



Who are we

The Hygiene Sanitation and Water Supply (HYSAWA) Fund, established and registered in June 2007 as an autonomous financial institution under the Companies Act 1994, receives initial funding support from the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and Danida. HYSAWA Fund has been directly financing eligible local government institutions (LGIs -Union Parishads and Pourashavas) to implement Sanitation and Water Supply Sanitation schemes. It is guided by a Governing Board chaired by the Secretary, Local Government Division to facilitate transparent and accountable administration of the Fund.

HYSAWA Fund is envisaged to be a long-term funding mechanism that can attract funding from various donor agencies and GoB to become a basis for a common programmatic approach to the rural hygiene, sanitation and water sector.

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Our Strategies

We have undertaken the following strategies to achieve HYSAWA's immediate objectives:

Decentralisation

The Project implementation modalities promote decentralised service delivery. Union Parishad (UP) is the lowest tier of the local government system in Bangladesh. Direct funding to UPs is the key to empower these LGIs and a way to advance the decentralisation process.

Message from the Chairman

I am contended to see the first issue of the HYSAWA Newsletter has now come out. This, I am sure, should be able to disseminate information, share learning, achievements and challenges among its stakeholders and development practitioners. The ultimate objective of HYSAWA is to develop a model that demonstrates sustainable hygiene, sanitation and water supply service delivery through local government institutions in consultation with local people. HYSAWA is an independent financing company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1994 and is governed by a board. Although officially launched in June 2007, the Company started its business in full swing only in April 2008. The core functions of HYSAWA include: 1) administration of the fund; and 2) monitoring and audit.



I am very happy that the Company has so far financed as many as 20,972 water points and 575 community/ institutional sanitation schemes which will benefit approximately 1.6 million people directly, majority of them are rural women and poor. It is also financing community mobilisation activities through facilitating organisations (partner NGOs) engaged and managed by the local government institutions. I am very optimistic with the HYSAWA work as it has already demonstrated that capacity building and financing through local government institutions leading to their empowerment. This newsletter has attempted to reflect some of HYSAWA's work in brief and I wish it a great success in this endeavour!

Monzur Hossain

Chairman, HYSAWA Governing Board
& Secretary, Local Government Division (LGD)

HYSAWA Objectives

Long-term Objective

- To contribute to poverty reduction through improved public health and sustainable environment.

Immediate Objectives

- To improve hygiene behaviour/practices
- To promote community-led total sanitation
- To increase coverage of safe water supply services
- To strengthen the capacity of Government, Local Government Institutions (LGIs) and non-government stakeholders at all levels to play the roles required to achieve the above three immediate objectives.
- To promote greater devolution of administrative and financial authority to LGIs in regard to hygiene, sanitation and water supply.

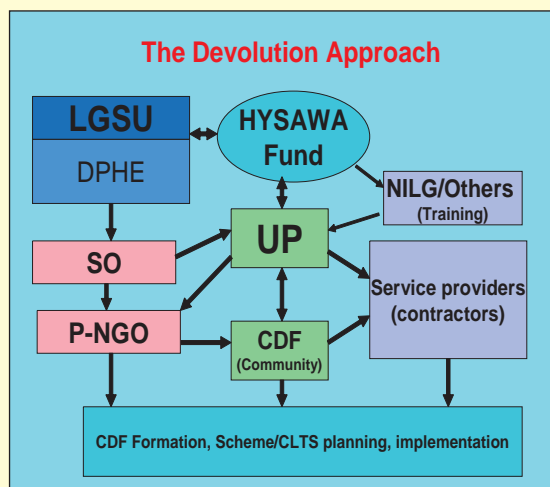
To ensure effective design and sustainable use of the WSS interventions it is important that the communities are involved in planning and implementation, according to their need and ability to pay. However, the UPs and the communities do not presently have the means and capacity to carry out these responsibilities. In order to address them, the Project has been facilitating establishment of the Financing and Capacity support mechanisms. HYSAWA developed a detailed eligibility criteria and procedures of HYSAWA funding. These are elaborated in the UP Manual and other documents.

Community Organisation

Community Development Forums (CDF) are organised at the community level with a view to develop their capacity to take over the responsibilities of planning, implementing, operating and maintaining community schemes. Community Management Promotion (CMP) methods are used for planning and implementing the community schemes. CMP means developing community capacities to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate their development activities and is usually supported by an external facilitating institution, a NGO in this case.

Community Schemes

Three main focuses of community schemes are: hygiene promotion; community-led total sanitation; and safe water supply. A demand-responsive strategy has been adopted to formulate community schemes. CDF representing the communities plan their own schemes, according to their ability to contribute towards these investments, and is fully responsible to operate and maintain them.



Union Level Implementation Strategies

Union Parishads receive the requests for supporting community schemes from village communities, appraise them, prepare a consolidated Union Scheme incorporating all the Community Schemes, and send them to Upazila Watsan Committee (UWC) for technical validation. Upon validation, the UP Chairman forward the schemes to HYSAWA Fund with a request for financing.

Cross-cutting Issues

The general cross-cutting issues embedded into the Community Scheme preparation process and as reflected in all implementation activities are: Gender and Human Rights, Good Governance, Culture and Development, HIV/AIDS and Environment.

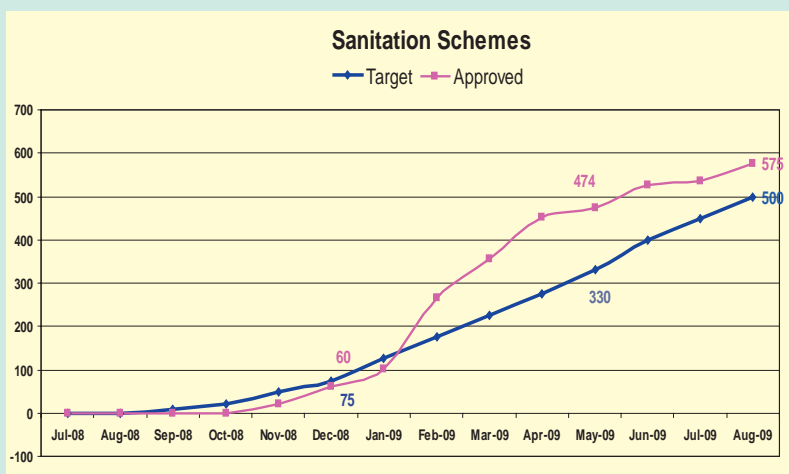
Major Areas of Intervention

Hygiene Promotion

Hygiene promotion is one of the major objectives of the HYSAWA Project. Improved hygiene awareness and practices are expected to generate demand for improved sanitation and safe water use. Hygiene promotion is planned to be implemented through CDFs following the CMP method with hands-on support from Partner NGOs. The hygiene promotion messages will follow Health Message Guidelines now under preparation.

Sanitation

The HYSAWA objective is to promote community-led total sanitation. Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach is being adopted with the National Sanitation Strategy 2005 prepared by the GoB - LGD. In CLTS, the term 'sanitation' is defined in a broader sense as 'Environmental Sanitation', which means not only installation and use of hygienic latrines but also homestead cleanliness, management of animal and other solid waste, drainage of waste water including water from tube-well platforms. In CLTS, the communities are motivated to take collective action by themselves. CLTS address the communities as a whole and importantly, it aims at 100% coverage in sanitation.

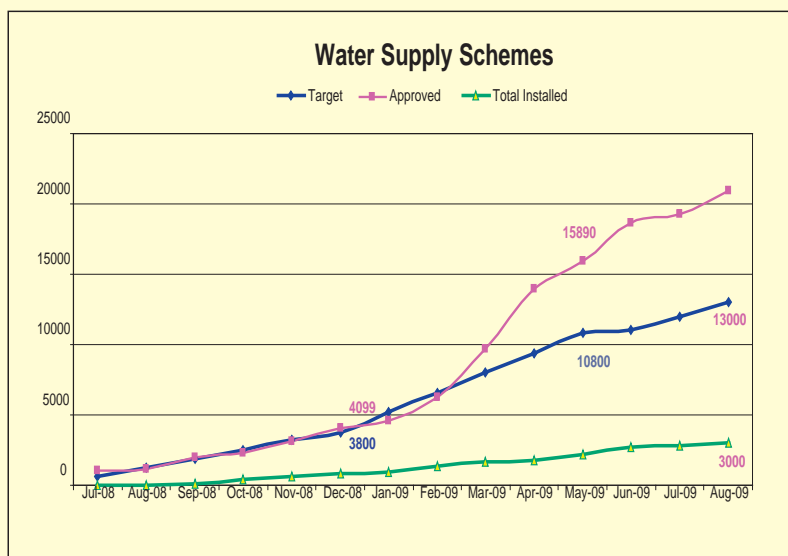


HYSAWA Fund Implementation Steps



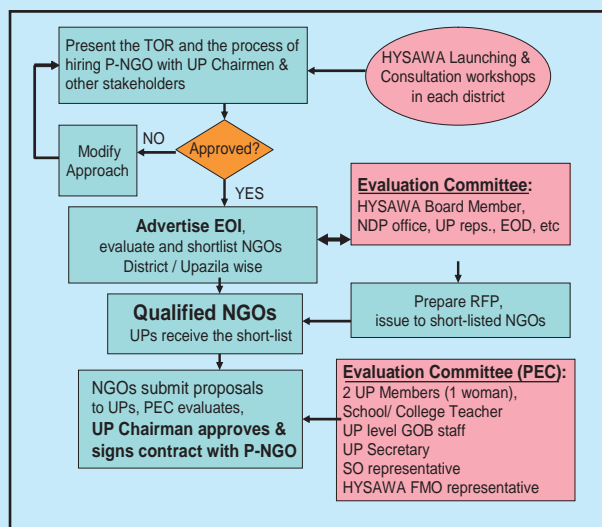
Water Supply

The objective of water supply is to increase coverage of safe water supply services. CDFs identify the under-served areas/pockets for installation of water technology. Technology choice is being made according to technical requirements and the community's ability to pay their share of investment. The communities were facilitated by Partner NGOs to identify water point sites by preparing social map and other participatory approaches. They also identify the households who have no access to safe water within 150 feet and also assess which households are hardcore following criteria of Pro-poor Strategy for Water and Sanitation Sector in Bangladesh 2005. The user groups are facilitated to make operations and maintenance (O&M) plan on proposed water points. CDFs or the user groups are motivated to pay 20% contribution in general for the installation, such contribution is only 10% for the hardcore poor.



UPs Engage Partner NGOs

The selected Union Parishads engage Partner NGOs (PNGO) to assist them in community mobilisation, hygiene and sanitation promotion and in implementing water supply schemes. HYSAWA Fund Management Office provides pre-qualified list of NGOs to the enlisted UPs. UPs follow PPR 2008 in the final selection of PNGOs.



Selection of a PNGO is in progress at UP level



Training/orientation session for the volunteers at Patnitala, Naogaon

Capacity Building - Devolution of Power to Local Government Institutions

HYSAWA Project recognises that there is a high association between the need for capacity building of the LGI functionaries and the actual devolution of administrative powers and financial authorities to them.

Arrangements are made to impart training to the UP functionaries as well as other stakeholders of the project in order to fulfill the objective of the project, "Strengthen the capacity of Government, Local Government Institutions (LGI) and non-government stakeholders at all levels to play the roles required to achieve the three specific objectives: improve hygiene behaviour and practices; promote community-led total sanitation; increase coverage of safe water supply services." Formal trainings are conducted with support from NILG and other training institutions.

In addition to formal trainings, efforts are made to conduct orientation sessions, courtyard meetings and informal consultations. By July 2009, about 7000 UP functionaries and volunteers have been trained

The training outputs are shown in the table below.

Training title	UP Chairman	Female member	Male member	UP Secretary	Volunteer (Female)	Volunteer (Male)	Total
Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Focused Special Training		35	107	11	583	933	1669
Cross-cutting Issues	330	367	242	320			929
Sub-project preparation and Monitoring		596	2622				3218
Procurement and Finance	348	356	261	405			1022
Total	678	1354	3232	736	583	933	6838

In additional, a sizeable number of stakeholders including the concerned district and Upazila level officials, Support Organisation (SO) and PNGO staff have also been trained.

Incentive Fund

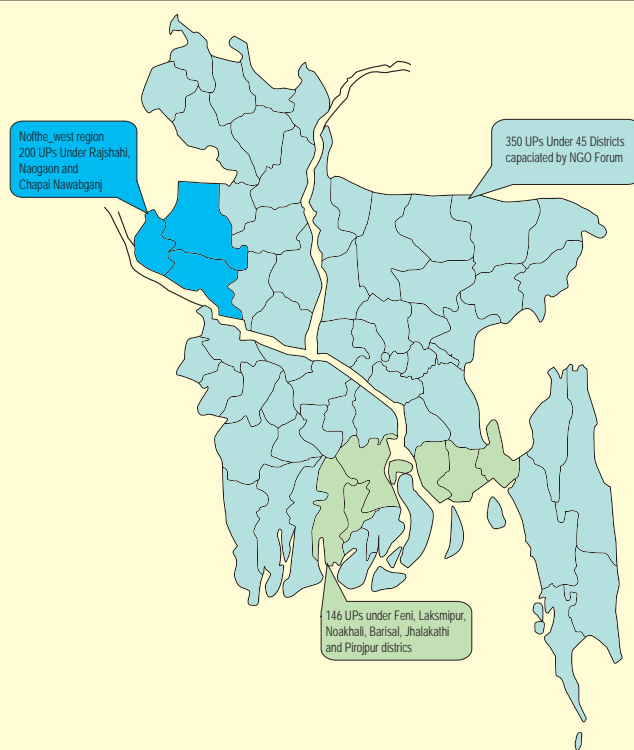
HYSAWA will provide for an Incentive Fund (or award system) for well-performing UPs and villages, which will be judged by a set of transparent performance parameters. The Incentive Fund will be nearly 10% of the hardware cost. This Fund will encourage good performance through a healthy competitive environment.

Project areas

North -West Region: 200 UPs under NW districts (Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapai Nawabganj)

Coastal belt: 146 UPs of the Coastal Belt (Barisal, Jhalokati, Pirojpur, Feni, Noakhali and Laksmipur)

Another 350 UPs from 45 districts capacitated by NGO Forum for Water Supply and Sanitation will also be supported by HYSAWA Fund for infrastructure development in water supply.



Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring system of the HYSAWA Project focuses on monitoring of the key activities of implementation of WSS schemes at various levels: Community, Union Parishad, Upazila, District and the Central (HYSAWA Fund and LGSU-HYSAWA).

The main objectives of the M&E System is to spell out in clear terms: (i) why such activities are required under HYSAWA (ii) what appropriate/minimum indicators are selected in order to collect data and generate information for project effect/impact assessment; (iii) who the persons/parties are involved in conducting the M&E exercises; (iv) what tools/formats are required through which data/information collected; (v) what periodicity of the conduct of M&E is foreseen; and (vi) what report and feedback systems are being adopted?

The tools/formats are derived from a Monitoring Plan. Some six of them are prepared, while a few others may emerge as the work progresses. Monitoring activities of the on-going and completed sub-projects have already begun in the North-West districts.

Key Achievements to date:

The HYSAWA Fund Company, established in June 2007, became fully operational in April 2008. Since then, progress has been made in different areas of concern. As of August 2009, an amount of Tk.10.3 million has been committed for various sub-projects, in particular, Sanitation and Water Supply sectors. The following chart shows the progress in figures:

Activities	Achievements			
	North-west UPs	Coastal Belt UPs	NGO Forum Area	Total
Nos. of UPs enlisted and MOU signed with HYSAWA Fund	205	127	50	382
Nos. of Community Development Forum(CDF) formed	4782	1718	437	6937
Nos. of sanitation schemes approved	494	39952	0	575
Nos. of water supply schemes approved	14051	4075	2925	21051
Nos. of population targeted through planned water supply and sanitation projects	820,000	380,000	410,000	1,610,000
Nos. of hardcore poor targeted through planned water supply and sanitation projects	420,000	13,0000	150,000	700,000

News and Events

HYSAWA Project Launching Workshops

HYSAWA Project launching workshops were held in six different places (Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapai Nawabganj, Feni, Barisal and Noakhali) in 2008. All Chairmen from participating UPs, government and non-government stakeholders and project officials attended the workshops. The objectives, activities and working modalities were presented and feedback received from participants.



HYSAWA launching at Barisal

Training Workshop on Hardware Procurement

A training workshop was held from 8-9 July 2009 at HOPE-Savar and attended by District and Upazila level officers concerned with HYSAWA project implementation. The workshop finalised the necessary data sheet items to be incorporated in the tender document for hardware procurement in coastal belt. The participants also got a common understanding on the procurement related issues, constraints and remedies based on past experiences of tendering process in the North-West region.



HYSAWA-BMDA MOU signing ceremony

HYSAWA Signs MOU with BMDA to support Rural Piped Water Supply in Barind Region

HYSAWA is funding the implementation of 200 piped water supply schemes in the Barind Region in cooperation with Barind Multipurpose Development Authority (BMDA). It also includes capacity building of BMDA in the Integrated Water Resources Management, the latter being supported by Danida as well. The MOU was signed on 9 February 2009.

Workshop on Quality Control: A workshop was held on 28 May 2009 on "Quality Control of Installation of Water Supply Schemes" at TARC, Savar, Dhaka organised by LGSU. Among others Managing Director, Finance Director and Programme Officer from HYSAWA Fund attended.

WSSPS II Programme Review and Planning Workshop was held in Cox's Bazar from 7-9 August 2009. With all WSSPS stakeholders Managing Director, Finance Director and Director Monitoring and Evaluation from HYSAWA Fund attended.



Jan Moller Hansen, Deputy Head of Mission, EOD Visiting programs at Rajshahi

Mr. Jan Moller Hansen, Deputy Head of Mission, EOD has visited Rajshahi from 16-19 February 2009. He has visited several Water and Sanitation installations, attended in different events organised by communities and UPs.

Training on Project Management: Mr. Md. Nurul Osman, MIS Specialist attended a Training on "Project Management" at AIT, Bangkok from 11-22 May 2009. Representatives from different stakeholders including five UP Chairmen also attended.

Beyond Water

"While water was aplenty near the river bank, there was hardly any water to drink" remarked Nasiruddin, who hails from Bajietpur village and used to live on a riverbank nearby. Bajietpur is a small village in Godagari Upazila, 33 kilometers away from Rajshahi. Thirty to thirty five families live in this village. The village is very close to the Rajshahi-Godagari Road, but still remains underdeveloped. He was forced to move to the village, as he lost his home thrice to river erosion. For Nasiruddin the problem of safe drinking water still persisted even after relocating to the village. Before HYSAWA project installed the tube-well in his community, his family had to fetch drinking water from a distant Church. His wife reminisces that they had to stand in a long queue to fetch water from the church. It used to be a great waste of energy and time. She also said, the task of fetching water for the family is her responsibility and in doing so, she often had to bear the brunt of inclement weather. Though, there is a pond near her home, her family could only use it for bathing but not for the purpose of drinking. And, as the pond is basically used for cultivating fish, it is full of cow-dung, fish feed etc. The body would get smeared with these during bath. This resulted in itches and rashes and hair fall. More often than not, we had to take another splash using water from the tube well. HYSAWA tube-well has ushered in happiness in our life. Nasiruddin's wife further narrates, "The water of this tube-well is very good. It has no iron and is also good to drink. Since this tube-well is just beside the crop field, farmers working in the field can also drink safe water from here. The water of the tube-well that was here, before HYSAWA project installed the new one, was full of iron and caused hair fall, stained teeth and created red stains on clothes and dishes. But thank God, now we can use HYSAWA's tube-well for all our household chores. We even give this water to our cattle. In fact, our youngest kid is the one best skilled at pumping water from the tube well. Getting this tube well from HYSAWA has enabled us to get rid of our water problems".

According to other users of the tube-well, it was allocated to the CDF headed by Altaf Hossain. One of the users says, "We got it in May and finished the concrete platform by July. Six families, including ourselves deposited Tk. 6,000 and collectively applied to the Union Parishad for the tube-well. Soon, we saw the installation work begin. After the set-up, water from the tube-well was sent to Rajshahi for necessary laboratory tests. When the tube-well was ready for use, the contractor took our signatures as proof of satisfactory installation. We have formed a 5-member committee, including two females for its maintenance. We discuss and solve problems together. Imarul and Nasima work as Community Facilitators in Bajitpur village. They often visit us and enquire about anything that might be amiss or may need their attention. We, in turn, also share our problems with them. Once, less water seemed to be pouring out from the tube well and we shared this problem with Imarul. He wrote down our complaint and soon got it fixed by the same technicians who had installed the tube well before. We did not have to spend anything for this".



mother watching her child drinking water. Bajietpur, Rajshahi.

Governance and Management

The HYSAWA Fund is governed by a Governing Board, chaired by the Secretary, Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives. It has members from relevant ministries and departments, NGO, civil society and UP chairmen's representative in its governing board. The governing board approves HYSAWA's operational procedure and annual budgets and oversees the overall management of the HYSAWA. The Managing Director of HYSAWA Fund Management Office acts as the member-secretary of the Board and is responsible for the day to day operation and accounts of the Fund.



HYSAWA Board meeting



HYSAWA Governing Board is observing the first anniversary of HYSAWA Fund at its Annual General Meeting 2008

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