# Diagnostic Tools and Guidelines for Fecal Sludge Management

#### Update on the current WSP FSM work

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Develop a 'package' of diagnostic and decision-making tools and guidelines for the development of improved Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) services as part of urban sanitation strategies and plans.

The scope considers city-wide septage services but focuses on how to serve poor urban communities, based on collection and analysis of primary and secondary data.



## **Tools and Guidelines Based on Evidence**

- Applying draft tools from WSP's '12 City FSM study', Emory University and Economics of Sanitation Initiative.
- Undertaking detailed case studies in 5 cities:
  - Fieldwork complete in Balikpapan and Dhaka, analysis in progress
  - In progress in Lima and Santa Cruz
  - Starts February 2015 in Hawassa
- Linked to WB investment projects for potential downstream implementation and learning.



#### **Tools and Guidelines Based on Evidence**



## **Survey Instruments and Sampling**

#### Household (HH) survey

- City-wide 30 clusters x 12 households / cluster = 360 city-wide HHs
- Slums 30 clusters x 12 households / cluster = 360 slum HHs

#### Transect walks

- Held in 10 randomly-selected city-wide clusters
- Held in all 30 slum clusters
- 30 drain and water samples for testing

#### **Focus Group Discussions**

• Held in 10 of the slum clusters

#### **Key Informant Interviews**

Conducted with >20 stakeholders

#### **Observation of service providers**

- Carried out over 5 emptying events (3 manual, 2 mechanised)
- 15 fecal sludge samples taken for testing during observations



#### Some Preliminary Findings From Dhaka and Balikpapan

- Poor FSM is widespread, and not only in poor areas
- Many septic tanks and pits discharge directly to drains
- Institutional delivery frameworks absent or weak

#### Dhaka

- Over 93% emptying is manual and informal
- Over 70% households discharge to drains.
- 14% poor households empty pits themselves.

#### Balikpapan

- 90% satisfaction with private sector emptying but cannot reach all houses in dense areas
- Pollution risk increased where high groundwater
- 80% interest in regular desludging service





### Timeline

- All fieldwork and analysis complete by April 2015
- Economics tool May 2015
- City case study reports Aug 2015
- Draft tools & implementation guidelines Nov 2015
- Final publications, website etc. Feb 2016





# Learning more about what we don't know ...

- Continuum from true 'septic tanks' to the most precarious pits. How to motivate improvements?
- Small septic tanks reduce capital cost but do they reduce BOD and capture sludge?
- High groundwater areas using wells what are safe low cost household options?
- Few design figures available for quantity and quality of septage removed from tanks and pits
- Hygienic emptying equipment suitable for dense slums
- Simple low cost sludge treatment at scale which doesn't require large land areas
- And many more issues emerging ... new agenda?





## **Context for the Tools and Guidelines**



But how does it actually work in practice?





### **Overview: Fecal Waste Flows – the SFD**



# **Diagnostic and Decision-making Tools (1)**



# **Diagnostic and Decision-making Tools (2)**



# **Diagnostic and Decision-making Tools (3)**



# **Service Delivery Assessment Framework**



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# **Political Economy Analysis**

# Who will be responsible for and interested in ensuring adequate FSM?

- Many stakeholders. Motivations? Coordination?
- Clarify roles and accountability relationships
- Both formal and informal processes and institutions
- Identify degrees of influence and interest
- Target key centers/individuals of influence
- Align interests for sustainability and 'win-win'
- Consider regulation, rewards, sanctions





## **Expected Output**

- Diagnostic tools:
  - SFD \*
  - SaniPath-FSM \*
  - Sludge volume estimation
  - SDA

#### Project design inputs:

- Political Economy Analysis
- Re-use potential and markets
- Economic analysis
- Project implementation guidelines
  - Products for different target audiences
  - Explicit consideration of political economy
  - Synergy to other initiatives from BMGF, SANDEC etc





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