



# SFD Lite Report

## Banaripara Municipality Bangladesh

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## 1 The SFD Graphic

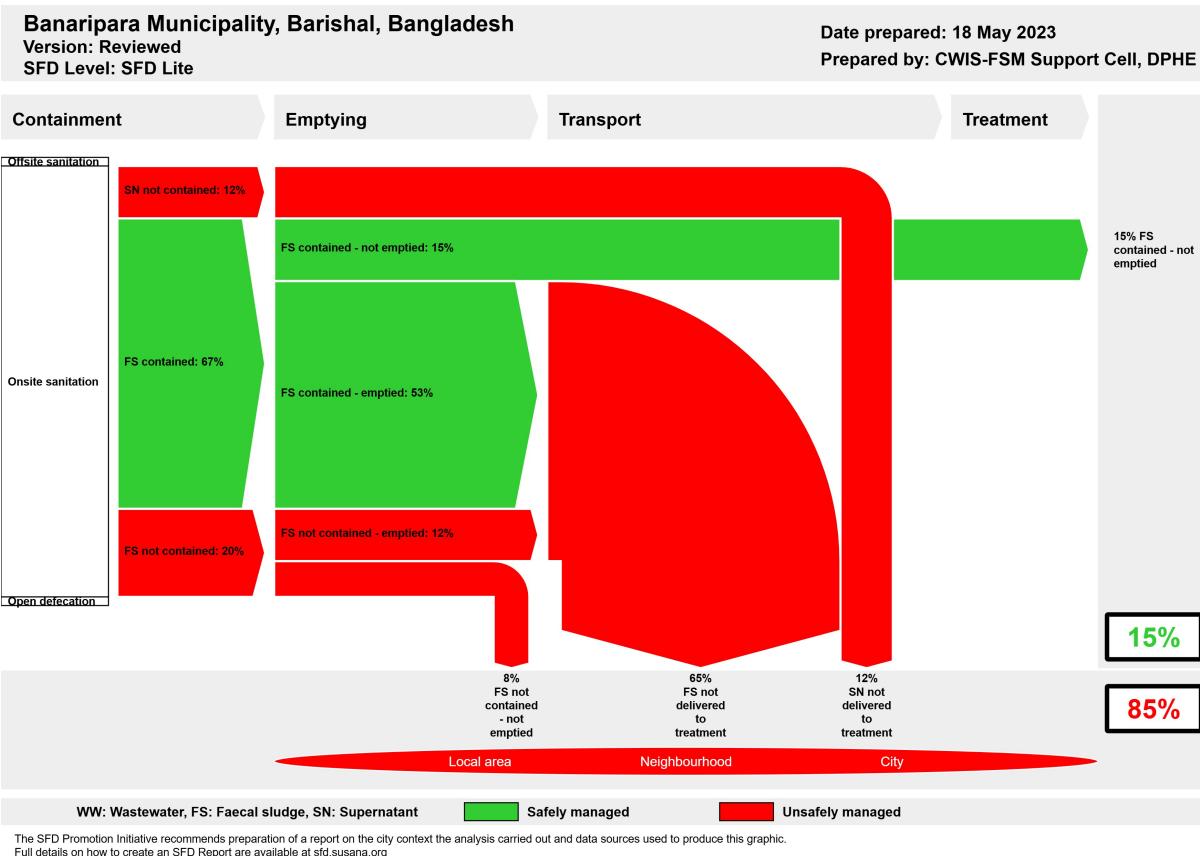


Figure 1: SFD Graphic for Banaripara Municipality.

## 2 SFD Lite information

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### 3 General city information

**Geography:** Banaripara is the smallest Upazila in the Barishal District, located in the south of Bangladesh. Banaripara (Upzila?) came into existence in 1980. The geographical coordinates of Banaripara are between 22°45' - 22°52' N and 90°02' - 90°13' E.<sup>1</sup> Banaripara Upazila is bordered by Wazirpur Upazila to the north and east, Nesarabad Upazila of Pirojpur District and Jhalakati Sadar Upazila of Jhalakati District to the south, and Nazirpur Upazila of Pirojpur District to the west.<sup>2</sup> (Figure 2).

**Categorisation:** The Local Government (Municipality) Act of 2009 classifies Municipalities of Bangladesh into high income (A-Class, above BDT 6 million), medium income (B-Class, BDT 2.5–6 million), and low income (C-Class, BDT 1–2.5 million) based on their annual own-source revenue<sup>3</sup>. Banaripara Municipality is a Municipality of B category.<sup>4</sup> Banaripara Municipality has 9 wards and 2 mauzas. The Municipality was founded on July 22, 1990.

**Demography:** According to the population census of 2011 conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the population of Banaripara Municipality was 10,366. The urban population growth in Banaripara is 1.36% per year. As per information obtained from KII at the Municipality, the present population is around 12,662 (Table 1). The household survey results show that majority of the occupation is business (40%), followed by private service (19%), labourer (14%) and self-employment (11%).<sup>5</sup>

**Climate:** Banaripara, which is at 17.84 feet (5.44 metres) above sea level, has a wet, tropical savanna climate (Classification: Aw).<sup>6,7</sup> The maximum mean temperature observed is around 33.8–39°C between March–August, with the minimum mean temperature of 16.3°C – 17.4°C in December–January. The annual average rainfall is about 1904 mm, according to BMD (2003–2019).

**Hydrology:** The district is traversed by numerous significant rivers, including the lower Meghna, Arial Khan, Katcha, Kirtankhola Tetulia, Nay Bhanga, Jayanti, Swarupkathi, Sandhya, and Amtali. There are two large canals; one runs through the centre of Municipality's eastern perimeter, and the other is located in the region's northern region. Both canals flow into the Shandhya River.<sup>8</sup>

**Natural Disasters:** The inhabitants of this region are also affected by natural disasters such as flooding, waterlogging, cyclones, etc.<sup>9</sup>

**Housing:** The household survey included the different types of residential structures in the Municipality which are pucca, semi-pucca, tin-shed and kacha/jhupri houses.

- Pucca (20%): (houses single or multi-storied built with substantial materials such as brick, cement, and concrete),
- Semi pucca (24%): houses (either the roof or the walls, but not both, are not made of pucca materials),
- Tin-shed(55%): (roof of the house made of corrugated iron sheets)
- Kacha/Jhupri (1%): roof and walls made of temporary materials like bamboo, paper boards, polyethylene sheets, and the floor made of mud etc.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Banaripara Paurashava Master Plan 2011-2031

<sup>2</sup> Banaripara Paurashava Master Plan 2011-2031

<sup>3</sup> Urban Local Government Finance in Bangladesh, 2021 ([https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5\\_4361-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_4361-1))

<sup>4</sup> KII at Banaripara Municipality

<sup>5</sup> KII and field visit during Baseline survey 2023

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.mindat.org/feature-11283996.html>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.distancesto.com/route-elevation/bd/barisal-to-banaripara-upazila/history/1513973.html>

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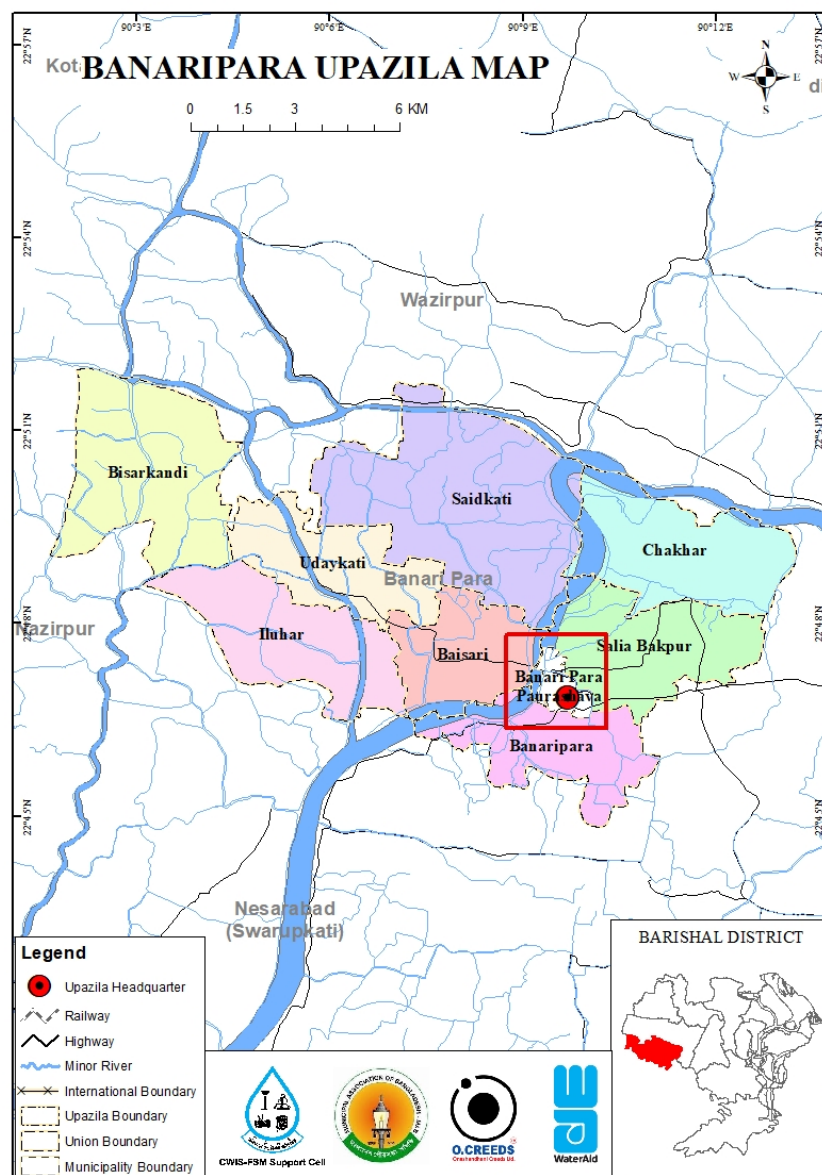
<sup>9</sup> Banaripara Paurashava Master Plan 2011-2031

<sup>10</sup> KII and field visit during Baseline survey 2023

**Water status:** The main sources of water for drinking and for household activities include plain tube well and tube well with pump.<sup>11</sup>

**Table 1: City profile (Source: Banaripara Municipality Office).**

Population parameters	Value
Total Population, 2022	12,662
Households, 2022	4074
Area, sq.km	3.00
Total roads, km	35
Total drains, km	4.50



**Figure 2: Banaripara Municipality Location Map.**

<sup>11</sup>KII and field visit during Baseline survey 2023

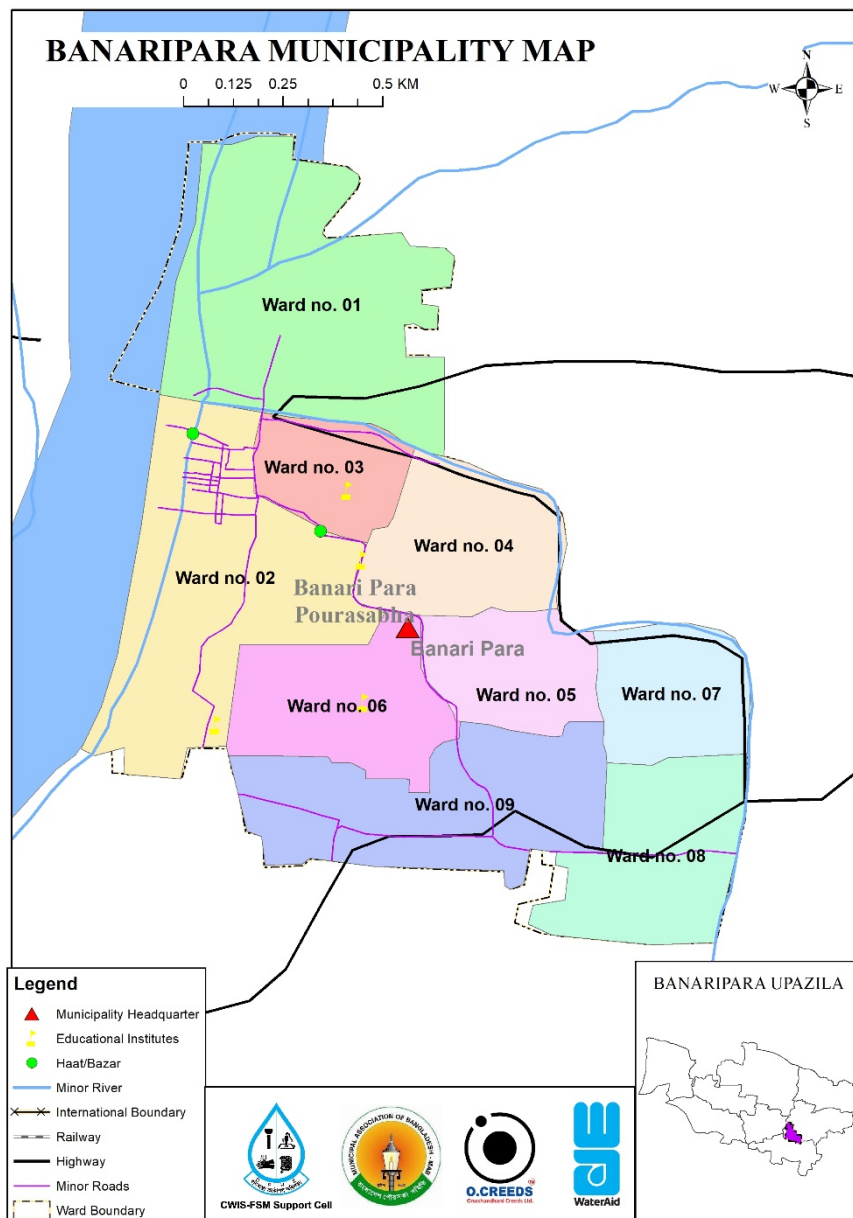


Figure 3: Banaripara Municipality Ward Boundary Map.

## 4 Service outcomes

The city does not have a dedicated sewerage system and most sanitation systems available in the town are classified as onsite systems (100%). The main types of onsite systems are septic tanks connected to a soak pits, or open drain, or water bodies, lined tanks or lined pits, with no outlet or overflow and unlined pits. Table 2 summarizes the sanitation systems in use, as well as estimates of the population connected to each system. For the onsite sanitation systems, it shows the proportions of each from which faecal sludge is then emptied, transported to treatment and treated. For the offsite systems (toilet discharging to open drain), it shows the proportion of wastewater delivered to treatment and treated.

<b>Banaripara Municipality, Barishal, Bangladesh, 18 May 2023. SFD Level: SFD Lite</b> <b>Population: 12662</b> <b>Proportion of tanks: septic tanks: 60%, fully lined tanks: 0%, lined, open bottom tanks: 100%</b>						
Containment						
System type	Population	FS emptying	FS transport	FS treatment	SN transport	SN treatment
	Pop	F3	F4	F5	S4e	S5e
System label and description	Proportion of population using this type of system (p)	Proportion of this type of system from which faecal sludge is emptied	Proportion of faecal sludge emptied, which is delivered to treatment plants	Proportion of faecal sludge delivered to treatment plants, which is treated	Proportion of supernatant in open drain or storm sewer system, which is delivered to treatment plants	Proportion of supernatant in open drain or storm sewer system that is delivered to treatment plants, which is treated
<b>T1A2C5</b> Septic tank connected to soak pit	5.0	80.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>T1A2C6</b> Septic tank connected to open drain or storm sewer	30.4	62.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>T1A2C7</b> Septic tank connected to open water body	2.2	62.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>T1A4C10</b> Lined tank with impermeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow	4.7	79.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>T1A5C10</b> Lined pit with semi-permeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow	57.0	82.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>T1A6C10</b> Unlined pit, no outlet or overflow	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0		

**Table 2: SFD Matrix for Banaripara Municipality.**

The figures shown in Table 2 and elaborated in the following section are derived from information obtained through household surveys (HH), interviews with key informants (KII), and discussions in focus groups (FGD) (as shown in Figure 4).

Overview on technologies and methods used for different sanitation systems through the sanitation service chain is as follows:



## 4.1 Offsite Systems

The city does not have a sewerage system. However, during field observation and HH survey, it was found that there are certain areas where toilets are directly connected to open drains or storm sewer. Similarly, a portion of septic tanks are directly connected to open drains or storm sewer. Therefore, the T1A2C6 is considered as 30.4% of the total population of the city to generate the SFD graphic. In the absence of a sewerage system, the faecal sludge and the supernatant in T1A2C6 are directly discharged into open water body or the environment untreated.

## 4.2 On-site Sanitation Systems



**Figure 4: Household survey and consultations at Banaripara Municipality. (Source: Field Survey, 2023/ O.CREEDS\_WaterAid Bangladesh).**

**Containment:** Almost all the households (100%) in the city have their latrine connected to either a single pit, or a twin pit, or a septic tank, or discharge directly into the environment (e.g., open-drain or storm sewer). From the household survey, it was found that 37.6% of the city population uses septic tanks as the containment system, 57.0% of the toilets have single pit systems, and 4.7% of people use double pits in the city, and 0.7% of the people use dug hole as the containment system. (KII, FGDs, HH survey, 2023).

According to the type of connectivity and features of containment technologies, the discharging points of the toilets are categorized as: 5.0% of the population uses septic tanks connected to soak pits (T1A2C5), 30.4% of the population uses septic tanks connected to open drain (T1A2C6), 2.2% of the population uses septic tanks connected to water bodies (T1A2C7), 4.7% of the population uses lined tanks with impermeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow (T1A4C10), 57.0% of the population relies on lined pits with semi-permeable walls and open bottom with no outlet or overflow (T1A5C10) and 0.7% of the population uses unlined pit, no outlet (T1A6C10) (KII, FGDs, HH survey, 2023). Thus, at the containment stage, the city's excreta of only 67% of the population are contained. Figure 6 shows pictures of these technologies in operation.

**Groundwater Pollution:** The depth to groundwater in the city ranges from 1-4 meter.<sup>12</sup> The most common drinking water production technology is the municipal supply water, or a tube-well with a hand pump. Among them, 27% of the households use their own tube- well fitted with electric motor and 28% use their own hand pump tube- well, 14% use community tube-well and 25% use neighbour's tap/tube-well. 5% of the population get supply water from the municipality. Tube wells of different sizes and depths are generally used to pump water from the subsurface confined aquifers.

During the household visit and FGDs, it was found that around 49% of sanitation facilities are located within 10 metres from the groundwater source. Besides, due to the geographical situation, sanitation facilities are not located uphill of the groundwater sources. According to a survey report on 'Hydrogeological screening, slug test and geophysical logging on observation well units', conducted by the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) in March 2017, drinking water is collected from the confined aquifer (25m – 200m) through pumps. Hence, considering all these factors, it is considered that there is not any significant risk of groundwater contamination in the city. Therefore, a low risk of groundwater contamination is considered in the city.

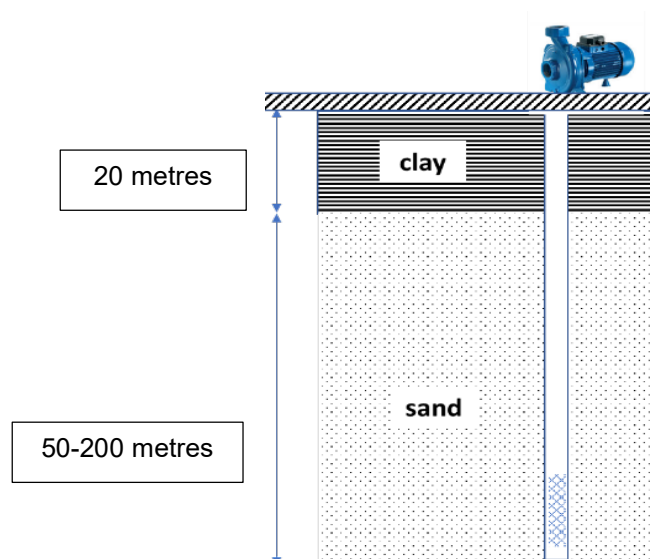


Figure 5: Soil profile in Banaripara Upazila and location of tubewell screen.



Figure 6: Containment technologies and their connections in Banaripara Municipality. (Source: Field Survey 2023/ O.CREEDS\_WaterAid Bangladesh).

<sup>12</sup> Survey Report on 'Hydrogeological screening, slug test and geophysical logging on observation well units', conducted by the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)



**Emptying:** 72% households relying on septic tanks get service from private sweepers for emptying of the septic tank. Over half (76%) of the withdrawal is done manually using bucket and rope. This method highly risks the health and safety of the workers. A substantial number (24%) use electric pumps. It was observed from the survey that 40% septic tanks have been constructed in the last 5 years. According to the survey from 2023, the frequency of emptying of septic tanks or covered pits varies from 1 to 7 years depending upon the size, number of users, etc.

However, about 80% of the septic tanks, connected to the soak pit are emptied within 6 years. About 62% of the septic tanks connected to open drains, open ground or water bodies are emptied within last 10 years. Almost 82% of single pit latrines emptied within 1-5 years. Besides the above information, it was also revealed during the discussion in FGDs and household visits that the demand for desludging septic tanks would increase shortly. Desludging of the septic tanks and pit is mostly (99%) done by private sweepers. In few households, desludging is done by private agencies. Around 77% of this withdrawal is done manually using a bucket and rope. 4% use electric pumps and some use (19%) manual pump— these reflect the use of the higher level of technologies by some of the workers. The municipality does not operate any Vacutug<sup>13</sup>.

**Transportation:** The sludge withdrawn from the septic tanks and latrine pits by the cleaners is disposed of in various places. Based on the survey from 2023, it was observed that almost 70% of the respondents who use any kind of containment system informed that faecal sludge (sludge from the septic tank or covered pit latrines) is disposed of in open ground covered with soil away from the house. Besides, 30% of the faecal sludge is disposed of in the open environment like a drain, open ground, and water bodies.

**Treatment/Disposal:** Presently, there are no treatment facilities in the town.

### 4.3 Open Defecation

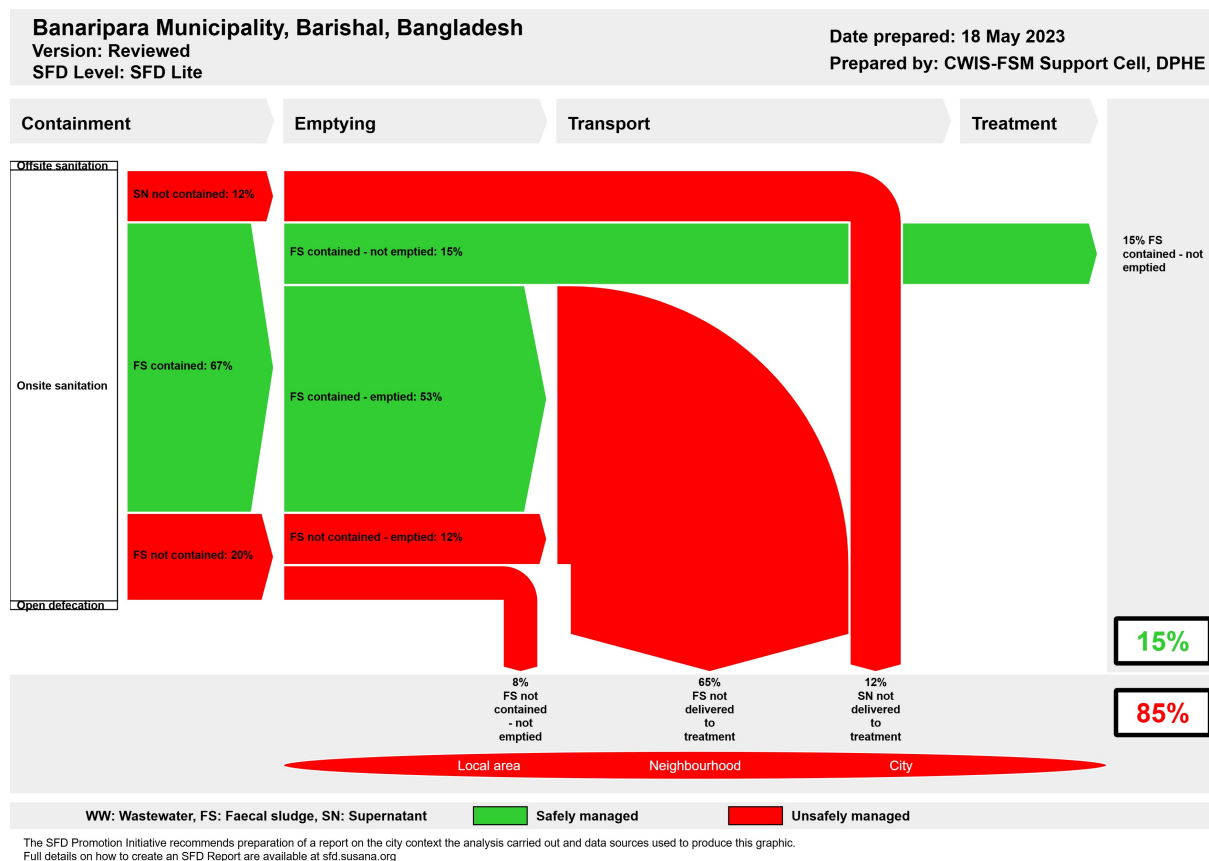
From HH surveys, KIIs and FGDs, it was found that 100% of citizens use some kind of toilet in the municipality. Thus, from the sanitation point of view, the town is considered an open defecation-free town.

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<sup>13</sup> KII at Municipality.

## 4.4 SFD Graphic

The outcome of the SFD graphic shows that only fifteen percent (15%) of the excreta flow is classified as safely managed, and the remaining eighty five percent (85%) is classified as unsafely managed (Figure 7).



**Figure 7: SFD Graphic for Banaripara Municipality.**

The unsafely managed excreta come from Faecal Sludge (FS) both contained and not contained - not delivered to treatment (65%), FS not contained - not emptied (8%) and 12% of supernatant not delivered to treatment. Thus, the safely managed excreta originate from FS contained - not emptied (15%).

The safely managed excreta originate from FS contained - not emptied (15%). This 15% resembles the FS stored in containments without significant risk to groundwater pollution. Thus, the safely managed percentage of FS generated by this 15% of the population is temporary until the FS from the containments is emptied. Therefore, these systems will require emptying services in the short and medium term as they fill up.

## 5 Data and assumptions

The baseline survey conducted in April 2023 contains detailed data on different stages of the sanitation value chain. A comprehensive field survey covering 402 households was conducted to ensure a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error. The city was divided into grids, and samples were distributed proportionally, with an additional 10% in diverse and fast-growing areas. Four types of questionnaires were used for different household and institutional types. Trained survey teams collected data using the KOBO Toolbox mobile app, capturing geo-coordinates and respondent photographs (with consent), with data uploaded directly to a centralized web-based database. The survey gathered information on demographics, socio-economics, household conditions, water supply, sanitation practices (FSM and SWM), gender, and environmental aspects. The SFD matrix is generated from these data, collected during sample household surveys, along with informal interviews, open-ended consultations, key informant interviews and focus group discussions with the municipality officials, educational institutions, health complex and general public. The SFD matrix was generated from these data. Finally, data from all these sources were triangulated to produce the SFD matrix, the SFD graphic and the SFD lite report.

The last census was carried out about 12 years ago. So, the actual population, household, and sanitation data are not updated yet. Most of the households with septic tanks do not know the actual type, size, and design desludging periods. Also, a large number of pit users are unaware of the emptying events and frequency of their pit emptying. Due to all these data gaps, some assumptions have been made to produce the SFD graphic. These assumptions were shared with key informants at the municipality and accepted by them.

Following assumptions were made for developing the SFD graphic for Banaripara Municipality:

- ✓ The proportion of FS in septic tanks, fully lined tanks, and lined, open bottom tanks are considered 60%, 0%, and 100% respectively as per the guidance given in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) website.
- ✓ According to the population census in 2011 by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the population of Banaripara Municipality was 10,366. The urban population growth in Banaripara is 1.36% per year. Considering 10% floating population, such as farmers and traders coming to the city every day, the present (2023) population is estimated to be around 12,662 (Table 1).
- ✓ There are around 4.7% of twin pit latrines in the containment system. So, it is assumed that all these twin pit containment technologies are defined as a lined tank with impermeable walls and open bottom (system T1A4C10, 79.0%). Based on the household survey, variable F3 for system T1A4C10 is set to 79%.
- ✓ There are around 57.0% of single pit latrines in the containment systems. So, it is assumed that all these single pit containment technologies are defined as lined pits with semi-permeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is no 'significant risk' of groundwater pollution (system T1A5C10, 57.0%). Most of the single pit latrines are found to be emptied within 1-2 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for system T1A5C10 was set to 82%.
- ✓ 5.0% of septic tanks are connected to soak pits (system T1A2C5). They are well-constructed as per the field visit observation. The risk of groundwater contamination was deemed low, therefore that option was selected in the SFD Matrix.
- ✓ Around 80.0% of HHs using septic tank with a soak pit have a desludging frequency of 2-5 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for system T1A2C5 is set to 80%.
- ✓ There are 32.6% of septic tanks connected to the open drain or water bodies, 62.0% of which are emptied within 2-5 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for systems T1A2C6 and T1A2C7 is set to 62%.
- ✓ Supernatant in T1A2C6 is directly discharged into the river or the environment untreated. Therefore, variables S4e and S5e were set to 0%.
- ✓ Since there are no wastewater or faecal sludge treatment facilities in the town and all the collected FS is disposed untreated into the environment, variables F4 and F5 for all systems are considered to be 0%.

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### Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) (April 2023)

- KII with Conservancy Inspector, Banaripara Municipality
- KII with DPHE Official, Banaripara Municipality.
- KII with Assistant Engineer, Banaripara Municipality.

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**Figure 8: KIIs with Assistant Engineer and DPHE Official at Banaripara Municipality. (Source: *Field study 2023/O.CREEDS\_WaterAid Bangladesh*).**

### Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) (April 2023)

- Municipality
- Public Place
- Educational Institution
- Health Complex





**Figure 9: Focus Group Discussions at Banaripara Municipality. (Source: *Field survey 2023/O.CREEDS\_WaterAid Bangladesh*).**

### Additional information

- To accelerate actions toward CWIS approach, WaterAid launched the project titled 'National and Bilateral WASH Advocacy (NaBWASHA)' funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). WaterAid along with Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and Citywide Inclusive Sanitation-Faecal Sludge Management (CWIS-FSM) Support Cell of Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) commissioned the study 'Assess the flow of waste and develop Excreta Flow Diagram (SFD) and Waste Flow Diagram (WFD) for fifty municipalities of Bangladesh' to analyse the current state of faecal sludge management (FSM) and solid waste management (SWM) practices.
- In-depth information and data were collected for the towns which included project documents, master plans and baseline reports from the municipalities and national levels, statistical data like population and household income expenditure, GIS data and other geospatial data and satellite images, and open street maps (OSM). The Field Survey of the project was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The field survey includes household surveys, key informant interviews, focus group discussions. A Kobo server has been established to monitor FSM and SWM databases under the project. The results of the study are shared with the municipal authority and are considered as a basis for preparing investment projects by the government and development partners, and sustainable plans for operating and maintaining the systems by the municipal authorities.
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