

BHEAP AND NEMAP

As mentioned above, BHEAP is a direct result of the NEMAP, and a response of the health sector to the government's plan of action.

NEMAP shares the same root as BHEAP, since it is also the outcome of the Rio Summit of 1992, and is a partial fulfillment of Bangladesh's commitment made at UNCED. NEMAP recognizes the fact that environmental issues cannot be solved by the Government alone, let alone the Ministry of Environment and Forest. It was, therefore, essential that people from all walks of life participate in NEMAP to assist the Government in not only identifying the issues but to propose solutions.

NEMAP was a pioneering exercise of the Government, which incorporated the opinion of the people reflected through 40 workshops, electronic and print media campaigns and circulation of questionnaires. Amongst the major environmental problems identified by the people, most of them are related to health, namely - water supply and sanitation, air pollution, malnutrition and others.

BHEAP is the response of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the issues raised by the people. BHEAP, a sub-set of the NEMAP, identifies the concerns and issues, and proposes solutions to them. This report presents its findings, and expects the Final Workshop on BHEAP to resolve the implementation and coordination mechanism.