workshop on Asset Management Framework
- Asset Management Implementation Road Map (High Level)
- Preparation for the Learning Visit of LGED Task Committee

- Assessment and Survey of the current Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) systems at LGED
- Workshop on Asset Management System Development and Implementation Planning
- Collaboration-Coordination with UN Women on Mainstreaming Gender in NRP-LGED Project
- Completed the recruitment for four positions and three positions are under process (see the table 4):

Table 4: UNOPS staffing for the LGED part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Team Leader | Completed | On board/ appointed by UNOPS since January 01, 2018 |
| Sr Infrastructure Advisor (Int'l, Retainer) | Completed | On board Last week of May 2018 and completed assignment in October 2018 |
| Sr Infrastructure Advisor (Local) | Completed | Recruited and started October 15, 2018 |
| Project Support Assistant | Completed | On board since January 01, 2018 |
| Communications, Monitoring and Reporting Officer | Under Process | Under Process, deferred to 2019 |
| Infrastructure and Project Management Analyst | Under Process | Under Process, deferred to 2019 |
| International Consultant, Curriculum Development | TOR drafted | Deferred to mid of 2019 |

The Programme Coordination and Monitoring Team (PCMT):

The PCMT is the overall coordinating team for all four sub projects (although for budget purposes the PCM team's costs are included in the DDM TAPP). During the reporting period, the PCMT was responsible for the following deliverables in coordination with sub projects:

- Organizing the high profile NRP Launching Ceremony held on November 15, 2018 with the Honourable Minister, MODMR and various ambassadors and high officials in attendance;
- Drafting and publishing the Launching Ceremony report;
- Organising the JPIC and JPSC meetings, as well related follow up tasks and issuance of meeting minutes etc.;
- Organising the NRP Orientation and Planning Event;
- Drafting and publishing the NRP Orientation and Planning Event report, in coordination with the sub projects;
- Beginning discussions on the NRP Baseline Survey Terms of Reference

Challenges and lessons learned:

- The government approval of the TAPPs was unexpectedly delayed which hampered implementation of the field level activities as planned. Follow up and coordination with government counterparts is essential to accelerate the TAPP approval process within reasonable time. High level engagement throughout the project development phase (ProDoc and TAPP) is necessary to support a fast-tracking of the approval process.
- Each sub project has a shortened implementation period due to the TAPP approval process being delayed. To minimize the constraints and challenges, NRP decided to formulate the AWP for two years – 2018 and 2019 – and get the AWP approved at the first JPSC. The 2019 AWP was

approved in advance to address the delays and to save time in the future. Possible implementation challenges and delays were discussed at the sub project levels, with guidance from the JPSC, JPIC and the UN Agencies. The PDs and their teams had several discussions on regular and rigorous implementation, strategising and monitoring.

- The importance of working effectively and efficiently to achieve the Programme results despite a shortened implementation period has been consistently emphasized with the sub project teams. AWP's will be revised as needed in the future to maintain momentum, with guidance from the JPIC and JPSC.

Risk analysis:

Table 6: DDM part:

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
|--|--|---|---------|
| | | Initial | Updated |
| Output 1: | | | |
| Specific Output 1.1: Dialogue network for top-level government officials and business leaders established; | Lack of understanding among stakeholders on the SFDRR along with inadequate sensitization Inadequate interest over SFDRR among other ministries and capacity gap for monitoring and reporting | Engaging with senior management in stakeholder ministries for their buy in. high level interaction from MODMR appeared. Engaging other relevant ministries and agencies are getting high priority from MoDMR, enhanced communication. | |
| Specific Output 1.2: Monitoring and reporting mechanism for the Sendai framework established; | Inadequate data on disaster and climate risk information. Low understanding of project and ministry officials about monitoring requirements and procedures. | Learning from external experiences and knowledge sharing with initiatives. Having high level dialogue from MODMR with BBS on data for SFDRR. Engaging senior MODMR officials of concerned departments. | |
| Specific Output 1.3: Increased knowledge of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Disasters on Sendai implementation. | Low understanding and low interest within the PS Committee on DRR issues. | Having high level dialogue from MODMR with PS Committee on SFDRR. | |
| Output 2: | | | |
| Specific Output 2.1: Enhanced capacities of the Government of Bangladesh for coordination and implementation of response for recurrent and mega-disaster risks (extensive and intensive risks) | Lack of interagency cooperation and coordination | Making special efforts to retain coordinated incentive for action | |
| Specific Output 2.2: Strengthened national capacity for gender-responsive post-disaster recovery planning | Low understanding and low interest within stakeholders Lack of interagency cooperation and coordination | Making special efforts to retain coordinated incentive for action. Sharing learning from similar regional experience on the importance of gender responsive recovery planning | |
| Specific Output.2.3: Structure and core curriculum for a centre of excellence on light search and rescue training established under the National Disaster Research and Training Institute | Proper need assessment not done | Undertake proper training need assessment | |
| Output 3: | | | |
| Specific Output 3.1: A cost-effective, gender-responsive, environmentally-sustainable model for supporting disaster risk reduction and resilience building | Low understanding and low interest within stakeholders | Making special efforts to retain coordinated incentive for action. | |

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
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| | | Initial | Updated |
| through the Employment Generation Programme for the poorest social safety net programme developed | Lack of transparency Ineffective choice of interventions on DRR | Ensure fiduciary due diligence over fund disbursement. Endure fully participatory selection of schemes and implementation | |
| Specific Output 3.2: Institutionalized and geographically expanded flood early warning and preparedness to reach men, women, boys and girls of all abilities | Inability to actually reach the vulnerable population, esp. women, because our current EWS is oriented towards male volunteers Lack of existing volunteer system in project area Early warning product is too technical and not location specific | Ensure training of women volunteers Early identification of such areas where there is no existing volunteer system, and addressing it by organising a best practice structure based on successful designs in neighbouring wards. Give feedback to FFWC on making the warnings more appropriate to the local and gender contexts | |
| Specific Output 3.3: Enhanced knowledge and innovation to tackle new and emerging risks at community level | Inability to convey the concepts of new and emerging risks as applicable to the community level | Ensure clear understanding of concepts at the project level, before approaching the communities | |
| Specific Output 3.4: Strengthened capacity of urban communities for disaster response | Inability to mobilise the ward level urban communities | Early engagement with the ward level communities with a clear plan to get them on board and keep them interested | |
| Outcome 4: | | | |
| Specific Output 4.1: High-quality consolidated joint NRP narrative donor reports | Inability to get high quality data and information from sub projects | Regular interaction across sub projects Good quality report templates shared | |
| Specific Output 4.2: High-quality joint communications initiatives showcasing successful NRP innovations and models, lessons learnt, and policy recommendations, highlighting disability inclusiveness and gender responsiveness. | Inability of 4 sub projects to meet regularly for high quality interaction | Use of online tools such as emails and Skype discussions | |

Table 7: Programming Division part:

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
|---|--|---|---------|
| | | Initial | Updated |
| Objective 01: Capacity building for gender responsive, inclusive and risk-informed development planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited stakeholder interest - Lack of better understanding on risk-informed development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursing and involving higher officials to engage with project activities. - Organise knowledge sharing session with relevant stakeholders. | |
| Objective 02: Facilitate access to information on disaster and climate risk through establishing a digital platform | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inadequate management of knowledge on disaster and climate risk information - Low understanding of project and planning officials about digital platforms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning from external experiences and knowledge sharing with projects relevant to NRP (for example: Urban Resilience programme, Action on climate change in South Asia). - Engaging senior officials of concerned department. | |

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
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| | | Initial | Updated |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ownership problem may affect the sustainability of the platform. | | |
| Objective 03: Enhance capacity within planning commission for disaster and climate risk screening projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of interagency cooperation and coordination between different departments of Planning Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More emphasis on better coordination in place. | |
| Objective 04: Enhance knowledge base on disaster and climate risk in the GOB implementing agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor knowledge management of GOB system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting knowledge and sharing best practices | |
| Objective 05: Strengthen knowledge base on disaster risk for private sector investment and promote business continuity plans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with private sector actors Perception of addressing any risk as compliance Instability in the private sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursing business leaders and assuring their ownership in the whole process. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay in getting fund both from PA and GOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing attention of senior management to minimise the gap. | |

Table 8: DWA part:

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
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| | | Initial | Updated |
| Output 4: “Enhanced women leadership capacities for gender-responsive disaster management decisions, investments and policies at national and local levels.” | | | |
| <p>Specific Output 4.1</p> <p>Strengthen capacity of disaster management professionals and institutions for gender responsive DRR policies and actions</p> <p>4.1.1 Build capacity of MoWCA/DWA/MoDMR to address gender in DRR through staffing and training in country and abroad;</p> <p>4.1.4 Capacity enhancement of women’s organisations, and gender advocates to engage effectively in GRR and humanitarian planning and programming</p> | <p>The strategy of mainstreaming gender in practice areas may have been neglected due to lack of technical capacity on how gender perspective can be identified and addressed.</p> <p>delay in consultant hiring</p> <p>Model developed is gender blind and/or not socially inclusive, also not addressing disaster-related gender-based violence due to focus on structural solutions</p> | <p>High level dialogue from MOCWA with, MODMR, LGED, BBS on data for gender responsive DRR policies and actions for SFDRR,</p> <p>Engaging senior MoWCA, MoDMR, officials of concerned departments.</p> | |
| Specific Output 4.3 | | Engaging with senior management in stakeholder ministries for their buy in. | |

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
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| | | Initial | Updated |
| <p>women's organisations to effectively engage at local, national, regional and international levels to promote gender responsive resilience and DRM.</p> <p>4.3.1 Baseline Survey</p> <p>4.3.3 Facilitate the intra- and inter-country visits for MoWCA civil servant officials, technical experts and relevant stakeholders for GRR knowledge exchange, onsite visits and international conferences</p> | <p>Delay in hiring consultant</p> <p>Gender machineries disconnected from formal DRR and CC processes. Inadequate capacity and willingness of women's organization and lack of commitment from local level Govt. entities for DRM</p> | <p>High level interaction from MOWCA needed;</p> <p>Strengthened partnership through capacity building, between women machineries and DRR authorities to respond to disaster related GBV</p> | <p>Consultant hired in the middle of the last quarter.</p> |

Table 9: LGED part:

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
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| | | Initial | Updated |
| <p>Output 3.1 Activity Result 3.1: Strengthened LGED capacity to capture baseline information on rural infrastructure assets through effective assessment and analysis of essential infrastructure systems in selected areas</p> | <p>(1) The articulation of this Output in the TAPP document have some inconsistencies as it highlights AMS to be synonymous with Database on Asset Information platform only</p> | <p>(1) Proposed revision to restate the output statements in the TAPP/ ProDoc to make it consistent that AMS is a combination of business process, culture, systems, decision making processes that will achieved resilience in infrastructure.</p> | |
| | <p>(2) The project document has not fully addressed the range of inputs/technical assistance that will help shape the establishment of asset management. Thus, corresponding detailed chunks of work and budgets are not included. There is a risk that the budget allocation is way below to what could be required.</p> | <p>UNOPS and LGED to revisit the newly developed AMS Development Plan and prioritise the critical work that can be done within the NRP-SubProject and allocate resources.</p> | |
| <p>3.1.3 Capture social and gender responsive data from assessments and formulate strategies for strengthening both in project design methodology</p> | <p>There was no clear detailed plan and approach to mainstream gender into the NRP-LGED work and it only focuses on gender responsive data</p> <p>Non-clarity of the interphase of UNOPS and UNW technical assistance and how this will be complemented at the LGED level where there are also other initiatives on gender.</p> | <p>Conduct collaborative meetings with UNW and LGED Gender Forum to flesh out the strategy to mainstream gender;</p> <p>Develop an NRP-LGED Sub Project Gender Action Plan to further define the strategic</p> | |
| <p>Activity Result 3.2: Develop and enforce consistent planning, design, compliance and construction processes for new assets and infrastructure systems in support of proactive resilience building</p> | <p>On the ProDoc (page 30, paragraph 2), the description of this output delivery is not the same as the sub-outputs and also the coverage is too broad for the LGED and not achievable within the project period and design of activities.</p> | <p>Review in depth the inconsistencies and submit proposal for revision of the descriptions and re-scope the work</p> | |
| | <p>Capacity building initiative for DMC members and volunteers group may get delayed due natural calamities, social disruptions;</p> | <p>Engaging senior MoWCA, MoDMR, BMD, FFWC officials of concerned departments;</p> | |

| Objective/ Outputs | Potential risks | Mitigation approach | |
|--|---|--|---------|
| | | Initial | Updated |
| | geographical coverage of FPP, CPP yet to, early warning messages are not people's friendly. | Ensure training of women volunteers; Early identification of such areas where there is no existing volunteer system, and addressing it by organising a best practice structure based on successful designs in neighbouring wards. | |
| Activity Result 3.3: Strengthened capacity for other institutions by adapting the risk informed and gender responsive resilient infrastructure design and implementation. | The description of the specific outputs in this section are too broad. Some of the identified targets may not be achievable within the project period. | Review with LGED to narrow down the scope of this section to focus on sharing the experience of LGED which will happen on 2 nd or 3 rd year of the project implementation | |
| Specific Output 3.3.1 In collaboration with the engineers' staff college, identify and mainstream training courses for long-term professional development of engineers from across all government agencies | Engineering Staff College (ESC) was initially discussed as the most viable platform and option of LGED to reach out to more LGIs to spread and share the lessons learned and training courses/ programs developed under the NRP. However, there is an absence of clear strategy to engage and a discussion on what the expectations from ESC for this purpose | Explore again and develop a clear strategy to engage ESC and other platforms | |

Qualitative assessment:

Given the late start of the sub projects, a satisfactory amount of progress has been achieved in the last months of 2018. Overall achievements include the formation of the JPSC (with external members), the two year AWP approval, the sub project starting up progress, and the formal launch of the NRP in November, 2018. Key partnerships played a significant role. Coordination and guidance received from the UNDP, UN Women, UNOPS, the National Programme Coordinator (NPC), the Project Directors, the Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC), the Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC) and the PCMT were contributing factors towards sub project achievements. UN coordination was significant in the critical inception phase. The sub projects received technical guidance, as well as assistance on procurement and financial management from the UN agencies. UN coordination was provided through the PCMT, which hosted several cross ministerial and cross UN agency meetings during the inception stage to help prepare the budgets, the orientation event, and the launching ceremony.

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Below is the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** which will be revised in 2019 as per Donor request. As mentioned earlier, progress has been made towards sub project budget formulation, work plan formulation, approvals from GoB, staffing, baseline, and office set up. These are supportive of the NRP goals and Outcomes, but are not reflected in the results indicators in the Results Framework. As implementation momentum builds up, these indicators will be reported against in the future.

| | <u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <p>Outcome ⁸ Substantial increase in resilience to disaster and reduction in disaster risk, loss of lives and livelihoods of men, women, girls and boys; and protection of the health of persons, businesses and communities in Bangladesh.</p> <p>Indicator: a. Reduced losses in lives, affected population and infrastructure (SADD-disaggregated where appropriate) b. Increase in number of sectors adopting and implementing gender-responsive resilient development (in line with SDG and SFDRR) c. Enhanced national, local, communities' and household capacity to recover from crisis and prevent relapses d. Decrease in percentage of GDP loss due to disasters</p> <p>Baseline: TBD Planned Target: TBD</p> | Not reportable during reporting period. | Due to delayed implementation start. | TAPP, Government Orders. |

⁸ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

| | <u>Achieved Indicator Targets</u> | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>Output 1: Improved capacities for risk-informed and gender-responsive development planning</p> <p>Indicator 1.1 Progress towards establishment of easily accessible platform of disaster risk information for development planning purposes is established and institutionalized within the GoB system Baseline: Platform does not exist (0 points) Planned Target: Established, operational, and with sustainability plan (10 points)</p> <p>Indicator 1.2 Progress towards incorporation of disaster risk screening in ADP approval and appraisal system. Baseline: Disaster risk screening is not incorporated in ADP approval and appraisal formats (0 points). Planned Target: Disaster risk screening is incorporated in ADP approval and appraisal formats (6 points)</p> <p>Indicator 1.3 Percentage of NRP-trained planning professionals self-reporting a change in their knowledge of risk and gender equality dimensions of their work utilizing gender responsive risk-informed approach in their project formulation or appraisal work with reference to specific, named project Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 100%</p> <p>Indicator 1.4 Progress towards institutionalization of DRR mainstreaming capacity in MoDMR Baseline: 0 points Planned Target: 8 points</p> <p>Indicator 1.5 No. of multi-hazard national sub-national disaster and climate risk assessments that inform development planning and programming, taking into account differentiated impacts. Baseline: No sectoral disaster risk assessments exists for these sectors. Planned Target: 3 sectoral disaster risk assessments/profiles (MoWCA, agriculture/industry)</p> <p>Indicator 1.6 Level of progress towards making 3 background papers/ documents for the 8th five-year plan and the post-2020 perspective plan risk-informed in a gender-responsive manner Baseline: 0 points Planned Target: 8 points</p> <p>Indicator 1.7 Progress towards establishment of monitoring mechanism for Sendai framework implementation Baseline: Mechanism does not exist; current MoDMR organogram does not allocate adequate human resource for DMIC or Sendai monitoring (0 points) Planned Target: Mechanism established with adequate information, capacity and allocated resources to function throughout the Sendai period, corresponding to draft MoDMR organogram (8 points)</p> | <p>Not fully reportable during reporting period.</p> <p>Progress was made towards disaster screening and inputs to be given to the GoB's ADP. Discussions also began on the risk information platform.</p> <p>Discussions on risk assessments were undertaken with experts and high GoB officials.</p> <p>Progress was made in preparing for the Sendai framework monitoring activities.</p> | <p>Due to delayed implementation start.</p> | <p>TAPP, Government Orders.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> |

| | <u>Achieved Indicator Targets</u> | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|--|--|--|--|
| <p>Output 2: Strengthened disability inclusive, gender-responsive national capacities to address recurrent and mega disasters</p> <p>Indicator 2.1 Gaps, strengths and constraints for megadisaster preparedness in current allocation of mandates in Standing Orders on Disaster (SOD) are known to key stakeholders Baseline: SOD contain instructions for mega-disaster contingency which the named institutions are not adequately resourced nor aware to fulfill (0 points) Planned Target: Recommendations for SOD revision and resource allocation for preparedness have been formulated and communicated to key stakeholders in Government of Bangladesh (6 points)</p> <p>Indicator 2.2 Sex, age and disability disaggregation is institutionalized in GoB post-disaster data collection tools and protocols (equivalent UNDP SP indicator 5.1.1, “A standardized damage and loss accounting system in place with sex and age disaggregated data collection and analysis, including gender) Baseline: Current government post-disaster data collection forms do not require SADD. Planned Target: Post-disaster data collection forms of government require sex-, age- and disability disaggregation (SADD) in recording disaster deaths, injury and affected population.</p> <p>Indicator 2.3 Percentage of NRP-trained. Government officials self-reporting utilization of gender-responsive recovery planning in their work, with reference to named programmes/ project Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 100%</p> <p>Indicator 2.4 Progress towards formulation and dissemination to key organizations of gender sensitive curriculum and training capacity on light search and rescue Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 6 points</p> | <p>Not fully reportable during reporting period.</p> <p>Discussions began on SOD revision support with GOB high officials.</p> | <p>Due to delayed implementation start.</p> | <p>TAPP, Government Orders.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> |

| | <u>Achieved Indicator Targets</u> | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|--|---|--|--|
| <p>Output 3: Improved capacity of selected public institutions to achieve resilience outcomes through designing and constructing risk-informed, disability inclusive and gender-responsive infrastructure</p> <p>Indicator 3.1 Strengthened LGED capacity to capture Baseline information on rural infrastructure Baseline: Limited LGED capacity to capture Baseline information on rural infrastructure systems. Asset management system covers roads only but doesn't contain information on functionality, conditionality or risks Planned Target: 100% compared to Baseline</p> <p>Indicator 3.2 Consistent planning, design, compliance and construction processes for new assets and infrastructure systems in support of proactive gender-responsive resilience building in place Baseline: Planning methods, design standards, compliance and construction processes do not incorporate methods for the effects of climate variability. Failure analysis methodology for building back better does not exist Planned Target: 100% increase compared to Baseline</p> <p>Indicator 3.3 Strengthened capacity for other institutions by adopting risk informed and gender responsive resilient infrastructure design and implementation Baseline: Level of awareness of resilient infrastructure varies across different institutions. Risk informed approach not widely understood. Planned Target: 100% increase compared to Baseline.</p> <p>Indicator 3.4 Strengthen LGED leadership, policy and compliance capacity around risk-informed, gender responsive planning and design Baseline: No dedicated inter institutional forum specifically for gender responsive resilient infrastructure Planned Target: 100% compared to Baseline</p> | <p>Not fully reportable during reporting period.</p> <p>LGED sub project: Progress is being made towards achievement of this indicator through various workshops and assessments.</p> | <p>Due to delayed implementation start.</p> | <p>TAPP, Government Orders.</p> <p>Inception Report submitted by LGED.</p> |
| <p>Output 4: Enhanced women's leadership capacities for, gender-responsive disaster management decisions, investments and policies at national and local levels</p> <p>Indicator 4.1 Number of policy instruments addressing gender equality aspects of disaster risk reduction Baseline: 3 (SoD, NPDM 10-15, DM Act) Planned Target: 5</p> <p>Indicator 4.2 Percentage of women's organizations in the project area are directly engaged in Disaster risk reduction, Climate Change adaptation and Humanitarian Actions Baseline: to be set by <u>Baseline</u> study Planned Target: 70% of DWA registered organizations in the project area</p> | <p>Not fully reportable during reporting period.</p> <p>Baseline study for the DWA part was started in December 2018.</p> | <p>Due to delayed implementation start.</p> | <p>TAPP, Government Orders.</p> <p>DWA Annual Report.</p> |

| | <u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|--|---|--|---|
| <p>Indicator 4.3 Percentage of women from the project communities self-reporting receipt of early warning messages (at the wake of disaster) Baseline: to be set by Baseline study Planned Target: 70%</p> <p>Indicator 4.4 No of awareness programs (talk show, interviews) on gender-responsive resilience (GRR) aired Baseline: 1 (2015) Planned Target: 6</p> | | | |
| <p>Output 5: Strengthened disability inclusive, gender responsive community preparedness, response and recovery capacities for recurrent and mega disasters</p> <p>Indicator 5.1 No. of policy responses to study on utilization of social safety nets for gender-responsive resilience building Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 2</p> <p>Indicator 5.2 No. of policy briefs on disaster risk reduction activities with people with disabilities disseminated to high-level Resilience Dialogue Network Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 2</p> <p>Indicator 5.3 Progress towards institutionalization Flood Protection Programme (FPP) utilizing gender-sensitive messaging within Ansar and VDP Baseline: FPP system, training and resources piloted within Ansar and VSP and received positive feedback from government, is however not institutionalized (0 points) Planned Target: 7 points</p> <p>Indicator 5.4 No. of people (disaggregated by gender, age and disability) benefiting from increased access to early warning information from FPP expansion Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 991,811</p> <p>Indicator 5.5 No. of social safety net programmes (MoWCA) revised to meet disaster specific needs of women from the most vulnerable areas Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 4</p> <p>Indicator 5.6 No of women in the project area pursuing nontraditional livelihood options contributing to their</p> | <p>Not fully reportable during reporting period.</p> <p>Significant discussions took place that achieved progress towards disability inclusive and gender responsive response and recovery capacities across Ministries.</p> <p>Progress was made towards a FPP model and design of possible social safety net interventions.</p> | <p>Due to delayed implementation start.</p> | <p>TAPP, Government Orders.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> <p>Workshop reports.</p> |

| | <u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets | Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any) | Source of Verification |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <p>resilience building Baseline: 0 Planned Target: TBD</p> <p>Indicator 5.7 Percentage (xx%) of women involved in the project that self-report decrease assets loss (in case of disaster) compared to previous disasters Baseline: 0 Planned Target: 60</p> <p>Indicator 5.8 Progress towards inclusion for Forecast-Based Financing within DDM operations Baseline: No procedure, awareness or plan for Forecast-Based Financing exists (0 points) Planned Target: 6 points</p> <p>Indicator 5.9 No. of district-level mathematical models for forecast-based extreme weather impacts developed Baseline: 1 Planned Target: 3</p> <p>Indicator 5.10 Progress towards formulation of a Implementation package for Ward-Level Minimum Preparedness model for scale-up in government programmes Baseline: Ward-Level Minimum Preparedness model currently being piloted in one ward Mymensingh under separate project, not yet documented or evaluated for scale up (1 point). Planned Target: 9 points</p> <p>Indicator 5.11 Proportion of at-risk population covered by community level contingency plans for disaster events Baseline: TBD upon selection of wards/upazilas for flood and earthquake preparedness activities. Planned Target: TBD</p> | | | |

iii) A Specific Story (Optional)

N/A

III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)

N/A

IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

At the inception phase there were no major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs that took place. Adjustments to the AWP, etc. may occur later on as required.

V. Resources (Optional)

Table 10: Procurement during reporting period:

| Procurement Activities | Goods/Services Procured | Procurement Process |
|--|---|--|
| Equipment | Sub projects (LGED and DWA) procured computers and printers for staff use, and the DDM and Programming Division made progress towards such procurement | Procurement following UN procedures |
| LGED: Technical Assistance for Asset Management System | Services of ARUP was procured where group of technical experts have provided input in the assessment, conduct of workshops and development of the framework, policies, documents. | Procured through the current global Long Term Agreement (LTA) modality of UNOPS with Engineering firm, ARUP. |
| DWA: Baseline Survey | Baseline has started in December 2018 | Procurement following UN procedures |

Annex 1: Activity Details

Programme Level Progress

Programme Document signing

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) signed the NRP Programme Document with the Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the Finance Ministry of the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) on 21 August 2017. The NRP implementation period as per the signed Programme Document is 1 May 2017 to 30 July 2020.

Technical Assistance Project Proposals (TAPPs) Approvals and GoB staffing

Following the due Government procedure and inter-ministerial review and approvals, the four Technical Assistance Project Proposals (TAPPs) belonging to different Ministries were approved between July and August 2018.

Table 1 TAPP dates

| Sub Project | Project duration as per TAPP | TAPP approval date | TAPP Government Order date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| DDM part | 01 Jan 2018 – 31 March 2021 | 10 July 2018 | 7 Aug 2018 |
| Programming Division part | 01 Jan 2018 – 31 Dec 2020 | 31 July 2018 | 28 Aug 2018 |
| DWA part | 01 Jan 2018 – 31 March 2021 | 12 Aug 2018 | 26 Aug 2018 |
| LGED part | 01 Jan 2018 – 31 March 2021 | 12 June 2018 | 20 June 2018 |

The GOB has appointed the National Programme Coordinator (NPC) and 4 Project Directors after TAPPs approvals. Key personnel details are as follows.

Table 2 Key NRP personnel

| | GoB Counterparts | UN Technical Counterparts |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Programme level | Mr. Md. Mohsin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MODMR) and National Programme Coordinator (NPC), NRP | Dr. Shahpar Selim Programme Coordinator, NRP UNDP Bangladesh |
| DDM part | Mr. Meer Ahemed Tariqul Omar, Deputy Chief (Planning-3), MoDMR, and Project Director, NRP DDM part | Md. Kamal Hossain Project Manager, NRP UNDP Bangladesh |

| | GoB Counterparts | UN Technical Counterparts |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| DWA part | Mr. Ataur Rahman, Director (Joint Secretary) Department of Women Affairs, MoWCA, and Project Director, NRP DWA part | Ms. Wahida Bashir Ahmed Gender & DRR Analyst, NRP UN Women |
| Programming Division part | Dr. Nurun Nahar, Deputy Chief, Programming Division, Planning Commission, and Project Director, NRP Programming Division part | Dr. SM Morshed Project Manager, NRP UNDP Bangladesh |
| LGED part | Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, Project Director, NRP LGED part | Ms. Joy Jakosalem-Balane, Team Leader, NRP UNOPS Bangladesh |

Key programmatic meetings/events:

Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC)

The first **Joint Programme Implementation Committee (JPIC)** was held on October 14, 2018 to introduce the NRP team to each other; to review the draft AWP and immediate plans of action to be presented at the Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC).

Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC)

The nominations for the **Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSC)** have been obtained by the MODMR, and the first JPSC was held on October 17, 2018. The need for closer coordination between the subprojects was raised at the meeting; along with the inclusion of Sunamganj and Sharitapur in the DDM intervention areas. The four sub projects presented their AWP (2018 and 2019), which were approved. The approved AWP can be viewed here:

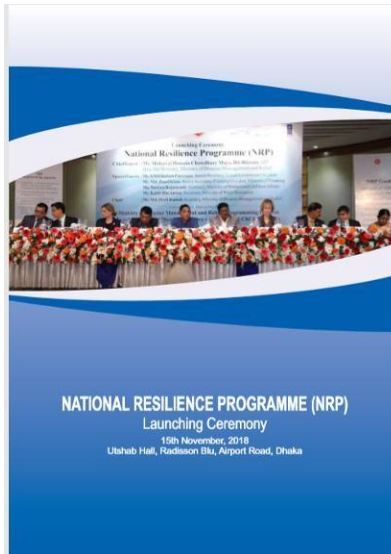
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NRP Launching Ceremony

The NRP was formally launched on November 15, 2018 by the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MODMR) at the **NRP Launching Ceremony**. The high-level event was a gathering of Government officials from relevant ministries, development partners, volunteers, NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies working in the DRR space. The event was also attended by the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh. Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Charlotta Schlyte expressed an interest in possibly increasing SIDA contribution to NRP in the future. Speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch ceremony, Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Honourable Minister, MODMR said, “NRP is a knowledge-based programme that will enhance women’s leadership in a gender-responsive and disaster-resilient nation.” Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MODMR, presided over the

function, and said, “To sustain economic and human development, it’s essential to form a strong partnership for an inclusive disaster risk reduction plan.”

Figure 1 Cover page of the NRP Launching Ceremony report



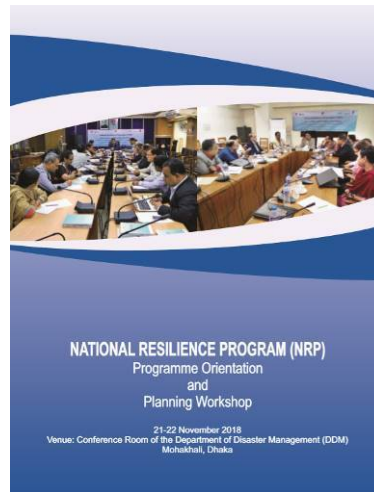
A launching ceremony report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb

NRP Orientation and Planning Event

A two day **NRP Orientation and Planning Event** was held at the DDM on November 21 -22, 2018, at the end of which participants had a better understanding of NRP concepts – such as resilience, risk information, gender responsiveness, disability inclusiveness, etc. – as they relate to Bangladesh and NRP; a common understanding about each sub project’s outputs; a clear understanding of the funding mechanism and budget approval process of the NRP (GOB and DP); and came up with a collaboration plan across the five common outcomes.

Figure 2 Cover page of the Orientation and Planning report



An Orientation and Planning report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13QKnT6RVa6pbHTxQfwoBy9CMm_loKehb?usp=sharing

NRP Website

A website for NRP has been designed and it was formally launched by the Honourable Minister, MODMR on the same day as the launch of the NRP. The website will be regularly updated during the implementation phase. The website is available at: <http://www.nrpbd.org/>

Figure 3 The NRP Website homepage



NRP Brochures and other communications materials

Five brochures were designed and printed for the Launching ceremony – one from each sub project, and one from the whole of NRP.

Figure 4 Cover pages of all the NRP brochures



All five brochures can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15UbInO8kk6mDSzUHm8JOnIFzaqk6eQ6M>

Sub Project Level Progress

Each of the sub projects primarily focused on the inception phase activities such as the preparation of the AP and the approval of budgets, opening of bank accounts, office set up, staffing, preparing work plans and coming to a common understanding in a coordinated way.

Figure 5 Cover pages of the sub project inception workshop reports



Department of Disaster Management (DDM) Part

The sub project TAPP was approved on 10 July 2018. A Project Director was appointed on 13 September 2018. An Additional Project Director is being appointed. A project office has been selected and will be operational in January 2019. The following table presents an overview of staffing for the sub project:

Table 3 UNDP staffing for the DDM part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Project Manager | Completed | On board since 23 September 2018. |
| Disaster Preparedness Specialist | Completed | On board since November 11, 2018 |
| M&E Officer | Completed | On board since 26 August 2018 |
| Programme Associate/Admin Finance Associate | Under process | |

Processing has started for the inclusion of the sub project in the GoB's ADP, pending which the PD can start accessing and spending project budget. Sub project management strategy is being developed, including plans for in depth learning days, and cross programme activities.

An **Inception Workshop** for this sub project was held on December 4, 2018 at the DDM for achieving a broader understanding with technical outlines on the key activities and approaches of the sub project. An Inception report has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tuGnG0HF-t4rjynm6J7VrH7mWk1zUtRx>

Programming Division (PD) Part

The sub project TAPP was approved on 31 July 2018, and project was approved on 28 August, 2018. Since then a Project Director and an Assistant Project Director were appointed on 6 September 2018. A project office has been located within the Programming Division and has been operational since October 1, 2018. The following table presents an overview of staffing for the sub project:

Table 4 UNDP staffing for the Programming Division part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Project Manager | Completed | On board since 4 September 2018 |
| Risk Informed Planning Specialist | Completed | On board since 18 November 2018 |
| Programme Associate/Admin Finance Associate | Completed | On board since 11 November 2018 |

The sub project has completed the process for opening a bank account. Meetings have also been held with DDM and the Chief, Programming Division on sub component activities and possible cross learning. A training plan is being developed.

The sub project has held its **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** meeting on December 9, 2018, and its **Project Steering Committee (PSC)** meeting on December 11, 2018. At the PSC, it was decided that representatives from UNDP and 3 other projects will be included in the PSC; that specific allocation under NEX need to be reflected in AWP; training for staff has to be increased; and that work related to 8th Five Years Plan should start from January 2019. An **Inception Workshop** was held on December 12, 2018.

The Inception Workshop report for this sub project has been prepared and shared among stakeholders. It may be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tuGnG0HF-t4rjynm6J7VrH7mWk1zUtRx>

Department of Women Affairs (DWA) Part

The sub project TAPP was approved on 12 August 2018 and the project was approved on 26 August, 2018. A Project Director was appointed on 10 October 2018. DWA has already allotted

a project office inside DWA premises. As part of MoWCA and DWA's capacity building initiative, UN Women hired two NRP project personnel based in DWA to not only support implementation of NRP activities but also enhance their capacity in mainstreaming DRR in their ongoing work. One Gender Mainstreaming Analyst to be based in Programme Coordination Monitoring Team (PCMT) has also been recruited to support mainstreaming gender in other 3 sub NRP projects. The following table presents an overview of staffing for the sub project:

Table 5 UN Women staffing for the DWA part

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gender and DRR Analyst | Completed | On board since 15 October 2018. |
| Admin and Finance Assistant | Completed | On board since 15 November 2018 |

UN Women sponsored one MoWCA and one DWA official for Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held on 3-6 July 2018 as part of their capacity and knowledge building initiative. They attended sessions and discussions related to gender responsive DRR at AMCDRR 2018 which undoubtedly exposed them to new knowledge and technologies adopted by other countries for gender mainstreaming in DRR, and the current trend in thinking towards that end. A detailed implementation work plan for 2018 is in place. The sub project has completed the process for opening a bank account. Letter of Agreement (LOA) has been signed between UN Women and DWA. A contract for a **baseline survey** for this sub component is ongoing, with data collection happening currently. An **Inception Workshop** is being planned. A Gender Action Plan development workshop is planned for January 2019.

3.4. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Part

LGED's TAPP was approved on June 12, 2018. A Government Order (GO) was issued on June 20, 2018. The Project Director was appointed in July 2018, and a Senior Assistant Engineer (Additional Charge) was also assigned to the project. Both LGED and UNOPS have agreed that each of the project teams (UNOPS and LGED) will be co-located within their respective offices. The UNOPS team will remain in IDB Bhaban while the LGED counterparts will be at LGED Office. As the project follows the DCOS modality of implementation, the recruitment of the project personnel as indicated in the approved ProDoc and TAPP is in progress through UNOPS recruitment and selection procedure. The table below shows recruitment status.

Table 6 LGED and UNOPS staffing

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|--|--------------------|---|
| UNOPS NRP Team | | |
| Team Leader | Completed | On board/ appointed by UNOPS since January 01, 2018 |
| Sr Infrastructure Advisor (Int'l Retainer) | Completed | On board May 2018 and due to complete assignment by November 2018 |
| Sr Infrastructure Advisor (Local) | Completed | On board October 15, 2018 |
| Project Support Assistant | Completed | On board since January 01, |

| Position | Recruitment Status | Update |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | 2018 |
| Communications, Monitoring and Reporting Officer | Under Process | Expected to be on Board January 2018 |
| Infrastructure and Project Management Analyst | Under Process | Expected to be on Board February 2018 |
| LGED NRP Team | | |
| Project Director | Additional Responsibility | On board |
| Assistant Engineer | Additional Responsibility | On board |
| Accountant/Administrative Officer | Additional Responsibility | On board |

Prior to the TAPP approval, UNOPS and LGED have undertaken series of workplan sessions whereby the implementation approach and road map of the sub-project were discussed. This was done from January to March 2018. The result of the discussion is the detailed implementation plan and approach for the sub project and became the basis for the implementation of subsequent activities and budget forecast requirements.

In addition, UNOPS has also engaged its partner under its Long-Term Agreement (LTA) modality to provide initial technical assistance in the assessment of the current practices in Asset Management at LGED. A total of eight international specialists have provided support in the assessment and workshops.

The **Inception and Orientation Meeting** was held in July 16, 2018. The program helped to increase the awareness and understanding of leadership of LGED on the NRP Project, design, project implementation approach and timeframes. It also generated key suggestions from the key leadership on what are critical coordination requirements to make the implementation smooth.

UNOPS technical team has completed the **Assessment of the current Practices of LGED in relation to Asset Management, institutional arrangements and policies and guidelines**. The assessment involved series of focus group discussions, interviews and field inspection. A report has been drafted and submitted to LGED for their final comment.

In early August 2018 the UNOPS project team held the **asset management workshop** with LGED leadership and senior staff at their offices. Series of consultations and discussion between UNOPS technical team and LGED Project team were conducted to finalize the draft Asset Management road map.

A comprehensive survey of the ICT platforms was conducted in October and November 2018. The key findings mapped the current ICT and IT related databases and information in LGED. It also was able to determine the gaps in asset information and recommendations were identified that will inform the future planning on asset management. A report has been generated and shared to LGED Officials.

In the last week of November 2018, UNOPS technical team and LGED key officials conducted workshop on Development of the Asset Management Framework and Implementation Plan for LGED. Draft LGED Asset Management Framework and implementation process have been prepared and shared with LGED in third week of December 2018.

As part of the project coordination, monitoring and implementation structure, the project has initiated the formation of the Project **Implementation and Coordination Committee**. Three sub-committees have already been formed officially by the Chief Engineer (CE) through an Office Order; each committee composed of LGED officials headed by Superintending Engineers (SE). They are tasked to work alongside UNOPS technical team on the areas of asset management, resilient infrastructure and professional development for LGED. Committees are starting to conduct meetings and discussions on the implementation of each sub-project components.

Calendar of Events

Depending on AWP approval and fund availability, the sub projects are planning to initiate various project activities as detailed in the Pro Doc and TAPPs. During the reporting period, the following meetings were held across the programme:

Table 7 NRP Calendar of events (updated regularly)

| Date | Event | Participants | Venue | Comments |
|--|--|--|----------------------|-----------|
| 4th -8th June, 2018 Monday-Friday | Assessment of LGED Units and Its Functions | LGED Unit Heads and Executive Engineers | LGED Head Quarters | Completed |
| 16 July 2018 Monday | NRP LGED Part Launching and Inception | LGED Key Officials, Reps from MoP, DFID/SIDA, UNDP | LGED Conference Room | Completed |
| 6 August 2018 Monday | NRP LGED Asset Management Orientation | LGED Key Officials | LGED Conference Room | Completed |
| 14 October 2018 Sunday | NRP JPIC | all JPIC | MoDMR | Completed |
| 17 October 2018 Wednesday | NRP JPSC | all JPSC | MoDMR | Completed |
| 22 October 2018 Monday | Prog Div part: meeting to learn lessons from the newly concluded ADB project on resilience | all NRP PDs + teams | Programming Division | Completed |
| From 28 October, Sunday to 8 November, Thursday 2018 | LGED Part: ICT Survey for LGED | LGED Officials, Unit heads | LGED Headquarters | Completed |
| 7 November 2018 Wednesday | Meeting on Gender Action Plan with all PM | PMs of 4 Ministries | | Completed |

| Date | Event | Participants | Venue | Comments |
|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 12 November 2018 Monday | Formation of Task Committee for 1). Resilient Infrastructure 2). Asset Management System 3). Professional Development for LGED | Superintending Engineers, Project Directors, Executive Engineers, Senior Assistant Engineers. | LGED Head Quarters | Approved and signed by Chief Engineer |
| 15 November 2018 Thursday | NRP Launching Ceremony | Govt, UNAs, Development Partners and all high level stakeholders | Radisson Hotel | Completed |
| 19 November 2018 Monday | Meeting with PD & APD on Baseline Survey Tools and methodology | PD & APD of NRP DWA Part and UN Women officials | DWA, Eskatan Garden | Completed |
| 20 -21 November 2018 Wednesday-Thursday | NRP Orientation and Planning Workshop | all NRP PDs + teams | DDM | Completed |
| 25 November 2018 Sunday | Baseline Tool finalisation meeting with Consulting firm-Innovation | Innovation & UN Women officials | UN Women | Completed |
| 25 November 2018 Sunday | LGED Part: LGED Officials Meeting | LGED Officials | LGED Conference Room | Completed |
| 26-27 November 2018 Monday-Tuesday | LGED Part: Asset Management Framework Development Workshop | Members of Asset Management, Resilient Infra and Prof Devt Committee; UNW, | RDEC, LGED Headquarters | Completed |
| 2-3 December 2018 Sunday-Monday | Baseline Enumerators Training | | Innovation conference room | Completed |
| 4 December 2018 Tuesday | NRP DDM part: Inception. | DDM part | DDM | Completed |
| 6 December 2018 Thursday | Letter of Agreement Signing between UN Women and DWA | DG-DWA, PD NRP DWA Part, Unit Heads of DWA & other officials of DWA and UN Women | DG-DWA meeting room | Completed |
| 9 December 2018 Sunday | Prog Div part: Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting | Prog Div part | Prog Division Conference Room | Completed |
| 11 December 2018 Tuesday | Prog Div part: Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting | Prog Div part | NEC Meeting Room, Planning Commission | Completed |
| 12 December 2018 Wednesday | Prog Div part: Project Inception Workshop | Prog Div part | NEC Meeting Room, Planning Commission Campus | Completed |

Approved AWP

Table 8 Approved AWP for 2018 and 2019

| | 2018 in US\$ | 2019 in US\$ | Total in US\$ |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| DDM | 163,327 | 1,292,223 | 1,455,550 |
| Programming Division | 77,231 | 823,567 | 900,798 |
| DWA | 381,793 | 1,107,620 | 1,489,413 |
| LGED | 612,576 | 1,278,578 | 1,891,154 |
| Grand Total: | 1,234,927 | 4,501,988 | 5,736,915 |

Media Coverage

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[NRP Inception Workshop held at Programming Division](#)

Photo Gallery



NRP Launching Ceremony. Mr. Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, M.P, Hon'ble Minister, MODMR was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MODMR and Chair, JPSC, NRP presided over the ceremony.



Audience members at the NRP Launching Ceremony.



NRP Joint Programme Steering and Coordination (JPSC) meeting. Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MODMR, and Chair, JPSC, NRP was present as Chair. Md. Mohsin, Additional Secretary, MODMR and NPC NRP, the NRP Donors, and Heads of Agencies were also present.



NRP Orientation and Planning Workshop. Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MODMR, and Chair, JPSC, NRP was present as Chief Guest in the closing session. Md. Mohsin, National Programme Coordinator (NPC) and Additional Secretary, MODMR chaired the sessions on both days.



NRP Programming Division sub project Inception Workshop. Khurshid Alam, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP Bangladesh; Ziaul Islam, Senior Secretary of Planning Division; and Syeedul Haque, Chief of Programming Division were present among others as honourable speakers.



Letter of Agreement signing between DWA and UN Women. Dilruba Haider, Programme Specialist, UN Women; Mr. Ataur Rahman, Director (Joint Secretary) DWA, and Project Director, NRP DWA part; Kazi Rowshan Akter, Previous Director General, DWA; Jannatul Ferdous, Research Officer and Assistant Project Director NRP DWA part; and Ms. Wahida Bashir Ahmed, Gender and DRR Analyst, NRP, UN Women were present at the ceremony.



NRP DDM sub project Inception Workshop. Mr. Abu Syed Mohammad Hashim, Director General, DDM was the Chief Guest. Md. Mohsin, Additional Secretary, MODMR and NRP NPC chaired the sessions.



NRP LGED sub project Inception Workshop and Conducted LGED Asset Management Framework Workshop. The Chief Engineer, Additional Chief Engineers and heads of the function units of LGED attended the events.