

DCH, in collaboration with SOES, cross-checked the field data and tested the biological samples. Information and data generated in the 500 villages surveyed in the RAP were instrumental in initiating a large scale action programme e.g. the Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation and Water Supply Project (BAMWSP), which is organised by the Ministry of Local Government and sponsored by the World Bank and donor agencies. UNICEF also rose to the occasion with mitigation activities.

This book is designed to share the results of the 500 village RAP with all stakeholders involved in arsenic mitigation. It is our earnest desire that dissemination of knowledge and information will make a positive impact on the immediate, short-term management of the arsenic problem. We also hope and pray that the Bangladesh Government, the various agencies and our development partners, will take this opportunity to review the overall water problem and take initiatives to formulate a long term, sustainable and affordable programme for safe watershed management in Bangladesh.

All profits from the sale of this book will be used to assist arsenic-affected families through UPOSHON the Bangladesh Arsenic Victims Rehabilitation Trust.

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