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Private Management Models

- Typically executed in areas with high footfall
- Profit-driven management, hence success depends on understanding of footfall and sharing of risks at the time of project structuring
- Expected rate of return by private sector under a BOT model or concessions//0&M contracts ~ 15-20%
- Reasonable concession periods 5-10 years
- Financial incentives to private sector (appropriately designed concession awards to mitigate risks)
- Monitoring and Enforcement to be retained by ULB
- Capital costs borne/shared by private and/or public sectors
- Capital costs depend on location, design and usage levels
- Design standards to be set by government, actual design to depend on land and location needs
- Tariff/advertising fees for full cost recovery (including sewerage costs)
- Categorization of user fees (eg. free for children, very poor users)
- Stringent 0&M protocols and monitoring and evalutation standards to be set by government to ensure quality and sustained use

Community Managed Models

- Typically in low-income areas where access to sanitation is poor
- Demand driven, hence understanding user needs is key to success
- Participatory planning and maintenance is essential
- Specific consultation with women to meet needs of women and children
- Toilet site to be close to area of demand, to include sustained water supply, waste management options, provide for safety and security,
- Design standards to be set by government and to incorporate user preferences
- Capital costs borne by donors, NGOs, ULB, central/state schemes
- User-fee subsidies
- Employment of caretaker based on need
- Creation of community awareness of linkages between sanitation and hygiene
- Stringent O&M protocols required to ensure sustained use
- Committed source of funding to ensure quality and sustained use

Innovative Models

- Applicability and relevance in dense urban context needs to be understood prior to planning, implementation and scaleup
- Environmental considerations are strong
- Existing sanitation systems need to be understood prior to shift
- Catchment and user needs needs to be incorporated into toilet and waste management design
- Capitals costs and 0&M costs need to be clearly understood
- If pay-per-use, tariff to allow for full cost recovery
- In a community toilet context, funds to be committed to ensure cost recovery and sustained use
- Specific O&M needs to be clearly understood and upheld

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