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Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP):

Bangladesh is overwhelmingly dependent on environmental and natural resources, but the economic and societal forces at work coupled with other natural and technical factors, may have already seriously eroded the natural resource base of the country which could have serious adverse impact on output, income and employment.

Efforts are being made to address these issues by the Government, donors, political parties, NGOs and other advocacy groups. The government has been giving some attention to this sector. Among others it has approved the National Environment Management Action Plan (NEMAP) in 1996. NEMAP was formulated through a massive consultative process involving 23 grassroots workshops, 7 regional workshops and 7 professional and expert group workshops. The Plan has prioritised 57 actions on the environmental front and the government is in the process of creating a second-order priority list for immediate implementation. NEMAP is in line with Agenda 21 and the Rio Earth Summit of 1992.

In 1997, as a follow-up to NEMAP, the Government approved US \$ 26 million UNDP funded programme on Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP). Under the programme, Letters of Agreement were signed between the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) and the heads of twenty agencies of the government departments, NGOs and other national and international organizations. This is the largest ever environmental grant provided by UNDP globally. The programme will unite the government and other development agencies in Bangladesh including NGOs and the private sector dealing with major environmental issues under an umbrella national programme to address national environment objectives.

Activities under SEMP will be undertaken in five main areas for implementation in Bangladesh related to policy and institutions, participatory eco-system management at grass root-level, community based environmental sanitation, awareness and advocacy, and training and education.

It is expected that the partnership of the private sector, government and other development agencies in the programme will help strengthen government efforts in poverty alleviation through adoption of environmental measures leading to sustainable use of resources and management and for sustainable human development.

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Partner Profile

Objectives


Specific objective of this component:

- The objectives of the project concentrate on efforts in the areas of environment, community based solid waste management, clinical waste management, research, training, publications and organic farming.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- Development of a community based solid waste management model with emphasis on recycling and resource recovery in Dhaka.
- Development of community-private sector-municipal (Public-Private-Community) partnerships in solid waste management & recycling for improved urban environmental sanitation
- Creation of job opportunities for the neglected poor (especially women) by involving them in waste recycling activities.
- Provide input for replication and policy reform.

Project Area / Target Audience



Map showing the locations of the project area

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Ashoka Fellows Iftexhar Enayetullah and Maqsood Sinha have been named winners in Fast Company's Fast 50 competition. Honored for their innovative work through WasteConcern, Iftexhar and Maqsood are tackling the problem of urban waste disposal in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Waste Concern URL: www.wasteconcern.org Ashoka URL: www.ashoka.org


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Achievements

Increased the capacity and collection coverage of the existing Community Based Composting Plant of Waste Concern at Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka; Replicated similar types of decentralized composting models of Waste Concern in 3 (three) more municipal areas of the Dhaka City Corporation area; Organized 'Green Force' group with the residents of each target community of the project area. Green Force shall control, monitor and act as a watchdog for environment and solid waste related activities in the community.



Partnership agreements with Public Works Department, Dhaka City Corporation and Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University have been signed for establishment of composting plants at sites belonging to aforementioned agencies. It may be mentioned here that this is the first Public-Private Partnership in the solid waste management sector of Dhaka. Training programs for local community groups in three of the sites (Mirpur, Baily Road, and Green Road) have been organized as per PIP. Community groups in the aforementioned areas are able to run the program with occasional support from Waste Concern. Training program shall be organized at Dholpur and Dhaka University. Due to demonstration effect of this project the 'National Policy for Safe Water Supply and Sanitation 1999' has declared that local government bodies should promote recycling of organic waste through composting.

The project has become a model, and almost all the national dailies, electronic media and national TV and BBC have demonstrated several features on the project highlighting its overall benefit. The project has been documented and presented by Ministry of Housing and Public Works of the government at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Human Settlements, June 2001. The project has been also documented by the ASHOKA INNOVATORS OF PUBLIC, USA as best practice. This project has also documented as successful Public-private-community partnership project by the Asian Development Bank.

Water Aid and OXFAM-UK are replicating the project in slums of Dhaka City; The model is being replicated by Khulna City Corporation (KCC) of Bangladesh with assistance from Swiss Development Cooperation and Water and Sanitation Program, South Asia; Request received for technical assistance to replicate the project in Chittagong and also India. Community Based Solid Waste Management: Experience of Waste Concern in Dhaka has




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
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