



HLP Orientation Workshop For BMET Component For Right2Grow (R2G) Consortium Partners in Bangladesh

Organized By HLP Foundation with Support from CEGAA

Rooftop Restaurant of Parjaton Corporation, Agargaon, Dhaka.

8 December 2021



HLP Orientation Workshop for Budget, Monitoring and Expenditure Tracking (BMET) component under Right2Grow (R2G) was successfully organized by the HLP Foundation (HLPF) with the support from the Center for Economic Governance and Accountability in Africa (CEGAA) on the 8th December 2021 at the Rooftop Restaurant of Parjaton Corporation at Agargaon, Dhaka.

The objective of the HLP Orientation Workshop was to build a common consensus and understanding of the Horizontal Learning Program (HLP) and introduce HLP as a tool for Budget Monitoring and Expenditure Tracking (BMET) component under R2G Program in Bangladesh.



Mr. M. Shafiqul Islam, Former Additional Secretary and President of HLP Foundation (HLP-F) alongside Mr. Santanu Lahiri (Senior Decentralization Consultant of World Bank and Think Tank Member of HLP-F) and Mr. Salim Hossain Bhuiyan (HLP Expert and Treasurer of HLP-F) facilitated the workshop. Besides this, further discussion was held on HLP's philosophy and its steps with respect to the BMET component under the R2G Program. The participants – representatives from R2G Consortium members and HLP-F representatives had open discussion and a brainstorming session to develop clearer roles and responsibilities each partner related to the BMET component; and the process on how to deal with the 40 union parishads.



Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Azad, Team Leader of R2G Consortium in Bangladesh

delivered the opening speech in the workshop. Senior officials and representatives from all the Consortium Partners of the R2G Program also self-introduced themselves and actively took part in the discussion.

The main presentation was made on the HLP-BMET by Mr. Santanu Lahiri. With the presentation, he explained HLP, the linkages between HLP and R2G, and how HLP will be used as a tool for carrying out BMET activities in Bangladesh.

The workshop was fully participatory and fruitful. It was organized to delineate how to implement BMET in the field. Some important decisions were also taken, which are stated below.



- A common message should be transmitted in the field by all partners;
- Representatives from the partners must be present in the ward meetings (starting from February 2022) by all union parishads;
- Need to do the groundwork to enhance the budget for nutrition and WASH;
- Need to make a common calendar for all partners;

- ❑ HLPF will provide capacity building activities for R2G union parishad representatives along with all field level workers (one person from one ward/union and representative of one local partner) in 40 unions on BMET by HLPF;
- ❑ Preparation of advocacy materials for R2G – for ward-level and union-level dialogue with citizen and local government representatives HLPF will prepare the draft in consultation with CEGAA and then share with Consortium partners, and Save the Children will finalize and share the final product with all including HLPF;
- ❑ Initiate a study to know the baseline situation on nutrition and its direct relation between 1) only supplying food to beneficiaries, vis-à-vis 2) supplying food to beneficiaries and promote local government and household for improving their WASH and personal hygiene; vis-a-vis 3) take a union where no program/projects are existing for supplying food and improving WASH and hygiene. Ideally it will be appropriate if this study is carried out in all 5 countries simultaneously, which will give much clearer evidence to advocate for focusing on improving WASH and hygiene, rather than only focusing on supplying food supplements. Max Foundation will take the lead on this to explore.
- ❑ Need to be present of R2G local NGO representative's in every UDCC meetings, which are regularly organized by all unions;
- ❑ Make an Email and WhatsApp group for quick communication among this small group – representatives of all R2G Partners in Bangladesh;
- ❑ The draft of any report and/or material should be distributed among the partners prior to distribution to the local government with a minimum 7 days-time for feedback.
- ❑ Develop a R2G brochure and leaflets with common messages, which all partners can use. Otherwise if each partner started using their own leaf-let that may create confusion within citizen and local government representatives.

HLPF and CEGAA are seriously thinking and exploring whether they can carry out a separate BMET baseline survey. CEGAA will inform HLPF quite soon on the same.



The workshop ended with remarks from participants of the consortium and with a terminal speech from the President of the HLP Foundation.

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Venue: "Oikotan" Parjatan Bhaban, West Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

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Workshop Agenda

Time	Items/activities	Facilitator/ Person Responsible
09:30-10:00	Registration	HLPF
10:00-10:20	Welcome Address & Self Introduction	M Shafiqul Islam, President, HLPF
10:20-10:30	Objective of the workshop	Salim Hossain Bhuiyan HLPF
10:30-10:40	Opening Remarks	Iqbal Azad, Team Leader, R2G Project, PMU
10:40-11:30	Presentation on HLP & BMET Implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is HLP and Linkage between R2G and HLP • HLP Basic Features - principle, assumptions, added values, HLP Steps • How HLP steps will be applied for BMET • HLPF Work plan till 31 Dec 2021 & HLPF tentative plans (key milestones) for coming year • What HLPF may offer to R2G Consortium partners 	Santanu Lahiri Think Tank, HLPF
11:30-11:40	Tea Break	
11:40-12:30	Open discussion and clarification of presentation	M Shafiqul Islam, HLPF
12:30-13:20	Capturing ideas for better collaboration and synergies	Santanu Lahiri, HLPF
13:20-13:40	Speech from R2G Consortium Partners	Moderated by Salim Hossain Bhuiyan
13:40 -14:00	Closing Remarks followed by Lunch	M Shafiqul Islam President, HLPF



BRIEF PRESENTATION ON HLP

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Presenter: M Shafiqul Islam, Santanu Lahiri & Salim H Bhuiyan
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What is R2G

RIGHT TO GROW (R2G) consortium advocacy project is to improve nutrition and WASH planning, budgeting, implementation, and accountability at various levels in Bangladesh.





Linkage between R2G and HLP-CEGAA

HLP Foundation with guidance from CEGAA is engaged for BMET in 40 Unions and advocate for increasing funding envelop on WASH and Nutrition at each Union, as well as support towards policy advocacy at local government level (and national level).



What Is HLP?

HLP is an outcome-based, peer-to-peer learning process with Appreciation-Connection-Adaptation-Replication (A CAR) principles for local government institutions (LGIs) and other agencies. It facilitates the participation a comprehensive, peer learning platform that allows them to systematically assess their strengths, learning needs, and offer learning opportunities for their respective peers.





What Are The Objectives Of HLP?

- Enhance capacity of union parishads by assisting them to learn and replicate existing good practices
- Networking among union parishads and Paurashavas, and other LGIs
- Networking among Paurashavas
- Scaling-up of union parishad / paurashava good practices
- Support policy advocacy



Some of the other objectives

- Partnership building for promoting innovations and institutionalizing best practices that are evolving through HLP.
- To liaison and network with HLP and other similar types of programs within Bangladesh and across boundaries.
- To support any other development activities that foster the achievement of SDGs/similar goals set up nationally or globally.





HLP Basic Features

HLP recognizes each and every local government representative as both 'a teacher' and 'a learner.' This assumption and the principles of **appreciation-connection-adaptation-replication** (A CAR) has created a platform for local government representatives to learn from their peers. This learning is demonstrated by utilizing their own annual budget for the replication of good practices learnt from their peers to improve basic services within their respective jurisdictions.



HLP Added Value in Bangladesh

- USD 1 brings USD 7 for overall improved services.
- USD 1 brings USD 4 for WASH improved services.
- 16.5% increase in UP's own source revenue/capita (from an average of 34 taka/capita).
- HLP applied for Community Clinics as 'Horizontal Learning for Community Clinics', and recently started application of HLP in Bangladesh Railway as 'BR-HLP'.



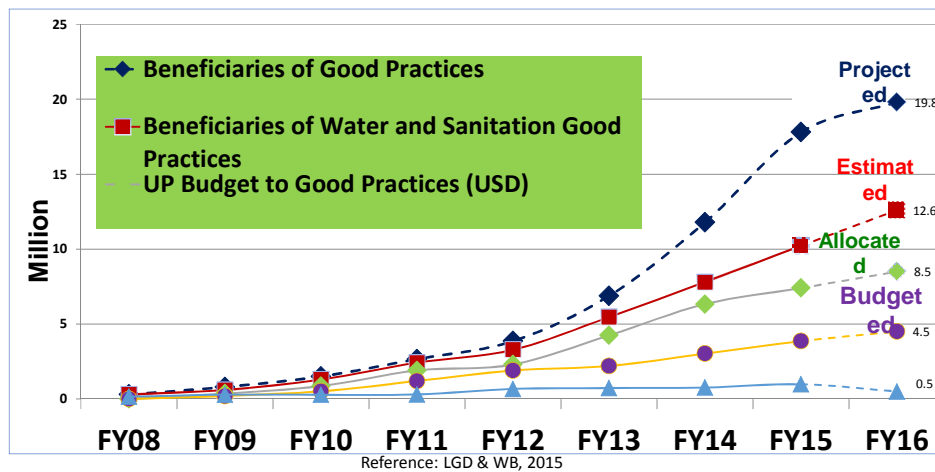


HLP Added Values Across Boundaries

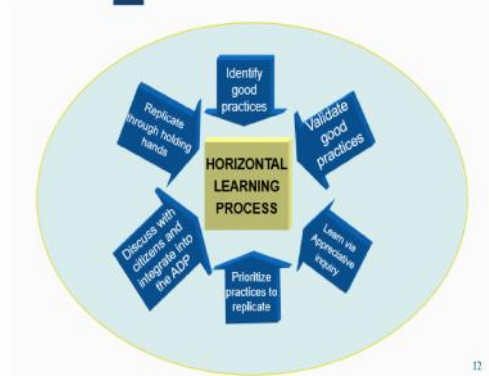
- ❑ Local Governance Initiative in Asia (LOGIN), supported by SDC helped to orient GO and NGOs on HLP in Afghanistan, Bhutan; Cambodia; India (Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka); Indonesia; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; and Lao PDR.
- ❑ SDC, World Bank, and UNDP scaled-up HLP in 174 Khorroos in the entire Ulaanbaatar City Corporation.
- ❑ The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), supported to orient GO and NGOs on HLP in Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Vietnam and Fiji.



Achievements of HLP in Bangladesh



HLP Steps



BMET Tracking

Approaches followed:

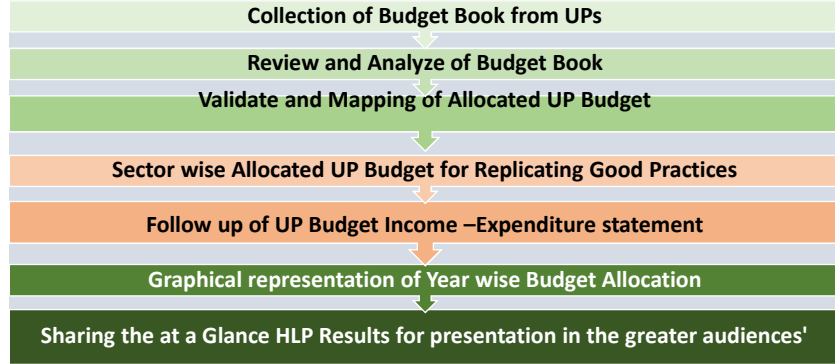
- Ward Committee Meetings (twice in a year)
- Union Development Coordination Committee Meeting (Bi-monthly)
- Peer Review missions/meetings (annually)

Instruments/Tools used:

- UP Annual Budget and Expenditure Booklet
- UDCC Meeting Minutes
- LGHP Survey Tools/ LGSP3 M&E Tools/ MIS of LGD



How HLP steps will be applied for BMET



HLPF would like to know whether R2G Consortium Partners require any support from HLPF?

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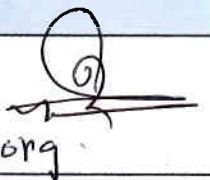
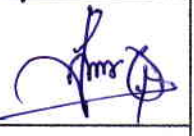

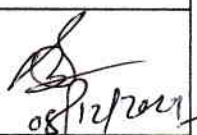
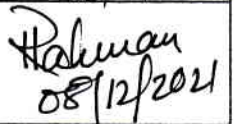

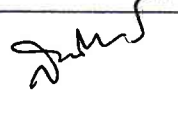
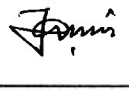

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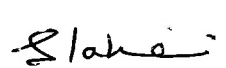


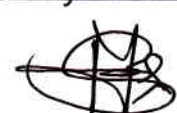
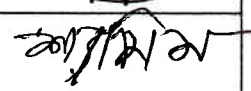

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