Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS)

Status: Ongoing

Project Partners: BMGF, Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)

Project Areas: Lahan Municipality, Siraha district, Province 2; Dhulikhel Municipality, Kavre district, Bagmati Province; Waling Municipality, Syangja district, Gandaki Province; Lamahi Municipality, Dang district, Province 5; Bheemdatt Municipality, Kanchanpur district, Sudurpachim Province

Project Duration: May 2018 to December 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;
- To contribute in improving the urban sanitation policy framework and guideline through collaboration with relevant ministries and stakeholders;
- To implement the sanitation and investment plans in 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:
The “Municipalities Network Advocacy in Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS)” project, focuses on Faecal Sludge Management policy advocacy at municipal level. The project emphasizes on strengthening capacity of local municipal association and municipalities in designing and implementing robust and developing effective policies on creating sustainable financing strategies on sanitation, particularly on FSM and NSS and improving sanitation policy framework with the joint collaboration with associated sanitation level stakeholders. Furthermore, this project, among others, focuses on capacity building, implementing national policy and strategy on sanitation with focus on FSM and NSS system in line with SDG 6.2.
Project Outputs:
- 179 Mayors, Deputy Mayors and elected officials sensitized on FSM and IRF through Provincial level workshop in Province 1, 5 and Sudurpaschim;
- Capacitated 114 municipal representatives and technical human resources from 5 pilot municipalities on FSM;
- Enhanced capacity and commitments of Champion mayors on municipal urban sanitation through exposure visits;
- Strengthen cooperation with Ministries and relevant stakeholders.
- Recognized MuAN as a member of NSHCC and a member of Urban Sanitation Promotion Committee (as a subcommittee);
- Organized learning visit program for 10 Mayors to Malaysia and Indonesia to enhance their knowledge on FSM;
- Published Sanitation Situation Report of 5 Pilot Municipalities;
- Deputy Mayors, CAO & FP of Pilot Municipalities learning visit to India;
- Regulated Fecal Sludge Management in 5 model cities/municipalities;
- Annual increase of FSM budget allocation in the pilot municipalities.

Major Achievements:
- Published SFD report of Lamahi and Bheemdatt Municipalities;
- Organized the first National Mayors’ Forum on Urban Sanitation with nine points Kathmandu Declaration on FSM;
- All 5 Pilot Municipalities endorse Municipal FSM Policy;
- FSTP DPR of Pilot Municipalities;
- Initiated construction of FSTP as per prepared DPR by Waling;
- MuAN endorses FSM in its Strategic Plan;
- Nepal Mayors share experience at international arena in APUF-7 (Penang, Malaysia);
- Establishment of FSM Desk in Pilot Municipalities.

Software Activities Conducted by the Project

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Beneficiaries:

274589 People Reached
(157055 Male and 117534 Female)