

3.2.2 Feasibility study Baggar Dona River catchment area

No additional activities or comment pending MTR Mission recommendations appraisal or clarification from RNE.

3.2.3 Feasibility study Noakhali khal

No additional activities during the reporting period.

3.2.7 Pilot activities in the area of land & water engineering

As reported in the earlier Progress Reports, CDSP has suggested carrying out a limited survey programme on *hydro-morphological processes* in coastal waters in front of the CDSP project areas (see Mission Report no. 13). The newly formulated Estuary Development Project would be the proper project to carry out such surveys.

The design for *the low embankment* that will protect a part of Gangchil-Torabali has been completed, but failure of culverts has caused incapability of total monitoring. However, local population has indicated that the embankment has served as a protection of tidal effect and crop production was very effective despite failure of the culverts. Keeping this in mind, a short-term mission was fielded in March-April, 2003 (Mission Report 28) to evaluate its potentials and risks. The mission concluded that although there are benefits of such empolderment, but considering, technical, social and ethical issues, such low crest embankments would create unjustifiable perceptions for the safety of the people living within the area. As such, the activity has been suspended after discussion with RNE.

A report on “preliminary study on polder design guidelines” prepared by Sheltech has further been reviewed by CDSP-II mission (Mission Report-25). Two missions took place in the reporting period, which will contribute to produce an outline of Polder Design guidelines, with few specific indicators.

Along with that, preliminary activities (design etc) is underway on a pilot activity to address the non-functioning of sluices due to mechanical loopholes of sluice gates in CDSP-II areas. The above reports in the form of Technical Reports will be completed by the middle of 2004.

4.2.1 Implementing agencies

Ministry of Water Resources is the lead and sponsoring institution. Five other govt. implementing agencies are:

- Bangladesh Water Development Board (designated as lead agency)
- Ministry of Land
- Local Government Engineering Department

- Department of Public Health Engineering
- Department of Agricultural Extension

It is expecting Department of Forest as sixth implementing agency

4.3.1. At District level

In the reporting period no meeting of the Project Management Committee took place because of the pending approval of the future strategy of the project.

CDSP II is on the agenda of the monthly meetings of the Noakhali District Development and Coordination Committee, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner. The meeting now being chaired by the Honourable Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. One or more CDSP consultants attend the meetings. The actual time and attention given to the project varied from meeting to meeting.

4.3.2. At national level

One meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee for ICZM was held on 25 October, 2003 during the reporting period, while the no Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC) was held in this reporting period. No specific issue was discussed on CDSP-II in the TC ICZM meeting.