Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia

**Status: Ongoing**

**Project Partner:** United Cities and Local Government Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)

**Project Area:** Selected Municipalities in Nepal

**Project Duration:** May 2018 to October, 2020

**Aim:**
- To strengthen capacity of MuAN in implementing national policy and strategy on sanitation, with a focus on Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) and Non-Sewered Sanitation (NSS) system in line with SDG 6.2 and 6.3
- To contribute in improving the urban sanitation policy framework and guideline in collaboration with relevant ministries and stakeholders
- To implement the sanitation and investment plans in at least five pilot municipalities focusing on FSM policies, institutional, financial and regulatory framework
- To develop and improve the accessibility on financial options through different funding mechanisms such as Public-Private Partnerships, cooperation with banks and development

**Project Description:**
Faecal matter possess a serious health problems in most of the areas of Nepal. The cases of waterborne disease is significantly high due to human body contact with excreta and water sources being contaminated by faecal matter. Nepal, being one of the disaster prone countries, such as flood, including water supply drown by unclean water from contaminated river and poor sanitation facilities, the number of waterborne diseases tend to be higher. Since the government is responsible for this issue, they need to allocate a large amount of funds to address it. To solve these problems, capacity must be built within the local governments.
This project proposes to address the root causes of this problem by enhancing the local government’s capacity and networking in addition to adjusting the existing policy and implementing appropriate strategy to cope with this situation. Furthermore, this project mainly focuses on Faecal sludge management policy advocacy at municipal level.

**Proposed Project Outputs:**
- Establishment of Policy Advocacy Unit in MuAN
- Identify and mobilize sanitation champions of mayors
- Strengthen Provincial Learning Centers (PLCs) and Urban Resource Centre (URC) at MuAN
- Mainstreaming sanitation agenda within MuAN's strategic document
- Creation of urban sanitation forum in Nepal coordinated by MuAN.
- Supporting implementation of FSM IRF and preparation of model municipal sanitation policy/plan
- Sensitizing at least five model cities/municipalities on FSM institutional and regulatory framework
- Implementation of sanitation plans and business model for financing
- Model investment plan for municipalities
- Annual increase of FSM budget allocation in the pilot municipalities
- Increase number of private sectors involvement and investment in the FSM area
- Increase access to financial options through financial institutions and development partners

**Proposed Major Achievements:**
- Adoption of Sanitation Policy Framework and plan of implementation
- Regulation of FSM in model cities/municipalities