The following activities were implemented during the month of April:

**Core Activity**

1. **31st Steering Committee (SC) Meeting of BWWN**

The 31st Steering Committee Meeting of BWWN was held on 3 April 2018. It was the first SC meeting of the year. A total number of 11 members participated in the meeting.

The major discussion of the meeting was about the work plan of BWWN for 2018 and the committee decided to prepare a list of women professionals who are working with a position in water sector. The committee suggested BWWN to approach different professional organizations, academia and NGOs, who are involved in the board water related sectors, from grassroots to national level, and determine how to help encourage more professionals to join this sector.

**02. World Water Day in 2018**

Bangladesh National Committee of ICID (BANCID) celebrated the World Water Day 2018 on 5 April 2018 at the seminar room of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB).

The seminar was attended by more than 60 participants which included government and Non-government organization, academic institutions, research organizations, development partners working with water resource management in Bangladesh. A significant number of professionals also participated and shared their views on the theme of the day “Nature For Water.”

The seminar was graced by the Chief Guest Mr. Kabir Bin Anwar, Acting Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR). The seminar was chaired by Mr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Director General of BWDB and Chairman of BANCID.

The key note paper of the seminar was presented by Dr. Prof. Md. Abdul Matin, Professor, Department of Water Resources Management, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). The title of the key note paper was “Nature Based Solution of Sustainable Water Resources Management”, which was on the theme of the year. His presentation provided a conceptual team work about how the water challenges of Bangladesh can be met including sustainable development through nature based solutions.
The seminar was followed by 5 designated discussants and the open floor discussion for the general participants.

The BWP secretariat and the Executive Committee (EC) of BWP were invited to participate in the seminar. Dr. K. Azharul Haq, President of BWP participated in the seminar as a designated discussant. Dr. Nilufa Islam, Vice President of BWP, Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of BWP and Engr. Ms. Nusrath Jahan, Junior Professional of BWP also participated in the seminar and took part in the open floor discussion. Commenting on the key note paper, Dr. Haq opined that present activities in the water sector needs to be more pro-nature.

The seminar was ended by the vote of thanks and concluding speech from the Chair of the seminar.