

Sani Bulletin



United for Impact: Elevating Training through Collaboration

On April 7, 2025, the National Water Supply and Sanitation Training Center (NWSSTC), in collaboration with the Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO), conducted a Learning and Sharing Workshop titled "Elevating Capacity Building Through Coordination" at Hotel Le Himalaya, Kathmandu. The event brought together 13 representatives from key government training institutions—NWSSTC, NASC, TITI, LDTA—along with ENPHO, creating a platform for exchanging institutional experiences and strengthening collaboration. Each organization shared their training approaches, helping to identify common ground and potential areas of partnership to enhance the national training ecosystem. This coordinated effort marked a step forward in building stronger ties among institutions dedicated to capacity building in the water and sanitation sector.

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Strengthening Inclusive Sanitation: GESI in Sanitation Training

A two-day training on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) in Sanitation was organized at Rubus Hotel, Dhangadhi on April 22 and 23, 2025, bringing together 18 participants, including WASH and GESI focal persons from various municipalities. The sessions focused on strengthening participants' understanding of how gender and social dynamics influence access to sanitation services, and how to practically integrate inclusive approaches into project design, implementation, and monitoring at the local level. Through interactive discussions and real-world examples, participants explored strategies to ensure sanitation services are equitable, accessible, and responsive to the needs of marginalized and vulnerable groups.

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Intro to FSM & CWIS Training: A Co-Financed Initiative with WSSDO Jhapa

The Water Supply and Sanitation Division Office (WSSDO), Jhapa, and ENPHO jointly organized and co-financed a training on FSM and CWIS on 20 to 22 May 2025 in Jhapa, aimed at promoting public health through safe management of human waste and sustainable sanitation solutions. The workshop brought together 28 participants—including engineers, WASH focal persons, public health inspectors, and women’s group representatives—from local government bodies. Through interactive discussions and practical learning, participants strengthened their understanding of the sanitation service chain, learned effective planning tools, and explored strategies to design and implement equitable sanitation systems within their municipalities.



Cross-Border Learning: Advancing FSSM & IWSM through Regional Collaboration

A virtual training program on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) and Integrated Wastewater and Septage Management (IWSM) was jointly conducted by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), India, and ENPHO, Nepal, as part of a regional collaboration effort. Held from 9–30 May 2025, the program engaged 30 participants from India and Nepal, representing government agencies, development partners, academic institutions, private sector, and independent professionals. The training focused on enhancing regional capacity in urban sanitation, while also fostering cross-border knowledge exchange and professional networking to promote sustainable and integrated wastewater management practices.



Collaborative Steps Towards Inclusive Sanitation: CWIS-FSM Training with LDTA

In a collaboration to strengthen urban sanitation systems, ENPHO and the Local Development Training Academy (LDTA) conducted a three-day workshop on Intro to FSM& CWIS in Butwal from May 20 to 22, 2025, engaging 24 municipal officials, offering practical insights and collaborative learning opportunities. Throughout the training, participants delved into the key elements of the sanitation service chain, learned to utilize effective planning tools, and developed strategies to design and implement sustainable and equitable sanitation solutions within their respective municipalities. This initiative represents a significant advancement in fostering local partnerships and promoting citywide inclusive sanitation.



Municipal Leaders on Sanitation Move: Exploring Nepal's Sanitation Initiatives 2025

The fourth batch of the Nepal Sanitation Tour was held from May 26–28, 2025, with the participation of 12 municipal delegates, including Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and sanitation focal persons, from different municipalities like Belbari, Sunwal, Surunga of Nepal. The tour was organized by ENPHO to provide hands-on learning opportunities by showcasing successful sanitation practices. Over three days, participants visited seven key sanitation sites across four cities in Bagmati and Gandaki Provinces. The tour served delegates to learn from practical examples and explore ideas they can replicate in their own municipalities.



Showcasing Robotic Innovation in Sanitation

On June 5, an insightful sharing session was organized by the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM), featuring Genrobotics Innovation, a pioneering company from India. The event highlighted the Bandicoot Robot—the world's first robotic scavenger. This groundbreaking sanitation robot combines advanced engineering and artificial intelligence to clean manholes, replacing the need for manual entry by sanitation workers. Designed with both technology and dignity in mind, the Bandicoot represents a transformative shift towards safer, more humane sanitation practices by eliminating direct human contact with hazardous waste environments.



Toward Endorsement: Knowledge Materials Review Workshop at DWSSM

The Knowledge Materials Review and Development Workshop, held on June 11, 2025, was convened specifically to review five key training packages developed by ENPHO as part of the endorsement process under the Government of Nepal. The packages—Containment Improvement, FSTP Design, FSTP Operation & Maintenance, GESI in Sanitation, and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)—were presented to a technical review team for detailed evaluation and feedback. Organized under the leadership of the DWSSM and supported technically by UN-Habitat, the workshop brought together government representatives, sector experts, and institutional partners. The workshop aimed to refine knowledge packages for future endorsement under the Government of Nepal logo and to set priorities for upcoming content development through the National Water Supply and Sanitation Training Center (NWSSTC). Constructive feedback was provided as part of the ongoing effort to institutionalize high-quality learning resources that strengthen citywide inclusive sanitation (CWIS) initiatives.



Strengthening Sanitation Systems: Training on FSM & CWIS

ENPHO in collaboration with Shanti Nepal, conducted a three-day training on “Introduction FSM and CWIS” at Hotel Sarathi, Dhadingbeshi on June 11–13, 2025. The program brought together 21 participants from municipalities across Dhading and Gorkha Districts—including Nilkantha, Dhunibeshi, Jwalamukhi, Gajuri, Benighatrorang, and Aarughatghat—as well as representatives from Shanti Nepal, Focus Nepal, and Community Transformation Society. The sessions provided national and global sanitation contexts, safe FSM practices across the entire service chain, design standards, public health and environmental considerations, and financial flows in sanitation systems. Participants engaged in interactive discussions around quantification, containment, treatment technologies, and stakeholder collaboration laying a strong foundation for inclusive and resilient sanitation solutions in their localities.



Strengthen your knowledge and skills in Citywide Inclusive Sanitation

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Introduction to CWIS for People with Disabilities
- CWIS ToT Refresher Training (Cohort I & II)
- Training on WASH & Climate Change
- Online Training: Chlorination of Drinking Water in Emergencies

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