

MONTHLY UPDATES, MAY 2012

New office of IGS

The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) moved from Gulshan- 2 to Mohakhali (near to the main campus of BRACU) in May 2012. The full address of the new office is: SK Center (5th and 6th Floor), GP, JA-4, TB Gate, Mohakhali, Gulshan, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh. The contact numbers both landline and cell remains unchanged.

CIPS Examination Held

Examination of the Foundation Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Graduate Diploma of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) was held from 14 to 18 May. A total number of 17 participants both from private and public sector attended the examination. The results were published on 23 May.

Masters in Governance and Development Program

A number of special sessions were held in May for the MAGD 4th batch students. Sessions were conducted on “Economics for Public Leadership” by Professor Nurul Haque, Jahangir Nagar University, “Good Governance” by Dr. Akbar Ali Khan, Professor, BRAC University, “Innovations in Government” by Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister.

ANSA Workshop on the Right to Information

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability- South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR) of IGS organised a workshop on the Rights to Information (RTI) on 12 May 2012. The workshop was conducted by the Maasranga television. This was the first workshop of a series conducted on this topic. 13 reporters and editors including Maasranga Chief Operations Officer Syed Fahim Munaim were present at the event. The reporters and editors of Maasranga television were provided with RTI Guide book and posters which were developed by ANSA-SAR. The event was jointly moderated by Ralph Frammolino, a former Los Angeles Times reporter and currently a media development consultant and Golam Kibria, a former Daily Prothom Alo reporter and journalism trainer.

Workshop on ‘Role of Community Radio as a Means for Social Mobilisation’

ANSA-SAR in collaboration with Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) hosted a workshop on ‘Role of Community Radio as a Means for Social Mobilisation’ at IDB Conference Room on 16 May 2012. 14 community radios from all over Bangladesh participated in the event and shared their working experiences and the problems that are usually faced while performing official activities.



Third and Fourth District Level Workshops on PPSC Program

The PPSC project of IGS organised its third and fourth District Level Strategic Workshops on third party engagement in public procurement which were held on 17 May 2012 in Patuakhali district and 31 May in Moulvibazar district respectively. A total of 66 participants, 38 in Patuakhali and 28 in Moulvibazar which included Deputy Commissioners, Administrators of District Council, Mayors of the respective Pouroshavas, representatives from local administrations, LGED, WDB, REB, RHD, Union Parishad, media, NGO, and other civil society organisations attended these workshops. The objective of the workshop was to collect inputs from respective stakeholders for development of a strategy on engaging third party in public procurement. The workshops were facilitated and assisted by Munir Uddin Shamim, Senior Programme Manger; Ekram Hossain, Senior Project Officer; Zohora Farzana Ahmed Bipasha, Communications Associate and two other Research Assistants, Sultan Mohammed Zakaria and Nazmul Arifeen.

