

OBJECTIVES OF BHEAP

The broad objective of the Bangladesh Health and Environment Action Plan (BHEAP), which began in August 1995, is based on the central theme of the 1992 Report of the WHO Commission on Health and Environment that "the maintenance of health should be at the centre of concern about the Environment and Development". This theme is reflected in the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) relating to the development of national plans for sustainable development. The overall objective of the BHEAP is :

to investigate, demonstrate, implement, monitor and evaluate the approaches and actions which should be taken to ensure that health and environment issues are included as integral parts of national plans for sustainable development.

For attainment of the above objective, the national plan of action will need to :

- integrate major health and environment considerations into the plans of actions of the relevant development sectors,
- strengthen the role of the health sector in "health, environment and development" monitoring, and
- initiate activities in priority program areas.