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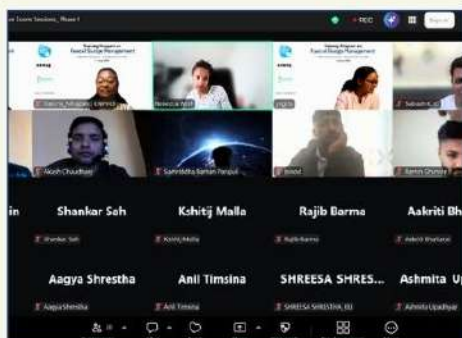
A Quarterly Snapshot of ENPHO's Activities and Impact

FANSA Nepal Chapter Highlights Inclusive Governance at South Asia Grassroots Assembly



FANSA Nepal Chapter played a key role in the South Asia Grassroots Assembly, held on 12–13 June in Kathmandu, by fostering a regional platform focused on inclusive governance, community leadership, and grassroots advocacy. The Chapter facilitated the participation of representatives from Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City, LGBTIQ+ communities, and informal settlements, enabling them to share practical experiences on social inclusion, local governance, resource mobilization, and community development. Through its engagement, FANSA Nepal Chapter enhanced the regional visibility of locally led inclusion initiatives, strengthened the representation of marginalized groups, and promoted cross-country learning among grassroots leaders and local government stakeholders. The event further highlighted FANSA Nepal Chapter's role in amplifying community voices and linking them with broader policy and development discussions on equitable governance and service delivery.

From Learning to Practice: A Three-Phase Learning Journey in Faecal Sludge Management (FSM)



ENPHO, with support from Eawag and the Global Sanitation Graduate School (GSGS), introduced a blended Faecal Sludge Management Training Program that combined self-paced online learning, in-person technical sessions, expert mentoring, and practical field exposure. Implemented from 4 May to 24 June 2026, the three-phase program engaged 20 participants from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University, Pokhara University, development organizations, and the private sector. By guiding participants from theoretical learning to hands-on design exercises and real-world observation, the blended approach strengthened their understanding of the complete FSM service chain and enhanced their confidence to contribute to safely managed sanitation in Nepal.

[Read more about the event](#)

Testing Today for Safer Water Tomorrow: Promoting Community-Based Water Quality Monitoring



ENPHO conducted four-day water quality testing booth campaigns in the Patleban Water Supply Scheme from 15–18 May 2026 and in the Changudada Water Supply Scheme from 5–8 June 2026 to promote safe drinking water practices and strengthen community-based water quality monitoring. Implemented in coordination with local ward offices, the campaigns trained 10 community volunteers in water sample collection, P/A Vial testing, and community mobilization. A total of 204 drinking water samples were tested, including 147 from Patleban and 57 from Changudada, covering water sources and household storage containers. The campaigns also raised awareness through live testing demonstrations and practical information on household water treatment, safe water handling, sanitation, and regular water quality monitoring.

From Sludge to Solutions: Strengthening Capacity in FSTP Design



A four-day training on Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) design was organized in Nagarkot from 6–9 April 2026 by the National Water Supply and Sanitation Research, Innovation and Capacity Development Centre (NWSSRICDC), with support from ENPHO, UN-Habitat, and Welthungerhilfe. It brought together 38 participants from municipalities, development partners, and private sector organizations.

The program provided a platform for technical learning, experience sharing, and capacity strengthening to support improved planning and design of faecal sludge treatment plants.

Testing the Waters: Strengthening Local Capacity for Drinking Water Quality Monitoring



A four-day training on Drinking Water Quality Testing (DWQT) was organized by ENPHO at ENPHO Hall, Kathmandu, from 7–10 April 2026. The training brought together 9 participants from different municipalities, civil society organizations, youth clubs, and development institutions across Nepal. Through discussions and hands-on practical sessions, participants developed essential skills in water sample collection, the use of portable water quality testing kits, interpretation of test results, and regular drinking water quality monitoring. The practical approach helped participants connect technical concepts with real field conditions and build confidence in conducting basic water quality assessments. The initiative aimed to strengthen local capacity for regular monitoring and support communities in accessing and sustaining safe, clean drinking water.

Learning Across Cities: Turning Sanitation Success into Local Action



ENPHO organized a Mentor City Cross-Learning Visit to Waling Municipality and Butwal Sanitary Private Limited on 29 April 2026, bringing together 9 officials from Ghorahi Sub-Metropolitan City, Tikapur Municipality, and Godawari Municipality, Kailali. The delegation included Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Chief Administrative Officers, and WASH Focal Persons. Through site observations, discussions with municipal officials, and collaborative learning sessions, participants explored successful urban sanitation practices led by Waling Municipality and the private sector.

Using a peer-to-peer learning approach, the visit supported participating municipalities in identifying practical and proven sanitation models that can be adapted and implemented within their own local contexts.

Joint Monitoring Visit Advances Stone Spout SOP and WASH Interventions in Changunarayan



A joint monitoring visit was conducted in Changunarayan Municipality on 27 May 2026 under ENPHO's Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) and SARWACHA projects, supported by BMZ/BORDA and Dopfer/WaterAid Nederland.

Municipal representatives and project teams visited stone spouts, water supply systems, school WASH facilities, and a health post to review ongoing interventions and assess progress in water, sanitation, and hygiene service delivery.

The visit focused particularly on advancing the adoption and institutionalization of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the operation, maintenance, and preservation of traditional stone spouts. Discussions also covered source protection, chlorination, long-term facility sustainability, and ongoing efforts to achieve a Safe Water Community in Patleban.

Building Local Leadership for Total Sanitation



ENPHO, in coordination with Ratauli Yuwa Club, conducted a three-day Total Sanitation Training in Janakpur from 2–4 June 2026.

The training brought together 21 participants representing eight government and non-governmental organizations. The program provided a shared learning platform to strengthen participants' knowledge of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene principles, total sanitation approaches, sustainable behaviour change, and improved hygiene practices.

Through discussions, practical exercises, and experience sharing, participants explored ways to address local sanitation challenges and promote community-led action. The training also strengthened coordination among participating organizations and encouraged them to apply the learning within their respective communities.

FCHVs Conduct Door-to-Door Water Safety Campaign in Patleban and Changudada



ENPHO mobilized 4 Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs) to conduct a door-to-door water safety awareness and monitoring campaign in Patleban and Changudada Water Supply Schemes. Over three days in June 2026, the volunteers visited 273 households, including 130 households in Patleban and 143 households in Changudada. Using a monitoring checklist, they assessed household practices against Water Safe Community indicators and collected information on water handling and hygiene behaviors. During household visits, the FCHVs provided counseling on safe water collection, storage, treatment, and consumption practices. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were also distributed to reinforce key public health messages and encourage improved household water management.

Strengthening Digital Learning and Capacity in Nepal's WASH Sector

ENPHO formally handed over the Online Training Delivery Room to NWSSRICDC on 17 June 2026 under the CWIS Scaling and Sanitation Innovation-II Project.

The facility was established to strengthen NWSSRICDC's capacity to deliver accessible and effective online training for WASH professionals, practitioners, and stakeholders across Nepal. By expanding opportunities for digital learning, the initiative supports wider knowledge sharing, continuous professional development, and long-term institutional capacity building in the WASH sector.

NWSSRICDC is now using the facility to conduct online training programmes and strengthen skills development across the sector.



Safer Water Through Smarter Planning: Strengthening Water Safety Plans



ENPHO, in coordination with Changunarayan Municipality, organized a two-day refresher training on 11–12 June 2026 to strengthen the implementation of Water Safety Plans (WSPs). The training brought together 23 participants, including municipal focal persons and members of Water User Committees representing 12 target water supply schemes. Participants refreshed their knowledge on water quality monitoring, chlorination, incident management, system maintenance, and the Water Safe Community audit process. Practical group exercises enabled each Water User Committee to review and update its Water Safety Plan by identifying risks, revising control measures, and preparing priority action plans for safer water supply management.

Tikapur Municipality Strengthens FSTP Sustainability Through Community Orientation on FSM and CWIS

At the request of Tikapur Municipality, ENPHO facilitated four orientation sessions on FSM and CWIS on 18–19 June 2026 for members of the Tole Sudhar Samiti. The sessions engaged 116 community leaders, including 83 women and 33 men, and focused on safe desludging, proper faecal sludge treatment, groundwater protection, and the public health risks associated with unsafe disposal practices.

Participants gained a clearer understanding of Tikapur Municipality's functional FSTP and the importance of transporting faecal sludge to the treatment facility rather than discharging it into rivers, forests, or agricultural land. The orientations also encouraged community leaders to promote regular desludging and safer sanitation practices within their neighborhoods.

The initiative strengthened community-level awareness and created a stronger foundation for safely managed municipal sanitation, while also supporting the effective use and long-term sustainability of Tikapur's FSTP.



From Turbid to Treated: Improving Drinking Water Safety in Changunarayan



ENPHO upgraded water filtration systems at selected health facilities, schools, and a ward office in Changunarayan Municipality after high turbidity was found to be reducing the effectiveness of the inline chlorination system.

New filtration units were installed at Duwakot Health Post, Bageshwori Health Post, Yapi Bhairab School, Gyanjyoti School, Tauthali School, and the Ward No. 9 Office. The systems remove suspended particles before chlorination, improving disinfection efficiency and providing safer drinking water for service users. The intervention highlights the importance of regular monitoring and timely technical improvements in maintaining safe water systems and protecting public health.

Strengthening Local Action for Water Safe Communities

ENPHO, in coordination with Changunarayan Municipality, conducted a refresher training on the Water Safe Community approach on 25–26 June 2026. The training brought together 50 participants from ward offices, health facilities, Self-Help Groups, and Water User Committees across 12 target communities.

Participants strengthened their understanding of the Water Safe Community framework, the Sustainability Assessment Tool, and the indicators required to achieve Water Safe Community status. They also enhanced their ability to collect and document evidence for assessing progress against these indicators. The training further covered routine water quality monitoring, household-level testing, and point-of-use water treatment in line with national standards.



Reviewing Progress, Sustaining Safer Healthcare Services



ENPHO organized the final review and dissemination workshop for the project on strengthening WASH, HCWM, and IPC services in healthcare facilities across Bagmati and Gandaki Provinces on 29 June 2026 in Kathmandu.

Implemented in collaboration with UNICEF, the Pandemic Fund, and the Management Division under the Department of Health Service, the project worked with five partner hospitals: Bhaktapur Hospital, Dhulagiri Provincial Hospital, Bharatpur Hospital, Pokhara Academy of Health Sciences (PoAHS), and Hetauda Hospital. The workshop highlighted key achievements, lessons learned, and improvements in infrastructure, waste management practices, IPC measures, and healthcare workers' capacity. Partner hospitals also shared examples of how the project contributed to safer, cleaner, and more resilient healthcare services. The event concluded with a shared commitment to sustain the progress achieved and strengthen continued collaboration across the health sector.

ENPHO Strengthens Regional Engagement Through Capacity-Building Initiatives in Sri Lanka

As part of its ongoing commitment to advancing WASH capacity development across South Asia, ENPHO represented Nepal in two training programs held in Sri Lanka in June 2026, jointly delivered with the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST) in collaboration with ADRA Sri Lanka and World Vision Sri Lanka. The training on Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (HWTS) brought together 44 professionals from government and non-government institutions, with ENPHO's technical expertise, facilitation approach, and training methodology widely appreciated by participating organizations, several of whom expressed interest in replicating similar initiatives. Alongside the training, ENPHO held strategic discussions with World Vision Sri Lanka, the Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA) National Chapter, and the Research and Development Organization (RDO) to explore future collaboration on capacity development and regional learning – reinforcing ENPHO's growing presence as a trusted resource organization for WASH capacity building across South Asia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Intro to CWIS Online - 17 July 2026
- CWIS ToT - 6 August 2026
- Community Health Promotion Training - 17 August 2026
- GESI In Sanitation Training -01 September 2026



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