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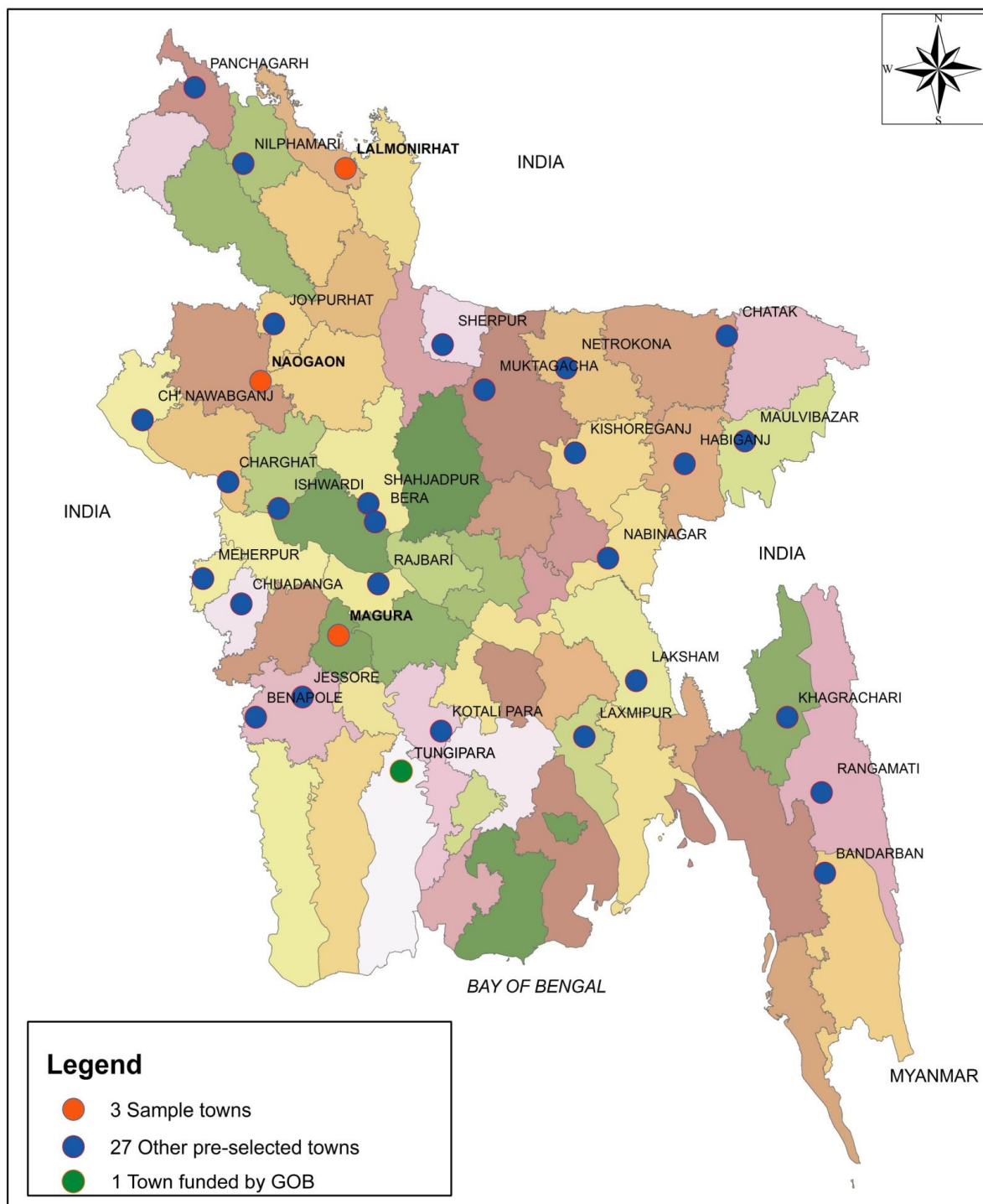
**Quarterly Progress Report (QPR- 1 & 2)**  
**Period : Up to December, 2014**

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## Geographic Location of the UGIIP-III Target Pourashavas



## **Abbreviation**

<b>ADB</b>	-	<b>Asian Development Bank</b>
<b>OFID</b>	-	<b>OPEC Fund for International Development</b>
<b>DPHE</b>	-	<b>Department of Public Health Engineering</b>
<b>BDT</b>	-	<b>Bangladeshi Taka</b>
<b>CEO</b>	-	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Dev't</b>	-	<b>Development</b>
<b>DPHE</b>	-	<b>Department of Public Health Engineering</b>
<b>DPP</b>	-	<b>Development Project Proforma</b>
<b>EIRR</b>	-	<b>Internal Economic Rate of return</b>
<b>Eqp</b>	-	<b>Equipment</b>
<b>ERD</b>	-	<b>Economic Relations Division</b>
<b>ESSIS</b>	-	<b>Environmental Sanitation and Slum Improvement Section</b>
<b>FGD</b>	-	<b>Focus Group Discussion</b>
<b>FIRR</b>	-	<b>Financial Internal Rate of Return</b>
<b>GAP</b>	-	<b>Gender Action Plan</b>
<b>GI</b>	-	<b>Governance Improvement</b>
<b>GICD</b>	-	<b>Governance Improvement &amp; Capacity Development</b>
<b>GoB</b>	-	<b>Government of Bangladesh</b>
<b>GRC</b>	-	<b>Grievance Redressal Center</b>
<b>ISC</b>	-	<b>Inter-ministerial Steering Committee</b>
<b>IIS</b>	-	<b>Infrastructure Improvement Section</b>
<b>MCC</b>	-	<b>Mass Communication Cell</b>
<b>Mgt</b>	-	<b>Management</b>
<b>MPRC</b>	-	<b>Municipal Performance Review Committee</b>
<b>NILG</b>	-	<b>National Institute of Local Government</b>
<b>O&amp;M</b>	-	<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>
<b>PC</b>	-	<b>Planning Commission</b>
<b>PDP</b>	-	<b>Pourashava Development Plan</b>
<b>PME</b>	-	<b>Performance Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>
<b>PMO</b>	-	<b>Project Management Office</b>
<b>PRAP</b>	-	<b>Poverty Reduction Action Plan</b>
<b>PR&amp;SI</b>	-	<b>Poverty Reduction &amp; Slum Improvement</b>
<b>PSU</b>	-	<b>Pourashava Support Unit</b>
<b>RM</b>	-	<b>Routine Maintenance</b>
<b>SC</b>	-	<b>Standing Committee</b>
<b>SIC</b>	-	<b>Slum Improvement Committee</b>
<b>SWM</b>	-	<b>Solid Waste Management</b>
<b>TLCC</b>	-	<b>Town Level Co-ordination Committee</b>
<b>ToT</b>	-	<b>Training of Trainers</b>
<b>WLCC</b>	-	<b>Ward Level Co-ordination Committee</b>
<b>MoWCA</b>	-	<b>Ministry of Women &amp; Children Affairs</b>
<b>UGIS</b>	-	<b>Urban Governance &amp; Improvement Section</b>
<b>UMSU</b>	-	<b>Urban Management Support Unit</b>

## **Summary Progress & Achievement in Up to-December, 2014**

**Keeping in view the headway made to date on different facets of UGIIP III, that has been narrated in the later sections, some notable features/attainment are described below:**

The Project has been approved on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 by ECNEC. GO from ECNEC was issued on 19 August, 2014 and administrative approval has been made by LGD on 25 August, 2014. MPRC meeting held on 13 August, 2014 chaired by Secretary LGD where all 31 municipalities have been recommended to promote to intermediate phase after achieving all entry criteria. Asian Development Bank has endorsed recommendation of MPRC after evaluation of entry criterion. UGIIP-II team (PMO and Consultants) has helped PPTA and pourashavas to observe all entry criterion and to prepare sub-projects for 10 priority towns for 1<sup>st</sup> phase. This could be an excellent example of better co-ordination.

**TLCC:** TLCC quarterly meetings of 31 PSs held on participated by 1142 representing 64.01% male & 35.90 % female members, meeting minutes have been prepared and sent to all members.

**WLCC:** WLCC's activities in 31 PSs are in progress and conducted quarterly meetings participating by 2389 members representing 58.94 % male and 41.06% female.

**Citizen Charter:** Twenty Nine Project Pourashavas prepared Citizen Charter (CC) 24 Pourashavas displayed CC in the suitable place at Pourashava premises. They also published CC in the local newspaper and prepared booklet.

**Grievance Redress Cell:** Grievance Redress Cell (GRC) established with clear TOR in 30 Pourashavas and opened grievance box in 24 Pourashavas. The GRC became functioning and receiving of related complaints and their reviewing is continuing.

**O&M:** O&M budget have been allocated for 2014-15 FY in all PSs representing Tk.177,902,275 (177.90 million) in 31 PSs.

**WCA Standing Committee:** All project municipalities have formed Women and Children Affairs' (WCA) Standing Committee according to the project's prescribed manner as an entry criterion. Regular monthly meeting of Women and Children Affairs' (WCA) Standing Committee is taking place in almost all project-PSs. Each project PSs prepared a Gender Action Plan (GAP) outline. Later on, all sample and priority (10) project PSs formulated tailored- GAP with the assistance of PMO and PPTA team, UGIIP-III. Among those, the detailed tailored-GAP of 7 PSs has been endorsed by the respective TLCC. It is also significant that, 17 project PSs have allocated fund from their revenue fund for GAP implementation.

**PR&SI Standing Committee:** Each project municipalities have formed Poverty Reduction and Slum Improvement Standing Committee (SC on PR&SI) to meet the entry criteria in a project's prescribed manner. 'SC on PR&SI' monthly meeting is taking place regularly in most of the project PSs. Each project PSs have a tailored- Poverty Reduction Action Plan (PRAP) outline. Afterward, PMO and PPTA Team, UGIIP-III assisted all sample and priority (10) project PSs in formulation of its own demand driven- tailored- PRAP. Of them, the detailed tailored-PRAP of 7 PSs has been endorsed by the respective TLCC. It is also to be mentioned that, 16 project PSs have allocated fund for the implementation of PRAP from their revenue generation.

**Computerized Tax & Accounting System:** Computerized Tax 27 PSs & Accounting software functioning in 26 PSs. Computerized Tax & billing system is in practice. Rest of the PSs are in the process of instantly equipment for computerized their tax, accounts and other aspects.

**Re-Assessment:** Reassessments have completely been done in 21 Pourashavas, Remaining 9 Pourashavas namely Shahajadpur, Nabinagar, Panchagarh, Meherpur, Kishorgonj, Chapai Nawabgonj, Charghat, Naogaon and Moulavibazar are engaged in reassessment which has been scheduled to be ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Holding Tax:** Holding Tax Collection efficiency up to December of FY 2014-2015 of 31 Pourashavas have found 43.15%.

**Non-Tax Revenue Collection:** Non-Tax Revenue Collection up to December, FY 2014-2015, an amount of the Tk. 364.92 million has been collected against the demand Tk. 1030.44 million.

**Electricity bill:** Electricity bills are found fully paid in 9 PSs and rest PSs are the process paying the bill after instruction received from PMO.

**Telephone bill:** Telephone bills are found fully paid in 22 PSs and rest PSs are the process paying the bill after instruction received from PMO.

**Loan:** 24 PSs availed loan Out of 30 PSs of which 100% installments have paid by 10 PSs and rest 14 PSs have their huge outstanding installments.

**Water Tariff:** Water tariff collection efficiency of 24 PSs is found 50.55% during the quarter.

- Loan from ADB 125.00 million approved on 17 July, 2014 and has been made effective by ADB in November, 2014.
- OFID loan agreement signing Pending.
- Through PPTA, Resettlement Plans for 10 sample priority municipalities for 1<sup>st</sup> phase work completed and submitted to ADB for review.
- 21 Sub-project Appraisal Reports (SPAR) been submitted by PPTA (it is then Consolidated to 18 Sub-Projects), 18 have been submitted to ADB for prior review.
- Two ICB packages for goods supply ADB funded have been tendered.
- Contract negotiation likely to take place shortly for recruitment of MDS and GICD Consultancy Services.

## Financial Status, Expenditure & Cumulative progress

Financial Plan and expenditure is summarized in Table 1.1 below.

**Table1.1: Approval status and expenditure as of 31 December, 2014**

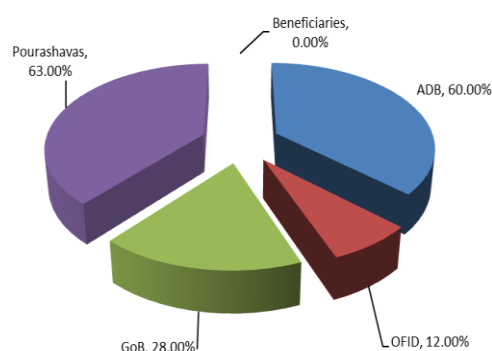
Source	Approval			Actual Expenditure		
	In Million US\$	% of Total Project Cost	In Million Taka	In Million Taka	% of Total Project Cost	In Million US \$
ADB	200.00 *	60.00	15600.00	-	-	-
OFID	40.00	12.00	3120.00	-	-	-
GoB	91.25	27.37	7117.84	-	-	-
Pourashavas	2.13	00.63	166.95	-	-	-
Beneficiaries			-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>333.40</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26004.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\* ADB approved loan amount as of now is 125.00 million.

75 million loan is indicated in COBP in early 2017

Exchange Rate: 1 US\$ = BDT 78.00 (as of 30 June, 2014)

Cumulative Progress up to 31 December 2014: Physical .....%, Financial ..... %



**Fig 1: Contribution to the Total Project**

**Fig 2: Actual Expenditure**

## SECTION – A

### 1.1 Basic Information

Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP III) is the latest in a long sequence of urban development projects of LGED, progressively financed, principally by Asian Development Bank (ADB). More often than not, other notable development partners to the Govt of Bangladesh as well joined hands with ADB in mobilizing required resources for implementing such projects. In this particular intervention, OFID co-financed the undertaking alongside ADB, and importantly, GoB.

The project (UGIIP III) has been conceived with some difference, vis a vis departure from the convention. Albeit UGIIP I, the precursor to UGIIP II, initiated the process of placing governance improvement and capacity development of the Pourashavas (PSs) somewhat ahead of infrastructure development, the latter ushered many a new area and concept into the project expanse, built on the experiences so accumulated, which have already displayed laudable improvements in the poura-façade under the project umbrella. Given in the box below are some basic data/info about the project, while other project details and features have been depicted in later sections.

1. Country	: Bangladesh
2. Loan No.	: 3142-BAN (SF) .
3. Project Title	: Third Urban Governance & Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP-III) .
4. Borrower	: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh .
5. Executing Agency	: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
6. Implementing Agency	: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), (DPHE) and Participating PSs.
7. Amount of Loan	: US \$ 200 million (125 million approved + 75 million in COBP for 2017) for ADB and US 40.00 million for OFID
8. Total Estimated Project Cost	: Tk.260048.426 Lakh (DPP)
9. Total Revised Project Cost	: Not Applicable
10. Date of Loan Approval	: 17.07. 2014 (ADB) : 10.06.2014 (OFID)
11. Dt of Signing Loan Agreement	: 27 August, 2014 (ADB)
12. Date of Loan Effectiveness	: 04.11.2014
13. Date of Loan Closure	: 31 December, 2020
14. Elapsed Loan Period	: (as of loan effectiveness)
15. Last Review Mission	: N/A
16. Project's Co-financiers	: OFID Loan US 40.00 million, Loan agreement signing pending.
17. Project Completion	: 30 June, 2020

## 1.2 Introduction to the Project

The Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP-III) started from July 2014, to promote HRD and good urban governance and as well, to improve infrastructure in 31 project PSs with the financial assistance from, alongside GoB, ADB and OFID. It adopts a performance based sector approach involving demand driven allocation of loan proceeds based on clearly defined performance criteria and the commitment of the PSs to undertake governance reform.

## 1.3 Project Objectives & Scope

Primary objective of UGIIP III is to promote sustainable human resource development, economic growth and poverty reduction by enhancing municipal management, strengthening capacity to deliver municipal services and improving physical infrastructure and urban services (especially to the poor) in all project-PSs. To achieve these, UGIIP III will assist these PSs to enhance their capacity to implement, operate, manage and maintain basic urban services; to increase accountability of PSs; and to improve physical infrastructure and urban services.

## 1.4 Project Components

UGIIP III comprises the following three principal components:

**Component A:** Infrastructure and service delivery;

**Component B:** Urban governance improvement and capacity development; and

**Component C:** Project management and implementation support.

### Component-A

#### **Municipal infrastructures roads, Drains, Sludge management facilities etc. improved and rehabilitated :**

(1) Improved, rehabilitated and reconstructed of 910 kilometers of Roads, 550 m. Bridge and culvert and 10 no boat landing under construction urban transport facilities. (2) 515 kilometers of drains built or improved under drains facilities, (3) 200 km of pipes installed or upgraded for water supply with 40,000 individual meters installation, installation 50 no producten well , 6 no treatment plant constructed, 20 no. overhead Tank new and repair, installation 1000 no. hand tub well and 1000 no. public stand Pipe under water supply's component. (4) 150 no public toilet, 20 no. development of sludge disposal facilities under sanitation facilities. (5) Construction 120 no. transfer station, 31 no development dumping ground, under solid waste management component. (6) 25 no. bus terminal construction or rehabilitation, 15 no truck terminal, 10 no parking area, 25 no. kitchen Market, 25 no. slaughter house, 2 no municipal parks, 10000 no. Street Light, 10 no urban landscaping, 13 no. community centre/ auditorium and 8 no. municipal market constructed on rehabilitated under municipal facilities (7) 155 no. slum improvement sub-projects are completed in all project towns that have slums, sludge management facilities built in 10 towns. Final disposal sites built/improved in 15 towns (total capacity 150 tons/day). Climate issues considered in designing 80% of sub-projects.

### Component B:

**Improved capacity of pourashavas in urban service delivery, planning, and financial management :** TLCCs (target: at least 33% women) and WLCCs (target: 40% women) formed in 31 towns by 2015 (baseline: 5 towns). Urban master plans developed through gender-inclusive processes are gazetted in 31 towns by 2017<sup>d</sup> (baseline: zero). WCA and PRSI standing committees operational in 31 towns by 2016 (Target: 40% women representation; baseline: zero). PDP, GAP and PRAP approved in 31 towns by 2017(baseline: 5 towns). Annual O&M plan approved and own budget allocated for implementation in 30 towns by 2017(baseline: 5 towns) .Computerized tax records and billing system made functional in 30 towns by 2018 (baseline: 18 towns).

### Component-C:

**Project management and administration system in place :** DPHE has also appointed Project Manager as part of forming PMO.



## 1.5. Project Locations

Focusing on the 1st and Starting phase, UGIIP III now includes 31 PSs. Their distribution locations by division are given below in Table 1. (also ref project map).

**Table 1 : Division wise distribution of PSs (PSs)**

SI	Division	Name of PSs	Class	Remarks
1	Dhaka	Muktagaccha, Sherpur, Rajbari, Netrokona, Kishoreganj, Tungipara*	A	7 PSs
		Kotalipara,	B	
2	Chittagong	Laksham, Nabinagar, Khagrachori, Bandarban, Laxmipur, Rangamati	A	6 PSs
3	Khulna	Benapole, Jessore, Chuadanga, Magura, Maherpur.	A	5 PSs
4	Rajshahi	Bera, Ishawrdi, Shahjadpur, Joypurhat, Chapai Nawabgonj, Naogaon	A	7 PSs
		Charghat	B	
5	Rangpur	Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh	A	3 PSs
6	Sylhet	Moulavibazar, Hobigonj, Chattak	A	3 PSs
<b>Total</b>				<b>31 PSs</b>

\* One PS will be funded by GOB (Tungipara).

## 1.6 Implementation Period & Arrangements

Time-expanse of UGIIP III stretches from 1st July' 2014 to June' 2020. The Project stands to be implemented in 3 phases as given below in Table 2.

**Table 2. : Implementation Phases and Period**

Phase	Implementation Period	Period	Remarks
1 <sup>st</sup>	July, 2014 to June, 2016	2 years	Implementation in progress
2 <sup>nd</sup>	July.2016 to December.2018	2 years 6 Months	-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	January.2019 to June.2020	1 years 6 months	-

Implementation arrangements for the project mainly hinges on the set up at central level (PMO) and PS level (PIU).

**Central level:** Reiterating EA for the project is LGED and DPHE, ISC is responsible for reviewing the progress and guiding implementation of the Project. It is chaired by the Secy, LGD & includes representatives from LGD, LGED, PC, ERD, Finance Div, IMED, NILG, DPHE, MoWCA, MoPW and 3 LGD-nominated project Mayors. It may convene meetings whenever necessary, but at least once every 3 months.

PMO has been established for the overall project management. It is headed by PD (a senior engr specialized in urban dev't, supported by officials including two three Project Managers from LGED and one from DPHE. The PMO manages the overall project implementation including: ✧ Planning overall project implementation by consolidating plans at the PS level; ✧ assisting PSs in implementing the UGIAP and physical works; ✧ procuring, managing and supervising consultants hired under the project; ✧ monitoring and supervising project implementation; ✧ ensuring compliance with assurance, including safeguards; and ✧ preparing and submitting reports, including progress reports and the completion report. Existing central UMSU & RUMSUs have been providing standard training modules to PSs in close coordination with PMO.

Eyeing to ensure a transparent and fair performance-assessment & eventual performance-based fund allocation, MPRC remains responsible for assessing the participating PSs. UMSU has been functioning as secretariat of MPRC in such assessment. SE (Urban Mgt), LGED acts as UMSU's Director. Addl CE (Urban Mgt) coordinates the project activities under overall guidance of the Chief Engr, LGED.

**PS Level :** PIU has been established in each project-PS to implement the UGIAP and physical works. It is headed by the PS Mayor, assisted by the CEO and other officials. Each PIU includes three sections: (i) the infrastructure improvement section (IIS) headed by the EE (for A class PSs) /AE (for B class PSs); (ii) the urban governance improvement section (UGIS) headed by the Secretary; and (iii) the environmental, sanitation and slum improvement section (ESSIS) headed by the Health Officer.

The PIU stands for (i) implementing GI activities specified in UGIAP, including evolving PDP; (ii) implementing physical works, preparing bid docs, including procurement & supervision of contractors with support from the PMO and consultants, ensuring safeguard compliance and (iii) preparing annual work plan & progress reports. Each PIU has been staffed with AOs to manage financial transaction including recording, preparation of liquidation statements, etc. In addition, PMO deployed some engg staffs to PIU subject to availability & capacity of PS in the planning & implementation of the subprojects.

## SECTION – B : FRIST PHASE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS: A SYNTHESIS

### 2.1 Project Management Office (PMO)

Overall Management of planning and implementation of UGIIP III has perennially been an arduous and challenging assignment for the PMO. Efforts of balancing the mix of hardware (infrastructure) and software (GI and related improvement) has been a task of a tall order. Till date, the PMO has made efforts of promptly addressing the needs of diverse nature and magnitude and as well, relentlessly cajoled the project-PSs to meet the UGIAP-stipulations, raise their efficiency on all fronts of PS-service provision, and as well, elevate their own administrative and financial capacity.

### 2.2 Project Implementation Unit (PIU)

Consequent upon getting required instruction and advice on the doubles and their time-schedule, the PIUs got down to the task of preparing their respective subprojects. By and large, by 31 December '2014, all 10 Priority PSs have prepared sub-project for phase-I.

As has been reported, the PIUs are implementing time bound activities of UGIAP activities with assistance of PMO TLCC, WLCC and GC meeting are convened as scheduled in all 31 PSs. GRC are, reportedly, conducting their regular meetings consistent with the stipulations of UGIAP.

### 2.3 Sub-projects Preparation, Submission and Approval

During the October-December '2014, 2nd quarter, the 18 of packages sub-projects for implementation during 1st phase of the project have been prepared sent for ADBs approved (for 10 sample and priority towns) .

### 2.4 UGIAP: Phase-III Implementation

**In the October-December, 2014 (2nd Quarter), UGIAP (intermediate Stage)** implementation started getting geared up in all 31 PSs. Review and discussion meetings on UGIAP intermediate stage doables and pertinent Implementation were organized between and among the PS-officials accelerate the process. List of UGIAP intermediate stage doables/activities is attached in **Annex-I**. A brief overview of the progress of UGIAP intermediate stage implementation is narrated in section 2.5 below.

### 2.5 UGIAP (intermediate Stage)

The "Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP-III)" implemented adopting a time-bound and performance-based approach. Governance activities attempts were to improve governance fronts and as well develop capacity in Pourashavas (PSs) through preparing Pourashava Development Plan (PDP) in Phase-I and carrying out a series of reform activities in seven key areas redefined in the Urban Governance Improvement Action Program (UGIAP).The areas are:

- (1) Citizen Awareness and Participation;
- (2) Urban Planning;
- (3) Equity and Inclusiveness of Women and Urban Poor;
- (4) Enhancement of Local Resource Mobilization;
- (5) Financial Accountability and Sustainability;
- (6) Administrative Transparency and
- (7) Keeping Essential Pourashava Services Functional.

In the 2nd Quarter of 2014-15 FY, the PS-officials desperately tried to comply with the requirements of UGIAP criteria in collaboration with the PMO. However, in spite of having pressure of the time-bound and performance-based approach, an impressive progress has been shown by the Pourashavas during the 2nd Quarter of 2014-15 FY. The report has been prepared considering the decisive progress of governance improvement and capacity development for 31 Pourashavas as narrated in the ToR.

### Quarterly TLCC Meeting:

All of 31 Pourashavas have conducted TLCC & WLCC quarterly meeting held on regularly. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared and sent to PMO through quarterly report. A total of 1101 members of TLCC participated in the quarterly meeting in where, male and female members attended were **731 (64.01%)** and **410 (35.90%)** . A total of 2389 members of WLCC participated in the quarterly meeting in where, male and female members attended were **1352 (59.07%)** and **937 (40.93%)** respectively.

## Cityzen Charter

In this quarter 27 PSs out of 31 PSs displayed them in suitable places of the PS premises. Besides, display of in the 31 PSs of earlier phases are being continued.

### Grievance Redress Cell (GRC):

19 Pourashavas out of 31 PSs Grievance Redress Cell (GRC) established with clear TOR and opened grievance box in Pourashavas. The GRC became functioning and receiving of related complaints and their reviewing is continuing.

### Women & Children Standing Committee Meeting:

All project municipalities have formed Women and Children Affairs' Standing Committee (SC on WCA) according to the project's prescribed manner. Regular monthly meeting of 'SC on WCA' is taking place in almost all project-PSs. Each project PSs sketched a Gender Action Plan (GAP) outline in light of project's GAP, as an entry criterion. The outline was enshrined in Pourashava Development Plan (PDP) with the endorsement of Town Level Coordination Committee (TLCC).

Later on, all sample and priority (10) project PSs formulated a detailed tailored- GAP with the assistance of PMO and PPTA team, UGIIP-III. Of them, detailed tailored-GAP of 7 PSs has been endorsed by the respective TLCC. It is also significant that, 17 project PSs have allocated fund from their revenue fund for GAP implementation.

### Poverty Reduction Action Plan - Steering Committee (PRAP-SC) Meeting:

Each project municipalities have formed Poverty Reduction and Slum Improvement Standing Committee (SC on PR&SI) to meet the entry criteria in a project's prescribed manner. 'SC on PR&SI' monthly meeting is taking place regularly in most of the project PSs. Each project PSs designed a tailored- Poverty Reduction Action Plan (PRAP) outline as an entry criterion, which has been included in PDP with the endorsement of TLCC. Afterward, PMO and PPTA Team, UGIIP-III assisted all sample and priority (10) project PSs in formulation of its own demand driven detailed tailored- PRAP. Out of them, the detailed tailored-PRAP of 7 PSs has been endorsed by the respective TLCC. It is also to be mentioned that, 16 project PSs have allocated fund for the implementation of PRAP from their revenue generation.

### Budget for Operation and Maintenance (O&M):

All Project-Pourashavas have allocated fund for O&M as per UGIAP implementation criteria. In the Poura-budget of 2014-15 FY, 31 Pourashavas have allocated Tk. 175,392,000 (175.39 million).

### Regular Interim Tax Assessment:

A total of 21 Pourashavas have been maintaining regular Interim-assessments. Remaining 9 PSs have been carrying out reassessment.

### Re-assessments Status:

Reassessments have completely been done in **21** Pourashavas, Remaining **9 Pourashavas** namely Shahajadpur, Nabinagar, Panchagarh, Meherpur, Kishorgonj, Chapai Nawabgonj, Charghat, Naogaon and Moulavibazar are engaged in reassessment which has been scheduled to be ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### Status on Holding Tax Collection:

At the end of the December, FY 2014-2015, holding tax-collection-efficiencies have found as 43.15%. There are 11 Pourashavas (Ishwardi, Shahajadpur, Rangamati, Kotalipara, Tungipara, Chuadanga, Jessore, Meherpur, Kishorgonj, Muktagacha and Charghat) who attained below 40%. The lowest efficiency found in Kotalipara, which is only 5.75% and the highest efficiency found in Nilphamari (72%) .

### Non-Tax Revenue Collection:

Up to December FY 2014-2015, the demand was **Tk. 1,030,440,108(1030.44 million)** and the collection against the demand was **Tk. 364,926,583 (364.92 million)**. However, the rate of collection efficiency of 31 PSs is found **35.41%**. The lowest efficiency found in Ishwardi Pourashava (**11.85%**) and highest efficiency found in Bera Pourashava 65.84%).

**Loan and Repayment:**

The loan repayment status depicted that there were 7 Pourshavas out of 31 have availed loan facilities. At the end of the 2nd Quarter, it was found that 11 Pourashavs have adjusted loan making full payment of loan-amount. There were 13 Pourashavas (Ishawrdi, Shahajadpur, Rangamati, Rajbari, Chuadanga, Jessore, Meherpur, Sherpur, Chapai Nawabgonj, Charghat, Naogaon and Lalmonirhat) were found irregular.

**Electricity Bills:**

As per quarterly report of October-December 2014-15 FY, 9 Pourashavas have paid fully; 22 Pourashavas were found irregular. Total Unpaid Amount is TK 319,943,453 (319.94 million) dues.

**Telephone bills:**

As per payment status up to December 2014, 22 Pourashavas paid 100% telephone bills. Remaining 9 Pourashava have found irregular. Total Unpaid Amount is TK 1,332,580 (1.33 million) dues.

**Water Tariff:**

Up to December of FY 2014-15 demand was Tk. 148,504,453 (148.50 million) and the collection against the demand was Tk. 75,072,683 (75.07 million). However, the rate of collection efficiency of 24 PSs is found 50.55%. However, 4 Pourashavas' (Shahajadpur, Nabinagar, Benapole and Chatak) do not have piped-water supply facilities and 3 Pourashavas (Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachari) have facilities provided by the DPHE.

**E-Governances:**

The Website kept functional in all of 30 Pourashavas. Charghat PS developing.

**Procurement Status**

As per Development Project Pro-forma (DPP) for UGIIP-III, a total of 25 (Twenty Five) different items of goods under title Indicative break-up of vehicle and equipment were listed for procurement. Goods of different category will be procured under different package numbers using the fund allocated from ADB Invitation for Bids (IFB) notice for 2 packages one for 04 (Four) nos cross country vehicle and another for 34 (thirty four) nos. double cabin pickup have been published. Bid documents of other few packages are being prepared.