Introduction


WSSCC maneuver its vision to build a world where everybody has sustained water supply and sanitation and good hygiene. WSSCC, its Members and staff, all work resolutely and ceaselessly to achieve this vision. WSSCC initiated its functions in Bangladesh in the year 2002. WSSCC-Bangladesh is a part of WSSCC (Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council). WSSCC operates its program in its target countries by engaging a National Coordinator.

In the process Shah Md. Anowar Kamal, Executive Director of UST – a national level NGO in Bangladesh, was bestowed with responsibility of National Coordinator for WSSCC-B during the month of March 2015. Since then, Mr. Kamal has been kept himself involved, in addition to his responsibilities in UST, in different types of activities like coordination, collaboration, advocacy, capacity building and networking with other NGOs, UN-organizations, development partners and government institutions in Bangladesh towards achieving the goals and objectives of WSSCC-B.

WSSCC-B chapter played a unique role in making Sanitation and Hygiene as a top priority issue in this country. WSSCC-B played an instrumental role in organizing first SACOSAN in Bangladesh. WSSCC-B is the member of National Sanitation Task Force (NSTF) and organization of founder member secretary of National Task Force on Sanitation at the beginning. Mr. Kamal is maintaining close coordination with the NTFS as well as with the Focal Person of SACOSAN–VI 2016. WSSCC-B is one of the important host organizations for SACOSAN–VI and has been working in collaboration with SACOSAN Secretariat. WSSCC-B and WaterAid-B jointly organized the program on “Journey to ZERO” held during 2nd & 3rd October 2015. WSSCC-B was one of the key organizers of Sanitation month October 2015.

However, all events /activities of WSSCC-B National Coordinator engagement, Shah Md. Anowar Kamal from accreditation of the responsibility are delineated in the following paragraphs along with pictorial presentations.

Reception to National Coordinator of WSSCC-B

Shah Md. Anowar Kamal has been passing his busy days in playing his strategic role of networking, for achieving the goals and objectives of the WSSCC in Bangladesh. On his assumption of his Coordinator’s position, he was given a grand reception by CUP – a collaborative network of about 100 NGOs (both local and national) at Dhaka. Executive Directors of CUP-Partner NGOs, FANSA Convenor, representatives of different other national and international NGOs and organizations participated in the reception meeting. In response to the speakers of the Reception, SMA Kamal delivered his thanks giving lecture describing the Vision, Mission, Objectives of WSSCC and also his roles and responsibilities for WSSCC-B. He also sought cordial support of all national & international NGOs, WASH alliances and the government institutions in discharging his duties successfully and effectively.
Round-table meeting on Water and Sustainable Development

“Proper Water Management is Necessary for the Sustainable Development” said by the experts in a round table meeting which was arranged by Bhorer Kagoj at its conference room in March 2015. Shah Md. Anowar Kamal, Executive Director, Unnayan Shahojogy Team (UST) was invited to attend the event and he said that a survey should be made to get the actual information about the sources of safe drinking water. Md. Nazrul Islam Brirprotik, State Minister of the Water Resources Ministry graced the meeting as Chief Gues. Mr. Shyamol Dutta, Editor of Bhorer Kagoj facilitated the Round-table meeting. Among others, Ms Selina Jahan Lita MP and Chairman of Parliamentary Committee for Ministry of Water resources, Managing Director DWASA, Chief Engineer of DWASA, representatives of BWDB, BUET, Channel-I, NGOGF, IDB, BAPA, PABA and from many other national and international organizations attended the meeting.

The meeting was attended by leading representatives of WASH sector from GO, NGOs and Development Partners (DPs) in Bangladesh. Among the participants Water & Sanitation Specialist of World Bank, WaSH Advisor of PLAN-Bangladesh, Country director of Max-Foundation, Country Coordinator Bangladesh WaSH Alliance, FANSA –Conveneer, Head of BRAC-WaSH, Country Director of ADD-International, PC of OXFAM, Head of Policy Advocacy of WaterAid Bangladesh, Member – End Water Poverty, CPM of WSUP, Executive Director of CUP, Correspondent of the Daily Independent and Head of Program – Dhaka Ahsania Mission were present. Mr. Kamal presented his first draft Strategic Engagement Plan (2015-2016) of WSSCC-Bangladesh.

Development of country Strategic Engagement Plan (SEP) of WSSCC-B

At the very on-set of his assumption of the position of National Coordinator of WSSCC-Bangladesh, Shah Md. Anowar Kamal developed a one year Strategic Engagement Plan (2015 – 2016) of WSSCC in Bangladesh and organized a day long sharing meeting with the plan at Country office of WaterAid Bangladesh on July 01, 2015. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Khairul Islam, Country Representative of WaterAid Bangladesh. Shah Md. Anowar Kamal, National Coordinator of WSSCC in Bangladesh facilitated the meeting after his presentation of the plan.

National Coordinator of WSSCC-B attended the 4th AfricaSan Conference in Dakar, Senegal

Shah Md. Anowar Kamal, National Coordinator of WSSCC-Bangladesh, attended the 4th AfricaSan Conference held at Dakar of Senegal during the period 25th to 27th May 2015 at the invitation of the government of Senegal. AfricaSan is one of AMCOW’s (African Ministers’ Council on Water)-path-breaker initiatives to promote political prioritization of sanitation and hygiene as attended by Ministers responsible for sanitation and the key agencies working in sanitation and water sector in Africa. The CLTS knowledge Hub (IDS) and WSSCC jointly hosted a CLTS Sharing and Learning workshop on Sunday 24th May, the day before the AfricaSan conference.
SMA Kamal had the opportunity to meet all the Country National Coordinators of 16 countries where WSSCC has been operating their program and also with senior officials of WSSCC international and regional offices. Mr. Kamal got orientation on vision, mission, goals and objectives of WSSCC / UNOPS and other country specific programs. Although he was newly appointed NC for Bangladesh, yet he played due role in the conference and shared the WASH situation in Bangladesh in context to global development out of his long experiences in Bangladesh where the concept of CLTS was developed and practised successfully.

National Sanitation Task Force (NSTF) 2nd meeting on preparation for SACOSAN-VI

The NSTF meeting and the 2nd meeting of SACOSAN-VI Organizing Committee was held in the Meeting Room of Local Government Division (LGD) Building at the Secretariat. The meeting was presided over by the Additional Secretary of the LGD and the Coordinator of SACOSAN-VI. The meeting was graced by Ms. Juena Aziz– the honorable Additional Secretary of the LGD as Chief Guest, Ms. Khaleda Ahsan – the Chief Engineer of DPHE & member secretary for Sanitation secretariate as Special Guests. Among others, Mr. Khairul Islam – Deputy Secretary & Focal Person for SACOSAN-VI, Dr. Khairul Islam – Country representative of WaterAid Bangladesh, FANSA Convener, representatives of national & international NGOs, UN Agencies, World Bank and high officials of the government institutions were present in the meeting. The meeting took some important decisions / resolutions on the progress of SACOSAN-VI organizing committee, national month observation in October 2015 including hand-washing day, Required budget and potential funders for sanitation October month and hand-washing day observation and their Sub-committees at central level. SMA Kamal –NC of WSSCC-B emphatically reiterated the issue of participation of grass root people in SACOSAN-VI.

Meeting on Networking of the Networks:

Network is a forum of all national and international organizations working in WASH Sector. The WaterAid/FAN and GTF programme partners belong to collaborative bodies. Indeed, these networks have been at the heart of the programme, and have played a key role in its governance advocacy. In South Asia and Central America, the GTF programme was run by the regional hubs of the Freshwater Action Network (FAN): Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA) and Freshwater Action Network Central America (FANCA) networks.
Shah Md. Anowar Kamal – National Coordinator of WSSCC-Bangladesh attend this collaborative partner’s network as a resource person and plays vital role in ensuring good governance and accountability among the partner organizations like SWA, FANSABD, EWP, BAWIN, WASH Alliance Bangladesh, NGOF and so on. Representative of those organizations also participated in the meeting held on 9 April, 2015 in the country office of WaterAid- Bangladesh at Dhaka. National Coordinator of WSSCC-B provided basic ideas on his roles in the network.

**Pre-Budget discussion on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

A pre-budget press conference was held on ‘Fair investment in water, sanitation and hygiene sectors’ held at Dhaka Reporter’s Unity in Dhaka on 13th June 2015. A number of non-government development organizations have demanded eliminating the yawning disparities between the poor and the rich, and rural and urban areas in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector and to make increased budgetary allocations for the purpose. Shah Md. Anowar Kamal – National Coordinator for WSSCC-B was very vocal in raising support of development partners to press home their demand. Among others, Country Representative of WAB, FANSA Convenor, Consultant of HDRC, representatives of Unicef and other national and international NGOs in Bangladesh attended the conference.

**Increased budget allocation to ensure Safe Water for All**

Development Organization of the Rural Poor (DORP) – a national NGO in Bangladesh in collaboration with the Daily Kaler Kantho organized a round-table meeting in the Auditorium of East-West Media centre at Baridhara on ‘Budget and the Right to Water’ and demanded increased budget allocation in the National Budget of the FY:2015-16 to ensure safe water for all. The Water Resource minister Barrister Anisul Haque was present at the meeting facilitated by the Editor of Kaler Kantha – Mr. Imdadul Haque Milon. Among others Secretaries of different Ministries, Bureaucrats and Senior officials of different national and international organizations participated in the meeting. Barrister Anisul Haque – Minister for Water resources emphasized on the awareness building initiatives of the poor people living in ‘hare-to-Reach’ areas on the use of safe water. Dr. Jafar Ahmed Khan- Secretary of the same ministry asked all to refrain from polluting the water of four rivers surrounding the Dhaka Mega-city.

**The Daily Star and the WaterAid-Bangladesh Round-table**

WaterAid-Bangladesh and the Daily Star organized a Round-table discussion on ‘Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in the 7th Five Year Plan’ in the office the Daily Star on September 03, 2015. The speakers emphasized the need for harvest and storage of rainwater to ensure clean
Workshop on ‘Approach to Stunting free village’

A national workshop was organized by the Max Foundation and its partners working in Bangladesh in collaboration with the Daily Bhorer Kagoj. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Shymol Kumar Dutta – Editor of the daily Bhorer Kagoj and a Senior Journalist in Bangladesh. The workshop was attended by high officials of the government and leaders of different national and international level NGOs in Bangladesh. Mr. Subhas Chandra Sarkar – the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning attended as Chief Guest. Among others Mr. Mark Elliary – Advisor of Max Foundation, Riad Imam Mahmud – Country Director of Max Foundation, Shah Md. Anowar Kamal – NC of WSSCC-B & ED of UST, Shamim Ahmed – Head of Policy and Advocacy of WaterAid-Bangladesh, Dr. Dibalok Sinha – ED of DSK, representatives of BRAC and other NGOs were present in the Workshop.

TV-Talk-Show on Stunting Free Village in Bangladesh

A talk-show on stunned free villages in Bangladesh was aired on ATN-Bangla at 12:40 am and 08:00 am of 19th June. The founders of Max Foundation, Joke and Steven Le Poole and Imam Mahmod Riad – Country Director of Max Foundation in Bangladesh participated in the live broadcasting of Talk-show. From the talk-show it was revealed that not only for lack of nutrition but also due to lack of awareness in WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene), more than 40% of the children under five-years of age suffer from complication stunting growth. National Coordinator of WSSCC-Bangladesh and founders of Max Foundation expressed their joint collaborative effort to develop Stunting free villages in Southern districts of Patuakhali in Bangladesh. The talk-show was moderated by Mr. Shymol Kumar Dutta – senior Journalist and Editor of The Daily Bhorer Kagoj.

Water as well as on faecal sludge and menstrual hygiene management to prevent deaths by poor sanitation and hygiene facilities in Bangladesh. Professor Dr. Shamsul Alam – Senior Secretary and member of GED of Planning Commission and Mr. Tahmeed Ahmed – Director of iccdr,b presented their key-notes. The Round table was moderated by Mr. Shamim Ahmed – Head of Policy and Advocacy of WaterAid-Bangladesh. Shah Md. Anowar Kamal NC of WSSCC-B & ED of UST along with other officials from cross-section of people spoke on the occasion.

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Shah md. Anowar Kamal informed the workshop that growth of about 40% of our children is being retarded in Bangladesh due to lack of nutrition as well as good hygiene practices. He emphasized the need for massive awareness building of their parents, especially in hard-to-reach areas of Bangladesh so that they can take care of nutrition intake both by the pregnant mothers and also the new born babies up to the age of five years.

**SACOSAN VI related Strategic Meeting**

A daylong meeting was held in UST Training center and DSK Meeting room. Mr R Murali Regional Convenor, FANSA with Mr Yakub Hossain, National Convenor FANSA-BD; Mr Anowar Kamal, National Coordinator, WSSCC Bangladesh; Dr Dibalok Singha, ED, DSK; Mr Waled Marmud and Mr Partha Hafiz, Consultant; Mr. Masud Hassan, Director, VERC; Md. Sayedur Rahman, Associate Director–UST were present in the meeting. The meeting was October 01, 2015 to discuss on various strategic issues of FANSA, SACOSAN, SWA, WSSCC on the eve of coming SACOSAN-VI.

**Facilitator’s Orientation for Inclusion of the voice of the most marginalized groups at SACOSAN VI**

National Coordinator Shah Md. Anowar Kamal inaugurated the ‘Facilitator’s Orientation for Inclusion of the voice of the most marginalized groups at SACOSAN VI’ meeting which was held in UST Training center on 2nd November 2015.

**Staff Capacity Building Training**

On 28th October 2015 at UST training center a capacity building training on logical framework was held. About eight people from UST received training on how to develop donor’s need based log-frame for the concerned projects from this Capacity building training. National Coordinator of WSSCC Bangladesh was present on the training. The facilitator of the training was Judith de Bruijne.

Different partners of WSSCC and FANSA was present. Practical Action, VARC, DSK, UST, ADD, Trans Gender Group representative and the Facilitator, Md. Rizwanul Khan, were present on the meeting. National Coordinator in his inaugural speech provide orientation about WSSCC and the selection process. FANSA representative Md. Rizwanul Khan facilitated the program.
Trans Gender Consultation Meeting and Formal Meeting with WSSCC Colleague

Pierre was working on WaSH documentation with S.M.A. Kamal, National Coordinator of WSSCC-B and Executive Director of UST at latter's office. At the end of their documentation Mr. Kamal presented a Souvenir of UST to Mr. Pierre.

Participation on Bangladesh Development Fair

From 15th November to 16th November 2015 WSSCC Bangladesh participated on 'Bangladesh Development Fair-2015' which was organized by Economic Relation Division, Ministry of Finance Government of Bangladesh. As a National Coordinator of WSSCC Bangladesh Shah Md. Anowar Kamal was present at the fair and paid patience visit to different stalls of the Fair. In the fair development related several materials of WSSCC were displayed.

Participation on CSO Consultation Meeting

Accelerating WASH Progress in South Asia-CSOs' consultation Meeting was held to develop the advocacy action plan held on 25th - 27th November 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The specific results expected from this meeting are:

- Comprehensive assessment of WASH in South Asia and common issues across the region and country specific issues identified.
- Shared understanding created on SWA, SACOSAN, SAARC and MDGs/SDGs with focus on their relevance to WASH in South Asia including analysis of the commitments, progress contributed and potential of these platforms for future WASH progress in the region.
- Work towards a common framework of indicators for WASH in the South Asia region.
- Improved sharing and collaboration among the CSOs and their networks in South Asia.
- Regional advocacy action plan of CSOs and their regional allies for accelerated progress on equitable, inclusive and sustainable WASH across South Asia.

Discussion about ‘Loss and Damage on WASH Due to Climate Change’

On 1st December Shah Md. Anowar Kamal National Coordinator of WSSCC was invited by BCAS (Bangladesh Center for Advance Studies) and The well known English Daily news paper The Daily Star to talk about the loss and damage on WASH due to climate change and how it affects the poor people. He has given some opinions to discuss in COP 21.
In the program Climate change expert Dr. Atiq Rahman and Shakib Nabi Country Director of Christian Aid were the key spokesman of the program.

Consultation Meeting about SACOSAN

On 5th December 2015 CSO consultation meeting about SACOSAN preparation was organized at WaterAid Bangladesh office in collaboration with FANSA and WSSCC Bangladesh. BWA, Practical Action, FANSA, DORP, WaterAid-Bangladesh Country Heads were present in this meeting. The FANSA regional convener Mr. Murali also attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by WaterAid Country Representative Dr. Khairul Islam.