

National Workshop for Capacity Building for ODF Sustainability

August 24, 2018, Udaipur, Rajasthan

SUMMARY REPORT



Background:-

After attaining the noticeable progress under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin towards ODF India, the focus is gradually shifting towards ODF sustainability. A workshop on ODF-S was organized at Pune in May,2018 that first mooted the idea through a National Conclave and in further continuation of the dialogue with the States, a workshop on Capacity building for ODF- S Was organized at Hotel Ananta Resort, Udaipur on 24th August,2018.

The workshop objectives were.

- ***Sustaining ODF by strengthening the key ODF-S parameters in States/Districts.***
- ***Strengthening the capacities for multiple stakeholders to ensure ODF-S***
- ***Swachhagrahis Management Plan – Present status and way forward.***

Session wise brief summary of the workshop is as follows.

Opening remarks: Secretary Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt of India, Shri Parameswaran Iyer stated that sanitation coverage has crossed 90%, as on today which is up from 39% in October 2014 when SBM-G was launched. While the country is well on track to becoming an ODF India, the challenge of sustaining ODF status remains. The meeting is therefore intended to learn from each other and move towards ODF Plus which includes Solid and Liquid Waste Management.

Session I	Interaction with Swachhagrahis
Moderator	MDWS Team
Participants	Swachhagrahi Representatives from across the country

Key Points Discussed:-

- ✓ There are over 4.5 Lakh swachhagrahis, who are the foot soldiers and the real force behind the Jan Andalon of SBM-G. To engage them effectively, MDWS has recently issued Swachhagrahi guidelines for States and districts to use. It mentions their key responsibilities, activities and incentives.
- ✓ Women Masons working as Swachhagrahis are also imparting further trainings.
- ✓ Swachhagrahis were also triggered by the initiatives taken by the District Authorities.

- ✓ Swachhagrahis may be engaged in ODF-S activities. They may be involved in water issues in addition. For example they may get trained in local technical aspects of water supply in rural areas.
- ✓ Continuous training including refresher one on ODF-S issues is required for Swachhagrahis.

1	Session II	Planning and Programming for ODF-G : Panel Discussion with DMs/DCs/CEOs	
2	Moderator	Shri Arun Baroka, JS, MDWS & Shri Rajeshwar Singh, PS, Rajasthan	
3	Participants	DMs/DCs	ADCs/CEOs
		Shri R.K.Bhatt, DC, Dungarpur, Rajasthan	Shri Qammar Chaudhary, CEO, Udaipur, Rajasthan
		Ms. Yamini, DC, Jagatsinghpur, Odisha	Shri Abhijeet, CEO, Sangli, Maharashtra
		Ms. Sonika, DM, Tehri, Uttarakhand	Ms. Hepsiba, CEO, Kalaburgi, Karnataka
		Shri Sushil Kumar, DM, Pauri, Uttarakhand	Shri Avanish Rai, CEO, Shravasti
		Shri Manoj Deka, DC, Sonitpur, Assam	Shri Manoj Kumar, ADC, Charkhi Dadri, Haryana
		Shri Amit Singh, DM, Sonabhadra, UP	Shri Pradeep Kumar, ADC, Nuh, Haryana
		Shri Ravinder Kumar, DC, Udhampur, J&K	Shri Ajay Kumar, ADC, Rohtak, Haryana
		Shri Sushil Kumar Patel, Dimapur, Nagaland	Ms. Sakshi Sahni, ADC, Bhatinda, Punjab
		Shri Nikhil Kalyan, DC, Dhenkanal, Odisha	Shri Amardeep Singh, ADC, Roopnagar
		Shri Sham Lal, DC, Rajsamand, Rajasthan	Ms. Shilpa Nag, CEO, Haveri, Karnataka
		Shri Gaurav Rajavat, DC, Sippa, Arunachal	Ms. Archana, M.S. CEO, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka

Each of the panel member were asked to share their experiences around 5 key questions: -

- What initiatives have been taken for ODF Sustainability?
- Who are responsible for ODF-S interventions in the village.
- How is ODF Sustainability measures being financed.
- How is ODF Sustainability measured and reported.
- What additional support is needed for ODF-S interventions.

Key Points Discussed:-

ODF sustainability is an important aspect of SBM. Those already involved in SBM can have new assignments in sustaining the ODF status. However, they would need further capacity building. During the open house for states and districts, participants spoke of the concept of sustainability, lessons learnt and challenges in sustaining ODF status.

- ✓ Ensuring Water supply is one of the key sustainability indicators in ensuring ODF status, especially in hilly areas. Here, the district administrations are focusing on rainwater harvesting, repairing of defunct toilets and ensuring that all schools and public places have toilets. ASHA, Anganwadi ,ANMs and active Mahila Mandals are being involved to sustain behavior change
- ✓ The districts are also facing the challenge of migration, floating population, elderly population and water shortage. Interventions made include – water conservation, water connections to schools and anganwadis, SLWM projects, Penalty for open defecators, User charges for toilet use etc.
- ✓ Various clubs (children, youth, and adults) have been formed in the districts to monitor sanitation on a regular basis. While street plays are staged in local language as a part of IEC, the district administration also provides incentives such as mobile phones and holds competitions to motivate people. There is no open defecation in tea gardens now.
- ✓ Districts has also started re-orientation of block coordinators and swachhagrahis – to sustain their focus. Challenges pertaining to floods in the villages adjoining the Ganga when toilets become dysfunctional for a certain period remain.
- ✓ To ensure sustainability, districts have weekly panchayat review with all stakeholders to identify problems, defunct toilets, etc. and take action. Their control room is operational 24/7. Sanitation messages are publicized during all festivals and functions. Sanitation has been integrated into school curriculum.
- ✓ Efforts are being made to convert septic tanks and single pits into twin pits. Other points to keep in mind are angle of pan, retrofitting, child excreta management. While Swachh Vidarthi badge is given to students who families use toilets,.
- ✓ Sustainability is being addressed through – Verification from panchayat, district and state levels, as well as inter-district cross verification and geo tagging of all toilets. On SLWM, soak pits have been set up for liquid

drainage, as also dust bins and landfills in every village, and vehicles for waste collection.

- ✓ Elephant menace which caused several deaths of open defecators have contributed to bringing about behavior change in remote forest fringe villages. Disincentives of OD is therefore could be a motivating factor.
- ✓ Increasing focus is given to maintenance of individual toilets and public toilets
- ✓ Negative media reports are being checked and issues rectified through constant media engagement.
- ✓ Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) is also been taken up by the districts as a vital point of concern. Efforts are being made to convert septic tanks and single pits into double pits.
- ✓ Issues of retrofitting of toilets ,angle of pans , child excreta management, MHM are also taken up by the districts.

1	Session III	Planning and Programming for ODF-G : Panel Discussion with Mission Directors
2	Moderator	Shri Arun Baroka, JS, MDWS & Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Director-SBM, MDWS
3	Participants	Principal Secretary/ Mission Directors
		Shri Rajeshwar Singh, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan
		Shri P.C. Kishan, Mission Director, Rajasthan
		Shri Sidhartha Singh, Mission Director, Assam
		Shri Anil Raj Rai, Mission Director, Sikkim
		Shri S. Yomcha, Mission Director, Arunachal Pradesh
		Shri Akash Deep, Mission Director, Uttar Pradesh
		Shri Abhay Mahajan, Mission Director, Maharashtra
		Ms. Indu Chib, Mission Director, J&K
		Shri W.R.Lyngdoh , Mission Director, Meghalaya
		Shri Vijay Kumar, Director, Development & Panchayats Department
		Shri K.Zohmingliana, , Mission Director, Mizoram

Each of the panel member were asked to share their experiences around 5 key questions:-

- What are the key challenges to sustaining ODF outcomes in the State.
- What institutional, technical and financial arrangement have been made for sustaining ODF outcomes.
- How is ODF Sustainability measured and verified.
- What additional steps needs to be taken to strengthen ODF sustainability.

Key Points Discussed:-

- ✓ The emphasis has now shifted to ODF-S, ODF plus, washing hands and MHM. State level workshops are being held for all levels of functionaries, while converging with health and education departments on ODF-S, SSG-18, and MHM, the latter being a state priority. Training of master trainers at state, district and block level is the current focus.
- ✓ Role of Swachhagrahis should be expanded to not just sanitation but also towards raising awareness for drinking water quality aspects.
- ✓ Engagement of youth leaders and penalty system, have been effective in some cases.
- ✓ First 3 months after a village becomes ODF are crucial to ensure sustainability. Sustainability interventions should therefore start soon after a village becomes ODF. Innovations are being made in IEC branding campaigns – toilet as a birthday gift, raksha bandan gift, and a gift during a festival; izzat ghar; child friendly toilets, child friendly school toilets, low cost sanitary napkin production units.
- ✓ SSG-2018 has brought back focus on sanitation, there should be regular surveys to keep momentum going. Training and capacity building of gram sevaks at multiple tiers, strengthening of nigrani samitis so they can give feedback to gram sabhas and training at schools while making sanitation a part of curriculum are vital.
- ✓ Initiatives include - making Gam Rozgar Sevaks and Mistris as celebrities; and promoting the pink toilet concept where every school has a sanitary napkin vending machine and incinerators are working .
- ✓ Every month States like Haryana is giving one village in a block gets a prize of Rs. 1 lakh for sanitation, which can be used by the GP for SLWM.

1	Session IV	Curtain Raiser to Capacity Building tools and Job Aids
2	Moderator	Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Director-SBM, MDWS
3	Participants	Shri J.P.Shukla, Knowledge Links
		Shri Raghav Neti, World Bank
		Shri Nicholas Osbert, UNICEF
		Shri Sujoy Mozumdar, UNICEF
		Ms. Shalini Prasad, UNICEF
		Shri Rishabh Himani, UNICEF
		Ms. Priyanka Sharma, UNICEF
		Shri V.K.Madhvan, Water Aid
		Shri Vinod Mishra, WSSCC

		Shri Ankur Garg, BBC Media
		Shri Naveen, CNK-WB
		Shri Srinivas, E-Learning

Key Points Discussed:-

- ✓ Mr. J.P. Shukla from Knowledge Links shared his experiences of working with Swachhagrahis. Specific examples of maintaining, monthly ODF calendars, ODF-S parameters, strategic plan for ODF-S at district level, and some innovative examples of engaging Swachhagrahis were also shared.
- ✓ Mr. Vinod Mishra from WSSCC shared his experiences in the field and the importance of capacity building to ensure sustainability.
- ✓ UNICEF shared the proposed structure of the CAS for Sustainability learning module that shall carry forward the CAS (Community Approaches to Sanitation) capacity building aids to the next level. It is proposed to contain 5 booklets – for senior managers to plan strategy; for BCC planning, for swachhagrahis or front line workers, a refresher programme for trainees; and a facilitator guide. It provides information on CAS, social mobilization, updated with ODF-S and plus.
- ✓ Various knowledge products in Development state were presented to the gathering for their inputs. This included E-learning campus (World Bank); KRC Dashboard (World Bank) and Mobile Academy (BBC Media Action).
- ✓ Proposed draft - Note on ODF village verification incentive model was discussed, calling for reactions and questions.
- ✓ Proposed ODF-S training module developed by UNICEF and MDWS was also discussed.

Conclusion

Workshop was concluded by the Joint Secretary, SBM, MDWS with a presentation titled, ODF-S- away forward. This included setting up of ODF-S cells at all states and districts; roll out of massive training of masons for retrofitting; roll out of training of swachhagrahis on ODF-S; legal framework for safe sanitation including imposing penalties for OD by GPs; and the emerging policy on financing for ODF-S. Other ODF-Q (Quality) parameters that help in attaining sustainability, such as Geo tagging, verification and conversion of dysfunctional toilets were also elaborated.