



Press Release On EIPM Sustainability Workshop



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An Evidence Informed Policy Making (EIPM) Sustainability Workshop was held at Cabinet Division Conference Room on 25th October 2017, jointly organised by Cabinet Division and Building Capacity for the Use of Research Evidence (BCURE) project. Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam, Cabinet Secretary was present in the conference as the Chief Guest. Secretary, Primary and Mass Education, Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education Division, Secretary, Health Services Division, Mr. N M Zeaul Alam, Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division, and representatives of a number of large spending ministries, DG, GIU, PMO, and members of the PSC attended the conference.

The EIPM Sustainability Workshop provided an opportunity for the Cabinet Division and BCURE project to share the results of the project implemented during the last two years. Consensus was built on what steps to be taken by the Government of Bangladesh to successfully continue leadership of the important EIPM initiative even after the BCURE project support concludes. Accordingly, the purpose of the workshop was to disseminate concrete examples of the value of EIPM, as well as lessons learnt from the piloting of EIPM Guidelines and delivery of EIPM Training Course.

Specifically, the Sustainability Workshop offered an opportunity to a number of key EIPM “champions”, specifically the Cabinet Division to synthesize the achievements in introducing EIPM across the Government of Bangladesh and to the Ministry of Commerce, Health Services Division and Ministry of Environment and Forests to share the lessons learned from the piloting of EIPM Guidelines. The Ministry of Public Administration, in its training coordination role, described the progress reached in institutionalising EIPM training course at BPATC and BCS Administration Academy and reflections on the possible ways to expand EIPM training offered by GoB training institutions.

In addition, the representative of the Governance Innovation Unit outlined the recent PMO’s initiative to establish Reform Management Units (RMU) across the Government of Bangladesh, followed by a discussion among participants on how to ensure synergies between RMUs and Policy Research Units (PRU), which Cabinet Division intends to create in all line ministries.

The Chief Guest Mr. Mohammad Shafiul Alam, welcomed PMO’s initiative, as well as all suggestions made by workshop participants and concluded by setting a committee led by Mr. N M Zeaul Alam, Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division, with representation of GIU, MOPA and Finance Division. The committee will prepare a roadmap for synergizing between proposed Reform Management Units (RMU) and Policy Research Units (PRU). The committee will also work for further institutionalising EIPM and oversee its implementations.