

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Second Joint Sector Review (Process Report)



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1. Background

The joint sector review (JSR), a bi-annual process initiated by the Ministry of Urban Development in 2011, acts as a forum for performance assessment, policy guidance, coherent approach to planning and budgeting. Open to all stakeholders, JSR brings together a broad spectrum of stakeholders comprising of government officials, development partners, NGOs, civil society and the private sector. This is the process report of the 2nd JSR which started from planning meeting organized on 21 February 2014 and culminated on conference held from 31st March-1st April 2013 at Godavari Resort, Godavari, Lalitpur. JSR process includes different activities: Technical Working Group (TWG), Field visits, JSR Conference

2. JSR II Process Framework

Preparation work: Before Joint Planning meeting technical team in SEIU prepared JSR II concept, Process activities, timeline, funding, management committee, resolution committee, Tentative composition of TWG, LVT and working guideline Conference schedules and report content.

Joint Planning Meeting (21 Feb): Joint planning meeting was organized by inviting all SSG. The meeting chaired by the Secretary (MoUD) and coordinated by Mr A. K. Mishra (joint-secretary of MoUD) was participated by 70 persons including GO, DP, INGO, NGO/CSOs. In the meeting, context of JSR II, JSR II Process, Timeline and guidelines were shared and principally agreed.

Formation of Thematic working Group and Brainstorming meeting (26&28 Feb): Eight Thematic Working Groups (TWG) were formed with leaders from Government, Co-leaders from one of the partner's organizations and member-secretary from related section of MOUD/DWSS and other members from SSG Member agencies. Two hour Brainstorming sessions were organized for understanding team, exploring issues and dividing roles with further plans for team actions. TWG also developed checklist for LVT in their respective area.

Learning Visits (3-9 March): Five Learning Visit teams (LVT) were formed with Chief of RMSO and Member- secretary of RWASHCC and One of the partner's agencies as Co-lead and officials from MOUD/DWSS as coordinator/facilitators. Purpose of LVT was to bring regional prospective for JSR II. Team visited to respective regions covering about four districts (Hills and Terai) visited rural and urban WS projects, V/M/D/R WASH CC and finally participated in regional workshop. Team focused mainly on best practices, lesson learned and situation in line with thematic area.

Learning Visit Sharing Meeting (14 March): Learning visit team upon returning from field quickly prepared presentation for sharing learning /experiences mainly for TWG. LVT presented regional WASH situation, visit highlights and findings in eight thematic areas in line with checklist provided prior to the visit.. TWG developed regional analysis for their theme based on this sharing and also expanded their situation analysis.

TWG Sharing Meeting (18 March): TWG sat for several round of meetings and worked based on task division and developed draft position paper. Position paper included Introduction, policy analysis, situation analysis, recommendations and Action plan

(Developed later). Team presented their findings with focus on situation and recommendations and got feedback from the SSG.

Second Joint Sector Review Conference (31march &1 April): JSR II process culminated in the two days conference. Conference was conducted with the motto –“ One WASH Plan and Sector Harmonization”. The Conference was participated by 200 stakeholders including 25 as regional representative nominated by RWASHCC. In the conference LVT and TWG presented their findings. TWG worked on recommendations and action plan in separate group and presented final recommendation and action plan. Resolution team prepared set of resolution based on recommendations and discussion in the conference and presented in the conference. Representative of the stakeholder group committed for applying recommendations and resolution.

Resolution committee: Resolution committee was formed with coordination of A. K. Mishra (MoUD) and members from representatives form GO, DP, INGO, NGO/CSO. Guiding principles and action process was prepared and agreed in management committee.

Management Committee (MC): Management committee chaired by the Secretary (MoUD) and comprised of representative of GOs, DPs, INGOs, NGO/CSOs as members was formed as guiding body for JSR II process and conferences. MC held meeting two times formally and watched the process closely.

3. JSR II Process

3.1 Joint Planning Meeting (21 February)

Joint planning meeting was organized inviting all SSG meeting on 21 Feb. 2014 in MoUD. Meeting was participated by 70 persons from various stake holders groups: GOs, DPs, INGOs, NGO/CSOs. The meeting was chaired by Kishore Thapa, Secretary, MoUD and coordinated by A. K. Mishra, Joint- Secretary, MoUD. Following key points were presented discussed and agreed in the meeting:

1. Meeting agreed on JSR process through following activities.
 - Brainstorming meetings of eight TWGs planned for 26&28 Feb, 2014
 - Learning visit for 3-9 March,2014
 - Meeting of learning visit team and TWG planned for 10-14 March, 2014
 - Common SSG meeting Planned for 17 March(Changed to 18 March, 2014) and
 - JSR conference planned for 26&27 March, 2014 (Changed to 31 March &1 April, 2014
2. The meeting principally agreed on the guideline prepared for the eight TWGs and five learning visit teams, as well as the team composition.
3. Changes of names and addition of members in various TWG is acceptable but same person cannot take part in the more than one TWG. Similarly members of the learning visit can make mutual interchange.
4. Meeting agreed principally on conference program, resolution process and reporting format.

5. A.K. Mishra requested sector partners to verbally confirm their commitment to the JSR and assist in making it a success. On behalf of government programmes, Jeevan Shrestha on behalf of Dolidar and Mr Ramesh Adhikari on behalf of MOFALD, and Ram Chandra Sah on behalf of DWSS and Maheswor Yadav for RWSSFDB confirmed their commitment, while Jukka Ilomaki(Finnish Embassy) on behalf of Development Partners, Govinda Shrestha(Water Aid Nepal) on behalf of INGO, Lajana Manandhar on behalf of Civil Society, Rajendra Aryal (FEDWASUN) on behalf of nation-wide user committees committed to make JSR a success and provide necessary support.
6. Kishore Thapa, Secretary, MOUD made his remarks and wished for success of JSR and suggested partners to avoid other program during critical events of the JSR process as much as possible. Mr Thapa emphasized to provide inputs to the WASH Development Plan during JSR process and conference. During this remark, he also mentioned that there is political pressure for new projects whereas the sustainability of existing systems is at risk. ODF movement is going ahead as a social movement it is now time for waste water treatment and environmental protection. Management committee and TWG team has to be active to make JSR event success as we did in SACOSAN.

3.2 Thematic Working Group Brainstorming meeting (26&28 Feb)

Formation of TWG started since Joint Planning Meeting organized through formal and informal meetings. Systematic meeting was organized for brainstorming on respective themes. Meeting was facilitated by lead, co-lead and member secretary of the respective groups. Purpose of Brain-storming was to explore potentials issues and role division and task planning among team members for producing position paper on their theme. The TWG developed rapport among members, understood guideline and tasks, defined theme, explored issues and scope under topics and divided roles among team members and agreed on way forward. The TWG During brain- storming discussed on topics based on report or previous JSR, specific points indicated in the Guideline, experiences of members. The TWG also discussed on checklist of learning visit team on their part and prepared checklist which was later developed as set of questions uniformly and considering context and time of LVT.

SN	Activities	Time	Hall
1	Institutional Framework and Capacity Building	10.00-12.00	Executive
2	Gender Equity and Social Inclusion	10.00-12.00	Rubi
3	Functionality and Sustainability	14.00-16.00	Executive
4	Monitoring and Evaluation	14.00-16.00	Rubi
5	Hygiene and Sanitation	10.00-12.00	TV Hall
6	DRR & Climate Change	10.00-12.00	Caravan
7	Water Quality	14.00-16.00	TV Hall
8	Sector Finance	14.00-16.00	Caravan

3.3 Learning Visit Sharing (14 March)

Meeting was organized so that learning visit team can share their learning/ experiences with active members of the JSR process mainly TWG. Meeting was organized on 14 March in Trade Tower Business Complex, Thapathali from 1:00-4:00PM and was participated by about 80 participants. Five learning team presented on pre-defined format covering Team composition, activities, visit highlights with focus on best practices and lesson learned with photos and thematic findings with way forwards. Meeting was organized informally with TWG leaders or their representative on dais located on both sides of the front row in the hall. TWG Representatives on dais: ICB: A.K. Mishra, FIN: Deepak Puri, M&E: Kabindra B. Karki, FS: Henk, SAN: Khom Bahadur Subedi, WQ: Ram Chandra Devkota, GESI: Himalaya Panthi, DRR/CC: Jyoti Kumar Shrestha Presentors: ER: Pratap Sharma Poudel and Arinita Maskey, CR: Bhushan Bhattarai and Shrish Singh, WR: Bhupendra Aryal and Dhruba Karki, MWR: Shankar Pathak, FWR: Pragya Shrestha and BB Thapa

After presentation from all teams each TWG got chance to ask one question on their theme to each of the LVT. LVT committed to incorporate answers to questions of the TWG in their report.

Eastern region: Team observed that focus of the region is more on Sanitation than on water supply. Water users committees are strong and leading sanitation campaign in many cases but they lacked linkage with V/D WASH CC. There are no dedicated focal persons from agencies and there investment on WASH is still not clear. Annual budget is remaining the same for long time in many districts. Joint monitoring system is not in place. Functionality is affected by source disputes and maintenance funds. Sanitation strategy is not in place in few districts and many VDCs. There is no dedicated plan for Water Quality (WQ) improvement. Women still hesitate to speak in the meetings. Water sources are drying.

Center Region: Team observed that focus is on sanitation than water supply. Finance is not adequate, there is demand for private connection and tariff are varying from place to place and financial management very poor except some examples.. There is no record of systematic monitoring and recording. Private taps are functional but public taps have problems. HSMP is still unknown to many people, Public toilets are challenging. There is no effective system for WQ improvement and POU knowledge is poor. Women do not participate in WUSC and no trend for disable toilet and support to ultra poor are there. Regional workshop was organized on 10 March but not participated by many from the region. Workshop worked discussed in thematic issues in the region based on findings of the visit team itself.

Western Region: DWASH CCs are active after ODF but VWASHCC are not very active. Institutional and public toilets are not discussed giving stress in the DWASHCC meetings.. Demand for private taps have increased. There is no trend for systematic monitoring. Many districts have WASH strategic plan. Solid waste management and wastewater and public toilets are emerging challenges. There is increasing trend of WSP for WQ improvement. Gender friendly toilets are not moving. There is report of depleting water sources.

Mid Western Region: DWASH CC and VWASHCC have been formed in all districts and VDCs. Decentralized planning is in place. Little budget available from local bodies. Focus is for new schemes than rehabilitation and maintenance of existing facilities. There is no integrated monitoring system for water sanitation and hygiene. Resource center exists but not strengthened. WQ tested during construction only and stakeholders do not know about regional laboratories. No strategy for post ODF, Health and education agencies are less active

during ODF campaign and insufficient public toilets. Under representation in users committee, Chaupadi system hindering ODF campaign. Sources are drying, all districts have contingencies plan for disasters.

Far Western Region: Coordination committees have limited roles after ODF. Choupadi system is hindering continuation of ODF. So does the expectation of getting subsidies.. Example of third party joint monitoring has been observed in Bajhang. Demands are high for new projects on the contrary to coverage and less demand for sustaining existing services. Specific need of emerging town like SWM, drainages are not in priority. Arsenic and Calcinations problem in *Bhavar* zone is critical but there are no strategic actions. Chaupadi system hinders sanitation coverage. Region is disaster prone with flood and diarrheal outbreak mainly due to poor HW practices.

3.4 Thematic Working Group Sharing (18 March)

This meeting was organized to review progress of TWGs. All TWG prepared draft position paper including Introduction, situation analysis, regional findings, recommendations and action plan. Sharing meeting was organized on 18 March from 1:00-4:00 in Trade Tower Business Complex, Thapathali. Meeting was participated by about 80 persons including active members of TWG and LVT, SSG representatives and Management Committee. Member of management Committee was also invited but only half of them could participate. Team leader seated on dais arranged in two sides of front row in the hall.. TWG leader or their representative presented their papers focusing situation and recommendations in 10 minutes.

TWG representatives on the dais were:

Presenters: ICB: Ashutosh Tiwari(Member), FIN: Silva Shrestha(Co-lead), M&E: Kabindra Karki(Lead), FS: Shankar Pathak(Co-lead), SAN: Ram Chandra Sah(MS), WQ: Sudan Raj Panthi(Co-Lead), GESI: Himalaya Panthi(Member), DRR/CC: Jyoti Kumar Shreatha(Lead)

After all presentation up to three feedback from floor was collected for each theme for improvement.

Coordinator of the JSR II **AK Mishra (MOUD) made few remarks** at the end of the meeting. He questioned for absent of key members of the TWG in the meeting. If there is more feedback – please provide them to the TWGs. He suggested those participants who did not get chance to speak to provide feedback in written form. He stressed that the institutions should function in systems – rather than on individual's commitment/interest. We need to think of strengthening DWSHCCs and empower them. Recommendations should be practical – should be specific and realistic. The inclusion of Regional Administrator in the leadership role has been very helpful!

3.5 Management Committee Formation:

Management committee chaired by Secretary (MoUD) and comprised of representative of GOs, DP, INGOs, NGO/CSOs as members was formed as guiding body for JSR II process and conferences. The Management Committee (MC) met two times formally and watched the process closely.

Members:

MoUD	Kishore Thapa, Secretary	Chair/ Overall Guidance
MoUD, WSED	Abadh Kishore Mishra, JS, MoUD	Coordinator

NPC, Infrastr.	Gopi Nath Mainali, JS, MoUD	Member
DWSS	Ishwori Pd Poudyal, DG,DWSS	Member
RWSSFDB	Maheshwor Yadav, ED,RWSSFDB	Member
DoLIDAR	Bhim Pd Upadhayay, DG DoLIDAR	Member
UNICEF	Anti Rautavara, WASH Chief, Unicef	Member
ADB(DP)	Laxmi Sharma, Sr Program Officer	Member
Finnish Embassy (DP)	ILomäki Jukka	Member
WANepal	Ashutosh Tiwari	Member
CSO	Lajana Manandhar	Member
FEDWASUN	Rajendra Aryal	Member
SEIU	Kabindra Bikram Karki, SDE,SEIU	Member Secretary

First Management Committee Meeting (9 March): In this meeting ADB was absent, RWSSFDB, DWSS and DoLIDAR nominated representative and rest were present. SEIU team also participated as invited. Following points were discussed and agreed in the meeting

1. JSR2 Process time line: Committee reviewed process time line and suggested to follow the current time line.
2. Thematic Working Group(TWG) status: Committee reviewed status and planned action and including format for position paper and suggested to follow the current process
3. Learning Visit Team(LVT)status: Committee reviews status and plan for LVT including report format and suggested to follow the current process
4. JSR2 Conference: Committee reviewed program schedule of JSR2 conference and suggested to move on forward planning with slight modification.
5. Participants for JSR2 conference: Committee reviewed criteria for inviting participants for JSR2 conference and suggested for ministry to make list and invite participants
6. Resolution: Committee reviewed principles and resolution team and Time line. Team will be coordinated by Abadh Kishore Mishra, JS, WESD Division. Coordinator will assign a person to work as facilitators.
7. Financial guideline for learning visit: Committee suggested to prepare updated cost of JSR2 including Learning visits(in line with its guideline), TWG and Conference with funding sources and share with Management committee meeting.
8. Media team: Committee realized need of media campaign during conference and suggested to form media team. Water Aid agreed to provide technical and financial support for media campaign and provide a focal person.
9. Poster Presentation: Committee realized importance to have various posters outside of conference hall and suggested to ask member agencies to prepare WASH related poster.
10. Remarks of the Secretary: The Secretary suggested to make balance between principles and learning experiences and to make conference interesting. He also suggested to use Jal Tarang during opening of the conference.

Second management committee meeting (27 March): In this meeting all members were present except that DoLiDAR nominated representative. Key person from TWG(lead, co-lead and Member Secretary) were also invited and Facilitators of LVT were also invited. Meeting discussed and agreed following points.

1. Sharing by TWG work progress and key recommendations: Eight Thematic Working Groups presented work progress and presented recommendations. MC provided feedback on recommendations. TWG were advised to make up to ten recommendations with complete meaning, addressing gaps in its own thematic area and focus on policy and strategic direction which can be implemented within two years. TWG leaders agreed to submit complete position paper by 28 March.

2. Resolution drafting team: MC agreed take responsibility of resolution team by themselves. Mr AK Mishra(Joint Secretary, MoUD) will form working team including one or two facilitators. MC will review resolution in line with agreed principles before submission for signing. Resolution will be signed by representatives of GO(MOUD, MOFALD, MOHP and MOE), DP, INGO and NGO/CSO.
3. Next JSR: MC decided to organize next full JSR in 2016. Regular interactions among stakeholders will be organized for reviewing implementation of recommendations and resolutions.
4. Representation and members for JSR: Criteria for being member of JSR will be defined. DP, INGO and NGO/CSO will have its own alliance among members with defined representatives which can be changed on rotational basis for further action of JSR and other collaborative activities of the WASH sector.
5. Cost and funding: MC suggested preparing one page summary of JSR2 cost and funding sources. It was agreed to provide cost of participants nominated by RWASHCC as per Gov rules. Cost of other participants will be covered by respective agencies. All expenditures of JSR process will be endorse by MC.
6. Agenda for specific commitment in SWA-HLM 2012: MC and TWG agreed to submit six specific area including sector assessment; Joint Sector reviews for coordination; Evident based planning and Monitoring; Sanitation and Hygiene Master Plan, Sustainability and sector financing in line with outcomes of JSR process. Document will be reviewed by a team separately.
7. Remarks of Chair: Thanked TWGs and MC members for making every effort. Issues, outputs and outcomes should be presented very clear and understandable to political leaders. When our political representatives start discussing on WASH issues and know the ground reality it becomes very easy to propose correct decisions. Our job is to make it realistic.
8. The chair advised to ensure that important stakeholders and champions should not be left out in the process. Also, civil society through CSO and FEDWASUN should be very vocal on all the issues raised in the committees. DPs and INGOs are thanked for providing financial and technical support and harmonize their institution and strategy, philosophy and ideas in line with Government strategy. Our common agenda is to serve the people of Nepal.

3.6 Resolution Committee formation and process:

Resolution committee was formed with coordination of AK Mishra(MoUD) and members from representatives form GO, DP, INGO, NGO/CSO. Guiding principles and action process was prepared and agreed in management committee.

Guiding principles:

- Resolution will represent present WASH context in Nepal and provide guidance for the near future
- Resolution will make morally binding principles for WASH sector to move forward
- Resolution will focus on sector harmonization, WASH plan and accelerating functional sector and its services
- Resolution will be based on input of TWG, Learning visits and key sessions.
- Resolution will give strategic guideline on eight theme, regional coordination and towards one wash plan

Process outline:

- Meeting of Resolution Drafting Committee
- Development of Resolution formats
- Development of list of resolution points based on inputs of TWG, Learning Visit Team, outcomes of sessions and views of participants in the process

- Preparation of Draft resolution and get feedback in the plenary session of JSR workshop
- Signing of resolution in agreed officials during conference workshop
- Development of action plan for adopting resolutions by SEIU and sharing in next management meeting

Resolution Drafting Team: Coordinator of Management Committee Mr AK Mishra formed working team in consultation with member of the MC including facilitators (Kamal Adhikari).

3.7 JSR II Conference

JSR II process which started from Joint Planning meeting held on 21 February culminated on conference organized on 31 March and 1 April. Conference program comprised of eight plenary sessions and one Group work. In the first day after opening and presentation on current status of WASH Development plan five learning visit team (LVT) and eight thematic working group(TWG) team presented their works. LVT focused on learning visit highlights and thematic findings and TWG focused on analysis and recommendations. Thematic Working Group did further works in separate team and presented final recommendation and action plan. Resolution team developed resolutions in eight thematic areas. Resolution was passed by conference and conference was closed with commitment for organizing next full JSR in 2016 and meeting regularly for follow up of action plans

Day I: 31 st March 2014		
Time	Programme	Session Team
08.00-09.00	Breakfast/Registration	
09.00-11.00	Plenary Session I: Opening Session <i>Arrival of Guests, Welcome/objective of the JSR, Opening, Presentation of WASH sector status.</i> <i>Opening remarks by NPC, MOUD, MOFALD, MOHP, MOE, DP, INGO, CSO, FEDWASUN</i>	Chief guest: Hon. Minister (MoUD) Chair: Kishore Thapa (Secretary, MoUD) Session Leader: AK Mishra (Joint Secretary, MOUD)
11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee	
11.30-12.30	Plenary Session II: <i>Status of the WASH Sector Development Plan by Sector Efficiency Improvement Unit (SEIU)</i>	Chair: Kishore Thapa (Secretary, MoUD) Session leader: Lajana Manandhar (CSO)
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15.30	Plenary Session III: Presentation of learning visit findings. <i>(Five presentations @10 minutes each)</i>	Chair: Jeevan Shrestha, DDG DoLIDAR Session leader: Jukka Ilomaki (Embassy of Finland)
15.30-17.00	Plenary Session IV: Presentation of position papers from eight thematic working groups <i>(Eight presentations@10 minutes each)</i>	Chair: Ishowari Pd. Poudyal (DG DWSS) Session Leader: Laxmi Sharma (ADB)
Day II: 1 st April 2014		
08.00-09.00	Breakfast	
9.00-10.00	Plenary Session V: Presentation of best water supply and sanitation practices. <i>(Total sanitation (Amarapuri), Sanitation movement (MWR) and Water supply(Mangadh)</i>	Chair: Suman Pd. Sharma(Comptroller General) Session Leader: Ashutosh Tiwari (Water Aid)

10.00-13.00	Group work : Recommendations and action plan on thematic areas. (<i>Eight group in eight location plus one additional groups on WASH Development Plan and Coordination</i>)	Chair: Hari Prasad Sharma(Water Tariff Fixation Committee) Session Leaders: TWG
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15:30	Plenary Session VI: Presentation of thematic action plan (<i>Eight presentation @ 7 minutes plus Q/A</i>)	Chair: Hari Prasad Sharma Session Leader: Antti Rautavara (Unicef)
15.30-16.30	Plenary Session VII: Resolution presentation and discussion	Chair: Gopi Nath Mainali (NPC) Session Leader: Ramesh Adhikari
16.30-17.00	Plenary Session VIII: Closing : <i>Resolution signed by Secretaries of MOUD, MOFALD, MOHP, MOE, MOF, DP, INGO &CSO</i>	Guest: Chair: Kishore Thapa (Secretary, MoUD) Session Leader: AK Mishra (Joint Secretary, MoUD)
16.30-17.00	High Tie	

Plenary Session I: Opening



Secretary of Ministry of Urban Development chaired the opening session and the Minister for Urban Development inaugurated it. An instrumental *jal taranga* was played at the beginning of the session, followed by National Anthem.

List of Guests on Dias during the Opening Session

Narayan Khadka, Minister, Ministry of Urban Development
 Kishore Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development (Chair of the Session)
 Narayan Gopal Malegu, Secretary, Ministry of Education
 Gopi Krishna Khanal, Joint Secretary, MOFALD
 Abadh Kishore Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development
 Gopi Nath Mainali, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission
 Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director, NRM Asian Development Bank
 Ishwori Prasad Paudyal, Director General, DWSS
 Bhip Prasad Upadhaya, Director General, DoLIDAR
 Ashutosh Tiwari, on behalf of INGOs
 Kalawati Pokharel, on behalf of Civil Society Organizations
 Lajana Manandhar, on behalf of Civil Society Organizations
 Rajendra Aryal, President, FEDWASUN

Mr AK Mishra explained objectives of the JSR II and presented sector challenges. Ms Kalabati Pokhrel on behalf of CSO expressed willingness of CSOs in take role in reaching the goal of sector. Mr Kenichi Yokoyama appreciated for demonstrated leadership government and every body's participation in the JSR II process and indicated some challenges. Mr Rajendra Aryal clarified reason for existence of FEDWASUN and its role in achieving national goals and sustaining achievement. Mr Ashutosh Tiwari expressed unity of INGOs while working for the poor and marginalized as filler of the gaps where government has not reached for some reasons. Mr Gopi Krishna Khanal expressed promises of MOFALD to add to WASH sector initiatives. Mr Narayan Gopal Malegu expressed interest of MOE to move ahead in a coordinated manner. Honorable Minister Khadka expressed his happiness on harmonized and collaborative efforts and indicated some issuses to be exercised for meeting joint goals. Mr Kishore Thapa highlight on need for further harmonization and vertical coordination to address the issues properly.

Plenary Session II: Presentation on WASH Development Plan and Coordination



Presentation: *Status of National WASH Sector Development Plan by Sector Efficiency Improvement Unit (SEIU)*

This session of the day was chaired by Kishore Thapa, Secretary at the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and the Session Leader was Lajana Manandhar.

Initially the Session Leader highlighted the importance of National WASH Sector Development Plan (SDP) that has been drafted by Sector Efficiency Improvement Unit (SEIU)/MoUD. The major objective of the session was to share key elements of WASH SDP and collect feedback from sector stakeholders on the content.

Mr Kabindra B. Karki and Han Heijnen The jointly presented on the proposed 'National WASH Sector Development Plan. Mr Karki presented a brief overview of the WASH sector and highlighted disparities in Water Supply and Sanitation coverage among different geographical regions of the country. Mentioning about the lowest sanitation coverage in Terai region, especially in Central Development Region, he also emphasized on moving towards Sector-wide Approach (SWAp) to harmonize the sector effectively. Followed by Karki's, Mr Heijnen in his presentation mentioned that there is urgent needed of SDP in order to address sector investment priority issues like Reaching the Unreached, Hygiene and Sanitation,

Functionality and Water Quality that was agreed during the Joint Sector Assessment in 2011. His presentation included the draft content and objectives of the proposed WASH SDP.

Immediately after the presentation, participants were requested to give their feedback on the presentation. Following are the feedback received from participants:

Balkrishna Pokhrel (FEDWASUN) asked how does this proposed Plan addresses the issues like WASH governance and transparency? Policies are silent about children's participation. How will this issue be dealt?

Manoj K Lal, RWSSFDB said that Rural WSSP 2004 is focused on gravity flow design of water supply systems, need to make revisions. Need to segregate non-labour intensive and labour intensive projects – 10% contribution is a major issue in case of poor! The water supply system (design) should have more than 45 lpcd provision in the present context.

Mukti Pokharel, NRCS said that meaningful participation of children at all stages should be ensured. WASH should be linked with life skill aspects and child friendly facilities should be promoted.

Arinita Maskey, Unicef asked how do we involve private sector in WASH initiatives?

Paristhit Shrestha said that we should link water supply and sanitation with livelihood in order to ensure Functionality and Sustainability. Should initiate Integrated and Multiple-use of Water approaches. Policy should be revised so that we can mobilize unused funds of WSUC – why do we promote banks not local cooperatives?

Thompson, WHO said there is huge proportion of non-revenue water/unaccounted water - due to leakage and breakdown. In order to ensure functionality and financial sustainability we need to increase tariff. The capacity for reducing non-revenue water is very low – need to increase capacity in metering and management of Water Tap meters.

Prem Datta Bhatta, RVWRMP said PPP model – seems achievable in bigger systems but not in small systems. Groundwater Pollution – linked to pit latrine – should be addressed.

Many other participants were also raising their hands for a chance to put their suggestions/feedback on the proposed WASH SDP. Due to time limitation, the feedback round of the session was closed and the Session Chair, Thapa suggested participants to provide their feedback, if any, in written form.

Concluding the session, Thapa mentioned that we need to define our sector wherein we should think of bringing on board the Academia and Private Sector who has not been involved adequately. He further highlighted the need to link WASH with livelihood and further emphasized to interlink with integrated Water Resource Management. Finally, he stressed on identifying local challenges and making local level implementation plan based on the National WASH SDP.

Plenary session III: Presentation from LVT



This session was chaired by Jivan Kumar Shrestha from DoLIDAR and Jukka Ilomaki from the Embassy of Finland was the Session Leader.

All the team leaders and co-leaders of the LVTs were asked to be seated in the front. The team leaders were the chief of RMSOs in the regions and co-leaders were Arinita Maskey (UNICEF) for ER; Bhushan Tuladhar (UN Habitat) for CR; Sanna Leena Rautanen (RWSSP/WN) for WR; Madan Bhatta (Helvetas) for MWR and Kari Leppanen (RVWRMP) for FWR.

Jukka Ilomaki, session leader gave a brief background to the progress made since the last JSR. He said that progress has been going well. He also thanked the LVT for their efforts and collaboration in bringing forward important findings from their field visits. He then asked each team to go in order and present their findings. He requested to briefly introduce the team before proceeding to the presentation. Presented started from Eastern Region and end from Far western Region. All presentation was initiated by session leaders and detail presentation was made by one of the representative.

Remarks from Jukka Ilomaki, Session Leader

After all the regions presented their findings, Jukka Ilomaki, Session Leader summarized the major findings. He said that there were a number of issues that were presented by the development regions. In the Mid Western and Far Western region; ODF movement seems to be going extremely well however when it comes to Chaupadi, the sustainability of ODF remains a question as most girls and women are prohibited to use toilets during their menstrual periods.

Remarks from Jivan Shrestha, Chair

After the session leader delivered the summary of findings; Jivan Shrestha, Chair of the session was asked to close the plenary session. He said that in all presentations it was observed that all regions of Nepal were keen to achieve the universal target. A minimum of 4 districts have been visited by the LVT and some even travelled to 8 districts which is a good achievement in a short amount of time. The visits demonstrated the mandated 8 thematic areas, highlighted the existing issues that have come through very clearly.

He explained that the local government has mandate and in WASH since 2004; therefore he emphasized the importance of working through the local government. He further explained that capacity building is a major factor for the success of WASH programs, especially while working at the local level; focus should be on capacity enhancement.

Plenary Session IV: Presentation from TWGs



This session was chaired by Ishwari Prasad Poudyal, Director General of Department of Water Supply and Sewerage (DWSS) and Laxmi Sharma from Asian Development Bank was the Session Leader

Ms. Sharma briefed about the session and requested all presenters to complete their presentation within allocated time. The main objective of the session was to share key findings and recommendation on different thematic areas and receive feedback from the wider group present at the conference.

Ms. Sharma, changing the previously followed order, invited Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) thematic group instead of Institutional Framework and Capacity Building group, to make a presentation at the beginning.

Starting his concluding remarks, Poudyal, the Chair emphasized on Integrity in the WASH sector for accountability, transparency and participation. He urged all to make sure that the recommendations are doable/pragmatic not dogmatic.

Plenary Session V: Best Practices



This session was chaired by Suman Prasad Sharma, Comptroller General and Session leader was Ashutosh Tiwari, Country Director, Water Aid Nepal.

The session had a presentation of three case studies from the communities as best examples or practice in the WASH sector. The case studies were (1) Amrapuri Total Sanitation, Amrapuri VDC, Nawalparasi District (2) Promising initiatives and best practices from mid-western region (6) Business Plan of Mangadh Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Morang District

Case Study 1: Amarapuri Total Sanitation, Amarapuri VDC, Nawalparasi District

Presenter: Bishnu Prasad Kandel, Field Coordinator and Lab Technician of Amarapuri Water Supply and Sanitation Users Committee: Amarapuri is ODF VDC, Its Water Supply System has applied Water Safety Plan and known as WSP resource center. VDC has been declared as first Total Sanitation VDC in Nepal fulfilling 5+1 indicators in line with TS guideline of DWSS.

Case Study 2: Promising Initiatives and Best Practices from Mid western region

Presenter: Madan Bhatta, HELVETAS and Arun Simkhada, DWSDO, Dang : Region has adopted Aligning for action initiated in 2010 with the concept on harmonise working modality among all development partners and social actors working in WASH and develop a working model through joint effort. Region has used some exemplary works line Sanitation Commando; Danbir; V-WASHCC social mobilization WASH Mapping and Women led total sanitation and Water Use Master Plan and Total Behaviour Change(TBC)

Case Study 3: Mangadh Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Morang District

Presenter: Durga Chapagai: Mangadh has initiated demonstrated Business Plan and applied Water Safety Plan. Project has been maintained with SoPs and monitored in line with indicators set. Users committee is developing its technical, institutional and financial capacities.

Mr Ashutosh Tiwari summarized the presentation in English for benefit of all participants.

Mr Suman Sharma shared his experience gained during Tangania visit where all GO and Development Partners have formulated common agent for the WASH sector.

Group Work Session: Group Work on Thematic area



Session was chaired by Hari Prasad Sharma. Various Group was led by TWG leaders and managed by respective TWG. Bhushan Tuladhar was the leader for WASH Plan group where Chair seated full time.

Conference participants were divided to eight Thematic Working Groups. Active members of the TWG were retained and other conference participants were appropriately added. One additional group was formed for discussion on issues and giving feedback of ongoing WASH Development Plan and Coordination. Most of the regional representatives were placed in this ninth group.

For the eight Thematic Working Groups, the sessions were led by respective session leaders. In this session, four tasks were given to the group: (1) review recommendations describing each recommendations in view of why recommendation and how to implement; (2) Rephrasing recommendations with provision of merging, deleting and splitting for clarity; (3) Preparing action plan for implementing recommendations considering responsibility (main and supporting) and time line; and (4) Updating three page summary papers with new recommendations and action plans.

This session was affected by change in session plan in previous day and over time taken by Best practice session in the morning. Otherwise Group work was planned for morning and Best practice session was planned then after so that some member of the team can engage in writing report while best practice session was running. Five team (FIN, M&E, FS, SAN, WQ) seated in main hall (Sumeru) with in separate round table. ICB team seated in Kailash Hall, GESI and DRR/CC seated in Garden Hall and WASH Plan group in Meeting Hall. After group work all team submitted recommendations and presented action plans as their final product in the next session.

Plenary Session VI: Presentation of recommendations and action plan by TWG



This session was chaired by Hari Prasad Sharma, Chair WTFC and Antti Rautavarra, WASH Chief, UNICEF Finland was the Session Leader.

In this session, TWG presented recommendations and action plans in the plenary. After each presentation chance was given to floor for clarification. Presenters or members of the team answered to each queries after all presentations. Participants raised following issues on recommendations.

Regarding name of the ministry, we recommend it to be WASH ministry. The current name of the ministry misses out hygiene part.

Instead of 40 per cent for new schemes and 20 per cent for rehabilitation – It should be 20 per cent for rehabilitation – it should be 20 per cent for new schemes and 40 per cent for rehabilitation (since more than 80 per cent of the population already have facilities)

Monitoring and Evaluation framework has been developed by National Planning Commission (NPC). How about using that guideline and framework for the Joint Sector Review. As per the result-based planning, districts have already designed plans. Developing systems on the basis of those plans would be wonderful.

There should be more connection, coordination between FEDWASUN and its users' group. Water Safety Plan also should come as a recommendation.

Explore supply and technological options and promote local level solutions for sanitation. Role of water and sanitation users committee has not been mentioned. 'Menstrual Hygiene' should be prioritized under this thematic area. How do we address issues related to disabled-friendly?

Household-level intervention (options) missing. What are our recommendations for the households? Open ways to rivers and industries and resultant pollution has not been mentioned under this water quality theme.

Make GESI the undertakings fewer. What is the percentage (%) of the GESI group? Meeting expected target would be difficult.

How to monitor the action plans of DRR/CC? District plans and annual plan would better incorporate DRR/CCA issues. DDRP, LDRMP, LAPA (several bodies) but there is lack of coordination among them. What is the potential of adaptability: this part is missing.

What does 'WASH planning' here refer to: District Plan? WASH Plan? Or Master Plan? Rural development and rural sanitation has not been covered adequately in the planning.

Plenary Session VII: Resolution presentation and discussion



This session was chaired by Gopi Nath Mainali, Joint Secretary, NPC and Ramesh Adhikari, Under Secretary, MOFALD was the Session Leader.

The Session Leader, Adhikari requested Abadh Kishore Mishra, Joint Secretary at MoUD to make a presentation of draft Resolution of the second JSR conference.

Mishra started the presentation out rightly by reading the Preamble section which has emphasized on the need to increase funding for WASH programs in order to meet the national target of 'Sanitation and Water for All' by 2017. Then after, he read out the points under eight thematic issues viz. Institutional Framework and Capacity Building; Sector Finance; Functionality and Sustainability; Hygiene and Sanitation; Water Quality; Monitoring and Evaluation; Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change; and Gender Equity and Social Inclusion.

Mishra requested participants for their succinct and constructive feedback to fine tune the resolution points. Some critical issues like allocation of 20% budget for Functionality took quite some time before reaching a consensus. However, major concerns raised from the floor were adequately considered and the points were revised accordingly by the facilitators of the Resolution drafting committee, Kamal Adhikari and Madhab Pahari with support from Ashutosh Tiwari and Bipin Poudel.

Finally, the Chair concluded the session by stressing on the need to capture financial resources that is also available through climate financing mechanism. He also expressed his disappointment that secretaries from other ministries like Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, Ministry of Health and Population and Ministry of Education etc. could not make it to this important meeting. He suggested sharing the final signed Resolution among wider audience, also inviting press/media, as soon as possible.

Plenary session VIII: Closing



Minister for Urban Development was the Chief Guest, while Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development presided over the session.

Key Guests of the Closing Session

Other Guest on the dais during closing session

Narayan Khadka, Honorable Minister for Urban Development

Kishore Thapa, Secretary, Minister for Urban Development

Gopi Nath Mainali, Joint Secretary, Nepal Planning Commission (NPC)

Abadh Kishore Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development (MoU)

Hari Prasad Sharma, Chair, WTFC

Antti Rautavaara, Chief, UNICEF WASH

Jukka Ilomaki, Finnish Embassy,

Ashutosh Tiwari, INGOs Representative

Rajendra Aryal, FEDWASUN

Lajana Manandhar, Civil Society Organization

In the closing remarks Mr Rajendra Aryal said that FEDWASUN network will continue collaborating with government and relevant agencies to move ahead. Mr Ashutosh Tiwari said that AIN is committed to the national initiatives and commitment and the Joint Sector Review declarations will be respected and utilized. Mr Jukka Ilomaki said that development partners have strong commitment to go ahead with the resolutions that came from two days. Mr Gopi Nath Mainali appreciated the lively discussions and reminded the financial gap that is to be addressed. Ms Lajana Manandhar thanked for recognizing CSO as important partner in the process and expressed commitment to work towards direction given by JSRII. The minister said that resolutions are the lively milestone documents which need proper action plans. Minister expressed commitment to work bring additional funds to meet sector gap and advised stakeholders will have to work harder from now on. Closing the conference Mr Kishore Thapa said that we have reviewed our actions, progresses and have also made resolutions for future actions. In addition, WASH is being developed as a sector and we have discussed about its composition in this review meeting.

4. Participation:

About 50 agencies participated in the JSR II process: GOs(13), DP(9), INGOs(15), NGO/CSO(13). Conference was participated by approximately 200 participants including active members of the TWG and LVT, representatives of GO, DP, INGO, NGO/CSO and

members nominated by RWASHCC five reasons. Twenty percent participants were women and 30% had already participated previous JSR conference. About 160 participants registered online based on invitation and password provided to respective agencies and remaining including regional participants registered onsite. Badge, notebook, pen, program and information to participants were provided during registration on site.

During regional visit 22 Districts were visited. About 11 V-WASH-CC, 5 M-WASH-CC, 14 D-WASH-CC, 39 WS services/community and 2 schools were interacted. In the five regional workshop about 273 stakeholders participated including visiting team. In the all visits about 2000(@20/meeting) people may have been interacted directly or indirectly.

Agencies line DWSS, DoLIDAR, FEDWASUN, RWSSFDB, UNICEF and Water Aid provided significant number of participants in the process and conference. Women participants in the GOs side were negligible. But it was well balanced in DP, INGOs and NGO/CSO. Agencies like ADB, WB, UNAID were fully participated by women. RWSSFDB did not have any women. Eight Agencies took part in poster presentation.

5. Funding

Cost of JSR II process was jointly shared by some of the member agencies for whom it was convenient to support in a short notice. Cost of JSR II process includes learning visit cost, meeting cost, conference cost and cost of the report production.

Cost of learning visit was covered by different partners mostly co-leader of the Visit team: ER(Water Aid), CR(UNHABITAT), WR(RWSSP-WN), MWR (Helvetas), FWR(RVWRMP). Cost of the all meetings was covered by UNICEF. Cost of conferences was covered by Plan Nepal (Cost of regional team), UNICEF (hotel cost and stationeries) and NWA(Hotel). Cost of report production will be covered by SNV and JICA. For the regional visit cost was estimated based on common guideline and other cost was based on actual cost. Initial cost of program was NPR 80 Lakh and which was reduced to NPR 60 Lakh because of the shared responsibility and simplification. Summary expenditure and funding shown in the table.

SN	Cost heading	Expenditure
1	LVT ER	5
2	LVT CR	2
3	LVT WR	6
4	LVT MWR	4
5	LVT FWR	5
6	Process Meetings	3
7	Conference Meals	11
8	Conference facilities	10
9	Conference: Reg. participations	6
10	Report	6
Total		58
Funding: UNICEF(18), SNV(5.5), NWA(5), Plan(5) WA(5), UN-Habitat(2), RWSSP-WN(6), Helvetas(5), RVWRMP(4), JICA(2)		

6. Management

- ❖ SEIU Team comprising of Nanda Khanal (SDE), MadhabPahari (UNICEF) Han Heijnen (SEIUC) prepared the preparatory work before Joint Planning meeting.
- ❖ SEIU team mainly Prayash Ghimire, Prakash Khanal and Parameshwor managed all meetings in the process.
- ❖ AK Mishra (MoUD) and KabindraKarki (SEIU) and Prem Nidhi KC/PadamKunwar(DWSS) did over all coordination and management of the conference
- ❖ UNICEF provided stationeries required for the conference.

- ❖ Registration was managed online and onsite registration arranged for those unable to do so.
- ❖ One Banner (4'x12'), Ten Poster(A3) size and 220 Badge (8.5CMx11.5CM) and 250 program(A4) was printed in Media Magnum.
- ❖ Plenary Hall was set in Sumeru Hall (Govari Village Resort) with provision of dias (when required) and two side table for session team at front and 200 chairs for participants. During Thematic Group Session other halls like Meeting, Garden and Kailash was also used.
- ❖ Transportation (two buses), cordless mikes (4), Pin Mike (1), Projector(3), RGB cable(3) and Splitter(1) and sound system was managed by GVR.
- ❖ Conference sessions were managed by team comprising of JSRC, Facilitator (Kiran Darnal) and Rapporteurs (Rabin, Cecial, Shova and Anjali) and presentation documentation was managed by Bipin. Session chair and session leaders were coordinated and guided by the session plan shared in advance.
- ❖ Management Committee chaired by Secretary (MoUD) and represented by SSG provided overall guidance.
- ❖ Photography was done by two photographer from NEFEJ in coordination
- ❖ Posters were displayed by different partners outside of the main hall hanged on walls or on stand. About ten agencies participated in displaying one poster.
- ❖ Communication was done from single point using email(wash.jsr2@gmail.com). In the beginning communication was initiated separately with TWG and LVT later everyone was brought in single forum and single email was sent with segment for various groups. This worked well and everything happened accordingly.

7. Evaluation

Participants Evaluation on WASH-JSR II Conference

Approximately 200 Participants participated in conference of which 40 were women. Evaluation sheet was sent to 160 participants for online submission. Of which, 72 were submitted in three days. The following is the result.

1. One WASH Plan Addressed: Clearly(32), Lightly(54), Indirectly(14)
2. Harmonization addressed: Clearly (35), Lightly(61), Indirectly(4)
3. Innovative process: Positively high (10), Positively to some extent(67), Normal(22), Negatively to some extent(1)
4. Innovative outcomes: Remarkable (22), Light(71), Normal(7)
5. Management: Excellent(28), Well(51), Normal(8), Unsatisfactory(3)
6. Synchronized: Very well(35), To some extent(55), Normal(5), Insufficient(3)
7. Pertinent Issue: To large extent(47), To large extent (49) Normal(4)
8. Best TWG: ICB(21), FIN(15), M&E(6), FS(15), SAN(14), WQ (8), GESI (11), DRR/CC(8)
9. Best LVT: ER(13), CR(15), WR (15), MWR (43), FWR(11)
10. Liked and not liked

Liked: Participants liked full participation of stakeholders; Regional consultation and LVT presentation; fantastic communication; moto of sector harmonization; converging of WASH sector and indication of stakeholders for contribution

Not liked: Arrangement made for poster display; lack of coordination among officers under MOUD; negligible presence from MOE and MOHP; insufficient for group work; resolution presented did not match to group work to a large extent; first day presentation which were kind of repetition; too much communication

(Note: One WASH Plan and Harmonization was not written directly in the resolution points by the resolution team. While selecting best TWG and LVT selection participants may have been biased on their group. Change in program and uncontrolled discussion on best practice impacted TWG GW and resolution team synchronization. TWG and LVT presentation looked like repetition but was necessary to present in the conference as final for acceptance and discussion. Health and Education sector participation was there in the regional team but not as expected from the center)

8. Action Plan for SEIU

During JSR-II process eight TWGs worked intensively on their theme in line with achieving sector targets and gaps in the process. TWGs analyzed the respective thematic area on various issues with evident based learning from the five regions brought by learning visit team. Groups have come out with set of recommendations with action plans for 2014-16 till next full JSR. SEIU needs to work as the accountable center for coordination for all activities towards efficient and effective achievement of the sector goals. The action plan for SEIU based on the JSR-II will be guided by the following principles

1. Government led efficient and effective sector to achieve and sustain the universal goal of water sanitation and hygiene in Nepal
2. Sector will have one WASH Plan in which all agencies work for common goal but shared responsibilities and working area fulfilling all gaps in common
3. Lead agency of the sector (DWSS) will play leadership role in the implementation and regulation of Sector Programs and other players should support and compliment
4. Sector partners including GOs, DPs, INGOs, NGO/CSO/CBPs, private sectors and academia need to respect Government initiatives and work in harmony in and align their institutions and strategy and ideas in line with policy and institution and strategy of the government.
5. All member partners need to continue the TWG work and SEIU as coordinator is accountable to SSG and JSR for TWG functionality

Action plans

SN	Activities	Responsibilities	Timeline
1	Develop WASH Development Plan, Policy and coordination mechanism in view of recommendations of TWG	SEIU in coordination with SSG	6M+
2	Plan for regular interaction among SSG and TWG for implementing recommendations.	SEIU, TWG core team	6M+12M
3	Select areas for research, assessment and study to fulfill the gap in information indicated by TWGs	SEIU, TWG and Partners	6M+18 Month
4	Prepare stakeholder mapping and merge	SEIU, leaders(GO, DP,	6M+

	existing activities and expertise of partners with main stream through collaborative.	INGO, NGO/CSO)	
5	Carry out special study for evident based decision making and planning	SEIU, Selected partners	6M+
6	Develop WASH Sector Financing Strategy together with sector stakeholders	SEIU, Selected partners	12 M+
7	Prepare systematic program for interaction and action of TWGs	SEIU, TWGs	6M+

9. Suggestion for Next JSR

It has been agreed that next full JSR will be organized in 2016 and regular interaction among SSG will be maintained. In this context, SSG will engage in implementing and changing itself in line with the spirit and recommendation of JSR II. This is suggestion points for next JSR.

SN	Task	Suggestions
1	Management Committee	MC need to be formed in advance and meeting organized before Joint Planning Meeting. MC members representing various SSG groups need to feel joint ownership rather than participating meeting as guests.
2	Joint Planning Meeting	Joint Planning Meeting need to be organized more systematically(half a day for formal meeting and half a day for informal meeting)
3	Thematic Working Group	Different partners need to be involved as co-lead and technical facilitators. Task of TWG process need to be limited to review and update of JSR II. Position papers were completed in three meetings: one for brainstorming, other for working and another for sharing.
3	LVT	LVT may not be necessary. Instead studies need to be carried out systematically for specific problems. Regional WASH conferences will be organized.
4	Regional WASH conference	Regional WASH conference need to be organized. Stakeholders at the central level will participate in the conference which regional situation will be reviewed and way forward will be agreed upon.
5	Joint Sector Review Conference	Joint Sector Review conference need to be organized (half a day for presenting TWG update and half a day for discussion) focusing effective and efficient WASH plan and sector harmonization. Resolution other than recommendation of Thematic Working Group may not be necessary. Few regional representatives need to be invited.
6	In between JSR	SSG and TWG meetings need to be organized systematically and regularly for gradually implementing of One WASH Plan, TWG recommendations and sector harmonization. For sector harmonization, partner agencies need to align their activities avoiding duplication and diverting funds to One WASH Plan.
7	One WASH Plan	Focus of the sector need to be on One WASH Plan, Budget, M&E and efficient programming and coordination. SEIU need to coordinate and exist for the same purpose.

Annex1: Thematic Checklist

TWG: Institutions

1. Functioning and functionality of the D-WASH-CC to deal with ALL issues in water, sanitation and hygiene at district level. In how far is it able to advise the DDC on WASH? Does it have an effective coordinating role with sector partners (NGOs/CSOs) on strategic decision and implementation?
2. How does the D-WASH-CC lead/support/influence the planning and budgeting process at district level? Level of practice of evident based (data based) planning system and bringing practice in the operation of the strategic plan.
3. Does the D-WASH-CC have a link with the VWASHCC and WUSC?
4. Who are the different stakeholders at district level? What are the capacities and roles of various stakeholders?
5. We are trying to develop an annual cycle of sector review. How can the district feed into this review? Can they provide a report on the district status on WASH by September?
6. Is there a trend of developing regional, district and village WASH strategy? What are the major contents?
7. Is there any felt gap in terms of capacity and coordination within regions?

TWG: Finance

1. Is there a demand for move to private connection? Are they ready to pay the additional costs and pay as per meter tariff? How much willing they are to pay for connection charge? What is the maximum amount the households will be willing to pay as monthly tariff?
2. How much are they contributing for maintenance fund?
3. What changes does D-WASH CC wants in the current financial structure in the sector? What should be the community contribution for different types of schemes?
4. How can private sector be involved? In what capacity? Both for rural and urban?
5. Can rural water supply schemes be managed/operated by private entrepreneur? What type of financial structure?
6. What is the thinking in the region on WASH financial planning?

TWG: M&E

1. Is there any understanding or practices on result based monitoring? What are the monitoring indicators practiced in the region and districts? What is frequency of monitoring?
2. Is there any kind of management information system within village, districts and regions? How is it maintained and used? Any suggestion for improvement?
3. Is there any system of joint monitoring system horizontally (among partners) and vertically (by project staff and districts and region)?
4. Is there any system for project completion report and its verification?
5. Is there any system of regular meeting of V/D/R WASH-CC?
6. Is there any system for monitoring and verification of ODF by one level above? What are the indicators used?

7. Is there any guideline used for sustainable operation of water supply and Open Defecation Free/total sanitation services at community levels?

TWG: Functionality and sustainability

1. What is the level of understanding and use of indicators for functionality of water supply and sanitation system practiced in the region?
2. Is there any trend in community contribution, fund raising for maintenance and its use? practices of public hearing/public audit (income/expenditure)
3. What is the trend and practices of WSUC/Water Source Registration at DWRC and WSUCs on FEDWASUN
4. Are there any trend and practices of management system for rural and urban systems and capacity building in those lines?
5. What are the trends and practices of Tariffs fixation in rural and urban systems?
6. Is there any assessment on sustainability of water supply and sanitation system and any thinking or plan for improvement?
7. What is the understanding about well managed system? Make some lists and criterion.

TWG: Sanitation

1. Functioning and pro-activeness of D/M/V-WASH-CCs on sanitation and existence of sanitation strategy documents
2. Issues associated with modification of the Master Plan and raised issues
3. Mass media mobilization
4. Feelings and ownership of WASH-CCs about ODF movement
5. Factors that triggered group dynamics to propel ODF. Availability of trigger and mobilization and engagement of the existing Triggers (self-emerged and trained)
6. Database on sanitation and hygiene
7. Post ODF strategy and practices and contents
8. Issues and practices of urban sanitation(solid waste, liquid waste, public toilets etc.)
9. Practices and issues of public sanitation, institutional sanitation and school sanitation
10. Common sanitation technologies and innovations

TWG: WQ

1. Do all the members know about the NDWQS and its implementation directive? And have a copy of it?
2. What are the major Water Quality (parameters) problems? Is there any Water Quality testing practice and data bank system at regional/district level?
3. Is there any system for Water Quality monitoring or thinking? What are your suggestions to improve the functionality of the regional lab?
4. Do they know about the WSP and its application process?
5. What are the common treatment systems? Are they functioning?
6. Do people use POU disinfection? And when and why they use?
7. What is the extent of Arsenic problem? Are they using the arsenic contaminated tube well with some mitigating option or new one? What are the effects realized or seen?
8. Have they experienced any evidence of water-borne diseases or out break?

TWG: GESI

1. What is the role of Women, Poor & Excluded (WPE) in the process of selection, planning, implementation and management of water supply and sanitation schemes?
2. Are there cases of families within the community who are excluded from the supply of drinking water on the basis of caste and ethnicity? How these issues are addressed?
3. What is the trend of having women and marginalized group in the important roles within WUSC and VWASHCC?
4. Are there any strategies and practices for user friendly structure for women, children and disables?
5. Is there any trend of separate toilet for male and female and disable friendly?
6. People within community are aware of the policies and mandate gender and social inclusion policies?
7. What type of benefits (financial, social and health) have WPE groups received since the introduction of WASH program? Any study and findings?

TWG: DRR/CC

1. What were the different types of disaster that was faced in the region/district/village faced in last two/three years?
2. WASH strategy- does it include components of climate change and DRR (including emergency preparedness and response)
3. What is the current preparedness and response plan in place? (DPRP, prepositioning, capacity building, tools)
4. What are the trends of capacity of water sources and its challenges?
5. How these issues are being addressed?
6. Has the ODF movement considered issues of disaster?

Annex 2: LVT Guideline

Background

The joint sector review (JSR) is defined as a forum for performance assessment, policy guidance, and coherent approach to planning and budgeting. Open to all stakeholders, JSR brings together a broad spectrum of stakeholders comprising of government officials, development partners, NGOs, civil society and the private sector in a single platform on a regular basis to discuss the key challenges that the sector faces. As part of JSR II process there are five learning teams formed for visiting five regions and bringing regional experiences: best practices, lessons and regional perspective on thematic areas. This is the guideline for learning visit team:

Task list for Learning visit team:

1. Develop rapport among Learning Visit Group comprising of leader, co-leader, facilitators and members
2. Meet in core team and assign task among members as focal person for various activities and preparing reports

3. Organize inception meeting with RWASHCC (2-3 hours) for clarifying learning mission, program briefing and getting guidance on planned field visits: Also get regional perspectives on key aspects of WASH such as regional coordination, WASH planning and sustainability etc.
4. Visit few districts covering both rural and urban sites in hills and Terai within five days and meet with D-WASH-CC, V/MWASHCC.
5. Organize regional consultative workshop (one day) after field visit and discuss on regional WASH situation, visit highlight, thematic findings and way forward.
6. Prepare learning visit report containing: introduction, regional WASH situation, planning process and coordination. Regional perspective on eight thematic areas and way forward.
7. Share learning experiences with Thematic Working Group focusing thematic findings in line with check lists.
8. Prepare presentation on regional perspective and sharing during JSRII conference.
9. Make case study based on meetings with D-WASH-CC, V/M-WASHCC and site visits as best practices, current situation or lesson learned. Ensure to take some photographs of interaction of team with local representatives, interesting WASH situations or solutions, or anything that would support learning statements.
10. Prepare three page summary reports for JSR II main report including Regional WASH Situation, Three case studies with photos and way forwards.

Team comprise of Leader, Co-leader, Facilitator and members.

SN	Field Visit Group	Leader	Co-Leader	Facilitator
1	Eastern Region	ERMSO:	UNICEF: Arinita Maskey	DWSS: Keshab Raj Bista
2	Central Region	CRMSO	UNHABITAT: Bhushan Tuladhar	SEIU: Prayash Ghimire
3	Western Region	WRMSO	RWSS-WN: Sanna Leena Rautanen	DWSS: Prem Nidhi KC
4	Mid-Western Region	MWRSMO	Helvetas: Madan Bhatta	MOUD: Kedar Prajapati
5	Far Western Region	FWRMSO	RVWRMP: Kari Leppanen	DWSS: PadamKunwar

Team Leader: Take lead of the respective field visit team; make arrangement for field visit in the region. Organize meeting, delegate responsibility among members, review TWG report, present report in the SSG meeting and JSR workshop.

Co- Leader: Support Team Leader. Provide technical support for field visit, its activities and report writing

Facilitator: Communicate with team member in the process and meeting. Contact with related person in the field, make arrangement for visits and compile information. Make meeting minutes.

Members: Take part in consultative meetings, field visits and contribute on the process and reporting.

Agenda for RWASHCC Meeting before field visit (2 Hours)

SN	Activities	Time	Responsibility
1	Introduction and sharing visit mission	(15 Min)	Team leader
2	Presentation on behalf of R-WASH-CC on involvement of partners in the region	(15 Min)	R-WASH-CC
3	Views of partners on status of coordination and suggestion for development in one WASH Plan	(30 Min)	Team Co-leader
4	Discussion on field visit process and potential learning points.	(40 Min)	Facilitator
5	Wrap up session and closing remarks	(20 Min)	Team Leader

Annex 3: TWG Guideline

Background

The joint sector review (JSR) is defined as a forum for performance assessment, policy guidance, coherent approach to planning and budgeting. Open to all stakeholders, JSR brings together a broad spectrum of stakeholders comprising of government officials, development partners, NGOs, civil society and the private sector in a single platform on a regular basis to discuss the key challenges that the sector faces. As part of JSR II process eight thematic groups have been formed. The main purpose of TWG is to explore the country's situation on the 8 themes (Institutional Framework and Capacity building, Functionality and sustainability, Water Quality, Sector Finance, Hygiene and Sanitation, GESI, Monitoring and Evaluation and Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change) and develop a set of recommendations for actions. Provided below is the sequential process that the thematic group followed.

Task list for thematic team:

1. Rapport building among thematic group; which was lead by the leader, followed by Co-leader, Member secretary, and members respectively.
2. Took part in Brainstorming session planned on 26&28 Feb): Explored policy, situation, issues and study area. Responsibilities and tasks assigned among members. Checklist prepared for learning visit on respective thematic areas.
3. Reviewed the position paper presented in first JSR and any studies on the same subject, which may have been done in the sector in the last three years.
4. Took part in exchange meeting among learning visit team planned for 14 March

5. Made sure that TWG members also took part in some of the learning visits and highlighted the situation and prospective from respective regions.
6. Prepared thematic report containing: Background, Existing policy, Situation analysis (current position), Issues and challenges, recommendations and Action plan(21 March)
7. Formulated an action plan for the implementing recommendations and way forward for the next 18 months
8. Prepared an executive summary (Max of 3 pages) for inclusion in the WASH Sector Status Report.
9. Presented position paper in SSG meeting on the 18 March and JSR conference on 31March&1April

Specific coverage:

TWG were suggested to explore specific areas of thematic groups. They are as follows:

SN	Thematic Group	Areas of suggestions
1	Institutional Framework and Capacity building	Sector institution and stakeholder mapping, Implementation modalities and monitoring system. Coordination mechanism, Gap analysis. Sector capacity. How to make current instruction more effective efficient and potential for changes.
2	Functionality and sustainability	Sustainability of water supply system in the rural and urban. Organizational, financial and technical capacity issues. Support mechanism and regulations. Functionality of sanitation systems.
3	Water Quality	Potentials contaminants over Nepal (Hills, terai, regions, rural, urban), current practice of WQ monitoring, Water Safety Plan for urban and rural, laboratories, surveillance system, Program, budget, capacity)
4	Sector Finance	Financing rural and urban WSS program. Financing new projects, sustainability and maintenance projects. Reducing non budgetary finance. Counting users contribution. Financial models for Water supply system management. Predicting donors and partners fund. Preparing investment plan for medium and longer term
5	Hygiene and Sanitation	Sanitation Master Plan update, Total sanitation, Urban sanitation, Monitoring, reward and recognition, functioning of R/D/V/M WASHCC. Regional, district and village strategic plan. Special issues of Terai, Hills and Mountain, Innovation in sanitation, best practices.
6	GESI	Gender issue in planning, implementation and monitoring process. Gender and social inclusion in various processes of sector. Key issues on GESI in water and sanitation services. Compilation of evidence based issues and best practices.
7	Monitoring and Evaluation	Sector monitoring, Functioning of monitoring and data analysis at district, region and center, Quality of data, Information management, Knowledge management, Use of monitoring data,

		Independent evaluation. One monitoring plan
8	DRR/Climate Change	Integrating DRR and Emergency preparedness and Climate change. Coordination at district, region and center. Vulnerability analysis, categorizing area by risk. Monitoring and evidence based study

Team Composition

Team comprising of Leader, Co-leader, Member Secretary and members

SN	Thematic Group	Leader	/Co-Leader	M. Secretary
1	Institutional Framework and Capacity building	MOUD: Abadh Kishore Mishra	ADB: Laxmi Sharma	SEIU: Nanda Bahadur Khanal
2	Functionality and sustainability	DWSS/ESS: Ram Lakhan Mandal Unicef:	SNV: Kabir Das Raj Bhandari	DWSS/Rehab: Srawan K. Upadhyay
3	Water Quality	DWSS/DDG: Ram Chandra Devkota	WHO: Sudan Raj Panthi	DWSS/WQ: Sudanshan Bhandari
4	Sector Finance	NPC: Gopi Nath Mainali	WB: Silva Shrestha	DWSS/Planning: Deepak Puri
5	Hygiene and Sanitation	DWSS/ESS: Khom Bahadur Subedi	UNICEF: Namaste Lal Shrestha	DWSS/ESS: Ram Chandra Sah
6	Gender Equity and Social Inclusion	MOUD: Posta Raj Dhungana	ADB: Suman Subba	DWSS/NGO: Prem Nidhi KC
7	Monitoring and Evaluation	MOUD: Kabindra Karki	UNICEF: Madhab Pahadi	DWSS/M&E: Ujjwal Prajapati
8	DRR/Climate Change	DWSS/DRR/CC: Jyoti Shrestha	UNICEF: Arinita Maskey	MOUD/WESD: Bal Mukunda Shrestha

Team Role:

Team Leader: The team leader was responsible for taking the lead of the thematic team, organizing meetings, delegating responsibilities among team members, reviewing the TWG report, and presenting the report in SSG meeting and JSR workshop.

Co- Leader: The co-leader was responsible for providing technical support for the TWG, its activities and report writing.

Member Secretary: The member secretary was responsible for communicating with team members in the processing and arranging meetings. Along with that responsibilities also included taking notes, compiling information and producing reports.

Annex 4: Learning Visit Team Activities

Learning Visit Team(ER)

The learning visit team for the Eastern Region comprised of 12 members. Team was led by Pratap Sharma Poudel (ERMSO), Co-led by Arinita Maskey(UNICEF) and Coordinated and facilitated by Keshab Raj Bista(DWSS)

Members: Hari Prasad Sharma(WTFB), Ram Chandra Sah(DWSS/ ESS), Tika Adhikari (RWSSFUNDB), Rakesh Gohit(NWSC), Ram Prasad Chaulagai (FEDWASUN), Sanjeev Shrestha (Plan), Ram Prakash Singh (CARE), Sunila Ghimire (ADB), Bishow Raj Bhatta (UNICEF), Ryuji Ogata (JICA)

Area Visited

Morang	DWASHCC Meeting; Visit to Haraicha WSSP and Interaction with WSUC; RWASHCC meeting
Dhankuta	MWASHCC Meeting; Interaction with WSUC Dhakuta; Interaction with WUSC and community, Hile; Observation Public Toilet and Landfill site of SWM; VWASHCC Meeting Bhir Gaun
Terathum	Meeting with LDO and local leaders/civil societies; Visit to Shreedale WSSP and WUSC; VWASHCC Meeting and WUSC Jirikhimti; VWASHCC Meeting Ambung VDC
Sunsari	Visit squatter communities in Saune Basti; Meeting with EO Dharan Municipality; Observation Itahari STWSSP
Saptari	Meeting with WUSC Ma Kankalini WSSP Bhardawa VDC and NWSC ; DWASHCC Meeting; Meeting with Dharampur WUSC

Regional Workshop: The team participated in regional workshop held on 9 March in Biratnagar which was participated by 53 participants. Visit highlight and thematic findings were presented. Workshop worked out on eight thematic area in four groups and presented in the plenary with way forwards

Visit Highlights: The team highlighted that DWASHCC was active and there was participation by varied stakeholders in Morang. It was found that Municipality in Dhankuta does not have a WASH strategy. In Terhathum the learning visit felt that Post ODF strategy was lacking in Jirikhimti. However, on a positive note the team was impressed with the private tap systems. In Sunsari the team, there was provision of sanitation fund created by Municipality and Lumanti for sustainable sanitation for urban poor. In Saptari presence of women technical group, micro credit saving, sanitation revolving fund in Ma Kankalini Water Supply Project Bhardawa VDC was noted and projects are functioning well. Whereas, tariff collected by NWSC in Rajbiraj was found to be insufficient for O&M.

Findings: Team observed that the focus of the region is more on Sanitation than Water Supply. Water Users Committees are strong and leading the sanitation campaign in many cases but they lacked linkage with V/D WASH CC. It was also found that there are no dedicated focal persons from agencies and their investment on WASH is still not clear. Annual budget has remained the same for a long time in many districts. Joint monitoring system is not in place in many places. Functionality was further affected by source disputes and maintenance funds. Sanitation strategy is not in place in some districts and many VDCs. It was also found that there is no dedicated plan for WQ improvement. It was observed that women still hesitate to speak in the meetings. A major problem observed was drying up of sources.

Ways Forward: Team indicated developing Regional WASH Master Plan and Strategy; Capacity building of WUSC committee in Rural areas; Formation and orientation of VWASHCC and MWASHCC according to spirit of SHMP; Output based Aid (OBA) program for pro-poor; GESI concept for empowerment and decision making; Protection and Conservation of water sources; Effective coordination and involvement of stakeholders; Financial allocation according to gap and difficulties; Joint monitoring (vertical and horizontal) as ways forward.

Learning Visit Team (CR)

The learning visit team for the Eastern Region comprised of 11 members. This team was led by Nawal Kishore Mishra(CRMSO), Co-led by Bhushan Tuadhar(UNHABITAT) and Coordinated and facilitated by Prayash Ghimire(SEIU)

Members: Nanda Banjade(CRMSO), Bhushan Bhattarai(DoLIDAR), Ramesh K. Sharma(RWSSFDB), Bijayman Shrestha(KUKL), Bal B. Thakurathi(KVWSMB), Rajendra Aryal(FEDWASUN), Bodh Narayan Shrestha(UNICEF), Nuria Lefcourt(UNICEF), Shirish Singh(Practical Action)

Area Visited:

Dhading	Visit Phogatpur WSSP, Mahankaleshwori HS School(Thakre VDC); Birta Besi WSSP(Uralibhanjyang VDC); V-WASH-CC Meeting Dhusha, V-WASH-CC Thakre , D-WASH-CC Meeting ; Visit Arubastar Darimtar WSSP
Chitwan	Interaction with Jagatpur WUSC; M-WASH-CC Meeting Bagbazar; Meeting with Bharatpur WSMB Board; Visit to WWTP managed by Narayani Tole Sudhar Samiti ; V-WASH-CC Meeting Piple
Makawanpur	Visit to WWTP and compost plant, industrial pollution and Hospital Waste management in Hetauda; Visit to Municipality
Parsa	V-WASH-CC Meeting and community observation , Dhobini VDC ; D-WASH-CC meeting
Bara	MWASHCC Meeting
Sarlahi	Interaction with Karmaiya WSUC; Interaction with community in Gair, Kabilasi VDC
Kathmandu	Interaction with KUKL and Melamchi

Regional Workshop: Regional workshop was organized on March 10 but not participated by many from the region. In the workshop participants discussed on thematic issues in the region based on findings of the visit team itself.

Visit Highlight: Team highlighted remarkable points in the visit. In Bharatpur and Hetauda the team found that Water Supply Boards seem to be providing better services. In Jagatpur , VDC has subsidized the connection charge for Dalit community. In Parsa there was a good database on school sanitation. The Education office and police have both done a good job in monitoring the status of ODF on behalf of D/V-WASH-CC.

Findings: Similar to the Eastern Region , the team observed that the focus is on sanitation rather than on water supply. It was found that there was inadequate funding for WASH. The team realized that there is demand for private connection; in addition , tariff collected also varied from place to place. Overall , the financial management aspect is very weak except for some places. There is no record of systematic monitoring and recording. It was observed that private taps are functional but public taps had problems with functionality. It was surprising that HSMP is still unknown to many people. A major challenge in this region is construction and management of public toilets. An effective system for WQ improvement and POU knowledge is lacking. GESI aspects should also be taken into consideration as it was found that women do not participate in WUSC and there is no trend for disabled toilet; however, there was support available to ultra poor.

Ways forward: As ways forward, the team suggested strengthening WASH CC, promoting private tap, ensuring women participation, Focus on post ODF and urban sanitation, establishing M&E system at district level.

Learning Visit Team (WR)

The learning visit team for the Eastern Region comprised of 12 members. Team was led by Manoj Ghimire(WRMSO), Co-led by Sanna Leena(RWSSP-WN) and Coordinated and facilitated by Prem Nidhi KC(DWSS)

Members: Chandra Bdr KC (WRMSO), Diwakar Ghimire (DWSS), Antti Rautavaara (UNICEF), Dhruba Karki(SC), Bhupendra Aryal (RWSSFDB), Mohandatta Bhatta (NWSC), Than Pd Gaire (FEDWASUN), Prem Disho(RWSSP-WN), Thakur Pandit(ICEM)

Area Visited:

Rupendehi	Interaction VWASHCC and observation of WSSP, Shankarnagar ; Interaction with DWASHCC
Kapilbustu	Interaction with DWASHCC ; WUSC and UG interaction and system observation Kopuwa
Syanja	Interaction with DWASHCC and Municipality and EO; Observation of Phedikhola WSSP and UG interaction
Parbat	Interaction with D-WASH-CC Interaction with Karkineta UC and UG

Regional Workshop: WR completed Regional workshop on 8 March: About 60 person participates covering wider range of stakeholders. There was presentation one on regional status(RWASHCC) and field findings(LVT leader), Team worked on eight theme in eight group in line with checklist on its situation and way forward and presented. DDG RC Devkota participated full time. Workshop was managed by lead and co-lead and technically conducted by LVT.

Visit Highlight: In the visit; the team highlighted the approach of Sankanagar WUSC (Rupendehi) for developing their model as sustainable WS services in Nepal through internal community fund management. In Kapilbastu; team highlighted small overhead system managed by the community as an option to arsenic mitigation and service improvement. In Syanjha the team noted that sanitation coverage has reached 100% (ready for ODF) ; however; water supply coverage is at 80% and there is an increasing demand for water supply. In Karkineta Water Supply Scheme (Parbat) the team observed that community has up scaled from public tap to private tap connection. Previously the VDC was responsible for providing fund annually, however now , users committee are exploring ways to become self reliant and are also looking for external funds for upgrading of systems

Findings: DWASHCCs were found to be more active after achieving ODF status but this was not the case for VWASHCCs.. However, it was found that the institutional and public toilets are not focused or discussed in the DWASHCC. As in the Eastern Region , there was an increased demand for private tap connections. It was observed that there is no practice for systematic monitoring. Many districts were found to have WASH strategic plans. Emerging challenges identified were solid waste management, wastewater treatment and public toilets. There is an increasing trend of developing WSP for WQ improvement. Construction of toilets that are gender friendly is an area that is lacking.. Drying up and decreasing of water sources were reported during the visit , similar to the Eastern Region.

Ways Forward: The team highlighted the following actions; water supply functionality, developing water safety plan and water source protection; upgrading of service from community tap to private tap connection ; developing a clear strategy to guide sustainability of the ODF status and achieving total sanitation: technical options for productive utilization of waste (for example urine, excreta, solid waste) towards energy should be promoted widely : legitimizing WASH coordination committee decisions development of single WASH sector plan under DWASHCC and M/VWASHCC

Learning Visit Team (MWR)

The learning visit team for the Eastern Region comprised of 12 members. This team was led by Binod Agrawal(MWRMSO), Co-led by Madan Bhatta (Helvetas) and Coordinated and facilitated by Kedar Prajapati(MoUD)

Members: Rubika Shrestha (HELVETAS), Uttam Regmi (MoUD), Kulmani Devkota (FEDWASUN), Shanker Pathak (SNV), Anup Regmi (SNV), Shova Adhikari (UNICEF), Harishchandra Neupane (RWSSFDB), Deependra Chaudhari (NRCS), Nabin Kumar Shahi (KIRDARC), Dr. Suman K. Shakya (ENPHO)

Area Visited:

Rolpa	Meeting with UCs of Pashamsi and Machhimul WSSP; DWASH-CC Meeting
Pyuthan	Observation of Dhanbang, TBC Ward of the Swargadwari VDC, Interaction with secretary of Ward Citizen Forum and the chairperson of TBC committee.
Bardia	DWASHCC meeting; visited Bishwojyoti school and the VWASHCC meeting at Mangragadhi VDC
Surkhet	Observation of Jhupra Brihat RSSP and office , Meeting with WWASHCC (11&12) Birendra Nagar Municipality
Dailekh	Visited Nepa VDC; interaction with VWASHCC, observation of water supply scheme and DWASH-CC meeting

Regional Workshop: The regional workshop was organized on 10 March participated by 73 participants covering wider stakeholders. In the workshop visit highlights and thematic findings were presented. Thematic areas was discussed on eight group and presented in plenary. Some best practices were also presented.

Visit Highlight: The team highlighted some best practices and lessons learned. It was observed that there was good political support for all parties in Rolpa and DDC declared exposure tour for VWASHCC ODF within this year. Dhanbang (Pyuthan) communities respect the norms of cleanliness of the streets/ roads and clean them twice a week and all HHs have two functional waste pits for degradable and non- degradable waste in their yard. All VWASHCC in Bardia have a strategy for declaring ODF. Jhupra WSSP in Surkhet is the largest semi-urban project operated by the users committee. There is a treatment plant but no provision for testing WQ. Nepa VDC in Dailekh had prepared Water Use Master Plan;

Findings: DWASH CC and VWASHCC had been formed in all districts and VDCs. Decentralized planning was in place. There was minimal budget available from local bodies. There is demand for new schemes rather than for rehabilitation or maintenance of existing facilities. Integrated monitoring system for water sanitation and hygiene was found to be lacking. There is existence of resource center however, this needs to be strengthened. WQ is tested during construction only and stakeholders were unaware about the regional laboratories. There is no strategy developed for post ODF. Health and education agencies were found to be less active during ODF campaign. Availability of sufficient number of public toilets was an issue. Chaupadi practice in the region (girls not being allowed to use toilets during menstruation period) is hindering the ODF campaign; water sources are drying.

Ways Forward: Developing WASH Plan that includes urban sanitation and Water Use Master Plan (WUMP; Establishing a robust system for monitoring and data bank. Initiate girls, child and differently able friendly toilets in schools. Encouraging female representation including proportionate representation of socially disadvantaged groups in the user's committees. Undertaking of actions for DRR and CC.

Learning Visit Team (FWR)

The learning visit team for the Eastern Region comprised of 11 members. The team was led by Uma Sankar Joshi(FWRMSO), Co-led by Kari Leppanen(RVWRMP) and Coordinated and facilitated by Padam Kunwari(DWSS)

Members: Madhab Pahadi (UNICEF), BB Thapa(SEVAK), Dibya Khadgi, (RWSSPFDB), Yagya Raj Joshi (FEDWASUN), Parikshit Shrestha (RVWRMP), Pragya Shrestha (USAID), Ananta Bajracharya (Lumanti)

Area Visited:

Kanchanpur	DWASHCC meeting, VWASHCC meeting- Suda, US meeting and site visit in the community-Musepani
Bhajang	DWASHCC meeting; Bhupur Ward no 8 ; VWASHCC meeting and UC interaction; visit to Multiple water use system in Khairadi, Pouwagadi VDC and interaction with users committee
Doti	Interaction meeting with RWASHCC and district representatives in Doti
Achham	Visit to Jayagad WSSP RWSSFDB; DWASHCC meeting; Siddheshwor WSSP, USAID
Kailali	Meeting in RVWRMP II; Jethikharka Ningladi RWSSFDB; Meeting with DE, Kailali

Regional Workshop: The regional workshop was organized on March 10 and participated by 60 participants covering wider stakeholders. In the workshop visit highlights and BB thematic findings was presented. The group was divided in to four groups and each group discussed on two thematic areas and presented it to the plenary.

Visit highlight: Team highlighted some examples of good practices and lessons learned. In Achham, the youth were mobilised to construct latrines for people with disability, elderly people, women headed households, introduction of Danbir. It was found that the district sanitation conference, first of its kind in Nepal, had triggered and empowered all stakeholders to accelerate sanitation in Achham. This led 40 VDCs declaring ODF in 100 days. Bhajang has introduced third party joint monitoring mechanism, in addition, journalists in the district have declared five point resolution including boycotting tea and snacks in hotels without toilets and HW facilities. The project when managed by women was found to be functioning better was demonstrated, in Muse Water Supply Project (Kanchanpur).

Findings: It was observed that coordination committees have limited roles after ODF. As mentioned in the Mid Western Region; Chhaupadi system also hindered the continuation of ODF. Furthermore, expectation of subsidies is further obstructing the ODF campaign. Example of third party joint monitoring was observed in Bajhang; demands are high for new projects in contrast to coverage and there is less demand for sustaining existing services. There is specific needs such as SWM, drainages which are not prioritized currently for emerging towns. There were problems with . Arsenic and Calcination problem in Bhavar zone, however, no strategic actions have been undertaken to address this. Chaupadi practice also hindered ODF campaign. This region is prone to natural disasters along with public health outbreaks mainly due to WQ and behavioral issues.

Ways Forward: Encouraging women leadership for management; giving special focus for increasing sanitation coverage in Kailali & Kanchanpur districts; spreading awareness against practice of untouchability; addressing willingness to pay for private tap connections. Increasing fund allocation for public toilets in strategic locations and its appropriate operation. Campaigning against Chaupadi practice and encouraging communities to allow women to use toilet during menstruation. Developing water resource mapping. Implementing post ODF with HW practices.

Annex 5: Thematic Working Group activities

Institutional Frame Work and Capacity Building (ICB)

Members: Abadh Kishore Mishra(MOUD), Laxmi Sharma(ADB), Nanda Bdr. Khanal (SEIU), Antti Rautavara(UNICEF), Bidhya Pokhrel(JICA), Purushottam Prasad Tiwari(MOUD), Bal Krishna Pokhrel (FEDWASUN), Rajendra Aryal (FEDWASUN), Manoj Kumar Lal (FB), Suman K. Shakya (ENPHO), Ashutosh Tiwari(WA), Dhruva B. Shrestha (SEIU), Madhav Pahari (UNICEF), Yubraj Shrestha (CODEF), Lajana Manandhar(LUMANTI), Dhruva Raj Karki (SAVE), Han Heijnen(SEIU)
Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Ashutosh Tiwari (Member): Team Highlighted on increased action on policy, need of strengthening WS policy in comparison to sanitation and felt need of strong institution frame work. There is lack of capacity building plans and standardizing trainings. From the learning visits team knew that V/WASHCC are less active than D-WASHCC and become even less active after ODF. DWASHCC focus is mainly in sanitation. Main recommendations for the team was to have WASH plan in all districts, restructuring coordination structures, Form district WASH Management council with budgets and empower DWASHCC with provision of working subcommittees.

Presentation Conference

Presenter: Laxmi Sharma (Co-lead): Team mentioned that the WASH sector is a vibrant sector; however, there is lot to do to serve the un-served. She further highlighted on the need to support CHRDU to become the Centre of Excellence in the WASH sector. She also talked about district level situation mentioning that not all DWASHCCs are fully functional and effective.

The group strongly recommended forming a strong platform in order to move towards Sector-wide Approach (SWAp). Finally the group also proposed to rename the Ministry as the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Urban Development.

Recommendations:

Presenters: Nanda Bahadur Khanal (Member Secretary): Group discussed in different possibilities for institutionalizing and strengthening institutions from grass-root level to the national level. Empowering WASH-CC, WASH Plan and Capacity Building. Group recommended following points for actions

- Institutionalize DWASHCC and NWASHCC as effective planning and coordinating entities, through Govt Gazette (VH)
- Rename the Ministry Water Supply, Sanitation and Urban Development, and strengthen SEIU as Sector Secretariat and complete the National WASH Plan as part of the SWAp(VH)
- Develop CHRDU as an independent, and autonomous sector-wide, Capacity Building institution + develop Business Plan for the CHRDU(VH)

Sector Finance (FS)

Members: Gopi Nath Mainali (NPC), Silva Shrestha (WB), Deepak Puri (DWSS), Ramesh K. Adhikari (MoFALD), Janak Giri (FEDWASUN), Ilomäki Jukka (Embassy of Finland), Nanda Bahadur Khanal (PID), Prakash Amatya (NeRHA), Han Heijnen (SEIUC), Govind Shrestha (Water Aid)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Silva Shrestha (Co-Lead): Team tried to draw boarder pictures of sector financing based on available information from sector agencies. On the issue of making off budget more predictable and transparent the sector is moving towards the right direction. For the last four years, community fund mobilization for Small Town and rural sector have increased tremendously. The sector financing gap may not be as big as expected however the accurate information is still lacking. There is need for a common financing policy for WASH activities covering coverage and sustainability of existing facilities.. On the tariff issues it was identified that it has been more of an implementation issue rather than policy. On water Investment of 5500 and on sanitation investment of NPR. 300 per capita for ODF is adequate. This is also indicated in the SACOSAN report. However, there is no calculation for post ODF either on rural or urban

Presentation Conference

Presenters: Gopi Nath Mainali (Lead), Silva Shrestha (Co-lead), Govinda Shrestha (M), WAN

Mentioning the current trend of investment in WASH, the group proposed that the investment in the WASH sector should be 1.5% of the GDP. Shrestha mentioned that the projection for financing would be Rs. 16-19 billion per annum to achieve the national targets by 2017. The group then presented their recommendations urging for a common policy on financing WASH initiatives and also recommended to keep separate budget-line for sanitation. They also emphasized on the need of strategic homework to increase budget for district level expenditure.

Recommendations:

Presenters: Govinda Shrestha(M): This group had interesting discussion regarding financial resource gap to meet the national target of 'Sanitation and Water for All' by 2017. The discussion on reaching the unreached, the remaining 15%, got the most of the members' attention. The group discussed on various dimensions of existing financing mechanism and agreed on putting some accelerated effort to increase funding while doing proper resource mapping on a regular basis. Group recommended following points for actions

- Sufficient budget allocation according to the district needs/demand (NRs. 14.8 billion per year)(VH)
- Resource Mapping(VH)
- Common policy for financing WASH activities along with defined policy to reach services to unreached(20% sanitation, 20 % functionality, 20 % rehab and upgrading 40% for totally new system) (VH)

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Members: Kabindra Bikram Karki (MoUD), Madhav Pahari (UNICEF), Ujjwal Prajapati (DWSS), Dilip K Chapagain (NPC), Laxmi Pant (DWSS), Bhupendra Aryal (RWSSFDB), Tara Devi Gurung (NRCS), Vedvyas Lamichhane (FEDWASUN), Bhushan Bhattarai (DoLIDAR), Smritee Bajracharya (WaterAid), Sunita Sulpe (CODEF), Hari Prasad Sharma (WTFB), Krishna Rana (SEIUC)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Kabindra Karki (Lead): The National Planning Commission has published the Guidelines (also available online) with the objective of improving and systematizing the monitoring and evaluation process. **Reliable Economic Adequate Measurable (CREAM)** indicators for monitoring and evaluation of the Nation's WASH status has been suggested by JSR I. However, these indicators need to be refined. From the learning visits team learned that there is inadequate joint monitoring practice in many districts. Team recommended for making mandatory provision for providing information. Merging program planning and monitoring, Fine tuning CREAM indicators with result based practices and self monitoring, coding water supply services, and developing web based MIS system.

Presentation Conference

Presenters: Kabindra Karki (Lead)

Kabindra Karki started his presentation by giving a brief overview of national targets and the achievements made so far. Talking about the national policy provision, he mentioned that the communication and documentation should be made more systematic. Bhupendra Aryal could not present the situation analysis due to time limitation and presented the recommendation. They recommended authenticating DWASHCC as a sole executing agency for planning, joint monitoring, collection and sharing of information; emphasized on the need to develop a sector calendar and also correct existing monitoring indicators.

Recommendations:

Presenter: Bhupendra Aryal (Member): The M&E group started their discussion by reviewing the points they had presented in the first day of the conference. Their discussion initially focused on whether to separate WASH planning with local government planning process or not. Finally they made a consensus to streamline the planning with government's planning at different administrative levels. Group recommended following points for actions

- Institutionalize WASHCCs as joint planning, monitoring and evaluation of WASH intervention (VH)
- Intact/update national M&E information system (VH)
- Review of CREAM indicators (VH)

Functionality and Sustainability (FS)

Members: Ram Lakhan Mandal (DWSS), Shanker Pathak/Kabir Rajbhandari (SNV), Srawan K. Upadhyaya (DWSS), Lok Nath Regmi (DoLIDAR), Keshab Raj Bista (SSTWSSSP), Harish Chandra Neupane (RWSSFDB), Niraj Acharya/YogeshPanta (HELVETAS), Anu Paudyal Gautam (UNICEF), Cecial Adhikari (WaterAid Nepal), Bal Krishna Pokharel (FEDWASUN), Kalawati Pokharel (NWA), Kamana Gurung (Embassy of Finland), Manima Budhathoki (CODEF)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Sankar Pathak(Co-Lead):

The key points of the presentation were:

1. The Water Supply Operators Directive 2012 has been endorsed.
2. A benchmarking and performance assessment tool has been developed.
3. Management model and support model has been developed for sustainable management of semi urban water supply systems.
4. A majority of water supply schemes require rehabilitation and major repair.
5. There have been no major changes in functionality status since the last JSR.
6. From the regional visit, it was seen that investments in schemes were based on political and financial interests than actual needs.
7. Three fundamental standard for sustainability were recommended:(a) ensure compliance with regulations and policies, (b) build minimum capacities (of what??), and (c) action (what action and on who) by authorities in cases of poor performance.

Presentation Conference

Presenters: Ram Lakhan Manda (Lead)l, Shankar Pathak (Co-lead),

Introducing his team, Ram Lakhan Mandal requested Shanker Pathak to make a presentation. Highlighting the recently endorsed ‘Water Supply Operators Directive, 2012’, he mentioned some good practices to improve functionality of water supply systems. The group mentioned that there should be clarity in standards and regulations while making sure of minimum capacity at local level. The group also highly recommended establishing Post-construction Support Unit. The group further stressed on the need to develop plan based on available financial resources while also providing alternative technological options according to local context.

Recommendations:

Presenter: Sankar Pathak (Co-Lead): The group discussed recommendations and focused discussion on Establishment of Post Construction Support Unit at the district level, Developing WASH plans with inclusion of functionality status and Establishment of rehabilitation fund. Group recommended following points for actions:

- Ensure that all basics are in place(H)
- Develop WASH Plan based on the functionality status by the districts(H)
- Establish Post Construction Unit as an institutional home for WUSCs with funds(H)

Sanitation and Hygiene (SAN)

Members: Khom Bahadur Subedi (DWSS), Ram Chandra Sah(DWSS), Shobha Adhikari (UNICEF), Bipin Dongol (ENPHO), Anup Regmi (SNV), Chandra Bista(RWSSP-WN), Biju Dongol (OXFAM),Bhojendra Aryal (DWSS, Maheswori Khadka (DoLIDAR), Sunila Ghimire (ADB), Yogesh Panta (Helvetas), Kamal Adhikari (DWSS), Guna Raj Shrestha (CODEF), B.B. Thapa (SEBAK)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Ram Chandra Sah (MS):Team noticed lack of post ODF strategy, lack of operational guideline for budget allocation, complexity of urban sanitation due to specific need and rapidly growing population. **Team learned from regional visit that there in** District inadequate coordination among stakeholders, but district strategic plan is in places in most of the districts. Strategic plan not prepared at VDC level. Districts declared ODF with temporary toilets. Team recommended for launching of Di-COSAN, Mu-COSAN, Vi-COSAN for wider dissemination and publicity of policies; timely activation of CCs for effective database system; maintenance of urban sanitation with private sector engagement ; Suggested ‘No Water – No School’ policy and promoting menstrual Hygiene Management massively.

Presentation Conference

Presenters: KhomSubedi (Lead), MoUD and Ram Chandra Sah (Member Secretary), DWSS Khom Bahadur Subedi introduced the group and requested Ram Chandra Sah to make a presentation. Emphasizing on the urgent need to adequately disseminate the policies and in particular the Sanitation and Hygiene Master Plan, he called for accelerated efforts for ODF sustainability and sanitation promotion in Terai.

The group recommended declaring Open Defecation as a social crime while also establishing reward and recognition systems. Other recommended points were: introducing sanitation marketing; promoting public-private partnership; and including MHM, hand washing, Household Drinking Water Treatment Systems in the manuals of Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs).

Recommendations:

Presenter: Sankar Pathak (Co-Lead): The group discussed recommendations and focused discussion on the ODF and Post-ODF interventions. Group recommended following points for actions

- Institutionalization of WASH CC with focus on Urban Sanitation & Hygiene and formulation of Sanitation/WASH strategic plan(VH)
- Reinforce school WASH in schools by focusing on life-skill based software components and by mobilizing child as change agent (VH)
- Strengthen and intensify Post ODF (Total Sanitation) Campaigns from the beginning(H)

Water Quality (WQ)

Members: Ram Chandra Devkota (DWSS), Dr. Sudan Raj Panthi (WHO), Sudarsan Bhandari (DWSS), Kedar Prajapati (MoUD), Bijaya Man Shrestha(KUKL), Dr. SumanShakya (ENPHO), Ryuji Ogata (JICA), Santosh Basnet (NEWAH), Ramesh Lamichhane (EDCD-DoHS), . Nirjal Dhakal (Water Aid), Dr. Bhupendra Prasad (NWSC),

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Sudan Raj Panthi (Co-lead): Team reviewed WHO guideline for drinking water which was the basis for water quality initially, Water Resources Act 2049. Main issues in the WQ are compliance of NDWQS Directives , Scaling up of WSP and promotion of POU, SOP and WSP in existing water supply treatment systems, WQ monitoring system and data bank, Linkages of WQ with functionality, climate change, sanitation and DRR issues, resource gap for water quality, awareness at community level, WQ laboratories and Water Quality surveillance . Team recommended for increasing awareness at community level, start WQ monitoring, Establish functional unit for WQ in districts, strengthening regional lab, establishing WQ data bank, revision of NDWQS, WSP inbuilt at policy level and become part of WS cycle, initiate regular research on WQ

Presentation Conference

Presenters: Sudarshan Bhandari(MS), Dr. Sudan Raj Panthi(Co-lead): Stating that access to safe drinking water is essential to health and is also basic human rights, Dr. Panthi shared that only 12-15% of the operators supply treated water whose quality is also not independently verified. Dr. Panthi also mentioned that there are sufficient policy measures but their enforcement has been very weak. Putting high emphasis on mainstreaming Water Safety Plan, the group recommended increasing awareness and capacity on Water Quality management including establishing/strengthening capacities of decentralized laboratories. The group also highlighted the need to improve information management and increase appropriate studies/research on water quality issues.

Recommendations:

Presenter: Dr Sudan Panthi(Co-Lead): The group discussion was participatory with the major focus on Water Safety Plans, strengthening of regional water quality labs.Group recommended following points for actions

- Mainstreaming of the WSP (VH)
- Accelerate treatment facilities(VH)
- Strengthening of the laboratories(VH)

Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI)

Members: Posta Raj Dhungana(MoUD), Suman Subba(ADB), Prem Nidhi KC(DWSS), Himalaya Panthi (NEWAH), Pravesh Niraula(RWSSFDB), Manju Tuladhar(SNV), Nuria Nefcort(UNICEF), Samira Sakya(WAN), Yaba Laxmi Shrestha (CoDeF), Mandara Mishra(FEDWASUN), Mishri Prasad Shrestha (GESIC)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Himalaya Panthi (Member): Team reviewed policy and revealed that policy are in place and progressive, constitution stated Right to Equality, Water Resources Act – gender blind, Master Plan – very revolutionary policy in terms of GESI, NECOSAN has also emphasized on GESI issues, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Operational Guideline issued by MOUD in 2013, Policies are focused on Women/Poverty and do not properly address the issues of the groups like children, senior citizens etc. A form of social-cultural discrimination still exists in WASH sector. Team Recommended for reviewing existing policies from GESI perspective, Policy orientation at all administrative levels, Developing GESI training package, develop indicators, allocating GESI responsive budget and initiating localized efforts in developing local GESI policies

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Presenters: Posta Raj Dhungana (Lead) and Parvesh Niraula (Member):

Highlighting the ethnic and cultural diversity and social stratification in Nepal, Niraula mentioned about the exclusion of disadvantaged and marginalized groups in decision making role while also elaborating disparity in access to WASH facilities and services in different geographical regions and different groups like Dalits and ultra-poor. Stating the findings of recently conducted survey in Mid-western Region of Nepal, he emphasized on the urgent need to provide appropriate WASH facilities ensuring proper menstrual hygiene management systems.

The major recommendations of this TWG were about mainstreaming GESI Operational Guideline prepared by MoUD; linking GESI TWG to the national level WASH Steering Committee and developing appropriate training packages.

Recommendations:

Presenter: Pravesh Niraula (M): Equity and social inclusion were the key focus of the discussion. And the group had made a right balance of all the gender, equity and social inclusion aspects. Group recommended following points for actions

- GESI mainstreaming processes in the sector using GESI operational guideline, 2013(VH)
- Review of existing sector policies in view of GESI(H).
- All agencies have to allocate sufficient budget for GESI activities and develop training packages.(VH)

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change (DRR/CC)

Members: Jyoti Kumar Shrestha(DWSS), Mrs. Arinita M. Shrestha (UNICEF), Bal Mukunda Shrestha (MoUD) ,Binaya Raj Shrestha (Practical Action), Thakur Pd. Pandit (ICEM), Sujan Subedi (MoEST), Amar Mani Poudel (NRCS),Nutan Dev Pokharel(OSFAM), Deepak Sapkota (FB)Terrence Thompson(WHO), Sarbagya Shrestha (Water Aid) ,Raja Ram Pote Shrestha (LWF), Gopal Dahal, Ramesh Dhital (RWSSP-WN), Bal Bdr. Thakurathi (KVWSMB), Bhupendra Prasad(FB), Kedar Prajapati (MoUD), Prajwal Shrestha (ENPHO), Rajesh Manandhar (UNHABITAT)

Presentation in SSG Meeting:

Presenter: Jyoti Kumar Shrestha (Lead): Around 60-70% of global impacts of climate change can be reflected in water. The Climate Change Vulnerability Index 2011 has categorized Nepal as “extreme”. Nepal has a maximum vulnerability to earthquakes in terms of seismic hazard. It was found that there are enough policies to initiate implementation in the country. It was observed that most districts had limited knowledge and awareness on impact of Climate Change on WASH. Team recommended for updating of existing sector policies with reference to DRR/CC, research on the impact of CC on WASH and preparation of detail hazard mapping at district level, mainstreaming climate change and disaster risk reduction in WASH service delivery starting from planning and designing, orientation to WUC /groups and capacitate local bodies on CC/DRR in WASH and allocation of minimum 10% of WASH development program budget on CCA/DRR

Presentation Conference

Presenter: Jyoti Kumar Shrestha (lead)

Highlighting the high rate of vulnerability in 43 districts of Nepal, Mr. Shrestha called for revision in WASH related policies (both urban and rural) to incorporate DRR and CC. He mentioned that establishment of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Section within DWSS as a positive move towards DRR and CC.

Presenting the major recommendations of the group, Mr. Shrestha stressed on the need to develop CCS strategy and DRM guideline for the WASH sector and initiate detail assessment on the impact of CC on WASH. The group further recommended organizing massive campaign to aware WSUC and local bodies about CCA and DRM while the group also demanded 10% budget for CCA and DRR.

Recommendations:

Presenter: Bal Mukunda Shrestha (MS): Despite effect of climate change is greater in the water, hygiene and sanitation aspect, currently there is no strong guideline on Disaster Risk Management. Group recommended following points for actions

- Development of CCA strategy and DRM guideline for the WASH sector(VH)
- Initiate detail assessment on the impact of CC on WASH.(H)
- Initiation for updating of existing sector policies with reference to CCA/DRR(H)

WASH Plan and Coordination (Group created during conference)

Members: Hari Prasad Sharma (WSTFC), Peshal Kumar Pokhrel- DDC(WR), Sangita Regmi-DEO(WR), Madhuri Bika- NRCS (MWR), Kulmani Devkota (FEDWASUN), Anjali Manandhar Sherpa(FLC), Bijesh Man Shrestha (UEMS), Bhushan Tuladha(UN-Habitat), Pragya Shrestha (USAID), Mingma G. Sherpa(FLC), Kishor Shakya (FLC), Govind Sapkota-RAO(WR), Divakar Dhakal (DWSS), Pratap Sharma(ERMSO), Durga Chapagain (FEDWASUN), Chandra PD. Gair- RAO(CR), Sushil Subedi(RVWRMP), Gun Raj Awasti (CR), Arun Kumar Simkhada (MWR), Bishnu Prasad Kandel (Amarapuri),

Group focused their discussion on

- How should a National WASH plan look like?
 - What aspects and issues should it take into consideration?
 - What are the challenges that exist in the current system?
- Group suggested following points for developing WASH Plan

1. The group felt that the themes/areas proposed for the WASH plan (referring to presentation from Han) and the themes under the JSR should be streamlined for uniformity in addressing the issues.
2. It was also observed that GESI issues should be brought into the WASH discussion more vibrantly in order to make it known in the sector that GESI goes beyond women related issues.
3. It was unanimously decided that an integrated WASH plan is required addressing not just local level agenda but a holistic water and sanitation components which should be inclusive of both rural and urban sub-sectors.
4. A planning frame work for the sector should be defined which will guide through the strategic planning exercise. .
5. Furthermore, the WASH plan should urge for and promote good governance in terms of accountability, participatory and transparency and make relevant agencies responsible for the long term sustainability of interventions.
6. The group also felt the need of revised ToR for ministries and other lead agencies to ensure a clear working modality.
7. The need of strengthening R/D/M/V-WASH-CC was realized to enhance its capacity to coordinate planning, monitoring and reporting.
8. It was also proposed that the name of the focal ministry should be renamed as Ministry of Water Supply, Sanitation and Urban Development in order that the water and sanitation is given adequate focus.
9. It was suggested that the scope of WASH Plan should be well defined.
10. It was realized that the relevant regulations should be formulated in close coordination with relevant agencies.

Annex 6: Conference participants

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Annex 7: Views

Presentation by Abadh Kishore Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development

Objectives of the JSR are to evaluate past initiatives, bring recommendations that guide the sector for future initiatives on thematic areas in view of progresses made, challenges and way forward. National targets related to water, hygiene and sanitation are clear. One of the key progresses over the years is that the sector is now moving towards Sector-wide Approach and not with project wise approach. Similarly nation-wide ODF campaign is declaring Districts, VDC and Municipalities as ODF zones and resultantly, Nepal has surpassed the Millennium Development Goal Target and heading towards national target.



Rajendra Aryal, FEDWASUN



General Assembly of United Nation declared water and sanitation as human rights on 28th July 2010 and couple of legislation has been prepared and enforced by Nepal for the enjoyment of right to WASH in Nepal. "Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Policy/Strategy 2004" have also made FEDWASUN accountable. And the agency is fully committed to meet the national goal of water and sanitation. Many households being displaced due to lack of drinking water has been an emerging challenge. Coordination with donor agencies is taking place and this has to be increased in the days to come. FEDWASUN will make effort for sustainability of the water supply facilities managed by users committee with supports form government. FEDWASUN will lead the civil societies' need and concern. And the network will continue collaborating with government and relevant agencies. And he also called on support from government and stakeholders to move ahead.

Lajana Manandhar, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)



Now a civil society organization has been recognized and this is a matter of pleasure for us. Civil society is an important body for the sector harmonization. We express commitment to work towards this direction. The conference making efforts to promote the GESI aspects is also praiseworthy.

Kalawati Pokharel, Civil Society Organization

Civil Society Organizations are committed to work towards reaching the goals for water, hygiene and sanitation. It is a matter of pleasure for Civil Society Organization to work as an active and accountable member for the country's WASH initiatives. CSOs are willing to contribute in the policy development process. While working in coordination, stakeholder's roles should be clearly defined and Civil Society Organizations are always willing to take its role in reaching the goal of total water, sanitation and hygiene coverage



Dr. Narayan Khadka, Minister, Ministry of Urban Development

Today is the result of sector harmonization and collaborative efforts. We are here to assess the progress made over the four years. The JSR approach has melded all into a single chain. It has become an effective forum for exchanging learning and accountabilities. Stakeholders have learned a lot from each other. We have brought up realistic ideas and acted upon them. Sustainability has been a major challenge. Climate change is also emerging as a key challenge. So is the social challenge. Gender and issue of marginalized are other big social challenges. The Minister called on agencies to provide important issues and ideas to the process. This exercise is going to be a very good exercise or will bring us closer to meet our joint goal, he said.



Resolutions are the lively milestone documents. Now, it is important to make proper action plans and address challenges which are as big as the plan. Team will work toward meeting the resolutions made in the sector. Our ministry will also work hard to bring additional funds. Unique about our sector is that we are now converged. Stakeholders will have to work harder from now on.

Kishore Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development

Through various models, water supply schemes are being implemented. All are taking accountabilities and moving ahead. But still, there is a challenge to harmonize the sector. Now the sector requires further horizontal and vertical coordination. We have already crossed the Millennium Development Goal. Human resources, financial resources and policy support are required for this. We see beautiful Himalayas and white Himalayas with a lot of water, but our ladies and kids had to walk miles to fetch water. The state's water resources' buying and selling has been emerging very dangerously and the issue is to be addressed properly. This issue has been challenging for stakeholders.



This two days joint sector review going to be over. We have reviewed our actions, progresses and have also made resolutions for future actions. In addition, WASH is being developed as a sector and we have discussed about its composition in this review meeting. We called on support from the Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission

Annex 8: Photos

(See separate file)