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Water Resources Management in Bangladesh: Challenges and Future Adaptation Policy

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Bangladesh is a tropical monsoon climate country in South Asia. With enormous crisscross river systems of the Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna River Basins, having mostly low-lying deltaic landforms, receiving maximum run-off from the Hindu Kush Himalayan region and being near the Bay of Bengal, the country has one of the largest deltas in the world and is one of the most vulnerable to climate related disasters.

Several policies and plans, including the International Engineering Co. Inc. (IECO) Master Plan-1964, Flood Action Plan, National Water Policy 1999, the National Water Management Plan, the Climate Change Strategic Action and Plan were formulated for addressing the challenges. The Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 and the recently initiated National Adaptation Plan-2022 (NAP-2022) for 2023-2050 look to align with the sustainable development goals, the SDGs, mainstreaming with the national development agenda through the national Five-Year Plans in the face of climatic change. Under this NAP-2022, adaptation pathways are developed to promote adaptive management in tackling a wide range of climate change uncertainties and achieving climate-resilient development.

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