

Quarterly Progress Report

July – September 2022

Title of Project: Strengthening Women’s Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO) Phase II

Atlas Project ID: 00131619 (IP)

List of Acronyms

AWP	Annual Work Plan
BDT	Bangladeshi Taka
BIDS	Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
CPD	Country Program Document
DPP	Development Project Proposal
ESDF	Eco-Social Development Foundation
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
IGAs	Income Generating Activities
LGD	Local Government Division
IDEA	Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy
IP	Initiation Plan
LGI	Local Government Institution
M&E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MIS	Management Information Systems
MFI	Micro Finance Institution
NA	Not Applicable
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NPD	National Project Director
NPM	National Project Manager
PCR	Project Completion Report

PIC	Project Implementation Committee
RIG	Resilience & Inclusive Growth
ROAR	Result Oriented Annual Report
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SP	Strategic Plan
SWAPNO	Strengthening Women's Ability for the Productive New Opportunities
ToF	Training of Facilitator
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UPs	Union Parishads
USD	United States Dollar
WHO	World Health Organization
WTP	Water Treatment Plant

Project Information

Funded by:	Marico, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency - Sida
National Counterparts:	Govt. of Bangladesh
CPD Output:	<p>Output 1.2: “Women and youth, especially those who own cottage, small and medium-sized enterprises, benefit from market-driven skills development, access to financial and non-financial services to adopt appropriate technologies, innovative business models driving to improved productivity, competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of enterprises and jobs”.</p> <p>Output 2.1: More people in Bangladesh, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, have increased capacities, knowledge, and skills to adopt sustainable consumption behaviors and lead in climate action.</p> <p>Output 2.2: Institutions have strengthened capacities to develop, manage and deliver policies, strategies, and actions to improve ecosystem health and manage dynamic risks, such as climate change, disasters, pandemics, and humanitarian crises.</p>
UNSDCF Output:	<p>Output 2.2: Women, men, gender and ability diverse people, in particular the most vulnerable and marginalized and especially children, adolescent and youth, are empowered to utilize social and protection services, so that they enjoy lives of respect and dignity.</p> <p>Output 1.2: The people in Bangladesh, especially young women and men from vulnerable and marginalized communities, benefit from market-driven skills development and access to financial and non-financial services that enable them to benefit from inclusive.</p>
SP Output:	<p>Output 1.3: Access to basic services¹ and financial and non-financial assets and services improved to support productive capacities for sustainable livelihoods and jobs to achieve prosperity.</p> <p>Output 3.1 Institutional systems to manage multi-dimensional risks and shocks strengthened at regional, national and sub-national levels.</p>
SDG Target:	Goal 1: No Poverty (Targets 1.1, 1.2 and 1.5); Goal 2: Zero hunger (Targets 2.1); Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being (Target 3.8); Goal 5: Gender Equality (Target 5.5); Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth (Target 8.5); Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities (Targets 10.2) and Goal 13: Climate Action (Targets 13.3)
Project Starting Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (Approved IP)

Original Completion Date as per approved ProDoc (DD/MM/YYYY):	Not Applicable since the ProDoc is under process to be approved.	Expected Completion Date as per revised ProDoc, if any (DD/MM/YYYY):	Not applicable
Project Total Budget (USD):	USD 694,529.42	Fund Received (USD) till to date:	440,393.28

Narratives

This 3rd quarterly progress report reflects the achievements of the progress of Initiation Plan (IP) Activities of SWAPNO II from July to September 2022. The project also highlights the follow-up activities done in Kurigram, Jamalpur, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, and Satkhira District. As per the approved IP and Annual Workplan AWP 2022, SWAPNO II has achieved a remarkable achievement in this quarter of 2022. Below are the major accomplishments so far in this reporting period:

SWAPNO Completed the 1st Phase: SWAPNO completed the first phase on 30th June 2022. The project has benefited 12,492 beneficiaries in five districts – Satkhira, Kurigram, Jamalpur, Lalmonirhat, and Gaibandha districts. The project has helped highly vulnerable women in poverty-prone areas to develop their skills, linked them with services and the local markets, and ensured their financial inclusion. Through the project intervention, 12,492 women have secured their livelihoods and increased household income, savings, productive assets, access to services, and decision-making power. The remarkable results were captured through an endline evaluation by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). The project has prepared the 1st phase completion report and shared it with UNDP and GoB (refer to the BIDS evaluation report & PCR in the reference section below).

SWAPNO II Started Initiation Plan (IP) Activities: Based on the approved Initiation Plan (IP) by UNDP, SWAPNO II started the plan activities on 01st July 2022. In the approved IP, the project has three outputs: Output I: Increased Income and Assets engaging Local Economy and Skill Development; Outputs II: Strengthened Human Capabilities and Outputs III: Resilience and Strengthen institutional capacity for Sustaining SWAPNO benefits. The project made significant progress based on outputs, the Annual Work Plan (AWP), and the set of indicators stated in the approved IP (refer to the indicator & activity progress section below).

ProDoc prepared and submitted to UNDP: Based on the success of the last phase of SWAPNO and the experience gained, the project aims to extend the project across the impoverished and climate vulnerable ten districts of Gaibandha, Rangpur, Jamalpur, Lalmonirhat, Tangail, Sherpur, Gopalganj, Bagerhat, Cumilla, and Chandpur. SWAPNO II will specifically target youth women groups (18 to 28) and women groups up to 35 to ensure the employability and sustainability of project outcomes. With the aim to lift poor women out of poverty and sustain them with a higher income level focusing on future employability, the ProDoc has been developed through a planning workshop with the participation of LGD – the implementing agency, donor representatives, UNDP, and SWAPNO project staff. Based on the ProDoc, the project duration will be for the next three years – January 2023 to December 2025. Through a rigorous reviewing process by UNDP Bangladesh, the ProDoc is submitted to UNDP, BRH for their clearance (refer ProDoc in the reference section below).

DPP preparation and submission to LGD: SWAPNO II is being drafted as the Development Project Proposal (DPP) based on the prescribed format and guidelines of the Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, GoB. This DPP is in the process to submit to LGD. Immediately after approval of the DPP, SWAPNO II will start field-level activities in the 10 poorest and climate-vulnerable districts of Bangladesh. It is expected to be graduated 10,188 extremely poor households from poverty through SWAPNO II intervention by 2025.

Experience and learning sharing workshop with project staff and stakeholders: The project has organized a two-day long experience and lesson learning sharing workshop at Sarah Resort, Gazipur, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The workshop is inaugurated

by the welcome speech of Van Nguyen, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP Bangladesh. Representatives of donor agencies (Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka, Marico), the Private sector, UNDP Bangladesh Country Office, and Government High Officials participated in this workshop. Mr. Habibur Rahman, Joint Secretary, LGD, and National Project Director of SWAPNO,



highlighted the significant achievements SWAPNO has made so far in terms of poverty reduction, gender equality, and climate resilience. Kajal Chatterjee, National Project Manager of SWAPNO, briefly presented the achievements and challenges of SWAPNO which has just completed its first phase. From 2015 to 2022, the project experienced substantial progress in graduating marginalized rural women from abject poverty.

Remarks from different stakeholders

Ikramul H. Sohel, National Programme Officer- Market Development Cooperation Section of the Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka, wished more success for the upcoming phase. He focused on the selection of all forms of destitute women even if they are pregnant. NPM assured him that the project will consider this from the next phase.

Arif Abdullah Khan, Programme Specialist - Disaster and Resilience, RIG Cluster, UNDP Bangladesh, appreciated SWAPNO's journey and how it contributed to achieving sustainable development goals. Regarding beneficiary selection, he suggested developing a methodology that will help to cater to the right beneficiaries.

Rashed Ehsan, Director – Legal and Corporate Affairs, Marico Bangladesh Ltd, said that Marico will continue their cooperation with SWAPNO for achieving more success.

SWAPNO II project staff took this workshop as an opportunity to share their success, and lessons and prepare to reflect on the findings in the ProDoc and DPP development. A participatory and interactive discussion was made among the project staff following necessary safety measures because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project Implementation Plan Developed: The project developed the detailed implementation plan with the engagement of project staff, representatives of UNDP, and Donors. The implementation plan is linked with the project outcomes, outputs, and result framework indicators. The project activity-wise implementation modalities, total target, year-wise target breakdown, timeline, logistics, risk, and mitigation measures are specified in the implementation. The project staff made a common understanding of the implementation plan. Finally, it is shared with Donors and UNDP Bangladesh.

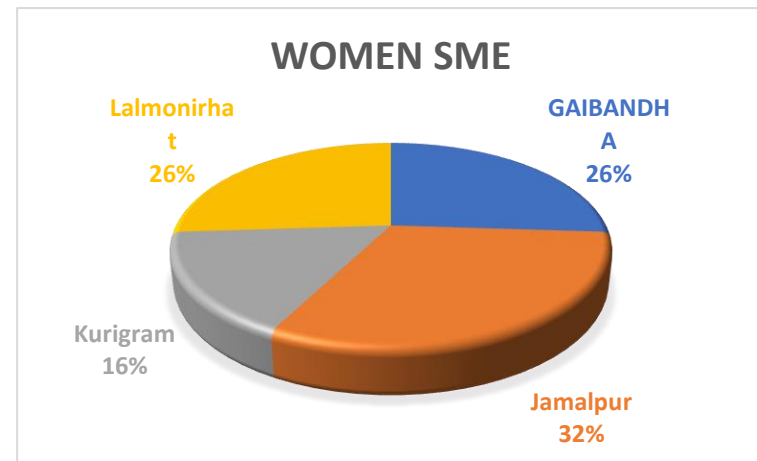
Staff Foundation Training Module Drafted: SWAPNO II is designed as a four-day long foundation training module for current phase project staff. In the module, the first two days are designed to give a brief overview of SWAPNO II, focusing on the project's results, correct targeting process, formal sector employment, work with youth, and responsibilities of stakeholders. The 2nd two days are designed for the Training of the Facilitator (ToF) on life skill development training. It will be a practice-based session to enhance skills for conducting participatory training. Key contents are Participatory Training, and basic principles of Facilitation and Communication. The 3rd and 4th days are designed to enable the participants in SWAPNO II project to implement strategies, and extensive practice of training delivery on eight training modules developed for the SWAPNO Women Beneficiaries. It is expected that this foundation training will be conducted by 4th November 2022.

Process of PNGOs Selection: Guided by UNDP office rules and procedures, the project is doing the evaluation process of PNGOs selection. The evaluation process initiated in this quarter; a total of 13 NGOs were applied to the UNDP's system. An evaluation team is formed by UNDP Bangladesh Country Office and the evaluation process is going on. It is expected that the process will be completed by November 2022.

Hiring project staff: Following the competitive selection process of UNDP's HR policies, the project started the hiring process of required staff. The position of Disaster Management Analyst, Communication Associate, and Apps Development & IT Assistant are under process to be recruited. It is expected that the staff became onboard soon and engaged with project activities with full effort.

Selection of potential entrepreneurs among the eligible beneficiaries: To create self-employment, SWAPNO II has a plan to identify potential women for local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) development. In this reporting period, a total of 269 women SME individual beneficiaries have been identified from four districts (Jamalpur 32%, Lalmonirhat 26%, Gaibandha 26%, and Kurigram 16%). The SMEs were selected following the below criteria:

- The skilled women or men who have tailoring businesses locally act as an entrepreneur.
- Tailoring houses that have business potential and receive enough working orders locally and
- Tailoring houses have the willingness to provide training to other women and give sub-contract or employment to the beneficiaries.



The entrepreneurs will provide necessary schooling and create employment for beneficiaries to scale up their businesses. The project will facilitate creating more market linkage so that the beneficiaries can get local employment and be self-sustainable.

Project site visits: In this reporting period, several visits were made to the project sites by the representatives of UNDP Bangladesh and Donor agencies as follows:

Visit Jamalpur: On 29th September 2022, Swedish Ambassador H.E. Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde visited SWAPNO project in Jamalpur. Mr. Prasenjit Chakma, the Assistant Resident Representative (ARR), UNDP Bangladesh, Ikramul H. Sohel, National Programme Officer- Market Development, Embassy of Sweden in Dhaka, Enterprise & Employment Analyst – SWAPNO and District Facilitator – Jamalpur accompanied her in this visit. The team observed the current situation of SWAPNO beneficiaries and discussed with the local women entrepreneurs of the project. They also discussed with the community people, and District level GoB officials. The team was very satisfied to see the results of the project's activities. She expressed optimism that such a project like SWAPNO is playing a significant role in the development of women's ability to take the opportunity of economic progress and improve the extreme poverty of rural women through employment creation.



Visit Satkhira: A mission team consisting of members from the Embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh and UNDP conducted a discussion meeting at UNDP Bangladesh Country Office on 25 September 2022. Afterward, the mission members visited the Sweden Government-funded projects interventions and other relevant UNDP projects/programmes from 25 September to 29 September 2022 in Khulna, Satkhira, and Narayanganj. As part of this visit, the mission members visited Shunipun Garments (a mini garments), an initiative of SWAPNO project for its women beneficiaries at Kaliganj, Satkhira District. The visitors interacted with the women beneficiaries and were very satisfied to see the women's engagement and leadership in this mini factory.

SWAPNO Follow-up¹ Activities:

Regular Income Generating Activities: SWAPNO beneficiaries have completed their project tenure in April 2021. Although the beneficiaries have completed their project cycle and do not have public work activities as an additional income source, the beneficiaries are presently engaged with their regular income-generating activities like kitchen gardening, cattle rearing, goat & sheep rearing, poultry rearing, tailoring, small business, etc. The field monitoring data revealed that the beneficiaries are involved with on average three types of IGAs even after the completion of public works activities.

Production of Low-cost Sanitary Napkins for women and adolescent girls: It is a women-led cooperative called “Kallyani Nari Kollyan Samittee” of earlier phase intervention by SWAPNO. This women-led cooperative is functioning well even after completion of the project cycle. SWAPNO II has been providing follow-up support² to this cooperative. During this reporting period, the women-led cooperatives produced 10,720 packets of sanitary napkins. They have sold these packets through buying selling points, clinics, and pharmacies in their locality and got BDT 1,22,805.00 (USD 1,228).

Received award from Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) Project: In this reporting period, Kallyani Nari Kallyan Samobay Somittee Limited, Kallyani Boutiques (two cooperatives) and one women SME of SWAPNO beauty parlor have applied for Small and Medium Entrepreneur (SME) grant under Innovation Design and Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) project, ICT division. Both the cooperatives and one individual SME applied following the selection guideline given by the IDEA project of the ICT Division. The selected committee of the IDEA project of the ICT Division approved the applications after several checking methods. Finally, Kallyani Nari Kallyan Samobay Somittee Limited, Kallyani Boutiques (two cooperatives), and one-woman SME of SWAPNO beauty parlor got BDT 150,000.00 (USD 500) – BDT 50,000.00 for each. The award-giving ceremony was held at BICC on 29th October 2022 in presence of Honourable Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP, State Minister- ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, Senior Secretary NM Zeaul Alam PAA, and others. SWAPNO beneficiaries were inspired after getting this award, the amount was invested in their business.

¹ Beside the activities of Initiation Plan (IP), the project has been doing follow-up activities at the field in Gaibandha, Jamalpur, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram Districts.

² Visits to cooperatives, providing need base suggestions/guidance and linking with stakeholders to promote their products.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Gaibandha District: The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) established at Fulchari Upazila in Gaibandha is producing pure drinking water for the community people who previously suffered³ from safe drinking water in their locality. In this reporting period, around 300 households got easy access to safe drinking water and bought with a minimum charge from the cooperative. In this reporting period, around 59,020 liters of water were sold, worth BDT 48,920.

Climate-Resilient Vegetable Cultivation: In this reporting period, SWAPNO beneficiaries have cultivated climate-resilient vegetables in 13,328 sacks (average 4-5 sacks for each household). Most of the beneficiaries consumed vegetables in their production, and many of them sold vegetables in the local markets and buying and selling points. The major types of produced vegetables are cucumber, pumpkin, basil leaf, coriander, bean, etc. The field monitoring and follow-up visits revealed that most of the beneficiaries successfully apply the sack cultivation method in their homesteads.

Vermicompost production: SWAPNO beneficiaries in four Districts (Jamalpur, Gaibandha, Lalmanirhat and Kurigram) produced 19,231 kg (19.2 metric ton) vermicompost; market value is BDT 288,465.00 (USD 2,884). Most of the vermicompost is sold locally and the price varies from one place to another from BDT 12 to 15 per kilogram.

Micro-health Insurance in Jamalpur: SWAPNO women beneficiaries in Jamalpur District continue their insurance policy with Green Delta Insurance. This has provided the beneficiaries with the financial support which is being incurred for the hospitalization or in-house treatment. When beneficiaries get sick, initially they go to the doctor and received advice. As per advice, they do the required diagnosis and buy the medicine from the local medical store. After that, all supportive documents have been sent to the insurance company through the SWAPNO office and the final amount is paid to the beneficiaries' mobile wallets through bKash. In this reporting quarter, 19 beneficiaries got their claim of around BDT 41,026 (USD: 410).

Buying-selling points: Even after the completion of project tenure (SWAPNO 1st phase), the women-led 171 buying and selling points have been operating successfully by the women beneficiaries. These buying and selling points have created a win-win situation for the buyers and sellers of local communities. Sellers can easily sell their products at these points and buyers can avail of the products from these shops. Generally, the villagers buy vegetable seeds, fertilizers, seasonal vegetables, and other agricultural products from these points. On average, BDT 5,000 to 8,000 were sold each month by each buying and selling owner.

Establishment of Chicken Hatchery: SWAPNO beneficiaries in Jamalpur, Gaibandha, and Lalmonirhat districts have established 7 chicken hatcheries and produced native breed chicks. As a result of this initiative, the beneficiaries collect native

³ Generally, the people of two unions (Kanchipara and Gazaria) in Gaibandha privately extract water from a depth of 35 to 50 feet of ground-level for drinking purposes. This drinking water is contaminated by Iron and Arsenic which are hazardous to human health as well

chicks locally, raise three to six months for egg production and sell live chicken in the market. The demand for the beneficiaries' chicken has been fulfilled through these chicken hatcheries. Each owner of the farm has been earning BDT 5000 – 8000 monthly.

Development of milk chilling plant in Kurigram: As part of SWAPNO's "Promoting Gender Responsive Enterprise Through Dairy Value Chain Activities", the project established partnerships with UNCDF and Eco-Social Development Foundation (ESDF) to establish a milk chilling plant in Kurigram District. With the support of UNCDF and the Eco-Social Development Foundation (ESDF), the beneficiaries of the cooperatives have completed the construction of a house to establish the milk chilling plant. In this reporting period, six members of the beneficiary groups conducted a learning visit to "Palli Chowa Mozzarella Cheese, Ghee and Butter factory" at Munsherhat, Thakurgoan District. Mr. Md. Ismail Hossen, the value chain facilitator of this factory explained the operation system of the factory, the process of the products, and the manufacturing of cheese, ghee, and butter. It is expected that the beneficiaries will apply their learning to their milk chilling plant soon.

Project Visibility & Communication/Social Media/SWAPNO Website: SWAPNO interventions are widely highlighted in the project websites. In this reporting period, SWAPNO's achievements – particularly the visits of the Embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh and UNDP Bangladesh are highlighted through social media platforms and SWAPNO website. Moreover, the project uploaded the project completion report and endline evaluation report on the website for wider visibility and communication.

. Key Results achieved

- SWAPNO 1st phase has completed successfully, Project Completion Report (PCR) is done and shared with UNDP and GoB.
- The project prepared the ProDoc for the next three years (January 2023 to December 2025) and submitted it to UNDP. The DPP is drafted and in the process to be finalized.
- The next three years' Implementation Plan is prepared, and the final draft is shared with UNDP and Donors.
- A total of 269 women beneficiaries are identified as local SMEs from four districts (Jamalpur 32%, Lalmonirhat 26%, Gaibandha 26%, and Kurigram 16%). The project will provide necessary schooling and create employment for these SMEs to scale up their businesses.
- 19 women beneficiaries in Jamalpur District got their claim around BDT 41,026 (USD: 410) Green Delta Insurance under micro health insurance coverage initiated through project intervention.
- SWAPNO beneficiaries in four Districts produced 19,231 kg (19.2 metric ton) vermicompost which a market value is BDT 288,465.00 (USD 2,884).

- Kallyani Nari Kollyan Samitee, one of the SWAPNO women-led cooperatives in Kurigram district has produced and sold 10,720 packets of sanitary napkins through buying selling points, clinics, and pharmacies in their locality and got BDT 1,22,805.00 (USD 1,228).
- The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at Gazaria union under the Fulchari Upazilla of Gaibandha District produced around 59,020 liters of water were sold, worth BDT 48,920.

Gender Leaving No One Behind (if any)

Gender

SWAPNO phase II is designed to focus on the core mandate to ensure gender equality and women empowerment. Gender issues will be effectively mainstreamed across all programmatic approaches. The SWAPNO II beneficiaries will be no longer viewed as socially excluded women but as participants in a government programme. The project will contribute to gender equality by empowering the women beneficiary groups for their decision-making at personal, family, and community levels through economic activities. It is expected that the project will enhance women's empowerment, self-confidence, and agility. The project's targeted beneficiaries will be 100% women. The gender mainstream indicators are addressed in the Result Resource Framework (RRF) of the project document. Gender disaggregated information will be gathered, analyzed, and stated in the progress report.

Leave No One Behind (LNOB)/Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

The project will select 100% excluded rural women (age 18 to 35) who are unable to earn and maintain a family. Based on project beneficiary guidelines, SWAPNO II will give priority to select excluded rural women who are widowed, abandoned, divorced, separated, or have a husband with a disability. Using a rigorous beneficiary selection process, the project will actively engage community members, local journalists, NGOs, and Upazila-level government officials to monitor the entire process. Finally, Union Parishad (UP) will approve the beneficiary list for employment.

COVID-19 Responses (if any)

Not applicable

Innovation (if any)

Since SWAPNO II is in the planning so the project will apply the previous learning in the field implementation. In the previous phase, SWAPNO applied various innovative approaches i.e Climate Resilient Vegetable Cultivation using the sack method, vermicompost production, women-led buying and selling points, women-led group farming, and micro health insurance for women. SWAPNO II has a plan to replicate such innovation in the new working districts which were very successful.

Monitoring				
<p>During this Initiation Plan (IP) implementation, the project M&E and MIS team reviewed proposed indicators in the Result and Resource Framework (RRF). The project developed a dataflow diagram with the role and responsibilities of different level of staff and stakeholders. The project is in the process to design a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation and Management Information System (M&E and MIS) once the ProDoc is finalized. A central online M&E and MIS will be established to measure the process, progress, and key performance indicators of the project systematically.</p>				
Project Risks & Mitigation Measures				
Sr	Project Risk⁴	Risk Category and Sub-category⁵	Likelihood (High/Substantial Moderate/Low)	Mitigation Measure
1	<p>Event: There is a risk that might hamper/slow down the project implementation.</p> <p>Cause: Because of delayed approval of the DPP by government.</p> <p>Impact: It will impact in project's targeted achievements as per plan.</p>	3.operational 3.7 Partnership	Moderate	Project will coordinate and conduct a meeting with LGD to expedite the process.
2	<p>Event: A risk affects Health, Safety and Working conditions during training/workshop/meeting conduction.</p> <p>Cause: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	3.operational 3.11 Occupational safety, health, and well-being	Moderate	The project will take a proper risk mitigation strategy as per the guideline provided by WHO and GoB. During training sessions and meetings, the training/meeting facilitators and participants will use personal protection kits, maintain social

⁴ Please make sure to include Social and Environmental risks

⁵ Use the 'ERM Risk Categories Sub-categories and Risk Matrix' as a reference

	Impact: This will impact project implementation and subsequently hinder the completion of project activities within the stipulated time.			distancing, wash hands frequently, and use hand sanitizers and face masks.
3	<p>Event: There is a risk that the beneficiary may not claim their rights and get access to services.</p> <p>Cause: As a result of the insufficient capacity and less motivation of the beneficiary.</p> <p>Impact: will impact to get services from government and non-government organizations.</p>	1. SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL (1.2. Human rights)	Low	Project will impart capacity development training for the beneficiaries to claim their rights and access services from government and non-government organizations. The project also strong advocacy with service-providing agencies and liaison and involvement them in the project implementation process, which will create opportunities for the beneficiaries.

Project Issues & Remedial Actions

Sr	Project Issue	Remedial Action
1	Not applicable	Not applicable

Lessons Learned

- Effective coordination among UNDP and Local Government Institutions helped to complete SWAPNO 1st phase successfully and initiated the next phase through an IP modality.

Evidence

SI	Title of the Evidence	Author	Date of Publication	Page number	Link
1	SWAPNO Project Completion Report 2022	SWAPNO	July 2022	N/A	http://swapno-bd.org/beta/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Project-Closing-Report_SWAPNO_27072022_.pdf

2	SWAPNO Endline Evaluation Report 2022	SWAPNO	June 2022	N/A	http://swapno-bd.org/beta/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SWAPNO-endline-survey-report-by-BIDS_27062022.pdf
3	Staff Foundation Training Module (Draft)	SWAPNO	September 2022	N/A	N/A
4	SWAPNO II ProDoc	SWAPNO II	September 2022	N/A	N/A

Indicator Progress

Output 1	Increased Income and Assets engaging Local Economy and Skill Development.				
Indicator	Baseline	End of Project Target	Annual Target (2022)	Progress (Q3, 2022)	Cumulative Progress (Q1+Q2+Q3, 2022)
1.1. # of women beneficiaries selected	12,492 (December 2020)	10,188 (Year 2023)	4,500 (December 2022)	0	The project just started through IP form July 2022.
1.2. # of studies conducted	0 (December 2021)	1 (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter 2022
1.3. # of women-led enterprises identified	271 (December 2021)	20 (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter
1.4 # of women employed in the formal sector	588 (December 2021)	500 (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter
1.5 # of DPP finalized	1 (January 2015)	1 (Year 2023)	1 (December 2022)	1	DPP is drafted
Output 2	Strengthened Human Capabilities and Resilience.				
2.1. # of women oriented/trained on life skills issues	12,492 (December 2021)	10,188 (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter
2.2. # of people participated in nutrition campaign (with gender disaggregated data)	12,492 (December 2021)	Actual number of people (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter

2.3. # of women covered micro-health insurance coverage	1,587 (December 2021)	5,500 (Year 2023)	0 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter
Output 3	Strengthen institutional capacity for Sustaining SWAPNO benefits.				
3.1. # of inception workshop organized	5 (December 2021)	10 (Year 2023)	10 (December 2022)	0	It will be conducted immediate after PNGOs selection.
3.2. # of UP/UDMC members trained on DRR & CCA (with genderdisaggregated data)	171 (December 2021)	171 (Year 2023)	100 (December 2022)	0	No target in 3 rd quarter
3.3. # of the partnership established with different organizations/institutions	3 (December 2021)	2 (Year 2023)	1 (December 2022)	0	Do
3.4 # of baseline survey conducted	3 (December 2021)	1 (Year 2023)	1 (December 2022)	0	The UNDP research unit will conduct this baseline survey and the groundwork is started i.e discussion meeting, ToR development etc.

Activity Progress		
Output wise Progress against Activities		
Output 1 Increased Income and Assets engaging Local Economy and Skill Development.		
Planned Activities of Q3, 2022	Progress Achieved	Challenges and Measures
1.1. Select and recruit eligible women	Progress of this activity will be measured upon approval of the DPP.	N/A
1.2 Exploring local investment for social enterprise development	There is no target of this activity in this quarter.	N/A
1.3 Assessment and selection of potential entrepreneurs among the eligible beneficiaries	A total of 269 women SME individual beneficiaries have identified from four districts (Jamalpur 32%, Lalmonirhat 26%, Gaibandha 26% and Kurigram 16%).	N/A
1.4 Partnership with the industry association.	As per target, the progress will be measured in next quarter (4 th QTR)	N/A
1.5 Organize consultation meeting with key stakeholders.	Several consultation meeting were conducted with UNDP & Donors to finalized ProDoc and Implementation Plan from year 2023 to 2025.	N/A
1.6 Experience and learning sharing workshop with project staff and stakeholders.	This activity is under process to be implemented.	N/A
1.7 Designing the outline for project documents and preparing the prodoc.	The ProDoc is prepared and shared with UNDP	N/A
1.8 Prepared the DPP and initial draft sharing with LGD	The DPP is drafted and under process to be finalized.	N/A
Output 2 Strengthened Human Capabilities and Resilience.		
2.1. Capacity building for field staff on BCC to conduct nutrition campaign	There is no target in this 3 rd quarter 2022	N/A
2.2 Scale-up the microinsurance health products.	There is no target in this 3 rd quarter 2022	N/A

2.3 Engage UP Chairs and Chairperson of the Standing Committee (SC) on VAW.	There is no target in this 3 rd quarter 2022	N/A
Output 3 Strengthen institutional capacity for Sustaining SWAPNO benefits.		
3.1 Develop local government capacity to implement the project's Operation Manual (OM) and internal Control Framework.	Operation manual is drafted. Based on the operation manual the foundation training module is prepared. It is expected that project staff will get a foundation training by November 2022	N/A
3.2 Partnership development with hospital authorities to ensure access to quality health services for beneficiaries	There is no target in this 3 rd quarter 2022	N/A
3.3 Program Monitoring & Reporting.	Progress follow-up visits and monitoring activities are doing in the earlier phase working areas. SWAPNO II has developed a Monitoring & Reporting mechanism that will be implemented in SWAPNO II by 4 th quarter / or early next year.	N/A
SWAPNO Follow-up Activities		
1. Production of Low-cost Sanitary Napkins for women and adolescent girls	The women-led cooperative called "Kallyani Nari Kollyan Samitee" produced 10,720 packets of sanitary napkins. They have sold these packets through buying selling points, clinics, and pharmacies in their locality and got BDT 1,22,805.00 (USD 1,228).	N/A
2. Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Gaibandha District	In this reporting period, around 59,020 liters of safe drinking water were produced and sold, worth BDT 48,920. A total of 300 households got easy access to safe drinking water and bought with a minimum charge from the cooperative	N/A

3. Climate Resilient Vegetable Cultivation	In this reporting period, SWAPNO beneficiaries have cultivated climate-resilient vegetables in 13,328 sacks (average 4-5 sacks each household).	N/A
4. Vermicompost production	Project beneficiaries in four Districts (Jamalpur, Gaibandha, Lalmanirhat and Kurigram) produced 19,231 kg (19.2 metric ton) vermicompost; market value is BDT 288,465.00 (USD 2,884).	N/A
5. Women-led buying-selling points	171 women-led buying and selling points have been operating successfully even after completion of the project cycle.	N/A
6. Production of Chicken Hatchery	On average, BDT 5,000 to 8,000 were sold each month by each buying and selling owner.	N/A

Financial Progress

Currency: USD

Output	Total Budget	Allocated Budget	Cumulative Expenditure	Balance	Delivery Rate %
	2022	(Q3: 2022)	(Q3: 2022)		
Output-1	29,492.31	14,746.16	21,249.34	8,242.97	72.05
Output-2	12,960.00	6,480.00	3,932.30	9,027.70	30.34
Output-3	175,606.38	87,803.19	75,608.04	99,998.34	43.06
Output-4	129,206.02	64,603.01	25,748.33	103,457.69	19.93
Grand Total	347,264.71	173,632.36	126,538.01	220,726.70	36.44

(As of 30 September 2022)