

Scheme of Internal Audit and Audit Follow-up

Stakeholders Consultation Workshop

Special Guest	: Dr. Ziaul Abedin, Addl. Secretary & NPD, SPFMS, Finance Division : Mr. Md Anwar Hossain, Chief Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) : Mr. Munshi Abdul Ahad, Addl. Secretary, Finance Division
Chief Guest	: Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Zafor, Director General, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
Chaired by	: Ms. Bilquis Jahan Rimi, Addl. Secretary, Finance Division
Date:	September 04-06 (Thursday-Saturday), 2025
Venue:	Ramada Hotel, Marine Drive Rd. Kolatoli Beach, Cox's bazar
Participants:	Officers of IAUs of 2 Departments (DGHS, LGED), Concerned M/Ds, PIT, IA Scheme.

A two days long Stakeholders Consultation Workshop was held from September 05 to 06, 2025, in Cox's bazar. The workshop conducted a peer review of internal audit activities of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). The event was organized by the Internal Audit & Audit Follow-up Scheme of the SPFMS Program under the Finance Division. Director General, DGHS, Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Zafor attended the workshop as Chief Guest, while the seminar was chaired by Ms. Bilquis Jahan Rimi, Addl. secretary, Budget & Macroeconomics, Finance Division.

Also present as special guests were Dr. Ziaul Abedin, Addl. Secretary (Budget-1) & National Program Director (NPD), SPFMS Program, Mr. Md Anwar Hossain, Chief Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Mr. Munshi Abdul Ahad, Additional Secretary, Finance Division and Nasima Parvin, Addl. Secretary & Head of PIT delivered the welcome address. Mohammad Atiquzzaman, Senior Financial Management Specialist, World Bank also spoke in the inaugural session.

During the inaugural session, presentations on various aspects of internal auditing were delivered by Mohammad Azad Sallal, Joint Secretary, Finance Division and Md Rafiqul Islam, Joint Secretary and Program Executive and Coordinator, SPFMS. The presentations emphasized the necessity of establishing an independent Internal Audit Unit (IAU) and developing a standardized organogram for reporting lines. Additionally, officials from DGHS and LGED shared updates on their progress in building the capacity of Internal Audit Units, execution activities, challenges faced, and the way forward. The workshop concluded with a consensus that strengthening internal audit functions is critical to promoting transparency, accountability, and effective service delivery in Bangladesh's health and infrastructure sectors.

