

**Report on**  
**Regional Inception Workshop, FANSA**  
**'Rising for the Rights: Strengthening Civil Society Networks in South Asia to achieve SDG 6'**



*Figure 1: Participants of inception workshop*

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## Executive Summary

The Inception Workshop for the project "Rising for the Rights: Strengthening CSO Network in South Asia to achieve SDG 6" took place for 2 days in Hotel Crown Imperial, Rabi Bhawan, Kathmandu, Nepal from 7 - 8 February, 2023. The workshop kick-started a three-year initiative aimed at reaching the most vulnerable communities, ensuring their rights to equitable, adequate, affordable, and inclusive WASH services.

The two-day inception workshop was organized by FANSA Regional Secretariat. Day one was dedicated to the introduction of the project, opening remarks and sharing Detail Implementation Plan (DIP) of the member countries including the regional secretariat. Day two was devoted to learning and sharing on Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) from BMGF partners, stories from the ground by community leaders' and group exercises on refinement of the result framework and DIP aligning with the result framework.

The inception workshop was formally inaugurated by all the FANSA Regional, National Conveners and BMGF representative by lighting the light in *Sukunda* and *Panas*. 54 participants from all the FANSA regional, country chapters' (except from Afghanistan), BMGF including their partners, and Lumanti Support Group for the Shelter were the attendants of this workshop.

Day one of the inception workshop was begun with an introduction, opening remarks, brief presentations on the project, plans and priorities along with fund flow mechanism. Following this, Country wise Detail Implementation Plan (DIP) were presented, covering brief introduction of FANSA chapters, their plans and priorities for coming three years to execute the project, project activities, summary on financial allocation, opportunities, way forwards, and other updates. Similarly, on the second day of the workshop, comprehensive learning and sharing presentations were delivered on CWIS by different BMGF partners. Through this exchange of learning on CWIS, participants developed a clarity on the concept, principles on CWIS and methodology for their preparation to execute the activities related CIWS. The community leaders from Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan expressed their perceptions, grievances and demands on the access of inclusive sanitation facilities. Furthermore, refinement of the Result Framework was done by dividing the participants into three groups, each group worked in the refinement of the draft result framework, and provided their feedbacks on some of its outcomes and outputs for its finalization. It was noted that result framework would be reviewed and updated by Regional Secretariat considering all the suggestions/feedbacks received from the group work.

Finally, the workshop was concluded with the next step with agreed action points to get them realized by end of Feb 2023 for refinement of result framework, DIPs and other associated actions. Overall, the inception workshop provided clarity to move forward in the implementation of the project to achieve what we collectively committed to the Foundation (BMGF). The workshop was successful to boost the spirits of all the FANSA country chapters to embark on the new journey, and to bring change in the lives of vulnerable communities within the Sout Asia Region.

## I. Background of the FANSA

Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA) is a network of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) active in the WASH sector in South Asia with representation from eight countries of South Asia, (i.e., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka). It was formally launched in 2008 mainly with the purpose of facilitating effective engagement of CSOs in national, regional, and international policy-making processes and to ensure accessible water and sanitation services to all Leaving No One Behind. FANSA is engaged in empowering community leaders and civil society organizations to effectively and collectively engage to support influence policies, processes, and institutions responsible for ensuring access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene for everyone.

FANSA works to improve water management by strengthening civil society to influence decision-making. FANSA is governed by Regional Steering Committee headed by Regional Convener. Currently, National Convener from eight countries namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are represented in the Regional Steering Committee. All National chapters of FANSA has different organizations as the members.

Over the past 12 years, FANSA has grown to be a known and recognized forum for supporting CSOs' and most marginalized communities at all levels. FANSA has pioneered the practice of "bringing the community voices" to the Regional and Global platforms to sensitize and influence the highest political and administrative authorities by directly listening to their issues, concerns, and recommendations".

The concept to establish South Asia regional civil society organization's network evolved during Freshwater Action Network (FAN) global meeting. Currently FANSA has a network of 360 plus organizations working in the sector of water and sanitation across the South Asia region. The network is active in implementing and influencing water and sanitation policy and practice around the region.

FANSA, through its programs and alignment with regional and global agendas such as the UN resolution on the 'Rights to Water and Sanitation' and UN Sustainable Development Goals, as well as its ongoing collaboration will continue to contribute towards achieving the target to provide universal access to sanitation and water by 2030 in South Asia, by bridging regional boundaries and facilitating dialogue between policymakers, practitioners, researchers, media and other stakeholders.

### I.1 Background of the Project "Rising for the Rights:

To accelerate this journey of FANSA, FANSA with the support from BMGF (The Foundation) is executing a grant for "*Mobilizing Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for the Rising for Rights for Strengthening Civil Society Network in South Asia to achieve SDG 6*" in short **Advocacy Project: Rising the Rights to achieve SDG 6** within 3 years of duration (starting from November 2022 – January 2026) to achieve the below mentioned three outcomes. The outputs and activities under each outcome will be anchored by respective member countries (National Chapter) of FANSA with the support from the FANSA regional secretariat currently shifted to Nepal. This grant project is being implemented in all the member countries of FANSA, except Afghanistan and are responsible to implement all the activities in the field.

## 2. Overview of the Inception Workshop

To give a kick-start to the project, FANSA Regional Secretariat organized a regional workshop scheduled for 2 days (7-8 Feb 2023). The workshop was divided into two parts with the following objectives.

The Inception workshop of the project "Rising for the Rights" was organized by FANSA Regional Secretariat for two days from 7-8 February, 2023 in Hotel Crown Imperial, Rabi Bhawan, Kathmandu, Nepal. The purpose of the inception workshop was to officially launch and commence the implementation of the project.

The specific objectives of the workshop were:

1. To brief the Advocacy Project on Rising the Rights to achieve SDG 6 under BMGF fund to bring clarity on the project and on the roles and responsibilities of FANSA member countries to execute the project.
2. To exchange the learning on the CWIS initiatives from the Partners of BMGF and draw lessons for further strategizing the advocacy agenda on CWIS in this project on Rising the Rights.
3. To draft DIP with reference to result framework for executing the project together with resource allocation for the next three years making sure that the project is led by the member countries both from programmatically and operationally meeting the BMGF's expectations.
4. To conduct face to face regional steering committee meeting of FANSA and regional project steering committee meeting of this Advocacy Project: Rising the Rights to achieve SDG 6.

The first part of the workshop consists of Project introduction, sharing of member countries' activity and budget plans; whereas the second part consists of learning and sharing from the CWIS initiatives/practices of external like-minded organizations/networks, particularly BMGF partners followed by FANSA's planning session for refining the plans with reference to the RF of the project.

### 2.1 Inauguration Session

The inception workshop was formally inaugurated by all the FANSA Regional, National Conveners and BMGF by lighting the light in *Sukunda* and *Panas*. A total of 54 participants attended the workshop, out of which 27 of the participants were male and 27 were female (refer ANNEX II). The workshop was facilitated by **Ms. Samira Shakya** and **Mr. Kabir Rajbhandari**, FANSA Regional Secretariat. It was organized and delivered using a series of presentations, plenary discussions and group work to enable participants to raise their queries, concerns, work on result framework and finalize their DIP.



Day One was dedicated to the introduction of the project, opening remarks and sharing DIP-country wise presentations and,

Day two was devoted to learning and sharing on Citywide Inclusive Sanitation, group exercise on refinement of the result framework and DIP aligning with result framework. The representatives from organizations – IIHS, ASCI, ITN/BUET, WA, CWISAN, UN-Habitat and the community leaders from respective countries were also invited to present their perception, learning, experience and challenges on Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) that could be of relevance to this project and notify participants on possible linkages and opportunities to foresee in the project.

## 2.2 Welcome Remarks

On the behalf of secretariat team members and Lumanti, **Ms. Lajana Manandhar**, Regional Convener, welcomed all the participants with her warm smile along with happiness to meet all the FANSA member physically in good health in Nepal. She says, there was always in search of the project which can bring an important sustainable change in a community, empowering the vulnerable, marginalized women, children, people with disability, sanitation workers in a long term and helping them accessing their rights. She further expressed her gratitude to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for the support to bring the dreamed project. She also highlighted the role of the FANSA Chapters on empowering the vulnerable communities so that they can rise for their rights. Lastly, she shared about her feeling regarding to this project and to work hard on strengthening the partnership with community organizations to reach maximum vulnerable and marginalized groups of community.



All the participants observed silence and prayed in the memory of Late **Mr. Prakash Amatya**, key person behind the initiation/establishment of FANSA and have remarkable contribution in campaigning for public toilets in Kathmandu, Nepal.

## 2.3 Relevancy of FANSA and its achievements:

*Inspiration and motivation to FANSA team by Murali Ramashetty, Chairperson, FANSA Regional Council*

**Mr. Mural Ramashetty**, Chairperson, FANSA Regional Council, begun with the appreciation to Ms. Lajana Manandhar and all the colleague of FANSA Regional Secretariat for hosting the inception workshop. He reminisced the journey from 2006, how they initiated with the process of consultation in six countries, consulting with CSOs, organizing meetings at the national level to Jan 2008, to form the network in South Asia region starting with five countries- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Srilanka. Further, shared following achievements made in the past fourteen years of FANSA Chapters;



- Consistently advocating for budget allocations to meet the WASH needs of the marginalized communities,
- Able to gathered evidence for decision makers,

- Used national, regional and global platforms to present consolidated evidences to convince and to prioritize WASH for marginalized communities,
- Also raised issues on transparency, accountability and giving opportunities for the participation of CSOs and community leader at global, regional, national and sub-national level,
- Raised the level of engagement of CSOs, bringing nearly about 400 CSOs as a part of FANSA network from all over the SA countries,
- Created opportunities where people can connect with each other, learn and share with each other,
- Created opportunities to CSOs to participating in decision making platforms to share their experiences, ideas, advocate on WASH for needs of marginalized communities,
- Meetings and learning sharing workshops have contributed to strengthening the network. Building collaboration with other partners, governments and international sector organizations.

Lastly, he acknowledged all the regional leadership, the national conveners, national steering committee, grew up to this level and reminded to uphold the dignity, freedom and humanity while implementing the project.

## 2.4 Partnership between BMGF and FANSA

*Through a project on "Rising for the Rights"- A guidance note by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)*

**Ms. Neelima Thota**, Senior Strategic Advisor, BMGF, shared to be pleased to meet all the FANSA networks from different countries of the South-Asia regions who are working for disproportionately affected disadvantaged groups, to achieve development goals of Leaving No One Behind. She shared about the global forum where almost 47 development organizations signed up for Citywide Inclusive Sanitation, to ensure that all development in sanitation sectors are driven by causes of equality, safe, and looked at sustainable aspects. To ensure not just government engagement but also engagement of most grass root levels for effective and efficient utilization and management of available resources. She also shared that every government are adopting CWIS agenda and foundation has taken it to mainstream CWIS in the affairs of the financial development institutions like Asia Development Bank, World Bank, Economic Development Bank, and others working on development especially in the sanitation sectors.

Further, she explained how this project has been conceptualized which emphasized reaching the communities who are not aware about their rights, to empower the communities to come forward and talk about their needs and represent their needs. And, to bring those voices to the planning platforms, ensure the government recognize them, allocate adequate fund for the development of resilience communities to withstand all the consequences of climate change, disasters and discriminatory development activities.



Similarly, she mentioned about the key focus areas of foundation along with cross cutting themes- gender, diversity, equality and inclusion. The focused areas are;

- Support to Policy
- Advocacy and Communication
- Capacity building at scale
- Technical assistance to conceptualization on the planning of developing projects.
- She concluded her speech emphasizing to uplift the lives of most vulnerable, marginalized and unserved communities.

## 2.5 Remarks from Huairou Commission

**Ms. Suranjana Gupta, Huairou Commission**, shared to be privileged working as a fiscal agent for the project of FANSA. She explained the commission's primary role as an outsider to learn from FANSA project. She briefly explained about the Huairou commission-which is focused on local women leadership in building inclusive and resilience community development; and its our focused areas as outlined below:-

1. Organizing Leadership
2. Awareness Building
3. Coalition/ building Knowledge Network
4. Influencing Public Decision Making
5. She added that the insights of the commission are engagement in collaborative learning works, partnership building, and enhancing the capacity of local women groups.



### 3. Project Overview

#### 3.1 Session I: Project Briefing: Introduction on the project “Rise for the Rights”

Mr. Kabir Rajbhandari, Regional Coordinator, FANSA, presented detailed overview of the project "Rising for the Rights: Strengthening CSO Network in South Asia to achieve SDG 6" and a spotlight was put on three key project outcomes:



**Outcome 1:** Advocacy efforts by FANSA contribute to Policy action based on the current evidence by at least six number of intervention countries ensuring WASH rights of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized communities are achieved through CWIS.

**Outcome 2:** Strengthened accountability mechanism through enhanced capacity of CSOs and marginalized groups to lead and collaborate with the stakeholders for sector monitoring at local or sub-national governments for service level improvement and reliability.

**Outcome 3:** Strengthened FANSA as a vibrant regional and national advocacy institution as a voice of right holders with enhanced capacity to advocate for safely managed equitable and inclusive WASH services by empowering the networks among CBOs/CSOs including community groups who raise voices for sustainable WASH policy and practices in SA region.

Along with this, he also presented conceptual framework, program approach, intervention approach, management approach, expected result and project information. Some of the snapshots of conceptual framework and management approach, he presented, are as below:

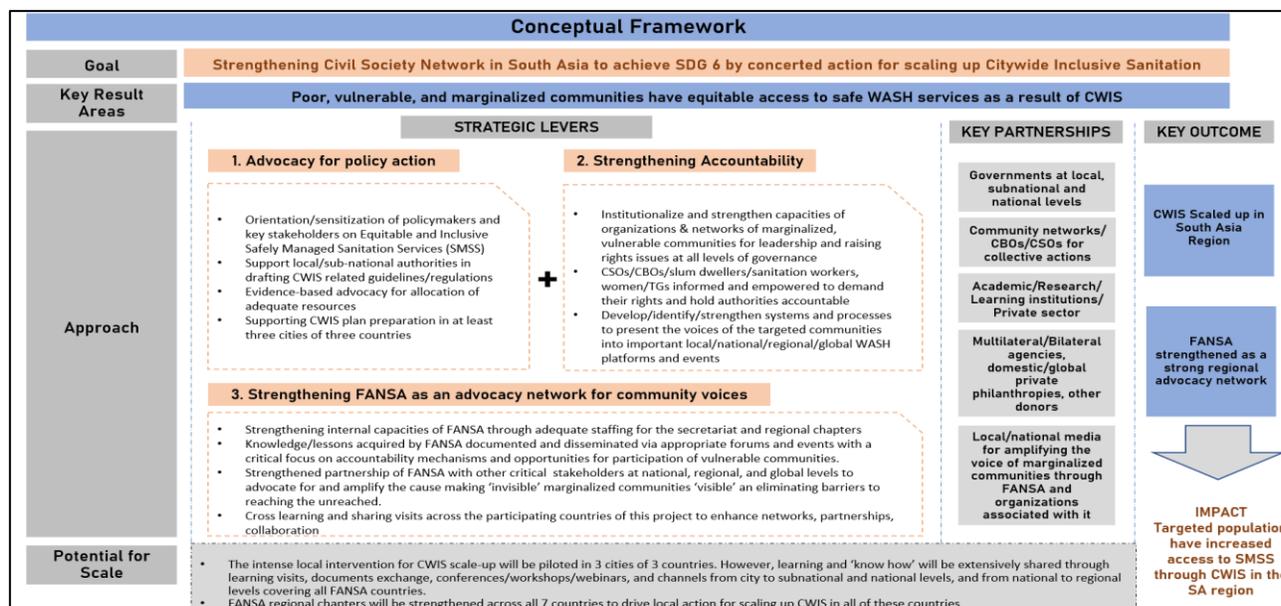


Figure 2: Project Conceptual Framework

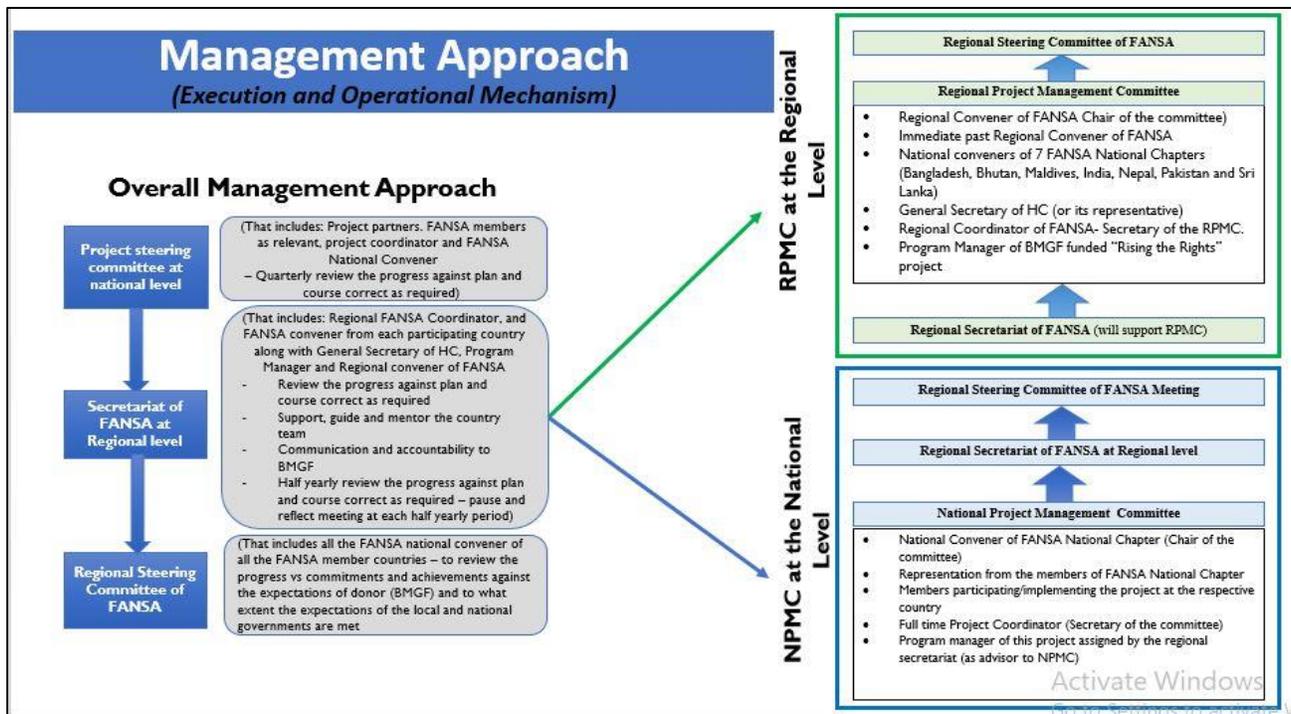


Figure 3: Management Approach

### 3.2 Session II: FANSA Regional Secretariat Plan and Priorities

Ms. Samira Shakya, Program Manager for Rising for the Rights Project, shared the aim, strategies, plans and priorities, opportunities and challenges of the project while implementing the project in perspective of the Secretariat. She also shared the expected supports of:

- information sharing, networking, timely execution of plans and priorities by FANSA country chapters and committee.
- Guidance, direction and linkage with other partners from the foundation
- Issue prioritization, indigenous knowledge sharing from the CBOs
- Collaboration/cooperation and joint campaigns opportunities from the other like-minded agencies.

Some snapshots of plans and priorities, she presented in the workshop is shown below:



## PLANS AND PRIORITIES

Y1: Q1-Q2 (Oct 2022-Mar 2023)	Y1: Q3 (Apr-Jun 2023)	Y1: Q4 (Jul-Sep 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management</li> <li>• Management System Development                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting Templates</li> <li>• Budget Templates</li> <li>• Result Framework Template</li> <li>• DIP Template</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Project Brochure</li> <li>• Partnership Agreement</li> <li>• DIP/RF Finalisation</li> <li>• Communications                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and update Database/Website/Social Media</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Quarterly Reporting</b></li> <li>• <b>Periodic Meetings</b> (Inception Meeting – 7-8 Feb; RSC held on 23 Jan23); 1t1 with country chapters - ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complementing SWA's fund to align with this project – needs planning with FANSA MCs by Q2</li> <li>• Stakeholder Mapping to Explore/Create Global Regional Network/Platform</li> <li>• Capacity Building Need Assessment</li> <li>• <b>Quarterly Reporting</b></li> <li>• Periodic Meetings (On-line Bimonthly Meetings/ Quarterly; RPMC Meetings)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap Identification and Consolidation of Policies Reviewed - by FANSA MCs in their respective countries</li> <li>• Capacity Building - project stakeholders</li> <li>• Periodic Meeting (RPMC Meetings; On-line, F2F Meetings)</li> <li>• Review/Reflection and planning (revision) – on half yearly basis</li> <li>• Annual Meeting: R&amp;R and Planning</li> <li>• Annual Reporting</li> </ul>

Figure 4: Plans and Priorities

### 3.3 Session III: Fund flow mechanism (templates and systems and contractual compliances)

Mr. Gyanil Shakya, Finance Manager, FANSA, presented financial compliance overview where he shared that the fund will be released on six monthly basis within two weeks of submission of identified reports. The report should include synopsis of the financial progress made till date with one pager overview of financial summary. He also mentioned that financial progress reporting, fund balance and revised annual budget plan will determine the fund transfer amounts.



In addition, he presented budget layers in program while briefing on reporting timeline - progress and financial and fund release (refer table 1).

Table 1: Reporting Timeline (Progress and financial and fund release)

Project Year	Investment Period	Reporting Deliverable	Reporting Due By		Reporting Period	No. of Months Covered	Fund Release
			Physical Progress	Financial Progress			
		Countersigned Agreement	-	-			After Signing of Agreement
Year 1	Dec 2022 to 30 Sept., 2023	Quarterly Report		7-Apr-23	Dec 22 to March 2023	4	within 2 weeks
		Six-Monthly Progress Report	30-Sep-23		April 2022 to Sept 2023	6	
		Annual Report		7-Oct-23	Dec 22 to Sept 23	10	within 2 weeks
Year 2	1 Oct 2023 to 30 Sept, 2024	Quarterly Progress Report	31-Dec-23		October 23 to Dec 23	3	
		Six Monthly Report		7-Apr-24	Oct 23 to March 24	6	within 2 weeks
		Quarterly Progress Report	30-Jun-24		April 24 to June 24	3	
		Annual Report		7-Oct-24	Oct 23 to Sept 24	12	within 2 weeks
Year 3	1 Oct 2024 to 30 Sept, 2025	Quarterly Progress Report	31-Dec-24		Oct 24 to Dec 24	3	
		Six Monthly Report		7-Apr-25	Oct 24 to March 25	6	within 2 weeks
		Quarterly Progress Report	30-Jun-25		April 25 to June 2025	3	
		Annual Report		7-Oct-25	Oct 24 to Sept 25	12	within 2 weeks
Year 4	1 Oct 2025 to 30 Jan, 2026	Quarterly Progress Report	31-Dec-25		Oct 25 to Dec 25	3	
		Final Progress & Financial Report		7-Feb-26	Oct 25 to Jan 26	4	
	Start Date to End Date	Final Project Completion Report	Within 30 days of End Date			38	

## 4. Country wise DIP presentation

All the FANSA country chapters presented their Detail Implementation Plan (DIP) of the project covering brief information on following headings:

- Brief info of the chapter and the team composition
- Past/Current interventions in CWIS
- Learning from the achievements/challenges
- Rationale
- Plan and priorities
- Summary of the Financial allocation
- Opportunities and Way forward
- Other updates- status on project agreement, status on DIP/Budget, team composition, focal person for the project and status of National Project Meeting Committee (NPMC).
- Support Expected from FANSA Secretariat.

### 4.1 Highlights of FANSA Country Chapters' Presentation:

#### 4.1.1 FANSA Bangladesh

**Mr. Sankar Kumar Roy**, Project Coordinator of FANSA Bangladesh shared their plans on implementing the project in three areas - Tea Garden, Char Area and Coastal Area of Bangladesh. He also shared the expectations/success indicators of the project i.e.

- The CWIS will be promoted by managing gaps between policy and implementation level.
- Increased allocation of resources/investment for WASH by the Local or Sub-National Governments as informed by the identified financial gaps to ensure adequacy to meet SDG 6.2 targets.
- Community will be capable to raise their voice for claiming rights, System and process are in place within the networks and CBOs/CSOs to feed the grassroots voices in raising the issues and demands related to SMSS at least at local government levels
- Policy makers and duty bearers understood the importance of SMSS evidenced by their actions for preparing CWIS plan ensuring access to SMSS to the targeted beneficiaries with associated sanitation policies and regulations in place.
- FANSA BD itself will be established as a resource-based institution.



#### 4.1.2 FANSA Bhutan

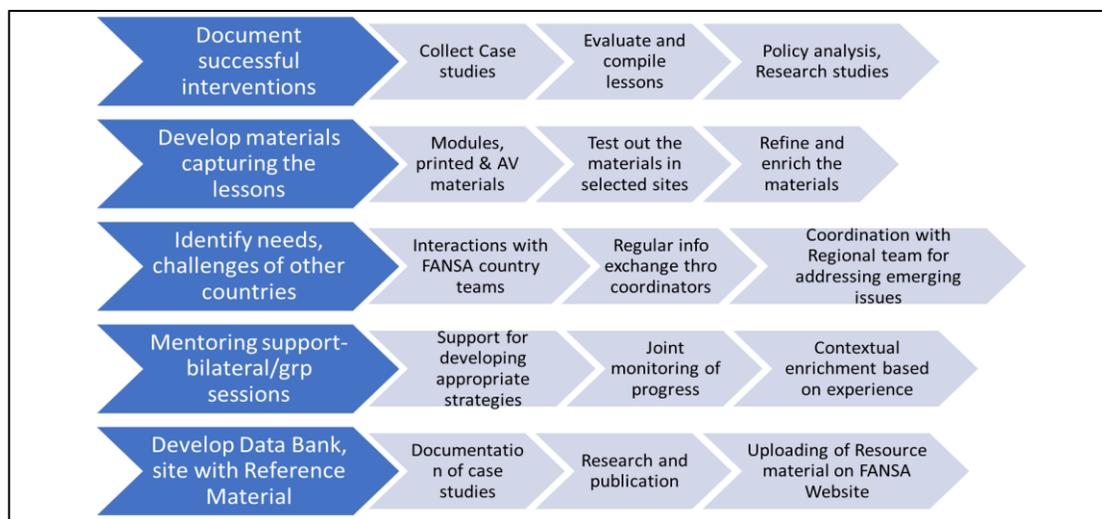
**Mr. Passang Tshering**, National Convener of FANSA Bhutan, shared the following plans and priorities of the project:



- Platform for National CSOs and CBOs to table WASH issues and form a common voice
- Make membership bases wider and engaging
- Use the FANSA Governance Manual to put a system in place
- Involve members in FANSA activities to give more ownership
- Formal linkage with Bhutan Civil Society Network (BCSN) to strengthen collaboration
- Continue where we left with the Municipal Workers and Urban Poor
- Help organize communities to raise their common voices
- Reactivate membership and grow it with CBOs and beneficiary Groups
- Seek recognition of FANSA from the new government 2023

#### 4.1.3 FANSA India

**Dr. Seetharam MR**, FANSA RSC member, explained the FANSA India-Regional activities (see Fig.5)



*Figure 5: FANSA India-Regional activities*

Whereas, **Mr. Uday Shankar Prasad Singh**, National Convener of FANSA India, presented country specific activities they will be performing in the project and they were:

- Intervention in five selected states-urban focus
- Strengthening of FANSA India
- Subnational, national level training, capacity building

- Leadership development/Capacity building in WASH of communities, of CBOs/CSOs and local representatives in selected areas
- Initiation of Community based monitoring sites leading to regulatory mechanism at local level and generation of evidence for advocacy
- Collaborative programs jointly with universities and academic institutions
- Documentation of lessons learnt and sharing of the same in different fora.
- Dissemination, learning-sharing meets
- Network strengthening activities-state level, subnational and national level



#### 4.1.4 FANSA Maldives

**Mr. Mohamed Rasheed**, National Convener of FANSA Maldives, shared establishment of Mutual Accountability Mechanism (MAM) showing political commitment, functioning multi stakeholder platforms, allocation of resources to bridge the WASH access gaps based on evidence, as their expectations/success indicators of the project. Following with, mentioned their targets to conduct research based on the study establish MAM, establish research mechanisms and multi-stakeholder platform and initiate National chapter advocacy activities along with facilitate marginalized constituencies followed by training and established networks.



#### 4.1.5 FANSA Nepal

**Ms. Bhawan Sharma**, National Convener of FANSA Nepal, shared their focus areas for first year were reviewing current WASH policies, guidelines, budget allocation with respect to equitable and inclusive SMSS/CWIS, evidence collection and capacity building. Followed by CWIS plan development, demonstration of model cities, networking and advocacy for second year. And, learning sharing which include community voices collection, social audit and joint monitoring in third year.



#### 4.1.6 FANSA Pakistan

**Mr. Gul Khan Naseer Baloch**, Project Coordinator of FANSA Pakistan shared their focus areas for first year were: review of current policies, guidelines and budget allocations of Government regarding WASH sector, gap analysis in current policies, implementation strategies and community engagement, develop a strong advocacy strategy and develop CWIS for one city in Pakistan and lobbying with government for implementation. He further added that they will be carrying out activities on resource allocations, capacity building of marginalized communities, CSO and, strengthening accountability mechanisms in second year. And, activities like cross learning and sharing visits for key stakeholders, demonstration of the capacity of community groups and advocacy at national/country level to adopt practice-based policy changes, at international platforms were focused in the third year of implementation of the project.



#### 4.1.7 FANSA Sri Lanka

**Mr. Indika Saman Rajapaksha**, National Project Coordinator of FANSA Srilanka shared following plans and priorities for the project:

##### Focus of Year 1

- Collecting Baseline data for future advocating on SMSS and CWIS
- Analyze sector investment to identify financial gaps
- Establishing project coordination mechanism and building new relationships
- Improve capacities of CSOs and CBOs
- Assess CWIS situation status

##### Focus of Year 2

- Supporting local governments in adopting CWIS
- Amplify the voice of communities to better WASH status

##### Focus of Year 3

- Continuation of the work initiated in year 2
- Exploring technical support and cross learning



## 5. Discussions/Q & A session

The following concerns were raised and discussed during the workshop:

- On FANSA Bangladesh presentation, FANSA Regional Secretariat and BMGF raised their concerns on selected areas for implementing the project whether the areas cover maximum number of vulnerable communities and disadvantaged groups or not. FANSA Bangladesh clarified that the selected areas covered the vulnerability communities.
- The participants shared concerns on having no CWIS provision in their context and how they can mobilize the people or work for creation of demand from national, local government for introducing CWIS. BMGF addressed it, by mentioning to learn from the experts/practitioner who have worked/working in CWIS.
- Noticing the project is more of advocacy, one of the participant also wanted to know whether the project will allow them to do some demonstration works as, to encourage the government stakeholders to invest more in WASH sector.

## 6. Release of the Biography

In the inception workshop, **Mr. Purna Chandra Mishra**, FANSA Regional Steering Committee (RSC) Member, was provided with a platform to launch his 51<sup>st</sup> book (his biography) titled **"Dreaming behind Shadow" amongst the fellow network members from all seven countries**. He shared that his biography explains the transition of social-culture setting in rural areas. He presented his book to the Regional Convener and all the FANSA National Conveners and shared soft copy to all the participants.



### Closing Remarks (DAY I)

Ms. Lajana Manandhar, Regional Convener, FANSA in her closing remarks on first day of the inception workshop emphasized on the need to work hard and that we are being observed by donors, and partners. She emphasized on beneficiaries' records, good reporting systems, documentation to gather evidences and advocating at the regional, national and sub-national level making the voices of the community people heard.

## 7. Learning and Sharing on City-wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS)

The second day of the workshop was begun with recapping of the first day and was facilitated by Ms. Samira Shakya, Program Manager, FANSA Regional Secretariat. Half of the inception workshop was devoted to learning and sharing on CWIS with the motive to provide clear concept, principles on CWIS and to learn from the initiatives carried out by other partners of BMGF-IIHS, ASCI, ITN/BUET, Water Aids, CWISAN, particularly the key approach, strategy, possible issues, challenges that came across, and how they were mitigated. The main purpose of this session was to capture the learnings that can be replicated/helpful for FANSA chapters to draw the advocacy agenda, strategy and ways to influence for policy actions and better accountability through strengthening the advocacy actors by collaborating with these BMGF partners. It was expected, through the sessions, that everyone has common understanding on CWIS and everyone use the same terminology, vocabularies, and glossaries of CWIS.

Following Learning and sharing from six different organizations, Community leaders' were also invited to share their perceptions and particularly representing the voices of vulnerable communities of their respective countries.

### 7.1 Session I: Sharing from Indian Institute Human Settlements (IIHS)

Ms. Abhilasha Nagarjuna, Senior Associate of Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) delivered her presentation on 'CWIS efforts and NGO network for Urban WASH in Tamil Nadu: Learnings and reflections'. She started her presentation with a short brief about IIHS and its network partners which is followed by her learning and experiences from Tamil Nadu Urban Sanitation Support Program focusing citywide inclusive sanitation. Highlights of her presentation,



- Tamil Nadu is the first state to introduce FSM officially in 2014 and scaling FSM across 649 towns covering a total urban population of 30 million in Tamil Nadu, in 2016. IIHS is working in partnership with the TN government and has established Technical Support Unit.
- Behavioral change campaign like 'Women in Sanitation' and 'We speak too' for sanitation workers conducted. Also engaged in school WASH programs benefitting 8000 plus students.
- CWIS in Trichy is being delivered by a consortium of partners (Gramalaya, PDI, YUGAA, Bharathidasan University and Hasiru Dala) led by IIHS covering one million population of 290 settlements. CWIS has covered 5 major components: Managing FSM, gender, upliftment of sanitation workers for their health and wellbeing, safety and livelihoods, services for the urban poor settlements and Trichy as the knowledge hub.
- She also presented the sustainability plans and key learnings as mentioned below:

Sustainability plan (WIP)	Key learnings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims to outline clear areas of work, activities and outputs</li> <li>• Focus on organizational development (operationalizing by-laws, membership fee, rotating, decentralized leadership, improving transparency, clear R&amp;R)</li> <li>• To include various aspects required for resource mobilization (proposal writing workshop, mapping of donors/CSRs, preparation of pitch/ proposal documents etc.)</li> <li>• Focus on building alliances with other networks, forums, practitioners and sector experts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TNUWN is a potential platform to liaison with city/district governments to actively implement WASH initiatives and ensure their sustainability given grass root presence</li> <li>• Given expertise, multiple efforts of member organizations, can also act as a resource platform for WASH at state level and a channel for advocacy with state government</li> <li>• Capacity building for NGOs on domain areas and resource mobilization, diversified funding is important to ensure sustainability</li> </ul>

## 7.2 Session II: Sharing from Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)

Dr. Snehalatha Melaka, Associate Professor, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) started her presentation with the brief introduction of ASCI mentioning its focus areas like public policy, Urban Governance, Environment, Energy, Public management, Economics and Finance, Strategic Management, Health, Agriculture, HR development, and Gender. And, explained the aspiration of governments and city leaders which were provision of sanitation service (safely managed) for improvement of public health and environment quality, inclusive planning, mainly focusing on urban poor, vulnerable population, women and children and sustainable service delivery.



She mentioned the crucial components on CWIS which must not be negotiated throughout the implementation of the project were- Equity, Safety, Sustainability in service outcomes and Responsibility, Accountability, and Resource planning, management in system functions.

CWIS in Action-Lessons and non-negotiable:

1. Sanitation is a public service and municipal function
2. Proactively nurture political will and administrative leadership
3. Design urban sanitation systems for the poor and marginalize- Internationally
4. Data and monitoring systems-should be integrated into the municipal information and decision systems.
5. Private sector engagement for sustainable service delivery
6. Innovative and standards are essential for accelerating CWIS implementation
7. Civil society engagement for accountability and sustainability
8. Multi-year climate resilient service delivery improvement plan-owned and approved.

### 7.3 Session III: Sharing from ITN/BUET

Mr. Alauddin Ahmed, Project Manager, ITN-BUET, presented brief introduction on ITN-BUET mentioning its vision- Striving for safe drinking water and environment and sanitation where they mainly focused on country specific capacity building. And, playing a bridging role between an academic and research institutions and professionals and implementing organization. He also shared the major activities of ITN/BUET which were training module development and delivery, networking with training institutes, reorientation of course curricula, publications, research and study, sensitization/dissemination workshops, seminars, conferences, providing sector policy formation supports and rendering technical assistance. Apart, highlighted the sanitation scenario in Bangladesh, shared how far we stand to achieve the SDG goal 6. Some of the snapshot of CWIS Ecosystem he presented can be seen below (refer figure 6). For up-scaling CWIS, developed institutional and regulatory framework for FSM (IRF-FSM) for municipalities, city cooperation, rural areas and mega city, Dhaka, and National Action Plan (NAP) developed for Implementation of IRF-FSM in 2020-21, he mentioned.



Additionally, mentioned about CWIS-FSM support cell, which work focuses on comprehensive gender manual of the sanitation and FSM sectors along with playing vital role in bridging all the sectors together. He further shared, working areas of the support cell in the quality assurance, digital tools, action researches, and operational and maintenance guidelines, conceptualizing material for capacity building of municipal officials, government officials, private sectors, sanitation workers and mason groups.

Lastly, he shared about the CWIS knowledge Repository platform: A knowledge sharing platform on CWIS-FSM by CB-Hub: the knowledge repository establish by CWIS-CB Hub will act as a centralized platform for sharing information, guidelines, policies, instrument, process documentation. The platform will foster identify, create, and distribute CWIS-FSM learning-information stored in knowledge repository will be easily retrievable, usable and applicable (launching in 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023).

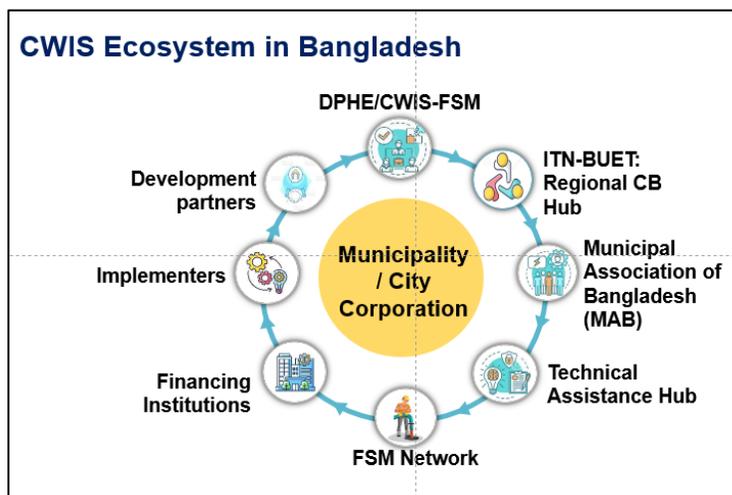


Figure 6: CWIS Ecosystem in Bangladesh

## 7.4 Session IV: Sharing from Water Aid (Nepal and Bangladesh)

Sharing with the overall objective on strengthening the policy and the institutional regulatory environment to mainstream CWIS and accelerate action on SDG 6 through the gender and inclusive lens, Ms. Seema Rajouria, Head of Policy and Advocacy, WaterAid, briefed on the activities they have carried out in Bangladesh and Nepal. And, shared key collaborator like Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), Municipal Association, ITN-BUET in Bangladesh and, Ministry of Water Supply, Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM), CWIS Alliance, Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), Guthi in Nepal.



Also, mentioned their planning on Bus Tour of public toilets in the cities - to monitor the existing public toilets and address the gaps. This tour will include law makers, champions, bureaucrats and, media. Furthermore, shared major learnings that were:

Outcome 1: Government is keen to implement CWIS, inadequate expertise, resources are a roadblock

- Fostering ownership of the process
- Lack of adequate collaborative policymaking
- Ownership, commitment, and understanding of sanitation seem to be missing at the political and implementation level.

Outcome 2: There are hardly any schemes that directly target sanitation worker. There are some for which they are eligible including OHS measures, but access is very poor, as many unaware of these schemes/safety measures

Outcome 3: The funding trend is indicative of how the poorest are impacted by poor WASH/Sanitation situation. There is a need to ensure that there is more equitable financing while operationalizing CWIS.

## 7.5 Session V: Sharing from City Wide Inclusive Sanitation Alliance Nepal (CWISAN)

Ms. Sudha Shrestha, UN-Habitat, briefed on the objectives of CWISAN (formed in December 2022, with Secretariat role-led by UN Habitat) where 17 agencies are allied to have collective voices in order to influence the sanitation sector. She explained CWISAN's three thematic areas along with priorities set for those areas (refer figure 7).



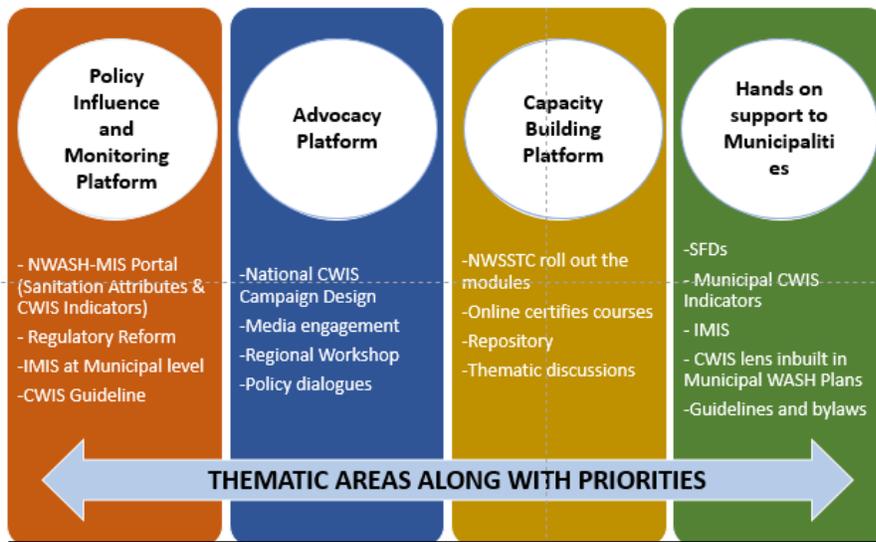


Figure 7: Thematic areas with priorities

Further, she briefed on the following key milestones of CWISAN:

1. Formation of CWIS Thematic Working Groups led by joint secretariat (reporting line of CWIS)
2. Policy assessment on inclusive sanitation services and recommendations with country plan.

### 3. Capacity enhancement and exposure

- Online Certified Courses on CWIS (ASCI)
- SaniTour

### 4. Hands on CWIS initiatives at Municipal levels (IMIS, SOPs, Piloting technologies)

### 5. Regional collaboration to strengthen CWISAN (NFSSM Alliance, ASCI, ITN Buet)

Similarly, she shared about conceptualizing 12 Training Modules and plan to roll out through Government Training Center NWSSTC, and also informed that CWISAN is working on reformation of WASH regulatory (based on WASH Act, 2022).

## 7.6 Session VI: Sharing on Sanitation Dashboard (WASH Monitoring System)

Mr. Tamzidul Islam, Founder and CEO of Tiller, Bangladesh, presented the National Sanitation Dashboard of Bangladesh. He emphasized the evidences the dashboard will provide would help the decision makers to mobilize available resources effectively and efficiently to achieve the best outcomes. Following this, he shared that the goal of the dashboard is to bring data to the fingertips of decision makers and donors, enabling them to identify the gaps to address and monitor the progress of CWIS and SDG 6. He summarized with the data updating mechanism in the sanitation dashboard (refer figure 8) and, explained about the data indicator standardization which were CWIS, SDG 6.2, JMP and FSM planning. Furthermore, shared that the dashboard is integrated to Municipality Information System, National Web Portal, SDG 6.2 tracker and CWIS-FSM cell and the users of the dashboard were donor agencies, policy makers/ministries, social activists/ citizen, public health



engineering professionals, CSOs/CBOs, development partners and those who are working in safe sanitation sector.

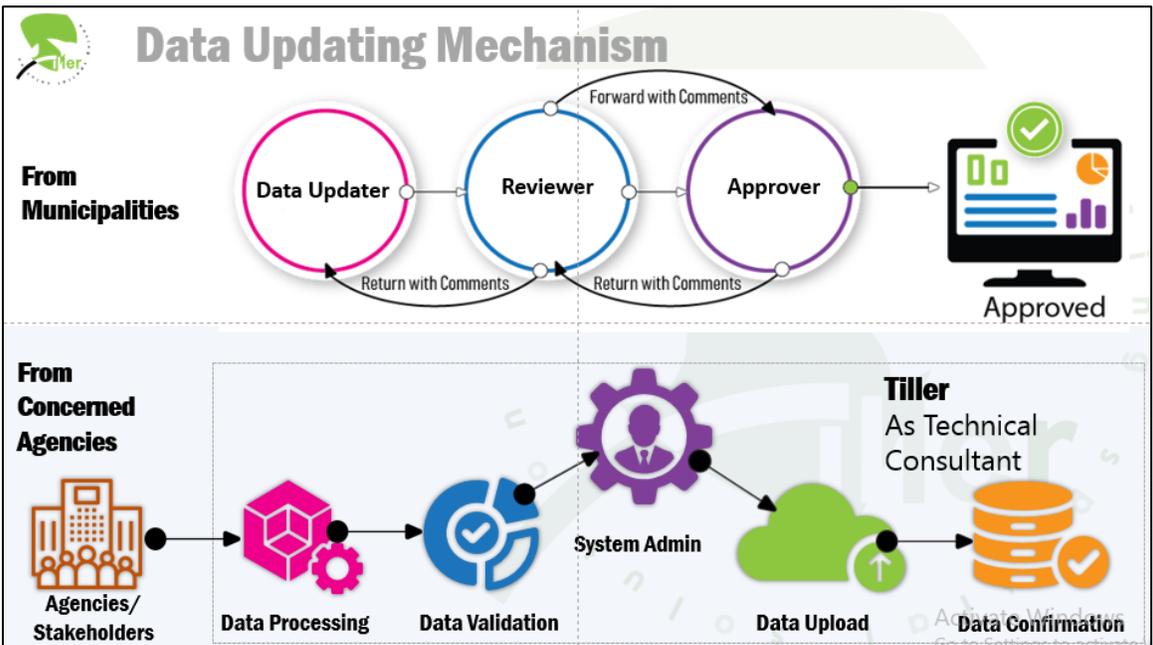


Figure 8: Data Updating Mechanism

**7.7 Session VII: Sharing from the Women Community Leaders**

**Ms. Imamzadi Danwer, Community Leader, Pakistan:** Ms. Imamzadi Danwer shared her grief of the consequences the community people have to face after the devastating flood in Sindh province, Pakistan. Where more than thousand houses were swept off by flood. People are still living in tents and camps. During this period, the first challenge the community people faced was access to safe water and toilet facilities especially for women, children and adolescent girls. She explained how working voluntarily, she got to know about the FANSA network. And requested to participate in the workshop to share the pain of the people.



*"I demand the government for establishment of gender friendly toilets addressing all the people living in the community".*



**Ms. MST. Loveli, Community Leader, Bangladesh:** Ms. MST. Loveli, Community Leader, Bangladesh has been working on awareness building programs especially for community women. She shared that they have six CBOs (six leaders in each CBOs) in her area. and These CBOs are working to promote Safe WASH. They conduct monthly meeting to discussion on sanitation and hygiene situations and problems.

These discussions/voices of community people are conveyed to the chairperson of ward office and other relevant government stakeholders. Though the unions have allocated WASH budget because of their initiative, it is still not enough to fulfill the needs of the community people.

**Ms. Shanti Tamang, Community Leader, Nepal:** Ms. Shanti Tamang, Community Leader, Nepal, shared about the past hurdles they have to face as a sanitation worker to give their children education and health facilities, and, not being recognized for their work. She shared, initially with the help of Lumanti, they formed a *Sanyukta Sarsafai Jagaran* Saving and Credit Cooperative where more than 800 women working in the sanitation sectors are enrolled. They have also established a Community based Organization (CBOs) named "*Sanyukta Sarsafai Jagaran Manch*", where they work with several types of sanitation workers and encourage them to save some amount of earning for securing their future. The organization works for the betterment of sanitation workers and raise their issues to the relevant stakeholders.



She further shared about the difficulties (schooling their children, and providing health facilities) they have to face before the establishment of cooperatives before the formation of the cooperatives, now after forming the cooperative and being member of the cooperatives, they can have a cash relief as loans from the cooperatives. Cooperative provides support for the income generation activities for the members, who want to take initiatives from their side. The organization advocates at local governments for providing access to the basic water and sanitation facilities.

*"I demand the government for life/health insurance coverage for the sanitation workers, health and education facilities for their children".*

## 8. Refinement of the Result Framework and Detail Implementation Plan

The second half of the second day of the workshop was focused on the refinement of the drafted Result Framework of the Project “Rising for the Rights” and subsequently rework to revise on the detailed implementation plans (DIPs) drafted by the respective FANSA member countries. These two actions were taken by the participants successively one after the other, starting with the refinement of the Result Framework

The participants at the workshop were divided into three groups, as mentioned below, with a mix of expertise from 7 different FANSA member countries with each group facilitated by the regional secretariat team:

- Group 1: Exercised the Outcome 1
- Group 2: Exercised the Outcome 2
- Group 3: Exercised the Outcome 3

After the group works, each group for each assigned outcome came up with good suggestions for further improvement and refinement and shared with the plenary through presentations and later handed over to the regional secretariat team to incorporate and address them while refining the result framework.

Similarly, the next group exercise was carried out by the participants, this time in a respective country group, for the refinement of their respective DIPs aligning with the result framework and considering the learnings shared by the BMGF partners on CWIS. The country wise group discussions were performed during the group works and all the FANSA country chapters reworked on their draft DIPs and came up with required changes to be made in line with the conceptual framework of actions to refine the DIP of the project. Giving due consideration to the time constraints, the entire team agreed to further work on their respective DIPs and finalized them once the regional secretariat team shares the final version of the result framework incorporating the suggestions made for refinement.

Accordingly, the action points were shared with the participants and agreed by all to adhere with ensuring to make the project a success with the collective efforts and mutual support to each other in this new journey of **“Rising for the Rights: Strengthening Civil Society Networks in South Asia to Achieve SDG-6”**.

## **9. Valuable Advice and Tips for the Refinement of Result Framework and Revisiting the Project Intervention Activities**

**Ms. Neemila Thota**, senior strategic advisor, BMGF shared following valuable advice and tips to the participants of the workshop while:

- a. refining the drafted result framework
- b. revisiting the project intervention activities aligning with the refined result framework and
- c. the Foundation (BMGF)'s expectations from the project "Rising for the Rights"

### **Suggested advice and tips to consider:**

1. Identify entry point in institution /government framework
2. Identify specific policy inclusion, not just review of policies
3. Community WASH monitoring center (for social audit-data-evidence based info)
4. Leverage in technology/Digital Capacity Building (to circulate updates, social audit reports)
5. Increase Women engagement in WASH
6. WASH Budget (*introducing allocation of gender budget from the total budget of the government*)
7. Develop a selection criterion for selecting cities/areas (first quarter)
8. Media Mobilization (focus on key message)
9. Advocacy- learn from failures and wise planning
10. Play a catalytic role to Strengthen capacity of the FANSA as an institution to support for raising the voices of the targeted groups (poor, vulnerable, marginalized, unreached/unserved groups) for equitable and inclusive WASH services

## **10. Recognition to the contributions of Mr. Ramishetty Murali and Ms. Snehalatha Meleka**

In this inception workshop, the FANSA Regional Secretariat recognized their remarkable contribution of Former Regional Convener Mr. Murali Ramishetty and Former Regional Coordinator Ms. Snehalatha Meleka in strengthening the network of the FANSA. On the behalf of Regional Secretariat, Ms. Lajana Manandhar presented token of appreciation to both,



## 11. Remarks

- a. **Vote of thanks from Mr. Shah Nasir:** He started with thanking BMGF for the support and believing in FANSA network, and appreciated the Secretariat for organizing inception workshop in beautiful location. He further thanked all respective BMFG partners who presented learning and sharing on CWIS as well as four community leaders (and entitled them as real heroes and champions) representing the voice of community people and sharing their perceptions. At last, he concluded his remarks emphasizing to give the best we can to bring change in the lives of vulnerable communities through this project.
- b. **Key remarks from Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha:** He strongly emphasized on data collection from grassroot level, to generate evidence that can further be used in planning by decision makers, stakeholders and the government. He added, intervention in city areas needs to be selected only by measuring the shit-flow diagram to visualize city sanitation challenges and advocacy tools to reach vulnerable communities. Lastly, he concluded his remarks by sharing well known proverb:

"If you want to go fast, Go alone  
If you want to go afar, Go together"
- c. **Concluding remarks from Mr. Murali Ramishetty:** He shared that the two-day inception workshop has given all participant a clarity of direction to move forward. The specific objectives were to develop clarity about the project, to meet all the FANSA chapters in person, reforming leadership structure along with the system strengthening. He acknowledged for the wonderful presentation presented by Mr. Kabir Rajbhandari on process of implementing the project, progress reporting template in terms of monitoring perspective and Mr. Gyanil Shakya briefing on financial parts. He expressed his gratitude to all the people who have contributed for the success of the workshop. Lastly, on the behalf of FANSA, he thanked BMGF for approving the project, as well as for the support, cooperation and guidance provided by Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha and Ms. Neelima Thota.

## 12. Achievements

With 2 days' active and participatory engagement of the participants from 7 different member countries of FANSA and with the facilitation of regional secretariat followed by the inputs from the different resource persons and representatives donors, the inception workshop was able to fulfill the aforementioned objectives meeting the expectations with the following achievements:

### 1. **Develop Understanding** (*FANSA steering committee members, coordinators and community leaders only*)

- Project from different dimensions of programmatic approach, operational and the outcomes and outputs that need to be achieved within a project life of three years.
- Peer partners from 7 different member countries of FANSA
- Roles and responsibilities of the member countries to deliver the commitments to meet the expectations and contractual obligations of BMGF from this project
- Project implementation approach and project management mechanism

### 2. **Promotion of learning and sharing** (*from BMGF partners*) **to drive the project** (*by FANSA members*)

- Learn the CWIS initiatives carried out by other partners of BMGF, particularly the key approach & strategy, possible issues & challenges that could come across, and how they were overcome. This learning will be helpful for FANSA chapters to draw the advocacy agenda, strategy and ways to influence for policy actions and better accountability through strengthening the advocacy actors by collaborating with these BMGF partners as appropriate and relevant for successful implementation.
- Strategize advocacy actions for promoting the community-based organizations and grassroots practitioners to lead the sanitation agenda in their respective sub-national and national level for policy influencing.
- Drafting the result framework by the member countries for FANSA for the project they are executing in their respective countries
- Revisiting the implementation plan and made up the mind with the clarity on the scope and areas to revise so that implementation plan gets finalized for the coming three years to direct the ways for executing the project on the ground to achieve the outputs and outcomes as committed to the Foundation (BMGF) with more efficacy and quality and within the stipulated time

### 3. **Networks and linkages established** with inter FANSA member countries and with the external agencies, partners of BMGF, that shared their experiences and lessons **to accelerate the advocacy journey** for achieving safely managed sanitation services **through the promotion of CWIS intervention.**

### 13. Next step

Finally, the workshop concluded with a common understanding among the participants to focus broadly on the followings and accordingly devise activities in the DIPs of the respective member countries of FANSA for the coming three years to achieve the commitments made to the Foundation:

- 1st year - Focus on strength and gather evidence from the grass root level; and start to form a base for pursuing advocacy works.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year - Commonality among all the countries to advocate at sub-national, national and regional level and where possible at global level as well.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year – Documenting the success and achievements aligning with the expected outputs and outcomes.

With the above understanding, the workshop also agreed to come up with the immediate actions to proceed ahead to form a basis for the subsequent move while executing the project. Accordingly pause and reflect of the intervened activities and result flourished will be conducted subsequently in an appropriate time within this year. In this regard, following actions were agreed in the workshop towards its end along with timeline for all the participants to follow and start the journey of “Rising for the Rights” for coming three years.

Actions Points		Deadline	Responsibility	Support
Revised Result Framework	Shared with the FANSA member countries	17.02.2023	Regional Secretariat	All the countries provide their inputs (outcome of group work)
Prepared RF by respective countries based on the Revised Framework	Shared with Regional Secretariat	24.02.2023	Respective FANSA member countries	Review from Regional Secretariat
Revised DIP along with the revision of budget allocation	Detailing out the core activities considering all the inputs, feedbacks and appreciations Y1- quarterly Y2- six monthly Y3- annual	28.02.2023	Respective FANSA member countries	Review from Regional Secretariat
Develop City Selection Criteria		17.02.2023	Regional Secretariat	
Feedbacks from Countries on City selection criteria		21.02.2023	Respective FANSA member countries	
Cities identified to intervene based on the criteria		28.02.2023	Respective FANSA member countries	

<b>Actions Points</b>		<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Support</b>
Identified gaps and areas to strengthen		Mid-March	Respective FANSA member countries	Will be helpful for regional secretariat and FANSA India to understand the issues and support to support
PA Signed		13.02.2023	FANSA Bangladesh	
Reporting Template Shared				
a. Physical Progress		10.02.2023	Regional Secretariat	
b. Financial Progress		17.02.2023	Regional Secretariat	
Report produced and Shared with Regional Secretariat		End Mar 2023	Respective FANSA member countries	

## ANNEX I: Inception Workshop Agenda

DAY - I (7th Feb 2023, Tuesday)						
Time		Activities	Outcome	Duration	Responsible Person	Things to do
9:00	9:15	Opening of the workshop	<i>All the participants are familiar with each other and surroundings; and know of what to expect.</i>	15 Mins	Moderator (Kabir / Samira)	<i>Short Intro of participants - name, country, organization and designation</i>
9:15	9:30	Observed silence in the memory of Late Mr. Prakash Amatya			Lajana Manandhar	
		Welcome Remarks and objective of the Inception Meeting	<i>All participants are formally welcomed by FANSA Regional Convenor; and are abreast about the two-day workshop</i>	15 Mins		<i>Welcome all; highlight objective of the two-day workshop - run through the schedule</i>
9:30	9:50	Relevancy of FANSA and its achievements - <i>inspiration and motivation to FANSA team</i>	<i>All FANSA Chapters staff and convenors are well aware of vision, mission, and goals of FANSA; and its achievements</i>	20 Mins	Murali Ramashetty	
9:50	10:10	Partnership between BMGF and FANSA through a project on "Rising the Rights" - A guidance note	<i>Everyone has common understanding of the BMGF's expectations from the project; will have a guidance from BMGF for accelerating the project</i>	20 Mins	Dr. Roshan Shrestha, Dy. Director, BMGF	
10:10	10:30	<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>20 Mins</b>		
10:30	11:45	<b>Project Briefing: Intro on Rise for the Rise</b>		45 mins	Kabir / Samira	<i>Participatory discussions and interactions for getting clarity to move forth.</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key essence of the project conceptually</li> <li>- Commitments of FANSA to BMGF</li> <li>- Reporting Timeline</li> <li>- Operational mechanism (Roles of RPMC &amp; NPMC)</li> </ul>				

Time		Activities	Outcome	Duration	Responsible Person	Things to do	
		- Fund flow mechanism (templates and systems and contractual compliances)	<i>FANSA Chapters are familiarized with BMGF and Lumanti Administrative and Finance Compliances</i>	30 Mins	Gyanil	update on PA, Budget ceilings; reporting timelines; dos and donts	
11:45	12:00	Remarks from HC representative		15 mins			
12:00	12:50	<b>Sharing on DIP - Country wise Presentation</b>	<i>Envisioned activities of the region and respective countries are shared to collaborate and coordinate with each other</i>		Facilitated by Kabir / Samira	<i>10 mins presentation and 15 mins Q&amp;As</i>	
		Country Wise Presentation - Bangladesh		25 mins	Presenter-NC		
		Country Wise Presentation - Bhutan		25 mins	Presenter-NC		
12:50	13:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		<b>60 Mins</b>			
13:00	15:30	Country Wise Presentation - India		25 mins	Presenter-NC		<i>PPP on activities of region; template of PPP for all countries to have uniform presentation and the content</i>
		Country Wise Presentation - Maldives		25 mins	Presenter-NC		
		Country Wise Presentation - Nepal		25 mins	Presenter-NC		
		<b>TEA BREAK</b>	<b>15 Mins</b>				
		Country Wise Presentation - Pakistan	25 mins	Presenter-NC			
		Country Wise Presentation - Sri Lanka	25 mins	Presenter-NC			
		Regional Presentation	25 mins	Samira			
15:30	15:45	<b>Wrap up and closing</b>		<b>15 Mins</b>	Lajana Manandhar	<i>Motivation for participant's preparation for next day</i>	
<b>DAY - II (8th Feb 2023, Wednesday)</b>							
9:00	9:15	<b>Welcome &amp; Recap of Day II</b>	<i>Day I is recapitulated</i>	<b>15 Mins</b>	Kabir / Samira		

Time		Activities	Outcome	Duration	Responsible Person	Things to do
9:15	11:45	<b>Learning and sharing on CWIS</b>	<b>Clarity on the concept, principles on CWIS and methodology for CWIS preparation</b> - Everyone one has common understanding on CWIS which is one of major aims of the project. Everyone use the same terminology, vocabularies, glossaries of CWIS	<b>150 Mins</b>	Facilitation from NC - FANSA Bangladesh	Total - 5 PPTs: 15 mins for each PPT (on their key learnings from their CWIS intervention in relation to integrating them in FANSA's project interventions) followed by 15 Mins Q&As
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing from IIHS</li> <li>• Sharing from ASCI</li> <li>• Sharing from ITN/BUJET</li> <li>• Sharing from WA</li> <li>• Sharing from CWISAN</li> <li>• Perception of Community leader on this learning from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pakistan</li> <li>- Bangladesh</li> <li>- Nepal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<b>11:45</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>15 Mins</b>		
11:00	11:30	<b>Refinement of the Result Framework</b>	Envisioned Result Framework is shared; feedback incorporated; Project Framework finalised	<b>30 Mins</b>	Kabir / Samira	Draft and detail framework ready to share and present
		Result Framework of the Project				
11:30	13:00	Group Exercise - Outcome 1	Outcome 1 RF - Finalised. Feedback collected; and amended and summarised accordingly.	<b>30 Mins</b>	Each NC of FANSA member countries will lead each group to exercise	Identify facilitator. Work on group distribution; modality of grp work
		Group Exercise - Outcome 2	Outcome 2 RF - Finalised. Feedback collected; and amended and summarised accordingly.	<b>30 Mins</b>		Identify facilitator. Work on group distribution; modality of grp work
		Group Exercise - Outcome 3	Outcome 3 RF - Finalised. Feedback collected; and amended and summarised accordingly.	<b>30 Mins</b>		Identify facilitator. Work on group distribution; modality of grp work
<b>13:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Recognition to the contributions of MURALI and SNEHA followed by LUNCH</b>				
14:00	15:00	Summary of Group Exercise and its presentation through gallery walk	<b>Overall RF Finalised by indicating:</b> a. agreed with indicator b. modification made c. new additions made	<b>60 Mins</b>		Regional team will collate and share the revised one after the workshop
15:00	16:00	<b>Refinement of the activities in DIP aligning with RF</b>		<b>60 Mins</b>	Each NC of FANSA member countries will	

Time		Activities	Outcome	Duration	Responsible Person	Things to do
		Country Group Exercise for finalizing respective DIPs	<i>DIPs of all the countries and regional secretariat reviewed aligning with RF and updated</i>		lead their respective country group exercise	<i>Country team will update their DIP (Activity and budget plans) and share in the plenary</i>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>16:15</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>		<b>15 Mins</b>		
16:15	17:15	Outcome of the Group Exercise by respective countries will share through gallery walk	<b>Overall DIP Activities updated by indicating:</b> <i>a. agreed with activities</i> <i>b. modification made</i> <i>c. new additions made</i>	<b>60 Mins</b>		
<b>17:15</b>	<b>17:25</b>	<b>Wrap up and closing</b>	<b>Day II Summary</b>	<b>10 mins</b>	<b>KDR/SS</b>	
17:25	17:45	Closing remarks		<b>20 Mins</b>	a. Rep. from RSC b. Dr. Roshan Shrestha	
<b>17:45</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Event</b>		<b>15 Mins</b>	<b>Regional Convener</b>	

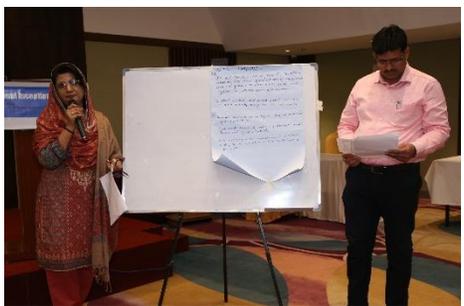
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