# 35th SuSanA Meeting

Saturday 23. August 2025

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# Agenda

News from the SuSanA Secretariat
News from the SuSanA Forum
News from the SuSanA Regional Chapters
Road to post 2030: SuSanA's contribution
WASH landscape
Q&A and Discussion

## News from the SuSanA Secretariat



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Bettina-Sophie



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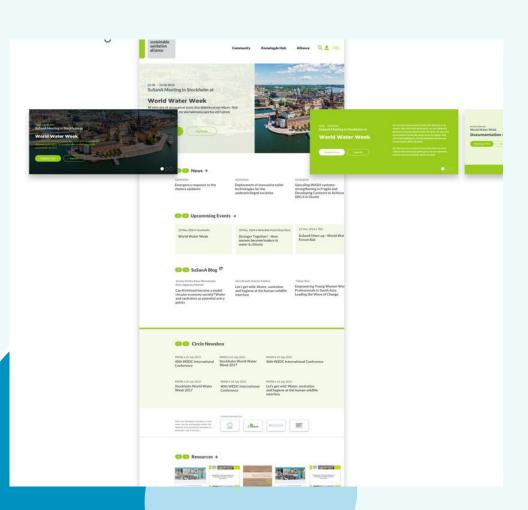


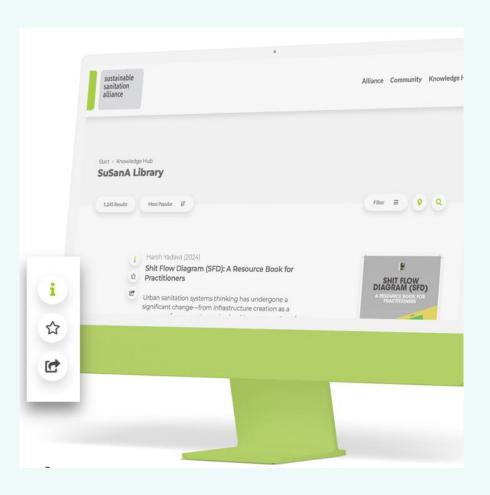
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## New SuSanA Website

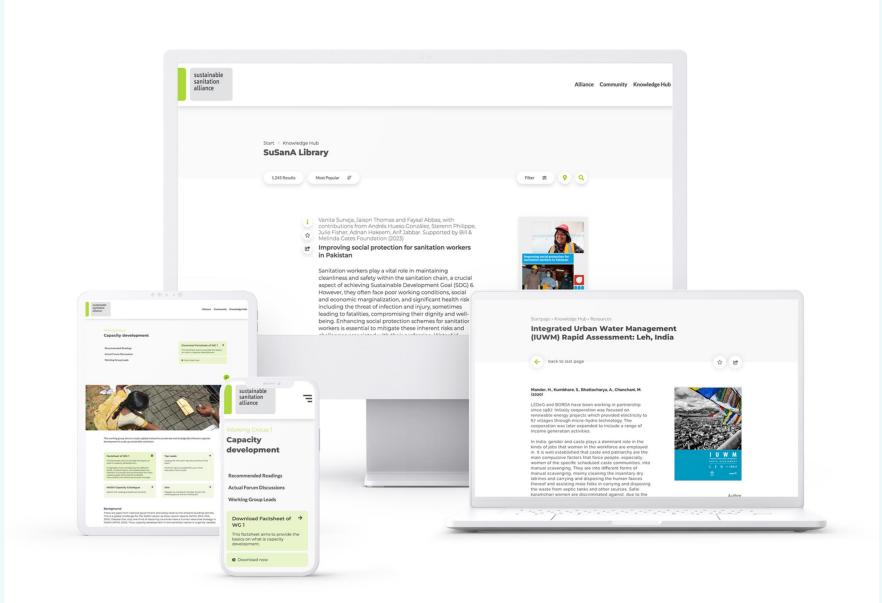
#### **Key Improvements**

- Cleaner design: minimal image usage and increased white space for improved readability
- **Simplified menu:** for quick and intuitive navigation and a more user-friendly experience
- **Personalized content management:** to easily organize and track your favorites resources









## SuSanA Blog: still going strong





#### Juan Gabriel Urrego

Back to Care: A Circular Economy Approach to Water Quality Management

#### MD MAINUL ISLAM

Meena's Three Wishes: From Animation to **Rural Sanitation Transformation** 

iii 23. May 2025 ● 904 Reading Time: 7 min.

In 90's, in the heart of rural Bangladesh, the idea of having a single family toilet at home was

nearly unthinkable for man tubewell for a community? but not expect.

→ Read more



Christina von Jasienicki

Documentary Review: "Holy Shit - Can Poop Save the World?"

iii 10. February 2025 ● 1877 Reading Time: 6 min.



#### Theresa Hübscher

Breaking Menstrual Taboos Through Theatre: A Journey of Empowerment in Kathmandu



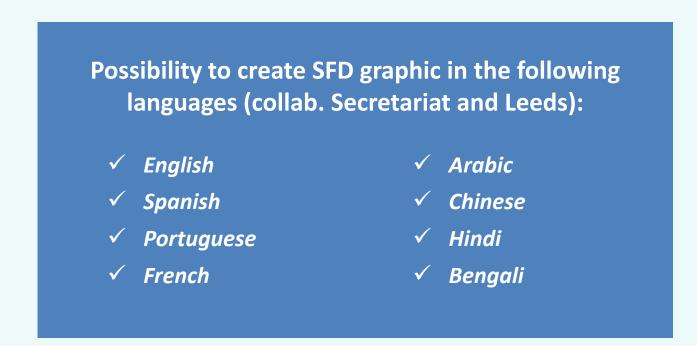
#### Francis Kokutse

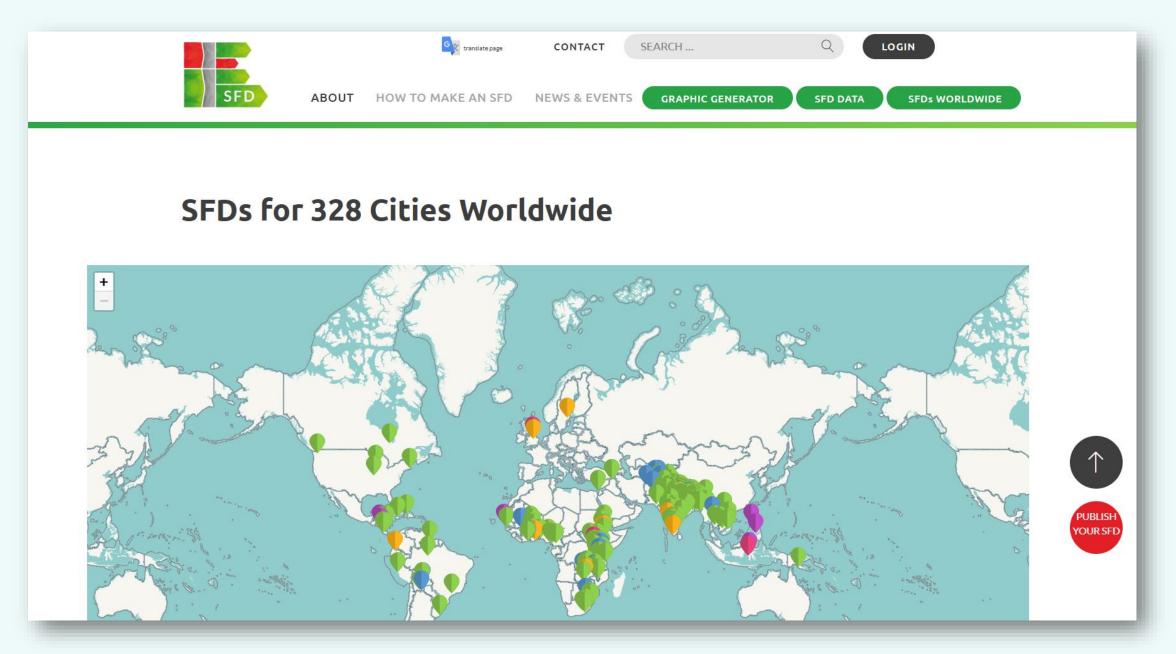
Africa's cholera resurgence exposes funding failures

**ii** 8. April 2025 **⊙** 1034 Reading Time: 5 min.

## SFD: recent developments

- SFD reviewing service has resumed
- 2 new junior reviewers from Africa and South-Asia
- SFD coming mainly from Bangladesh, Nepal and South Africa  $\rightarrow$  national upscale
- Session at GWOPA Congress showcasing the pioneering work of South-Africa in ist effort to institutionalise the SFD
- SFD portal for South Africa (ongoing)





### New sub-working Group: Cold Climate Sanitation

- Under the WG 4 Sanitation Systems & Technology
- Cold and High-Altitude Sanitation addressing challenges like freezing temperatures, limited water access, supply chain constraints, and infrastructure resilience
- WG launched in May 2025 → kick-off webinar with presentation of sanitation challenges in Greenland
- Thematic webinar every 3 months
- Next webinar in September: Sanitation in Ukraine

You can contact the working group leads via: coldclimatesanitation @susana.org





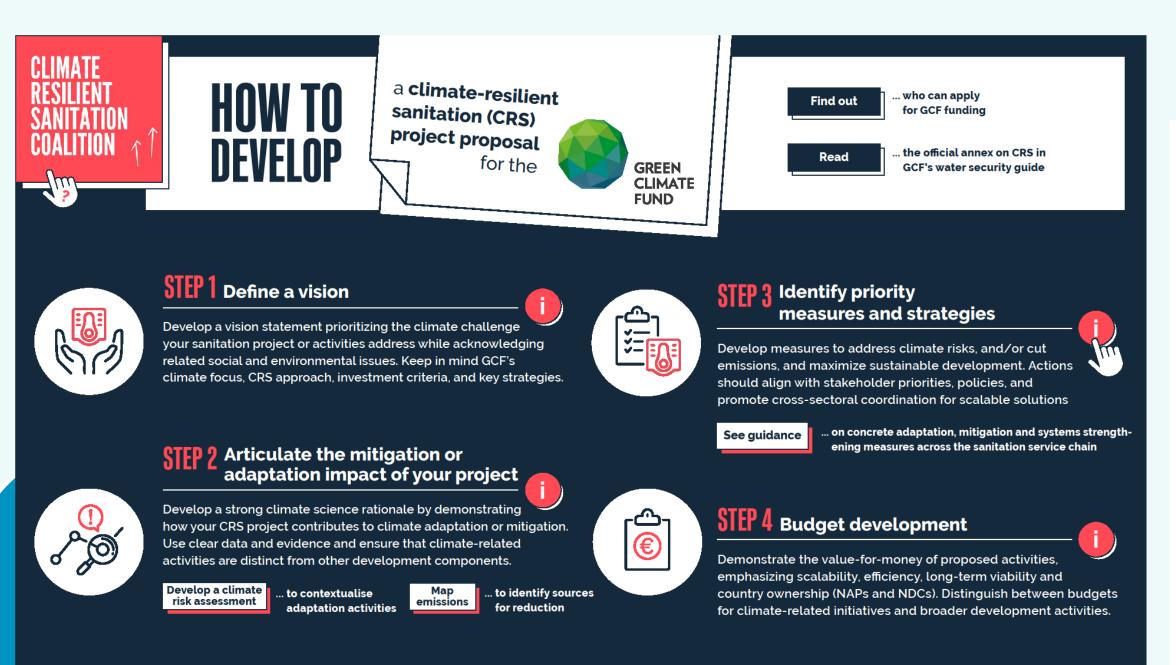
### Resource Recovery Toolbox

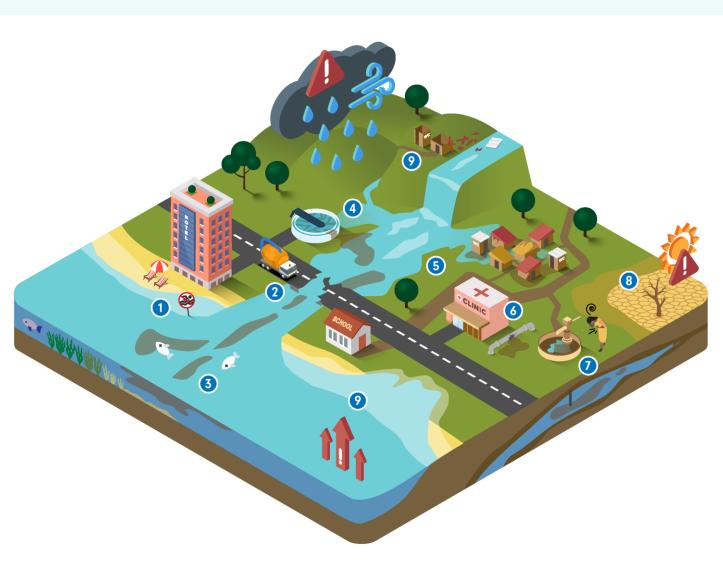
- SuSanA is hosting a new web portal dedicated to the topic of Sanitation & Resource Recovery (similar to the Sanitation Worker Hub)
- Managed by SEI
- Preview and soft launch in May 2025



#### Climate Resilience Sanitation Coalition

- SuSanA is part of the Coalition along with 30+ partners
- CRS Coalition webpage and key resources hosted in susana.org
- Specific support provided in terms of communication, dissemination and popularization of information (e.g. GCF annex infographic, CR-Sanitation impacts infographic)





### News from the Stronger Together! Coalition

#### **Empower Women - Foster Collaboration - Advocate**

- SuSanA facilitates the Stronger Together! Coalition
- Currently uniting eight women's networks global and regional, and seven supporting partners
- Hilton Foundation will financially support the Stronger Together! Coalition and its networks through the SKAT Foundation 2025-2027
- Upcoming activities include:
  - ✓ Networking and peer mentoring events > WOPs Congress
  - ✓ Strengthen collaboration and alignment of women's networks and the governance of the Coalition
  - ✓ Support meaningful participation of women water and sanitation experts and position their key messages in the process towards UN 2026 Water Conference and beyond



### GSC election coming up!!!

#### Join the next Global Steering Committee!

We are excited to announce that nominations and applications for the 2025 GSC Election are now open!

If you or someone you know are passionate about sustainable sanitation and interested in shaping the future of SuSanA, we would love to hear from you via info@susana.org.

Coming up in Autumn 2025

# Global Steering Committee Elections

Do you want a leading role within SuSanA? We are looking for candidates!



## News from the SuSanA Forum

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# SuSanA Forum Updates 2025

### Introduction — SuSanA

The Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) is a global network of individuals and organizations with a common goal: **advancing sustainable sanitation**.

The structure is built to encourage collaboration to create impactful solutions.

#### The SuSanA Forum:

Is one of the features of the alliance that facilitates Knowledge Management of all SuSanA Users

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## SuSanA Membership 2024, Where we are now?2025

16000 members 2025

600 partner organisations 2025



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### **SuSanA Discussion Forum moderators**



Paresh Chhajed-Picha, Moderator (South Asia)



Chaiwe Mushauko-Sanderse, Moderator (Africa)



Benny Filumba, Intern (Africa)



# SuSanA Forum Plans 2025: Youth Engagement Programme

 Our goal: Equip youth in Zambia and beyond to share their local WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) knowledge and innovations through article writing and post engagement.

 Drive visibility, recognition, and meaningful participation of youth in WASH development conversations.

#### **Inclusion of Youth-Led Local Movements**

- Beyond academic institutions, we are targeting active youth WASH organizations:
  - Youth WASH Ambassador Club (YWAC) currently engaged
  - Climate Action Zambia (LACA)
  - Other emerging community-based groups
- Integration into SuSanA: Documenting and publishing their efforts on the platform for greater visibility

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Activity	Timeline
Phase 1 – LMMU Training	Completed (July 2025)
Phase 2 – UNZA & Others	July–August 2025
Local Movement Engagement	Concurrent (Ends August 2025)
Phase 3 – International Youth WASH Reach	Begins September 2025

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#### Recommended International Engagement Model

- Model: "Regional Youth Hubs Approach"
- Set up regional focal points (youth leads) in each country
- Provide standardized training toolkits & SuSanA on-boarding sessions
- Host monthly virtual workshops across Africa
- Partner with:
  - African WASH Youth Networks
  - International Institutions Driving young WASH Agenda

#### **Strategic Goals**

- Document, amplify, and share youth-led WASH actions
- Create a network of young SuSanA writers across Africa
- Promote visibility and recognition for youth contributors
- Link youth to global opportunities:
  - Career Opportunities
  - Mentorship
  - Research collaboration
  - Participation in global forums
  - Innovation accelerators

#### **Future Aspirations**

- September 2025: Launch of Youth-in-WASH African Fellowship
- December 2025: Publication of "Top 20 African Youth WASH Articles"
- 2026 Goal: Global Youth WASH Summit (in-person or hybrid)
- Long-Term Vision: A Pan-African Youth Knowledge Movement on SuSanA

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#### 1. Evidence-Based Knowledge Sharing;

Many of the posts are supported by:

- Scientific reports
- Policy briefs
- Links to data sources
- Ongoing project summaries
- This shows a commitment to evidence-based advocacy and practice, helping members stay informed and aligned with best practices.

#### 2. Multi-Stakeholder Engagement and Networking;

- An encouraging trend is the active engagement across sectors and countries, with posts and comments reflecting:
- Calls for cross-border partnerships
- Collaboration between NGOs, academic institutions, and practitioners
- Opportunities for webinars, conferences, and working group participation
- This positions SuSanA as a valuable space for professional networking and collaborative action.

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#### 3. Limited Youth Participation;

- A noticeable gap is the low level of youth engagement. Most contributors appear to be professionals already established in the WASH sector. There is limited visibility of:
- Youth-led initiatives
- Contributions from early-career professionals or students
- Discussions targeting youth inclusion or capacity building

This presents an area of opportunity for broadening participation and ensuring sustainability of efforts through intergenerational dialogue.

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#### 4. Action-Oriented Discussions;

- Several discussions are moving beyond information sharing to tangible calls to action, such as:
- Implementation of specific policy recommendations
- Formation of working groups
- Launching of new projects or pilots
- Sectoral advocacy campaigns

The youth saw thus as a strong indicator of SuSanA's influence in translating knowledge into impact.

### Strategy for Increase Youth engagement on SuSanA

- Launch a youth engagement campaign to increase participation of young professionals.
- Advocate for collaborative article reviews or webinars.
- Develop a system to track trends over time to inform strategic planning.

#### Conclusion;

 The SuSanA Network remains a vibrant and essential platform for sector-wide learning and action. By strategically engaging with its resources and addressing current participation gaps—especially around youth its value and impact can be further enhanced.

## News from the Regional Chapters



# Film Screening: The "Holy Shit" & Conversation







# From Knowledge to Action: The Power of Exchange







# Bridging Generations: The SuSanA-TEDx Marathon





#### Attention!

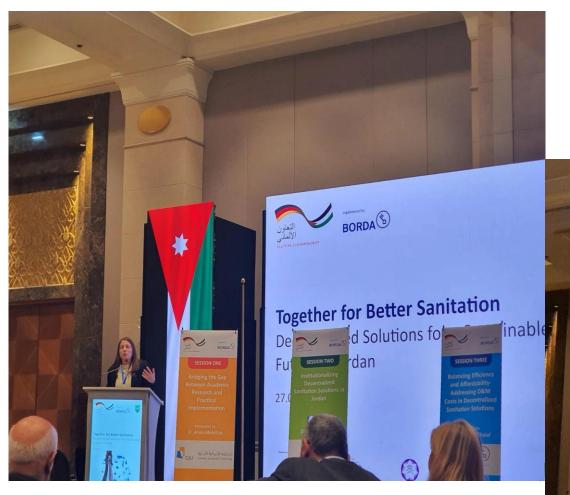
If you're an experienced professional or an innovator in sanitation or WASH and have an idea worth sharing to inspire the next generation, contact **SuSanA LAC**.

## WANA Chapter updates

Webinar Series on Humanitarian WASH together with the German WASH Network and the German Jordan University



GSC WANA Representative as Panelist at the Workshop 'Pathways to a Sustainable Sanitation Future in Jordan' Hosted by BORDA-WesCA





## Updates from the India Chapter

# Webinar: A changing sanitation landscape in India and beyond

Long time sanitation practitioners, shared their perspectives on how sanitation has changed over the decades, and the challenges ahead.

CLTS, the sloping pans, the Sulabh Movement and changing priorities of the sanitation sector were some of the specifics brought up.



#### National and state level WASH assessment

SuSanA coordinated a national and state level assessment of WASH in India.

#### The key findings –

- 1. Strengthen Policy Implementation
- 2. Enhance Holistic Approach
- 3. Ensure Sustainability and Integration
- 4. Address Implementation Shortfalls
- 5. Prioritize Equity and Monitoring
- 6. Empower Water Security and Compliance
- 7. Enhance Hygiene Emphasis

## Updates from the Africa Chapter

## Road to post 2030: SuSanA's contribution

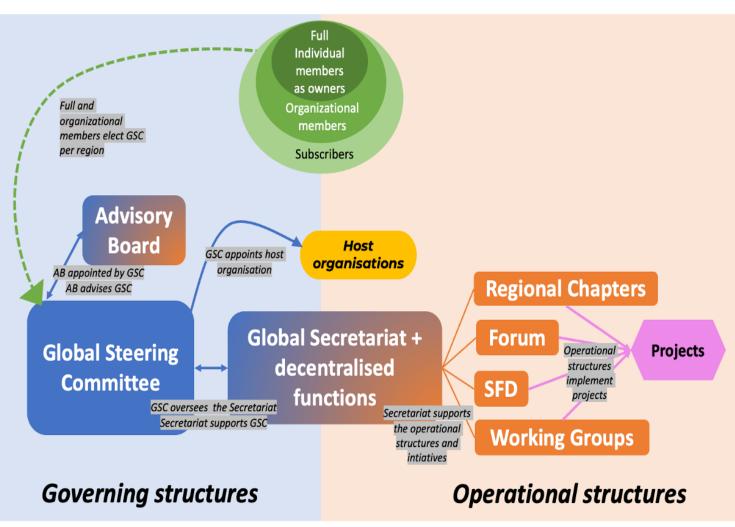
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GSC updates on SuSanA 2.0

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### The SuSanA GSC (Global Steering Committee)





#### **GSC Members**

#### **Governance structure of SuSanA**

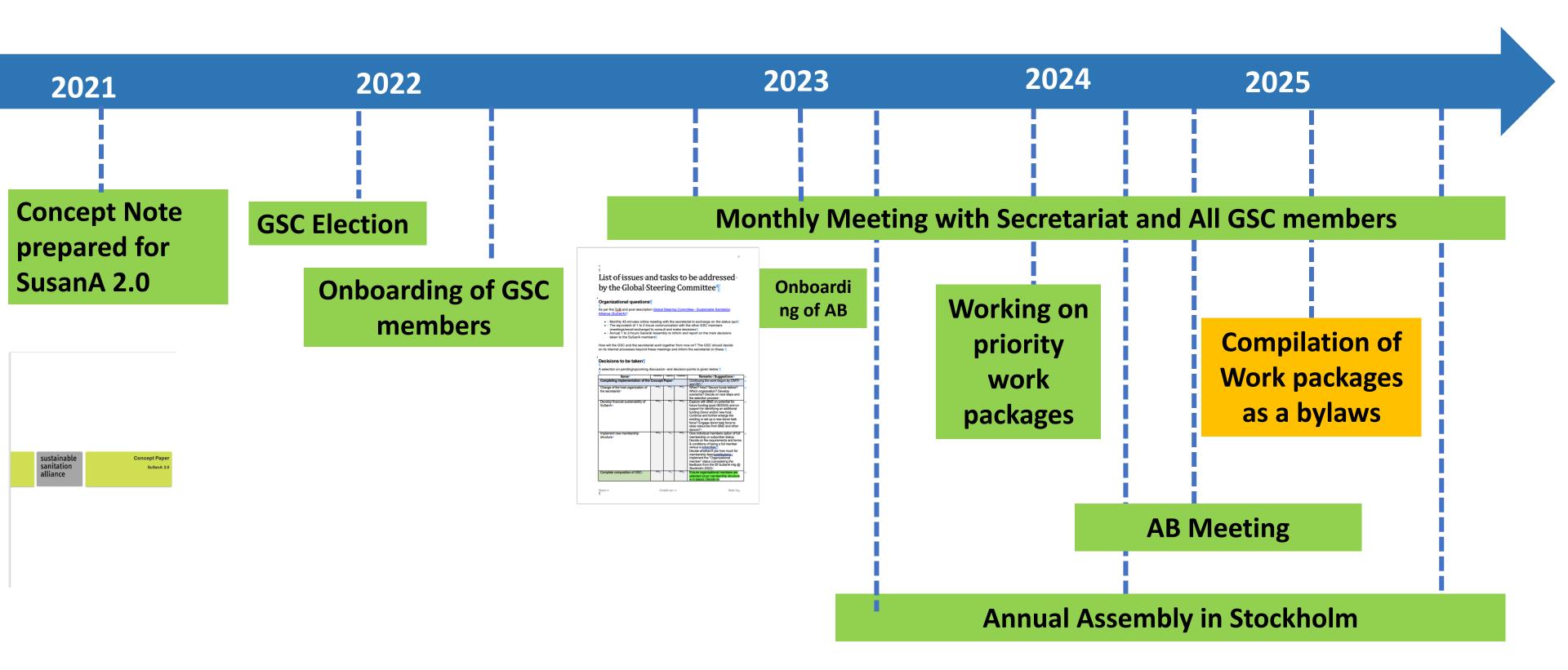
In October 2022 the SuSanA members have elected their Global Steering Committee representing the 7 regions of SuSanA

- Sub-Saharan Africa Prof. CharlesNiwagaba (Uganda)
- Europe & Central Asia Dorothee Spuhler (Switzerland)
- Latin America & Caribbean Carla Liera (Mexico)
- North America Kartik Chandran (USA)
- South Asia Rohini Pradeep (India)
- East Asia & Pacific Gina Itchon (Philippines)
- Middle East & North Africa Prof. Arwa Abelhay (Jordan)



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### What happened so far



### Activities 2025/2026

- Four GSC meetings with Secretariat contributions
- Bilateral meetings with Secretariat
- Regular team meetings on bylaw chapters
- Support to Secretariat in setting up the Advisory Board

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### Updates in GSC structure

 Kartik: limited availability (personal reasons) --> Additional representation sought in 2024

 John Sauer (AB member) supporting since Jan 2025 as interim replacement (no voting rights yet)

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## Advisory Board

Second meeting 14. July 2025 online



Minutes SuSanA AB Meeting - 14th July 2025

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Meeting Minutes SuSanA Advisory Board Meeting

> July 14, 2025 15:30 – 17:00 CET Microsoft Teams

Minutes taken by: SuSanA Secretariat Meeting called by: SuSanA Secretariat

Participants:

Name	Organization	
Advisory Board Members		
Belinda Abraham	Viva Con Agua	
Bella Monse	Global WASH in Schools Network	
Christian Zurbrügg	EAWAG	
Daniele Bemfica	IWA	
Dr. Om Prasad Gautam	WaterAid UK	
Dzifa Agbefu	IWMI	
Francis de los Reyes	North Carolina State University/Gawad Kalinga USA	
John Sauer	PSI	
Kavita Wankhade	IIHS	
Laura Kohler	WaterAid	
Nitya Jacobs	Coordinator, SuSanA India Chapter	
Patrick Ronoh	IWA	
Rajesh Pai	WASH Institute	
S Narayan Abishek	EAWAG	
Sarah Dickin	Uppsala University	
Sareen Malik	ANEW / SuSanA Africa Chapter	
Suresh Rohilla	University of Bradford	
Susmita Sinha	Freelance Consultant/ retired	
Thilo Panzerbieter	ilo Panzerbieter German Toilet Organization (GTO)	
Vishwanath Srikantaiah	Biome Environmental Trust	
Global Steering Committee Members		
Arwa Abdelhay	German Jordanian University	

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Minutes SuSanA AB Meeting – 14th July 2025

Carla Liera	SEI
Secretariat	
Arne Panesar	SuSanA Secretariat
Bettina-Sophie Heinz	SuSanA Secretariat
Fanni Zentai	SuSanA Secretariat
Maren Heuvels	SuSanA Secretariat
Moritz Schulze	SuSanA Secretariat

	Agenda Item	Presenter/Mo derator
1.	Welcome and Tech Check	Bettina- Sophie Heinz
2.	Meeting Objectives and Ground Rules	John Sauer
	Objectives:  Insights and ideas on strategies to re-ignite the Advisory Board (AB) membership  Learn what AB members might want to work on (as individual or group)	
3.	Looking Back and Update from the Secretariat	Arne Panesar
	Climate Resilient Sanitation Coalition (CRSC) on the SuSanA-Portal Ongoing growth in SFDs database (especially in Bangladesh and Nepal, & nearly 40 SFDs up-coming from South Africa) Recovery Toolbox developed by SEI The Stronger Together Coalition is gaining momentum with Hilton Foundation confirmed funding support Continued emphasis on post-2030 Agenda and global frameworks	

4.	KII Results	John Sauer
SuSanA remains relevant and recognized as a knowledge anchor		
Strong interest in revitalizing activities		
	Suggestions include:	
	<ul> <li>Engaging the Global South and young professionals</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Shifting focus from institutions to people</li> </ul>	

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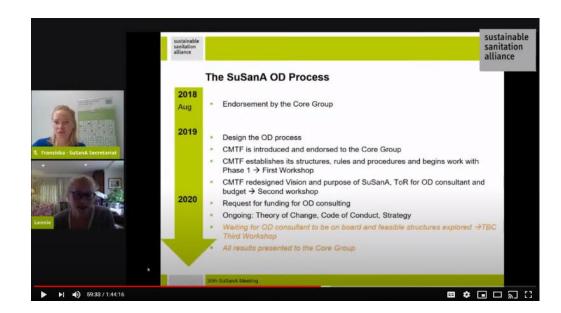
### SuSanA Bylaws

#### Why SuSanA Bylaws?

- The concept paper developed by the Change by the CMTF (Change Management Task Force) lays out a vision for SuSanA 2.0 but lacks description how to get there as well as the operational structures and procedures that must be set up
- A key element of the SuSanA 2.0 is also more transparency and accountability of the network towards the outside, i.e. funders or potential new members & partners

#### What we seek:

- A clear and concise to go paper on "how to SuSanA"
- Clarity of the gouvernance of SuSanA with binding rules
- Detailed implementation for SuSanA 2.0





#### The 4 roles of SuSanA

- (1) SuSanA is a coordination and discussion platform
- (2) SuSanA is a sounding board
- (3) SuSanA contributes to the policy dialogue
- (4) SuSanA is a working platform (thematic and regional)
  - Through tasks forces, working groups and regional chapters
  - To promote knowledge exchange and learning

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### SuSanA Bylaws

Decision making

Lead: SB:

Carla

Rohini

Transparency Framework Regional chapters

Lead: SB: Rohini Carla Procedures for setting up and running chapters

Resource mobilisation Resource mobilisation (incl. defining steps for creation of group with AB members)

Strategy for overseeing resource flows

Strategic orientation

Lead:
Dorothee

SB: Gina SB: Arwa

Revise the organisational chart

Procedures to develop strategies / strategy oversight (incl. setting up advisory board)

Hosting arrange-ments

Lead: SB: (Charles) Dorothee

Strategies to ensure sustainability of hosting

Member-ship structure

Lead: SB: Gina

Arwa

Including membership models and offers

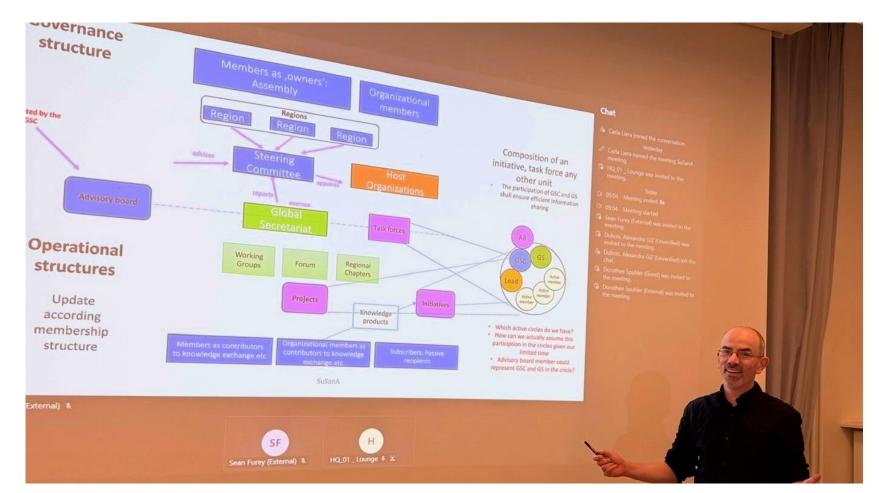
Forum

SB:
Charles?

Future of the forum

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## SuSanA Bylaws





#### **Day 1: Structure**

Time	Description	What do we want to achieve
09:00-09:30	A. Welcome and introduction  Objectives of the workshop  Progress of SuSanA 2.0 – Focusing on the By-Laws in this workshop	Every is clear about what the purpose of the workshop is and where is sits in the wider SuSanA 2.0 process.
09:30-10:00	<ul> <li>B. Form follows function!</li> <li>Reminder of Vision and Mission of SuSanA</li> <li>Update on Trends from the Advisory Board</li> <li>1. Responding to the loss of USAID and other aid cuts</li> <li>2. Promoting sustainable sanitation in the Post 2030 Agenda</li> <li>3. Opportunities and threats of Artificial Intelligence</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Make it clear what questions have been resolved and are <u>not</u> to be re-opened in this workshop unless unavoidable.</li> <li>Trends to consider when reviewing the bylaws text.</li> </ol>
	C. Working on the By Laws DRAFT Chapter Status  Approved Ready for approval, no issues Points to be agreed. Process agreed to resolve them. Major points to be agreed and process to resolve them needs agreements	Move each Chapter has far up the scale a possible
10:00-10:15	<ul> <li>Chapter 1: About the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance</li> <li>Agreed text on Vision, Mission, Objectives of SuSanA</li> <li>New text on "About this document"</li> </ul>	Approve this section
10:15-10:45	Chapter 2: Alliance structure  Proposed text describes the  CIGSC, AB, Secretariat, Annual Assembly of Members, Regional Chapters, SuSanA Forum, Working Groups, SuSanA Alliances  Overall Structure: text and graphic(s)	<ol> <li>Agree as much as possible </li> <li>For unresolved issues, agree a process and timeline to draft text and make a decision.</li> </ol>

#### **Day 2: Processes**

Time	Description	What do we want to achieve
	Chapter 6: Processes	
09:00-09:15	Chapter 6.1 / 6.2 Background 2	Get agreement
09:15-09:45	Chapter 6.3: Processes / SuSanA Brand  Present the current text Remaining questions Way forward	Get agreement
09:45-10:15	<ul> <li>Chapter 6.4: Processes / Hosting of external Websites</li> <li>Present the draft text</li> <li>Remaining questions</li> <li>Way forward</li> </ul>	Get agreement
10:15-10:45	Chapter 6.5: Processes / Library 2  Present the draft text Remaining questions Way forward	Get agreement []
10:45-11:00	BREAK	
11:00-11:15	Chapter 6.6: Processes / SuSanA Representation in other forums and initiatives  Present the draft text  Remaining questions  Way forward	Get agreement 🚺
11:15-12:20	Chapter 6.7 and 6.8: Processes / Working Group Leads and Regional Chapter Coordinators  Present the draft text Remaining questions Way forward	<ol> <li>Agree as much as possible </li> <li>For unresolved issues, agree a process and timeline to draft text and make a decision.</li> </ol>
12:20-12:30	Summary and celebration of progress	Group feeling that substantial process has been made and remaining issues can realistically be resolved soon.

### SuSanA Bylaws

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	_Bylaws	March 31	Sean Furey
	101_Regional_Chapters	January 10, 2024	Dorothee S
	102_Transparency Framework	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp
	103_Strategic Oversight - Governance	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp
	104_Membership Structure	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp
	105_Hosting Arrangements	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp
	106_Resource mobilisation	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp
	107_Forum	January 10, 2024	Dorothee Sp

Drafts for each chapters developed from 2023 to spring 2025

- Support requested from the secretariat for finalisation
- SuSanA secretariat contracted Skat Foundation (Sean Fury) to develop a consolidated first draft

### SuSanA Bylaws

#### Whats next?

- The GSC with the support of Skat Foundation (Sean Furey) will develop a first consolidated draft "How to SuSanA 1.0"
- Thereafter, a consultation process will be organised by the secretariat
- Adoption of Bylaws 1.0 at the next general assembly

### 2025 GSC Election

Nominations and applications for the 2025 GSC Election are now open!



### 2025 GSC Election

#### Why join the GSC?

- Shape SuSanA's strategic direction
- Support global sanitation collaboration
- Keep the network vibrant and relevant

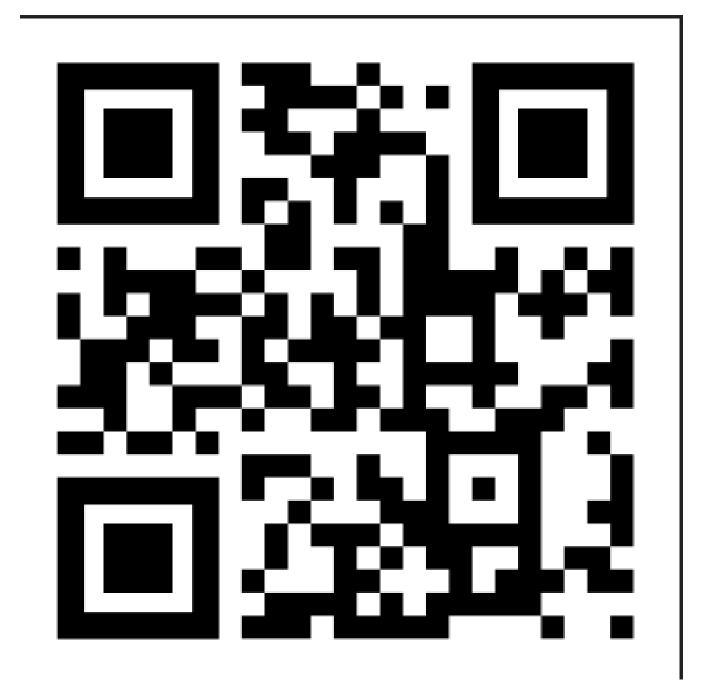
#### What we seek:

- Diverse perspectives regional, sectoral, thematic
- Commitment to SuSanA's mission --> Sustainable sanitation for all!
- Engagement: ~3–4 hours per month (voluntary role)

If you (or someone you know) are passionate about sustainable sanitation and eager to help shape the future of SuSanA, we encourage you to step forward.

Send your nomination or application to info@susana.org.

Together, let's bring diverse voices and perspectives to continue SuSanA's legacy and drive its future



Scan for more information about the GSC and the 2025 election

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### Thank you!











### What we know so far...

The Summit of the Future that took place in September 2024 during the United Nations General Assembly in New York officially "started the clock" on the preparatory process for the discussion on the sustainable development agenda "beyond 2030" through its outcome document, the Pact for the Future.

Under Action 12(b), Member States decided to "invite the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the General Assembly, to consider in September 2027 how we will advance sustainable development by 2030 and beyond, as a priority and at the centre of our work."

Water and sanitation are reflected in three actions in the Pact, but sanitation only mentioned twice in the Pact.

### Important Moments 2025 - 2028

- SWWW August 2025
- UN Water Meeting Sept 2025
- Dakar Meeting Jan 2026
- UN 2026 Water Conference 2.-4. December 2026
- World Water Forum 2027
- UNGA 2027 (Official Post2030 Debate)
- End of Water Decade, Duschanbe 2028

### What have we learned on the way to the SDGs

- Get an early start.
- Join forces to build sector-wide common positions.
- Engage early with interested Member States.
- Consolidate learning and evidence.
- Understand the political processes and their timelines.

### Opportunities ahead 2025 - 2026

- SWWW 2025 getting started
- UN 2026 six Interactive Dialogues through the 12 appointed cochairs
- Dakar Meeting January 2026
- UN 2026 Water Conference 2.-4. December 2026
  - Follow-up Resolution (best case outcome)

## How to ... get our sustainably managed a together



- What do we want for sanitation Post2030
- What are our key messages
- How can we provide evidence for what we want
- Who has which channels to bring our key messages to the right people/processes
- If you want to be part of this journey, let us know

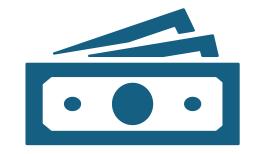
### Updates on the WASH Landscape



### How Much is Needed to Reach the SDGs



Providing **basic** WASH services to those currently without access will require an investment of **\$124 billion** between 2025 and 2030.



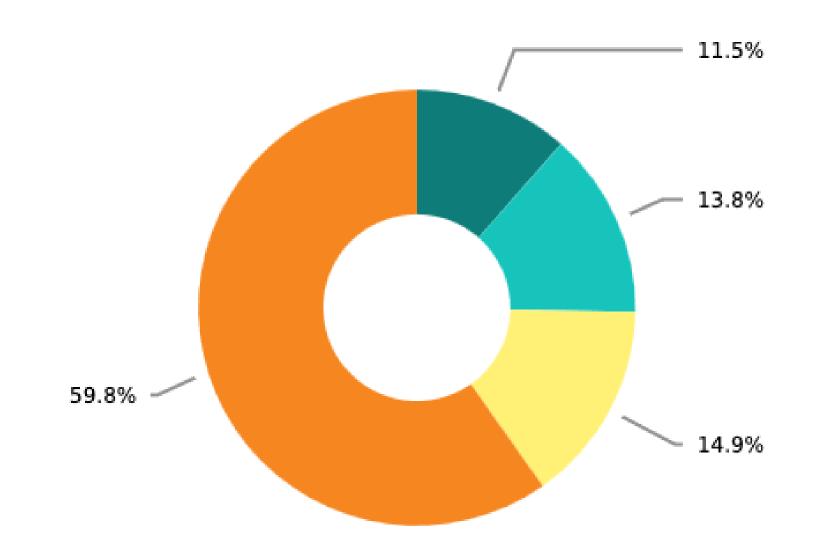
To achieve targets 6.1 and 6.2, capital financing of \$114 billion annually is needed. This amount includes yearly expenses of \$37.6 billion for safe water, \$19.5 billion for basic sanitation, \$49 billion for safe faecal waste management, and \$2.0 billion for hygiene.



Delivering a higher standard of service, referred to here as "safely managed" water and sanitation, demands roughly **three times** the current expenditure. This estimate pertains solely to expanding safely managed services to those who currently lack them.

# Who was Funding What? (before funding decline)

[FIN12] Sufficiency of funding to reach national target(s) (n=87)



### The WASH Project Landscape





Most organizations support a bouquet of WASH activities including infrastructure, systems strengthening, technical support, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation

Support depends on country priorities and available resources including human and finances

### Recent Funding Trends

- Aid funding was being cut from 2023- to 2024 (see figure)
- It has dropped even further since for the USA, France, Germany, UK and Switzerland.
- European aid budgets are being prioritised towards defence, Ukraine and climate – squeezing everything else.
- WHO, UNICEF and other UN bodies are facing massive cuts



#### Donor priorities

This chart shows the change in DAC members' humanitarian spending compared to the change in the rest of their official development assistance, from 2023 to 2024.

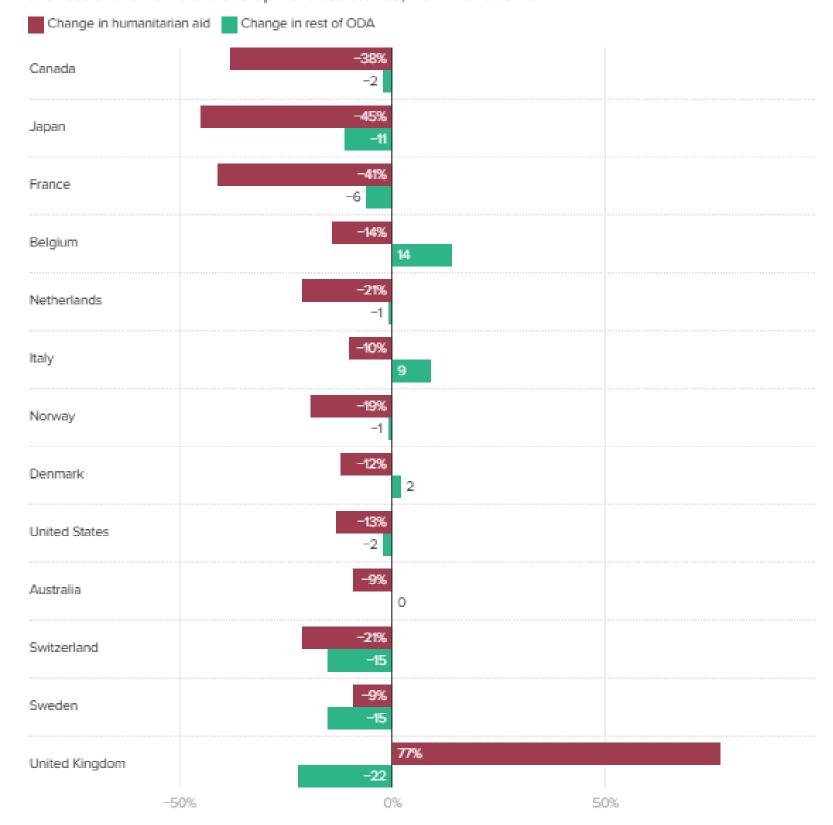
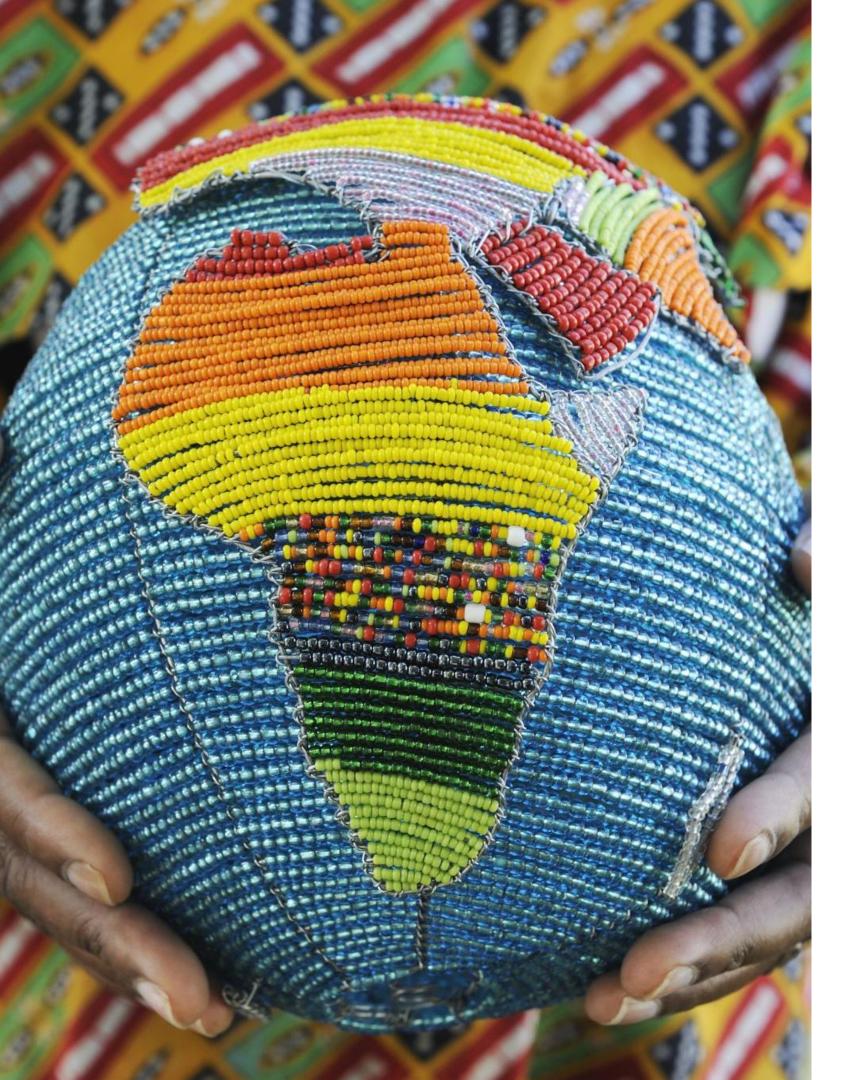


Chart excludes countries that lack comparable data, or where total humanitarian funding is low. Calculations are based on 2023 constant prices

Source: OECD DAC preliminary 2024 data



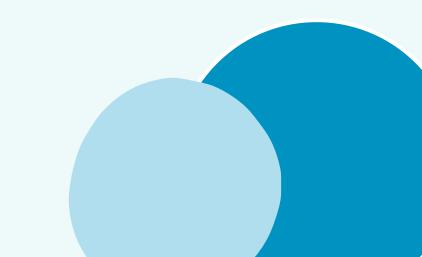
### What's Next?

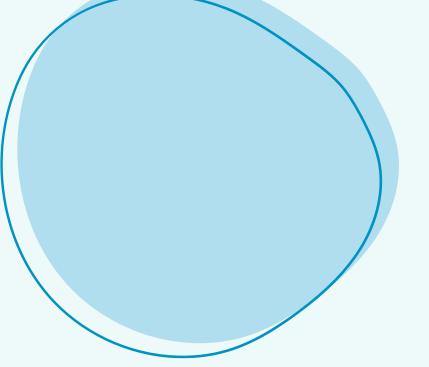
- Shift Toward Blended Finance and Private Sector Involvement – still more more hopeful than actual, but there is increasing use and experience of Performancebased Contracting and Payment By Results and programmatic and service levels
- Domestic resource mobilization countries taking the opportunity to reduce aid dependency. For some countries, like Nigeria and Ghana, there was already moves in this direction because of high national government debt means that there is little appetite for further MDB loans.
- Philanthropy continues to move towards system change and trust based modalities.
- The largest YouTuber, MrBeast, has started a campaign with WaterAid called #TeamWater to raise \$40 million

# Thankyou

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# Q&A and Discussion





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## Coffee & Tea Break

