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Capacity Building for Promoting Governance

IGS Team Attended Curriculum Development Training in VU University in Amsterdam

A four member team of the Institute of Governance Studies



Members of IGS and BPATC at VU University Amsterdam

(IGS) recently visited Netherlands to attend in-house curriculum development training at the Centre for International Cooperation of the VU University of Amsterdam. IGS staff members Syeda Salina Aziz and Kazi Nur Mohammad Hossainul Haque, both Senior Research Associates; Mohammad Sirajul Islam and Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Research Associates and another five representatives from the Bangladesh Public



Participants at the curriculum development training at VU University, Amsterdam

Administration Training Centre (BPATC) attended the training held from 4-8 June under



Participants of First Training of Trainers (ToT) at the RPATC, Dhaka

“Capacity Building for Promoting Governance” project. Dr. Wim Kouwenhoven, Senior Adviser, Dr. Marinus Kool, Senior Education Adviser, Ms. Lieke Stoffelsma, Education Adviser of CIC of VU University were the key resource persons in the training programme.



Rector of BPATC, A.Z.M Shafiqul Alam at the Certificate Awarding Ceremony

A Training of Trainers (ToT) was organised at the Regional Public Administration Training Centre (RPATC) in Dhaka from 17-21 June under *Capacity Building for Promoting Governance* project. A total of 20 trainers, 10 from IGS and the rest from Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre attended the programme. The course was designed and facilitated by MDF (a Netherlands based training and consultancy organisation)

Director, Ineke Pitts and Senior Trainer and Consultant Dr. Martien van Asseldonk and coordinated by M. Arifur Rahman, Deputy Director of BPATC and Munir Uddin Shamim, Senior Program Manager of IGS.

A.Z.M. Shafiqul Alam, Rector and Dr. Mahmudul Hassan, Member Directing Staff (MDS) of the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), attended the awarding ceremony of ToT as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively which was held on 21st June.

First Working Committee Meeting Held

“Capacity Building for Promoting Governance” project organised its first working committee meeting on 9 April at BPATC, Savar, Dhaka. An action plan for the next year of the project was



IGS Training Team Members at a Demonstration of the ToT at RPATC, Dhaka

developed in the meeting and endorsed by the committee. Md. Mahmudul Hassan, MDS of BPATC, Dr. Martien van Asseldonk, Senior Consultant of

MDF, Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director, IGS and other working group members from IGS and BPATC attended the meeting.

Review of IGS' Academic/Training Evaluation System

Dr. Martien van Asseldonk, Senior Consultant, MDF, reviewed the entire

training and academic evaluation system of IGS in June. Dr. Martien consulted Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director, Munir Uddin Shamim, Senior Program Manager, Md. Zohurul Islam, Academic Coordinator and Mridha Fuhad Ahmed, Training Manager of IGS in this process.

Masters in Governance and Development Programme



Prof. Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, at the Orientation Programme of MAGD Students at BCDM, Savar, Dhaka

The Orientation Programme for the students of Masters in Governance and Development (MAGD) of IGS was held on 1 April at the BRAC Centre for Development Management

(BCDM) in Savar, Dhaka. Dr. Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director of the Institute of Governance Studies and a few other IGS staff attended the orientation programme for the fourth batch students.

On the other hand, a number of special sessions were held throughout May for this batch of students. The sessions were on "Economics for Public Leadership", by Professor Nurul Haque of Jahangirnagar University, "Good Governance", by Dr. Akbar Ali Khan, Professor, BRAC University, "Innovations in Government", by Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister and other sessions were conducted by Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director of IGS, Professor Niaz Ahmed Khan and Professor Rezaul Haque from the Department



Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister Conducted the Sessions on Innovations in Governance for the MAGD Participants

of Development Studies at the Dhaka University and Dr. Shamsad Mortuza, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Dhaka.

Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply

Examinations held and Results Published

Three examinations of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) were held from 14-18 May in Dhaka. The examinations were of Foundation, Advanced and Graduate Diploma. 17 examinees, both from public and private sectors, participated in the examination. In the mean time, results of the examination which was held in March were published on May 23. 17 participants from private and 19 from public sector has received excellent results on the examinations.

Completion of Graduate Diploma by Cohort-2

16 participants from Cohort-2 of CIPS

program completed their Graduate Diploma, Level-6, successfully from the United Kingdom and returned to Bangladesh on 21 May. Previously they have completed five modules of Foundation Diploma, Level-4, and five modules of Advanced Diploma, Level-5, from Bangladesh before they left for UK for advanced studies.

Meeting with CIPS Partners

Two meetings with the stakeholders of the CIPS programme were held on 27 May at the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), IME Division, Ministry of Planning. The first meeting was held between IGS and CIPS delegates from UK. In this meeting the existing process of CIPS and the future initiatives that can be undertaken was discussed. Paula Steele, Global Public Sector Manager and Sheila White,

Head of International Development of CIPS (UK), Dr. Rizwan Khair, Director, Munir Uddin Shamim, Senior Program Manager and Mridha Fuhad Ahmed, Training Manager of IGS was present at the first meeting.

The second meeting focused on the implementation status of the CIPS Programme. Three IGS staff members mentioned above and CIPS (UK) members attended the meeting along with Dr. Zafrul Islam, Lead Procurement Specialist and Team Leader, and Marghoob Bin Hussain, Senior Procurement Specialist of The World Bank, Dhaka Office and Amulya Kumar Debnath, Director General of the Central Procurement Technical Unit.

Environmental Management and Governance Programme

Field Visit of the 3rd batch Students

On April 5, students of the 3rd batch of the Environmental Management and Governance programme went on a daylong field visit to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment on Garments Industry. They visited M/S. EchoTex Garments Ltd at Chandra, Gazipur and observed the quality of water, air

and noise and the impact of the factory on biodiversity, in-process liquid wastage, solid wastage and others. Based on their observation and understanding obtained from their study tour they had to prepare a report to be presented in their class.

Public Procurement Reform Project-II

IGS organised four district-level workshops on how to engage citizens in public procurement in Narayanganj, Comilla, Patuakhali and Moulvibazar in April and May under Public Procurement Reform Project – (PPRP) II. The workshops were held at the conference room of Narayanganj Club on 2 April, Capsicum Party Centre in Comilla on 19 April, Society Development Agency (SDA) conference room in Patuakhali on 17 May and at Agra Restaurant in Sreemongal, Moulvibazaar on 31 May.

A cross-section of people - public officials elected including representatives from union councils and municipalities, civil servants, representatives from procuring entities and bidding communities, political parties, civil society members including journalists, teachers, lawyers, NGO activists, members from professional bodies attended the workshops. Deputy Commissioners, Administrator of District Councils, Mayors of respective municipalities, representatives from LGED, WDB, REB, RHD, PHE, bidding communities attended the workshops.



Ekram Hossain, Senior Project Officer of IGS moderating the workshop at the Narayanganj Club



Two Public Officials Actively Participating at the Workshop in Comilla

The purpose of the workshops was to formulate a strategy on how to engage citizens in public procurement for ensuring greater transparency and accountability in this sector to improve the quality of work. IGS providing technical assistance to the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), Implementation Monitoring Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, under PPRP – II in formulating the strategy.

The workshops were facilitated by Munir Uddin Shamim, Senior Programme Manager, Ekram Hossain, Senior Project Officer with the assistance of Zohora Farzana Ahmed Bipasha, Communications Associate and two Research Assistants, Nazmul Arifeen and Sultan Mohammed Zakaria of IGS.

Lecture/Seminar/Roundtable/Presentations

Lecture on Role of IMF in the Economic Development of Bangladesh

A group of IGS staff members attended a public lecture on **“Role of International Monetary Fund in the Economic Development of Bangladesh”** on 26 April at the Vice Chancellor’s office of BRAC University. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Eteri Kvintradze, Resident Representative, and Dr. David Cowen, Mission Chief of IMF in Bangladesh.

The session was jointly organised by the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) and the Department of Economics and Social Sciences of BRAC University.

Research Coordinator attended The Daily Star Roundtable

M. Shahidul Islam, Research Coordinator of IGS, participated at a roundtable discussion on Regional Economic Hub Challenges, as a panelist organised by the Daily Star on 7 April at Chittagong Chamber House.

Research Coordinator attended CIRDAP Seminar

M. Shahidul Islam, Research Coordinator of IGS, participated at a seminar titled: **Banking in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges** as a discussant at the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) on 9 June organised by the Policy Research Centre Bangladesh (PRC BD).

Presentation of Youth Survey 2011 Findings

Dr. Elvira Graner, Research Fellow and Fatema Samina Yasmin, Research Assistant of IGS presented their findings in Bangladesh Youth Survey (BYS) 2011 before the senior officials of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh on 10 June at the UNDP office in Dhaka. UNDP is one of the principal sponsors of BYS 2011 project. Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS, was also present at this event.

IGS Adviser and Director attended IDRC Meeting in Cape Town

Barrister Manzoor Hasan, Adviser and Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS, attended the Exchange Meeting of Canada-based

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Think Tank Initiative in Cape Town, South Africa from 18-20 June. The meeting was attended by participants, mostly Executive Directors and Key Researchers, from 50 Think Tank grantees of IDRC from across the globe.

Lecture by the Director

Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS delivered a lecture on **Policy Analysis** to the Senior public officials (joint secretaries) recently at the Public Administration Training Centre in Savar, Dhaka.

Director attended UGC Workshop

Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS attended a workshop on Curriculum Development of the University Grants Commission (UGC), for both public and private universities, on 3 June at its premises. The workshop was attended by stakeholders from public and private universities. He also attended a meeting of the National Defence College (NDC) as an adviser of the research papers of NDC course participants.

ANSA-SAR

Various Workshops

Public Sector Accountability for the fulfillment Of Maternal Health Commitments

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability-South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR), Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI) and White Ribbon Alliance (WRA), jointly organised a workshop on Public Sector Accountability for the fulfillment of Maternal Health Commitments on 21 April at JATRI in Karwan Bazaar, Dhaka. The workshop was facilitated by Barrister Manzoor Hasan, Adviser of IGS. Nuzhat Jabin, Program Manager of ANSA-SAR made a presentation



A Member of a Community Radio Sharing his Experiences at the Workshop on the Potentials of using Community Score Card as a means of increasing Public Social Accountability in the workshop.

ANSA-SAR recently organised five separate

workshops on the Right to Information in Dhaka and Jessore for the journalists of Maasranga and Independent - two popular private television channels, United News of Bangladesh (UNB), a private news agency, Daily New Age in Dhaka, and daily Spandan, a popular news daily of Jessore.

The workshops, facilitated by Ralph Frammolino, a media development consultant from USA and Golam Kibria, former senior reporter of the Daily Prothom Alo, was organised on May 12 and between 14-18 June, with the active support from the respective media houses. 20 to 25 reporters and senior journalists attended each of the 1-

day workshops held in their own premises. Chief Operating Officer of Maasranga Television Syed Fahim Munaim attended the workshop organised for the Maasranga Television.

The workshop participants were provided with the Right to Information guidebook and debriefed about the procedure of filing of RTI request.

Role of Community Radio as a Means for Social Mobilisation

ANSA-SAR, in collaboration with Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio



Ekram Hossain, Senior Project Officer, Moderating a Workshop in Bogra

Accountability in the Budget Process from 4-6 June in Kathmandu, Nepal. Various issues on accountability relating to budget, including social accountability tools in budget analysis and dissemination, budget execution, procurement monitoring, performance of service delivery and the entire budget cycle was discussed in the workshop. Members of civil society and government officials from Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan took part in this workshop.

Workshops on Citizens Involvement in Budget Preparation in Bogra

ANSA-SAR organised two separate day long workshops in Bogra on 29 and 30 June on Citizens Involvement in Budget Preparation in the two local restaurants. Civil servants including Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, UNOs; people’s representatives from Union Councils, Upazila Parishads and Municipalities; civil society members including head of different civil society organisations and professional bodies participated in the workshops.

ANSA-SAR planned to organise total 14 workshops on the same issue in the 7 district head quarters in the country to increase citizens’ awareness on preparation and implementation of local and

central budget, the rights of the people to know and participate in the decision

making processes of budget. The workshop participants were provided with the Citizens Budget Guide Book prepared by ANSA SAR. The workshops were facilitated by senior trainer Abdulla Al Mamun and Arif H Khan.

GOPAC Regional Conference

Bangladesh Chapter and Bangladesh Parliament, jointly organised a South Asia Regional Conference of GOPAC Chapters from 22-23 April in The Westin and in Bangladesh Parliament house in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The Conference discussed relevant issues including GOPAC Global Task Force (GTF), peer to peer learning initiatives and opportunities in the parliamentary oversight. Members of the Parliament of Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, including the team members of ANSA-SAR participated in the conference. Nuzhat Jabin, Program Manager of ANSA-SAR, made a presentation on social accountability tools and how elected representatives can use these tools to fight corruption and increase accountability.



Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud MP in the Inaugural Session of the GOPAC Regional

and Communication (BNNRC), hosted a workshop on *Role of Community Radio as a Means for Social Mobilisation*, on 16 May at the IDB Conference Room. Representatives of all 14 community radios from all over Bangladesh participated in the event and shared their problems and working experiences that they usually face.

Workshop held in Kathmandu

ANSA-SAR, the World Bank Institute (WBI) and Programme for Accountability in Nepal (PRAN) jointly hosted a 3 day Regional Knowledge Action workshop on *Advancing Public Participation and*



Parliament Members from Different South Asian Countries in the Conference

Article Published in a National Daily

One article has been published by an IGS researcher in the last quarter. The link is provided below:

The Daily Star: "Bringing Child Sexual Abuse out of the Closet" by Rubayet Hamid, June 13, 2012

Published Newsletters

A number of newsletters have been published by ANSA-SAR and PPRP-II

The links are as below:

[6th PPSC Newsletter](#)

[Connecting the Dots April '12](#)

[CoPSA Newsletter](#)

[Connecting the Dots May '12](#)

New Office Premises of IGS

The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) has moved from Gulshan Circle-2 to SK Center (5th-7th Floor) GP, JA-4, TB Gate, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212