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**Report On
Orientation cum Training Programme on implementation
of Safeguard Issues in UGIIP-II**

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Second Urban Governance & Infrastructure Improvement Project (UGIIP-II)

Orientation cum Training Programmes

1.1 Project Background

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has undertaken the Second Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP-2) with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (Loan No. 2462 BAN (SF) together with co-financing from KfW and GIZ to improve governance and urban service provision in a number of pourashavas of Bangladesh. In phase 3, the project covers 47 pourashavas while 35 pourashavas were covered in the Phase 2 of the project.

The resettlement framework (RF) and Environmental assessment and review framework (EARF) of the project specified the screening procedures and the guidelines for identifying the APs, estimating the compensation and assistance to be paid for the losses, grievance redress mechanism, preparation of IEE, EIA and the institutional requirements for monitoring the implementation of social and environmental safeguard aspects of the project. The project covenants and contract conditions for project implementation, specified compliance to all social and environmental safeguard issues identified during the project planning and design.

1.2 Training and Orientation Programmes

The Safeguard team of UGIIP II organised orientation cum training programmes on implementation of safeguard issues during design, construction and operation stage of the project for the PIU and contractor staffs and Municipal Engineers. To cover all the 47 pourashavas, nine training programmes were planned where participants were invited from 4/5 pourashavas at one regional venue. Proposed training programmes and the status as of 30th June 2014 is provided in **table 1**.

1.3 Environmental and social issues discussed in training programme

The training programmes already conducted at 5 pourashavas covered the following:

- Discussed the uniqueness of the UGIIP-II project that has new as well as rehabilitation projects belonging to various sectors viz. transport, river front development/ghat development, water supply, drain, solid waste management, sanitation, municipal facilities encompassing development of markets, street lighting, city beautification etc. and slum improvement.
- Explained the need of safeguard documents and implementation of safeguard measures in the project in light of the loan covenants, GOB and ADB requirements..
- Discussed the safeguard issues related with various stages of the project and also presented some case study related to the UGIIP-II to explain the relationship of safeguard issues and project cycles.
- Discussed the various social issues in the participating pourashavas observed / reported by safeguard team during implementation of the various subprojects. Mitigation measures suggested and implemented in various pourashavas was also discussed.
- Typical non compliance of safeguard measures observed during implementation of various subprojects in different pourashavas was also pointed out to the pourashava representatives. Specific issues discussed included the following:

Design Stage

Necessity to assess appropriateness/feasibility of subprojects recommended for implementation, identification of affected persons, details of impacts on various public and private assets, preparation of Resettlement Plan and identification of location specific mitigation measures.

- Consultation with local community, affected persons, pourashava officials, involvement of women and vulnerable in consultation at various stages of the project
- Documentation of the process during project design including written confirmation of voluntary donation where ever applicable.

Construction Stage

- Child labour cannot be employed in the project
- Ensuring access to houses, continuation of traffic and pedestrian movement during construction.
- Adequate care during construction to ensure that structures nearby are not adversely affected
- Overcoming incidental problems that may have been undetected during screening through consultation with the affected person (s).
- Introduction to World Environment Day, its importance and observation themes.
- Discussed various environmental health and safety issues in the participating pourashavas observed / reported during implementation of the various subproject. Mitigation measures suggested and implemented in various pourashava was discussed.
- Non compliance of the pourashava was also pointed out to the pourashava representatives. Concerns of PMO on non compliance of Environment health safety issues in various subprojects were intimated to the pourashava representatives.
- Contract document in light of the environment health and safety issues were also discussed and it was explained to the contractor and pourashava representatives that implementation of environment health and safety measures is the contractual obligation of the contractor.
- Consequences of non compliance were also explained to them.
- Specific good and bad practices from environmental safeguard point of view in the participating pourashavas during construction discussed during the training program included the following:
 - Non use of personal protection equipments (PPEs) like helmets, shoes, gloves etc. by the workers. This is a common problem in all the pourashavas that were participating in the training. There is generally no provision of drinking water or emergency first aid at the construction site.
 - Poor hygienic conditions, no toilet in the labour camp set up by the contractor
 - The issue of slope protection measures for water bodies and proper disposal of construction waste was discussed as a necessity to protect the road side water bodies.
- Various social and resettlement issues of the project and discussed the techniques and methods to minimise the social and resettlement issues during project design and implementation.
- Contractor and pourashava representatives raised the issues they are facing during project selection, design and implementation; adherences to safeguard measures were discussed in details in the forum and all the participants took part in the discussion.
- MDS Safeguard Specialists appealed to the participating pourashava and contractors to look in to the safeguard issues and explained them that implementation of safeguard issues are beneficial for each pourashava.

Table 1: Status of Training Programmes

Sl no	Participating pourashava	Venue	No. and Type of Participants	Participating Safeguard Team	Status as on 30 th June 2014
A. Completed Trainings					
1	Sunamganj, Madhabpur, Sreemangol, Golapganj, Brahmanbaria	Sreemangal	Total Participants – 28 Nos. Participants included Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES), Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS), Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES) & Mr. A. Rahim (RS)	Completed on 02.03.2014
2	Kushtia, Chuadanga, Jhenaidha, Narail, Benapol, Satkhira, Gopalganj	Jhenaidha	Total Participants – 46 Nos. Participants included Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES) Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS) & Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES)	Completed on 24.03.2014
3	Parshuram, Haziganj Chandpur, Noakhali Bashurhat, Chowmuhani	Noakhali	Total Participants – 41 Nos. Participants included Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES), Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS) Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES) & Mr. Abdur Rahim (RS)	Completed on 08.04.2014
4	Khagrachari, Bandarban Cox,s Bazar	Bandarban	Total Participants – 31 Nos. Participants included Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES) Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS), Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES) & SBIM Safiq Ud-Doula (RS)	Completed on 28.05.2014
5	Mirzapur, Dhanbari, Jamalpur, Sreepur, Ghorasal and Mymensingh pourashava	Mymensingh	Total Participants – 42 Nos. Participants included Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), .Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES), Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS),	Completed on 05.06.2014

Sl no	Participating pourashava	Venue	No. and Type of Participants	Participating Safeguard Team	Status as on 30 th June 2014
B. Proposed Training Programmes					
6	Gaibandha, Kurigram, Patgram, Nilphamari, Thakurgaon	Nilphamari	Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES) Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS) Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES) & SBIM Safiq Ud-Doula (RS)	To be Conducted
7	Natore, Pabna, Nachole, Kakonhat, Sirajganj	Natore	Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES) Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS), Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES) & SBIM Safiq Ud-Doula(RS)	To be Conducted
8	Faridpur, Madaripur, Munshiganj & Bhanga	Faridpur	Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), .Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES), Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS), Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES)	To be Conducted
9	Barguna, Jhalakathi, Kalapara, Bhola, Lalmohan, Patuakhali	Patuakhali	Pourashava Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, SAE, Works assistant, Contractor's representatives / Engineers, Supervisors and Municipal Engineers	Mr. P. K. Kar (IRS), Dr. S. K. Banerjee (IES) Mr. Asad Chowdhury (NRS) & Mr. Habibur Rhaman (ES)	To be Conducted

PHOTOPLATE



Training Programme at Sreemangal



Training Programme at Jhenaidah



Training Programme at Noakhali



Training Programme at Bandarban



Training Programme at Mymensingh

