

SDC Visits to WatSan Programme at Mongla

A high official team from Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) comprising of Dr. Derek Mueller, Counsellor, Head of Cooperation; Mr. Sohel Ibn Ali, Programme Manager, Local Governance, and Mr. Tommaso Tabet, Assistant Coordinator, Embassy of Switzerland visited the *Promotion of Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene in Hard-to-Reach Areas of Rural Bangladesh* project area of NGO Forum on 27 May 2012. With a view to gaining a better understanding about the WatSan and water management realities of coastal belt, the Team visited the Chandpai union parishad area of Mongla upazila of Bagerhat district where NGO Forum along with its local partner NGO, Social Edification of Benign Assimilation Society (SEBA) has been implementing the Project involving local communities, LGIs and relevant stakeholders with the support of SDC.

During the visit the Team met the local communities, Village Development Committee (VDC), Union Parishad, Partner NGO and NGO Forum representatives and got acquainted with the realities of local WatSan vulnerabilities, project implementation modalities and involvement of different stakeholders with the Project. The Team also visited a community-based and a household-based Rain-water

Harvesting System which are under construction in the Project. The Team acknowledged that the discussions they have had with the communities, local authorities and project/programme staff had been very useful and productive, and thus felicitated the excellent work done at the field level.

Mr. Joseph Halder and Mr. Ziaul Haque from NGO Forum along with Mr. Golam Rabbani from BCAS accompanied the Team during the visit.

