Introducing the Fecal Waste Flow Diagram Approach

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# Where it Emerged From...

Global review of urban sanitation experience\*

- Secondary data and interviews on fecal sludge management from 12 developing country cities in four regions:\*\*
  - Traditional focus on sewerage by IFIs and governments, but
  - Most urban dwellers with sanitation access use on on-site systems: <10% of urban Africa has sewer access</li>
  - Virtually all poor people use informally managed on-site sanitation systems
  - Failure to manage the whole sanitation service chain results in gross fecal contamination of the environment

\* Poor-inclusive Urban Sanitation: An Overview, 2013, World Bank - WSP
\*\* The Missing Link in Sanitation Service Delivery, 2014 World Bank - WSP







### **Results of the Status Quo**

- Poor sanitation in informal areas not generally addressed, although often a major city-wide public health hazard
- Policy and spending usually biased towards sewerage subsidies for the rich
- On-site systems often seen as a temporary solution and therefore neglected by city authorities and poorly managed
- Data on sanitation not collected city-wide so problems not properly identified and prioritized
- As usual, the main victims are poor people, women and other vulnerable groups





### **The Sanitation Service Chain**

#### MDGs Post-2015 SDG Proposals



## Dakar, Senegal



### What is a Fecal Waste Flow Diagram (SFD)?

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- An effective communications and advocacy tool
- A tool for engineers, planners and decision-makers
- Based on contributing populations and an indication of where their excreta goes
- A representation of public health *hazard*
- An overview from which to develop sanitation priorities

### It is NOT

- Based on volumes/mass these are determined by other related factors
- A representation of public health *risk* (*risk* = hazard x behavior)
- A precise scientific analytical tool





### **Urban Context: Service Delivery Assessment**

What systems exist and who is responsible?



# **The SFD Promotion Initiative – Origins**

- First SFDs published by World Bank WSP in 2014 to provide a concise overview of sanitation in a city
- Proving to be very effective for advocacy, intuitively understood by both decision-makers, technical professionals
- Well received by sanitation practitioners globally, and spontaneously adopted by many
- Promotion initiative
  - Disseminate the approach
  - Provide technical support guidelines and tools
  - Maintain its credibility
  - Benchmarking and progress monitoring







## **The SFD Promotion Initiative – Partners**

- GIZ/SuSanA coordinator
- Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Delhi
- SANDEC/EAWAG, Switzerland
- University of Leeds, UK
- WEDC/University of Loughborough, UK
- World Bank Global Water Practice Water and Sanitation Program
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funding



# **The SFD Promotion Initiative – Objectives**

- Develop an interactive web platform hosted by SuSanA:
  - Drafting tool, blank templates, guidance documents, interactive training package
  - Uploaded SFDs with quality controlled by a SuSanA Task Force
  - Fully searchable via both text and an interactive map of cities with an SFD
- Continuously develop, document and disseminate SFD progress





# **The SFD Promotion Initiative – Phasing**

- Phase 1: February 2016
  - Draft methodology and tools
  - Establish website
  - Upload 50 quality-controlled SFDs
- Phase 2:
  - Refine methodology, tools and templates
  - Develop guidance documents and interactive training package
  - Establish Task Force to moderate website
  - Receive and quality control SFDs for posting on website









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