The following activities were implemented during the month of June:

 **Core Activity**

This was second EC meeting (out of 4) for the year 2018 and was held on 4 June, 2018.

The major discussions during the meeting were as below:-

The Executive committee was informed that planned activities under Q1 and Q2 of BWP for the year 2018 could not be implemented as the funds has been put on ‘hold’ by the bank. It may be mentioned here that due to a new requirement mandated by the GOB, BWP has to register itself with NGO bureau. As the registration process is yet to be completed, BWP is not in a position to disburse the funds among the implementing partners.BWP is trying very hard to accelerate the process of registration and it is expected that the registration process will be completed within next few weeks.

 **Activities being implemented through LRF**

01. **Introducing Water Efficient Technologies in the Barind Tract Project funded by IFC**:

The Bangladesh water Multi- Stakeholder Partnership (Bangladesh Water MSP) has been established in December, 2015 with an aim to contribute to addressing challenges in the water sector. The BWMSP Working Group on Agricultural Water has set its primary objective to ‘Achieve significant farm productivity in a sustainable manner by introducing efficient irrigation and other relevant technologies and management practices by building farmers adaptive capacity, and resilience, and increase farmers income through crop diversification and gradual shift to high value, low water intensive crops’. The project core activities are:

1. Enhance agro-water productivity.
2. Reduce ground water extraction and rationalize groundwater decline.
3. ‘Increase net income of 4,000 participating farmers.’ in order to secure the business case for greater groundwater sustainability.
4. Strengthening institutional alignment in the Barind Tract, the study area..
**Progress:** 26 drip irrigation equipment being procured from Jain Irrigation, India is expected to arrive by the 3rd week of July 2018 and installation has been planned accordingly. Training of 1200 mango orchard farmers has been completed. Work plan for the rest of the year with responsibly matrix has been prepared and the activities are being implemented as per plan. A study tour by some of the participating farmers to Tamil Nadu India to gain firsthand knowledge on small, drip-irrigated ultra-high density mango orchards has been completed.

Training manual for training 800 paddy farmers on water saving technology has been prepared. Validation of the manual by the stake holders has been scheduled to be held on 10 July 2018 in the project area (Rajshahi).

**02. Ground Water Sustainability Projection for the Greater Dhaka Watershed Area (GWSP):**
Facilitated by WRG 2030, BWP has received funding from H&M for implementing the above study. This study was initiated in April 2018 and scheduled to be completed by August 2018. Major objectives of this study are-

i) Conducting preliminary ground water sustainability projection for greater Dhaka watershed area upto 2030.

ii) Prepare design of stakeholder information network to coordinate streaming of ground water data from all relevant stakeholders.

**Progress:** Draft inception report submitted earlier has been finalized in consultation with the donor. Data collections from the secondary sources have been completed and analysis is progressing satisfactorily. Literature review has also been completed. Based on the secondary data, aquifer mapping has also been done. Report on Aquifer mapping and existing GW scenario has been submitted. A presentation on the study output has been made at H&M office on 28 June 2018. Representatives from H&M and Project personnel from BWP & 2030WRG were present at the time of presentation.

**03. Sample Survey of Household Sanitation Facilities in Gazipur City Corporation funded by IFC:**

To improve urban waste management in Bangladesh, DWASA has prepared the Dhaka Sewerage Master Plan (DSMP). Gazipur is one of the city corporation under this plan. For implementation of a larger project titled “Construction of a Sewerage Treatment plant in Gazipur city”. The objective of the sample survey is (a) to collect information on existing practices and facilities for sanitation at household/premise level, (b) to broadly assess areas and types of premises lacking facilities for safe sanitation, (c) make an informed, ball-park estimation of type, number and capacity of existing septic tanks/holding tanks. The duration of the project is of 45 days. There is a provision of 5% for fund management in the budget line for BWP.
This Survey is the first step which will lead to implementation of a much larger project titled “Construction of a Sewerage Treatment plant in Gazipur city”.

**Progress:** Draft inception report has been submitted and BWP appointed a survey team (well experienced surveyors from BRAC) for collecting and processing of data. The HH survey has been completed. Data is now being processed and analyzed.