

**Minutes of the Video Conference with Key Resource Centres**  
**held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**  
**at 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

A video conference with nodal officers of 10 National Key Resource Centres was held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 at Paryavaran Bhawan. Ms. Vilasini Ramchandran, Secretary (MDWS) chaired the video conference. Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, JS (W) and Shri J.S. Mathur, JS (S&A) were also present in the video conference. The list of participants is annexed.

The VC began with the introduction of nodal officers of KRCs at various NIC studios. Joint Secretary (Water) shared the following objectives of the VC with nodal officers:-

1. Review of the trainings conducted
2. Uploading of Training Calendar in MDWS website.
3. Appointment of nodal person.
4. Effective use of the online training module of MDWS.
5. Utilization Certificate (UC) and Audited Statement of Account (ASA)

Secretary (MDWS) desired that KRCs give details of the types of courses being conducted. She desired to obtain feedback on the training programs and the participant's response. She also enquired whether KRCs are imparting trainings on O&M and sustainability issues. Thereafter KRCS wise review was taken up.

#### **1. NIAR, Mussuoorie, Uttarakhand**

Dr. B.S. Bisht, Associate Professor shared the progress of training programmes conducted by NIAR. Till date following programmes have been completed:-

1. State Level Workshop one each in Madhya pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and J&K (Total 05) for NRDWP and in Bihar & Odisha for TSC.
2. National Level workshop on Sanitation for senior level functionaries
3. Capacity Building Training programmes for Master Trainers

Arrangements are being made in States of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and J&K for organizing Capacity Building Training programmes for Master Trainers. For sanitation, trainings shall be completed in 5 remaining states of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Manipur, Assam and J&K by March, 2012.

Dr. Bisht expressed concern over low participation of trainees in winter season. Secretary (MDWS) suggested that training programme should be planned in advance keeping in view the local condition like weather, working season etc. He also said that national level workshop for sanitation shall be held in May-June, 2012.

Suggestions given by JS (W)

- More PRI representatives should be included in training programmes.
- Master trainers are to be provided training.

Suggestions given by JS (TSC)

- Training must focus on effective mechanisms that may be evolved for IEC as behavior change methodologies are crucial for sanitation.
- State specific training needs assessment for communication strategy is important.

## **2. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, (NEERI), Nagpur**

Dr. Pawan Labhsetwar, Scientist (PI) shared the progress of training programmes completed. Till date following programmes have been completed:-

- Water quality monitoring, surveillance and treatment technologies for As, F, Fe – Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh (01 in Seoni & 01 in Jhabua), Nagpur,
- Water quality monitoring, surveillance including advance instrumentation – Nagpur (Chemists & technical staff of labs) Nos. – 03
- Village Water Security Plan – Guna, Madhya Pradesh (Water Supply Enggs)

Dr. Pawan said that E-in-Cs of some States wanted assistance from NEERI for establishment of labs. Secretary (MDWS) said that NEERI was welcome to help the states. MDWS permission was not required.

Secretary (MDWS) asked about training on *Village Water Security Plan*. PI explained that this training was conducted in district Guna of Madhya Pradesh, where PHED engineers from Gwalior were involved. Trainees were given insight in preparation of Ground Water Budgeting.

On issue of audit by CAG, JS (W) explained that NEERI should send a letter that NEERI programmes are being audited by CAG. NEERI was requested to send the feedback and enter the training calendar online.

### **3. Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad**

Ms. Lakshmi, Program Manager shared the progress of trainings conducted. So far following programmes have been conducted by CGG:-

- Training Needs Assessment (TNA) – 01
- Trainings in Madhya Pradesh – 06
- Training in Andhra Pradesh – 01

Ms. Lakshmi also shared various issues like –

- In Madhya Pradesh, participants are interested in trainings on Public Private Partnership and DPR preparation.
- In Andhra Pradesh, it is difficult to organize training because of Telangana issue.
- Various KRCs are organizing trainings in the same State and at the same time.

She suggested mapping of KRC activities in terms of topics and States being covered by KRCs, so that there is no overlapping of programmes/trainees.

PI also reminded about a fresh proposal submitted to MDWS for organizing training activities in states of MP and AP. This proposal was prepared in accordance with old KRC guidelines (Prior to amendment dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011 regarding field visit of participants). CGG were advised to send revised proposal including field visit to which they agreed.

### **4. Engineering Staff College of India, Hyderabad**

Shri G.D. Ojha (PI) shared the progress of activities conducted. Till date following programmes have been organized:-

- Planning, Design, Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes
- Water Accounting, Audit, Water Use Efficiency and Benchmarking Studies of Rural Water Supply Schemes
- Water Quality Monitoring, Surveillance and Assessment of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes including WTP & STP
- Water Security Assurance – Water Conservation and Rainwater harvesting for Augmentation of Rural Water Supply Schemes

PI said that overwhelming response is received from participants in trainings. ESCI has adopted ISO format for assessing the quality of training. Participants have given a rating of

4.7 on a scale of 5 points. PI expressed difficulties due to non-receipt of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment even after sending UC & ASA.

Only one training programme is remaining to be conducted. He assured to complete it by February-2012.

Secretary (MDWS) expressed concern over excess number of participants in training. In future the number of participants should be kept at optimum level for meaningful impact of training inputs.

JS (W) said the releases were being processed.

## **5. NIRD, Hyderabad**

Dr. Y. Gangi Reddy (PI) shared the progress of training programmes completed. Till date following programmes have been completed:-

- 06 days Training on Participatory Tools & techniques for RDW&S professionals – 01
- 06 days ToT course on management of RDW&S programmes and focus on IEC – 01
- 06 days ToT course on Management of Rainwater Harvesting for Drinking Water – 01
- 06 days Training on Participatory Tools & techniques for RDW&S professionals – 01
- IEC for Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation professionals – 01

Out of the 05 programmes, 04 have been organized at NIRD, Hyderabad and 01 programme was conducted at regional level (at SIRD). PI was confident of completing the training programmes by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February, 2012. Secretary (MDWS) expressed doubts over participation of trainees in training programmes scheduled in the month of Feb-March because of financial year closing and work pressures. She suggested that next year training plan should be prepared in advance keeping in view these constraints.

JS (W) asked NIRD to upload annual training calendar on MDWS website.

## **6. National Institute of Rural Development, Guwahati**

Dr. S. K. Dutta (Training & Research Coordinator) shared the progress of training programmes completed. PI said NIRD, Guwahati is organizing training programmes exclusively for North-Eastern States. Till date the following programmes have been completed:-

- National Level Workshop on Bharat Nirman with focus on Drinking water and sanitation – 01

- 06 days Training on Professional management – 01
- 02 days Regional workshop – 01
- 06 days Training on construction, design and management of WS&S and sanitation schemes – 01
- 06 days training on HRD issues and challenges in rural drinking water sector – 01
- 06 days training on IEC strategy IMIS for water quality and surveillance – 01
- 06 days training on O&M of water supply scheme – 01

JS (W) asked NIRD, Guwahati to send 2<sup>nd</sup> installment proposal along with UC and ASA by next week. On the issue of audit by CAG, JS (W) explained that NIRD should send a letter that its programmes are being audited by CAG.

## **7. All India Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, Kolkata**

Dr. R.C. Srivastava (PI) shared the progress of training activities. Out of 09 training programmes sanctioned, AIPHH organized only 02 programmes till date. Out of 1 regional workshop at Guwahati/Kolkata, 5 state level regional workshops and training programmes in 8 states for sanitation only 1 has been conducted in Tripura. He explained that, because of financial procedures being followed at the institute and shifting of the institute to a new campus, progress was delayed.

Secretary (MDWS) expressed concern over the slow progress. It was advised to complete training programmes by March-2012.

Out of 10 KRCs invited for VC on 13<sup>th</sup> December, representatives of 02 KRCs namely National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW) and The Energy & Resource Institute (TERI) participated in the meeting in person. One KRC viz XLRI, Jamshedpur did not participate in the VC.

## **8. National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi**

Dr. M. A. Khan (PI) shared the progress of training programmes till date. The then Secretary (MDWS) had observed that the trainings conducted by KRCs were generic and repetitive in nature. According to Dr. Khan, because of the above reason and absence of clear guidelines, training programme could not be organized.

He also said that it may not be desirable to organize training programmes exclusively on stress management. Secretary (MDWS) said that as a national institute, NIHFW has a bigger

role to play in this sector especially in communication. She suggested that NIHFW organize a national workshop and trainings on developing behavior change communication strategy with focus on Water and Sanitation and linkage with health.

JS (TSC) suggested that since NIHFW has expertise on preventive aspects of diseases, that has close linkage with sanitation, they may consider sending proposals for trainings on health & sanitation for the next financial year.

PI said that, a comprehensive module on Behavior Change Communication (BCC) with special focus on WATSAN has been developed at NIHFW. It will be used to prepare Master Trainers in WATSAN sector. A national workshop on this will be organized in the month of February, 2012. He requested MDWS to share the list of CCDU/WSSO/DWSM staff, so that they could be invited to participate in the said event.

JS (W) advised NIHFW to send the revised proposal at the earliest.

## **9. The Energy and Research Institute, New Delhi**

Dr. Girija Bharat (PI) participated in the meeting and shared the progress of training programmes conducted till date. Details of requirements of UC and ASA sent by TERI were explained to Dr. Girija and she assured to send the revised UC & ASA.

JS (TSC) asked Dr. Bharat to finalise the training courses for sanitation in 6 states at the earliest.

## **10. XLRI, Jamshedpur**

On 14<sup>th</sup> December, Prof. Vishwa Ballabh visited JS (DWS) at Paryavaran Bhawan and shared the progress of training activities. He assured that UC & ASA would be sent by the end of December 2011. He was asked to post the feedback form on the MDWS website with help from T.D. NIC.

**The following observations/suggestions applicable to all KRCs were made:**

**Secretary, DWS suggested that:**

1. In order to avoid overlapping of training and workshop activities in terms of topics, participants and States being covered by KRCs, Mapping should be done.

2. National institutes like NEERI, TERI and NIHFV have an important role to play in developing special skills (Communication/technical etc). Their skills and resource should not be utilized in generic training programmes.
3. Release of installment should be processed without delay. A model UC with all requirements should be sent to KRCs to avoid delays due to minor deficiencies.

**JS (W) suggested that:-**

1. Training calendar should be uploaded on MDWS website on priority by all the KRCs.
2. Feedback reports (Suggestions/Complaints/Experience) received from participants on the training programmes should also be shared on the MDWS website with proper password protection. **(TD-NIC & all KRCs)**
3. Government institutions identified as KRCs, where annual audit is done by CAG, need to send a letter in this regard, so that their proposal for subsequent installment could be processed.

The Video Conference ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

**List of Participants**

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**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

**Venue: Paryavarn Bhawan, New Delhi**

1. Ms. Vilasini Ramchandran – Secretary, MDWS
2. Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar – JS (Water)
3. Shri J. S. Mathur – JS (S&A)
4. Shri P. P. Nagrath – DS (WQ)
5. Shri S. K. Verma – US (WQ)
6. Shri T. K. Das – Consultant (NRC)
7. Shri Rehman – Consultant (NRC)
8. Shri Abhishek Parsai – Consultant (HRD)
9. Ms. Geetasree Thakur – Scientist-C (NIC)
10. Dr. B.S. Bisht – NIAR, Mussoorie
11. Dr. Pawan Labhsetwar – NEERI, Nagpur
12. Ms. Lakshmi – CGG, Hyderabad
13. Shri G.D. Ojha – ESCI, Hyderabad
14. Dr. Y. Gangi Reddy – NIRD, Hyderabad
15. Dr. S. K. Dutta – NIRD, Guwahati
16. Dr. R. C. Srivastava – AIPHH, Kolkata
17. Dr. M. A. Khan – NIHFW, New Delhi
18. Dr. Girija K Bharat – TERI, New Delhi
19. Prof. Vishwa Ballabh – XLRI, Jamshedpur (Visited on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)