ADVANCED TRAINING ON FAECAL SLUDGE AND SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT

Part C: Trainer’s Manual

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National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is a national nodal institute that works closely with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. The Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) anchored by NIUA aims to build local capacity for planning, designing and implementing non-sewer decentralized sanitation solutions, with specific focus on Faecal sludge and septage management (FSSM) and waste water.

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ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

The Swachh Bharat Mission has aimed to make India open defecation free by October 2019. The wide prevalence of on-site sanitation system in India necessitates the need to explore safe management of septage along with improved access to toilets. Recognising this, the Government of India has also emphasised septage management in its flagship programme of AMRUT and has also issued policy guidelines on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM).

This document is a part of the advanced training module on faecal sludge management for engineers. It provides engineers with a comprehensive understanding on various aspects of FSM such as planning, design of treatment systems, contracts for implementation and O&M, etc.

This document consists of details pertaining to the concept of the training, session plan, objectives and key take aways from each session and lesson plan. The purpose of this document is to facilitate the resource person in conducting the training program.
ABOUT THE TRAINING MODULE

Day 1, Session 1
Introduction and need for FSM
This session introduces the importance and global need for faecal sludge management to realize public health, environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Day 1, Session 2
Feacal Sludge Management - Overview
This session facilitates understanding of the problems in FSM implementation and also have an idea about tentative solutions to overcome these problems.

Day 1, Session 3
Case Studies
This session covers the FSM case studies from around the world and helps to understand the applicability and efficiency of FSM in various scenarios.

Day 1, Session 4
Collection and Conveyance of FS
This session introduces the various options for collection and conveyance of faecal sludge and enables the participant to calculate the number of trucks for their town/city.

Day 1, Session 5
Approach to Faecal Sludge Treatment
This session helps to understand the difference between sewage and faecal sludge and to familiarize with treatment principles, objectives, and outcomes.

Day 1, Session 6
Faecal Sludge Treatment Technologies
This session introduces at least five treatment technologies for faecal sludge and to understand the need for combination of treatment technologies.

Day 1, Session 7
Planning for FSTP Implementation
This session introduces the process involved in implementing an FSTP different cities and explains various contract methods for implementing FST.

Day 1, Session 8
Preparation for feasibility study
This session elaborates the different data collection points and methods for a feasibility study to implement FSM.

Day 2
Feasibility Study
This session allows the participants to gain hands on experience in data collection for feasibility study to implement FSM.

Day 3, Session 1
Presentation on feasibility study
This session is an activity where the participants prepare and presentation of the data collection during the feasibility study and discuss the scenarios.

Day 3, Session 2
Treatment concept - Sludge drying
This session helps to understand the concept and characteristics of sludge drying using planted and unplanted drying beds.

Day 3, Session 3
Design of drying beds
This session enables the participants to carry out preliminary design of the treatment module - Sludge drying and planted sludge drying bed.

Day 3, Session 4
Treatment concept - effluent
This session introduces the components of effluent treatment that is required in a faecal sludge treatment plant.

Day 3, Session 5
Design of Treatment Systems
This session helps the participants to put together modules for treatment of faecal sludge to achieve the desired objective.

Day 3, Session 6
Operation and Maintenance
This session deals with the various O&M requirements of the technology options discussed during the training.

Day 3, Session 7
Components and Review of a DPR
This session elaborates the various components that must be included in an FSTP DPR and provides a framework for assessing an FSTP DPR prepared by external.
Introduction

Non-sewered sanitation is a recent and novice topic in the field of sanitation planning and implementation in India. Though these systems have been existent for quite some time in the country, not much focus was laid on the proper and sustainable treatment of waste generated from such systems. The focus over the years has largely been towards networked or sewerage based sanitation with the focus to connect all household’s wastewater sources to a network and provide an end of the pipe treatment. Though such an approach might be the mainstream of planning, the dearth of funds and sustainable operation model has led to very few urban local bodies being sewered. As a result, most ULB still primarily rely on non-networked sanitation such as septic tanks, pits, community cess pits etc. There is not much that has been done or planned for treatment or conveyance of the waste from such systems and their treatment.

However, with the recent changes in the policy and emphasis by civil society, the focus is now also towards safe conveyance and treatment of wastewater generated from such on-site sanitation systems. Urban local bodies have been provided mandate and direction by the central and state governments to promote FSM (a major part of non-sewered sanitation). However, the capacities within the ULB or other engineering departments are limited in this field. It is hence the need of the hour to equip the team of these engineers with knowledge and skill to implement effective solutions.

A module on advanced faecal sludge management is hence developed for building the capacities of staff and decisions makers related to FSM. This document is a manual to assist the trainer in delivering sessions related to this module. This compilation is divided into three sections:

a. **Concept note**
   Discusses the need for the training, target audience and rationale for the selection of topics.

b. **Training schedule**
   List the delivery scheme of sessions based on the learning capacities of the target audience.

c. **Session plan**
   A note to the trainer on objectives of each session, preparations required, story line and instructions to activities if any.

This document is to assist the trainer to carry out the sessions as per the intended design of the modules and each session. It also helps the trainer plan for each session before hand, in arranging for logistics and any external assistance.
CONCEPT NOTE

A concept note is a roadmap for the preparation of a training program for government engineers working with the state or local bodies and who would be intimately or partly involved in planning and implementing an FSTP. The concept note intends to document and delineate the course and content of the training. The training program envisaged is for a three-day duration, mostly consisting of engineers from all the states of India. This training comes as a capacity building initiative to the staff of implementors of Faecal sludge management solutions under the AMRUT program of the Central government.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Engineers with a background in civil/environmental working with the state government departments such as Ministry of Urban development, State water supply and sewerage board, Directorate of Local bodies, PDMC – Sanitation and sewerage projects or engineering staff of the AMRUT towns are the target audience. This advanced training is mainly targeting participants who are already oriented on various topics of FSM. For better designing, the training curriculum, the profile of the target audience can be assessed under three aspects: Existing skill set, Existing Knowledgebase, and requirement of the Job profile. Below table describes a typical (or ideal) audience for this training program under these three aspects. It should be noted that due to time constraints, most of these descriptions have been arrived based on the experience of interacting with these staff or by making reasonable assumptions.

| Existing Skillset                  | 1. Read and write in English and Hindi  
|                                  | 2. Ability to comprehend and understand engineering drawings  
|                                  | 3. Ability to carry out simple arithmetic calculations  
|                                  | 4. Ability to conduct field investigations and collect data using a tool  |
| Existing Knowledgebase           | 1. Knowledge of current sanitation practices by households at their ULB  
|                                  | 2. Basic knowledge (understand the part and its importance) on onsite sanitation systems – Septic tanks and pits  
|                                  | 3. Basic understanding (remember concepts) of sewage treatment (Pre-treatment, primary and secondary treatment)  |
| Work responsibilities           | 1. Review and approve DPRs (Technical components)  
|                                  | 2. Carry out pre-feasibility studies for bidding of works related to STPs, water treatment, drains, etc.  
|                                  | 3. Estimation and design of treatment units (State water supply and sewerage board)  
|                                  | 4. Contract management  |
NEED FOR TRAINING

The target audience is a diverse set of implementing staff ranging from responsibilities of design to contract management. Implementation of any wastewater treatment infrastructure in several states of India could be broadly explained as two processes, either of which could be undertaken by the ULB.

1. Implementation through the state water supply and sewerage board
2. Implementation through project management consultants (PMC)

Given that a scientific body like the state water supply and sewerage board has been implementing STPs across several states of India, there is a considerable amount of knowledge base the engineers working on it have with regards to STP and Water treatment. Similarly, a few of these AMRUT towns have sewerage networks and STPs for a particular portion of their cities, enabling a fundamental understanding of these systems.

However, given that Faecal sludge management is different, not just from the treatment perspective, but also from its management of integrating and harmonizing various stakeholder associated, requires additional knowledge and capacities to implement them. Through this training, the aim is to bridge the gap between existing knowledge base and the capacity requirements to implement an effective and sustainable FSM solution.

TRAINING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the training, the target audience must be able to perform the following functions:

a. Assist the ULB in charting a roadmap for FSTP implementation
b. Carry out a feasibility study to determine size and input parameters for treatment, discharge standards, site conditions for setting up the treatment plant and requirement of desludging vehicles
c. Assess technically DPRs submitted by consultants for their efficacy and fit into the needs of the ULB
d. Evaluate contracts for O&M of the treatment plant

Though the training module would cover within its course design of treatment plants, the depth and knowledge provided would not be sufficient for the participants to undertake to design by themselves for varied situations.
TRAINING OUTCOMES

The training outcomes determine the Objective of the training. The flow diagram below illustrates how the objectives of the training are linked to the outcomes, given an appropriate enabling environment exists post training. The objectives are at various levels of cognitive understanding from remembering concepts to the application of learnings. These levels are again determined based on the role requirements for the target audience to implement FSTPs.
The training sessions are arranged in a way that understanding becomes intuitive and learning is engaging. Learning is a complex process which includes the subject, trainer and the environment. To enable effective learning, it is necessary to create a safe learning environment, ensure participants stay motivated and allow opportunities for practicing the skills imparted. The training is designed to cater to the three aspects in below ways:

| Safe Learning environment | 1. Atmosphere for learning – Clustered seating, 6 hours of sessions per day, small heterogeneous groups for activities  
2. Site visits close to training venue  
3. Facilitating trainers  
4. Most verbal communication in Hindi/language of convenience to participants  
5. Learning materials in all forms, written, oral, and videos. |
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| Motivation               | 1. Use of existing knowledge and experiences of participants.  
2. Linking training modules to outcomes and job roles  
3. Peer to peer experience sharing |
| Practice                 | 1. Hands on experience of relevant concepts  
2. Peer and group reviews to revise and reflect  
3. Template and tools for use  
4. Takeaways in the form of “knowledge bites,” additional reading |

The modules are designed to stress and give participants time and space to reflect. Essential learning sessions are succeeded by practice and review modules. The training module also includes a day of a site visit to practice a feasibility study for FSTP implementation; this will provide the participants realistic on the job experience. The training program is planned for three days in the following framework:

Day 3
- Application of concepts
  - Field experience
  - Reflection on learnings

Day 2
- Practice
  - Introduction to FSM
  - Brief on technology options
  - Planning for FSTP
  - Concepts for Feasibility study

Day 1
- Understand
  - Apply
### TRAINING SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1

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<td>Participants introduction and training outcomes and expectations</td>
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<td>1000 – 1045</td>
<td>Introduction and need for FSM</td>
<td>• Participants understand the concept and need for FSM</td>
<td>1. FSM introduction</td>
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<td>• Participants remember shit flow diagram (SFD) as a tool for assessing sanitation</td>
<td>2. Current sanitation situation – ODF, the progress of UGD, FSM, etc.</td>
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<td>• Participants can list the stakeholders involved in FSM</td>
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<td>1045 – 1130</td>
<td>Faecal sludge management – Overview</td>
<td>• Participants will learn the components of FSM</td>
<td>1. FSM components</td>
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<td>• Participants have an understanding of the problems in FSM implementation and also have an idea about tentative solutions to overcome these problems</td>
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<td>Case studies</td>
<td>• Participants are confident of FSM as a solution</td>
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<td>Remember Reinforce new concept</td>
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<td>• Participants can remember benefits accrued to the public and ULB due to FSM</td>
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<td>1230 – 1300</td>
<td>Collection and conveyance of Faecal sludge</td>
<td>• Participants are aware of various options for collection and transport of faecal sludge</td>
<td>1. Powerpoint on various technologies available for collection and transportation</td>
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<td>• Participants are able to estimate the number of vehicles required for desludging</td>
<td>2. Exercise for C&amp;T estimation</td>
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<td>Approach to Faecal sludge treatment</td>
<td>• Participants understand the difference between sewage and faecal sludge</td>
<td>1. Characterisation of Faecal sludge</td>
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<td>• Participants are familiar with treatment principles, objectives, and outcomes</td>
<td>2. Treatment methods and approach</td>
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<td>Faecal sludge treatment technologies</td>
<td>• Participants are aware and remember at least five treatment technologies</td>
<td>3. End products use</td>
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<td>• Participants understand the need for combination of treatment technologies</td>
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<td>Planning for FSTP implementation</td>
<td>• Participants are aware of the process involved in implementing an FSTP for their cities</td>
<td>1. Participants are asked to list down the process in STP implementation</td>
<td>Relate existing knowledge Reflect Create</td>
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<td>• Participants are aware of various contracting methods for FSTP implementation</td>
<td>2. Discussion on changes to existing process for FSM</td>
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<td>Preparation for feasibility study</td>
<td>Participants are aware of data collection methods for a feasibility study</td>
<td>3. Formulate steps for FSM implementation in collaboration with participants</td>
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<td>Participants reinforce their learnings</td>
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<td>Data collection in groups</td>
<td>Participants have necessary data for feasibility study</td>
<td>Group work: Participants will be split into groups, each group headed by a resource person and interaction with different stakeholders such as EO, desludging operator, engineer (for the site).</td>
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<td>Debriefing</td>
<td>• Participants learn new perspectives from others/groups</td>
<td>Participants are asked to share their experience of data collection – difficulties and insights from the collected information</td>
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<td>1515 – 1700</td>
<td>Group work</td>
<td>• Participants have information for preparing feasibility study</td>
<td>Group work: Participants work in groups to analyze the data collected and fill the data gathered in a feasibility report template</td>
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<td>Preparation for Feasibility study</td>
<td>Participants prepare for presenting the feasibility study</td>
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<td>Presentation on Feasibility study</td>
<td>Participants have experience of a feasibility study</td>
<td>Group work: Participants present the findings from previous day assignment in groups on the conclusions of the feasibility study</td>
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<td>Treatment concept – Sludge drying</td>
<td>Participants understand the concept and characteristics of sludge drying using planted and unplanted drying beds</td>
<td>Participants are introduced to the concept of sludge drying using planted and unplanted drying beds. Working and design principles are discussed</td>
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<td>Treatment concept – Effluent treatment</td>
<td>Participants can list and understand the components of effluent treatment</td>
<td>Participants are introduced to technologies for treatment of liquid effluent. Understanding of new concepts</td>
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<td>Design of a treatment system</td>
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<td>O&amp;M of Treatment technologies –</td>
<td>Participants are aware of the various O&amp;M requirements of the technology options discussed during the training</td>
<td>1. Participants are provided information on the O&amp;M requirement for each of these technologies: Planted drying beds, Unplanted drying beds, Settler, AF, PGF, Sand – Carbon filter</td>
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<td>Components and review of DPR</td>
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SESSION OUTCOMES

Session outcomes define the purpose of a session. They are short statements describing the knowledge, skills or attitudes that participants should acquire by the end of a session. The activities in the session should be designed to meet the session outcomes. Sharing the session outcomes at the beginning of the lesson helps learners to understand what is expected of them and how they should focus their energy. Checking session outcomes at the end of the lesson helps participants to assess how effectively they are meeting their learning goals. Similarly, as a trainer, having a clear understanding of the session outcomes allows you to adjust a session plan to more effectively support the learners in reaching the outcomes. Evaluating whether the learners have reached the outcomes also helps you to gauge.

INTRODUCTION

The introduction is often called “the hook” because it grabs the attention of learners and entices them to learn more about the topic of the lesson.

The introduction:
- Motivates participants to engage with the topic
- Connects the topic to participants’ existing knowledge
- Helps participants to understand the learning outcomes of the lesson

A short activity, story, question, reflection, or statement is used to capture learners’ attention and connect their previous knowledge to the topic of the lesson. During the introduction the learning outcomes are also shared so that participants know what to expect and what to work toward during the rest of the session. The introduction is an opportunity for trainers to assess how much participants already know about a topic. They can also learn more about participants’ motivation. This information helps the trainer to adjust the information delivered during the main activities in the lesson.
SUPPORTING SESSION PLAN COMPONENTS

**Time:** Session plans include an estimate of the total time required and the time required for each component of the introduction, topics, and review. These time estimates help you plan your workshop effectively and budget your time when you are delivering a lesson. When you allow enough time to deliver a lesson well, you promote a safe learning environment for your participants by giving them opportunities to contribute ideas and participate in activities without feeling rushed. By following the time suggestions in the lesson plan, you also ensure that topics and activities move forward at an appropriate pace without becoming too slow and causing participants to disengage.

**Materials:** Each lesson plan contains a complete list of required materials. You can refer to this list of materials in advance to ensure you have everything you need to facilitate the lesson. If you do not have some of the materials, be sure to either find them or to adapt the lesson so that you can still cover the learning outcomes in a participatory manner.

**Preparation:** This section briefly outlines the steps you should take to prepare for the lesson. It is important to review this section in advance and follow these steps so that the lesson will go smoothly without interruption.

**Discussion:** This space is provided for you to write your comments on how the lesson went, what worked well, and what could be improved. Self-reflection is an important part of your professional development as a trainer, and will help you to be more effective in supporting your participants’ learning in the future.

Good lesson plans help you to facilitate optimal learning experiences. Each component of a lesson is designed to meet the learner’s need for motivation, connection to existing knowledge, practice and a safe learning environment. By thinking carefully through the flow of a lesson, delivering captivating introductions, participatory topics, and thorough reviews, you can support participants in achieving the learning outcomes.
SESSION NAME: INTRODUCTION AND NEED FOR FSM
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 1
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants can list the stakeholders involved in FSM
- Participants understand the concept and need for FSM
- Participants remember shit flow diagram (SFD) as a tool for assessing sanitation

INTRODUCTION (10 MIN)

- Trainer asks the question “What happens to wastewater generated at the household?”. The trainer then draws on the board the information provided by participants, using the shit flow diagram framework.
- The trainer then asks the participants as to what can be probably solutions and compares them economically to assess the CAPEX required.
- Through this, the trainers draw participants in understanding the constraints in resources to implement sewerage and introduced FSM as an alternate (or means) to sanitation.
- The trainer then explains the idea of FSM briefly.

POWERPOINT CONTENT (30 MIN)

1. Sanitation story of the country – using shit flow diagram and pictures, as to how it has moved from open defecation to toilets to what next? But what is the impact on receiving waters?
2. Introduction to shit flow diagram as a tool to assess sanitation situation in the city.
3. Defining the objectives and vision of FSM
4. Listing the stakeholders and highlighting the role they plan in FSM
5. Revisiting the introductory case with numbers from FSM (CAPEX and OPEX) and establishing the economics with FSM.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. Board for writing or Flipchart
3. Marker pens

PREPARATION

1. Co-trainer to assist the trainer in economic calculations.

REVIEW (5 MIN)

1. Ask participants to calculate the CAPEX requirement for their town and also estimate the OPEX per person/household and discuss with them on the recovery of this cost.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. Faecal Sludge management is here to stay, as most of India’s current and future sanitation relies on this.
2. By doing faecal sludge management a city can improve its sanitation outcomes at a fraction of cost than that of sewerage networks.
SESSION NAME: FAECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT - OVERVIEW
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 2
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants will understand the components of FSM
- Participants have an understanding of the problems in FSM implementation and also have an idea about tentative solutions to overcome these problems

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. Board/flip chart
3. Markers
4. Flip chart/chart papers
5. Writing instruments

INTRODUCTION (5 MIN)

- The trainer poses a question to participants “Why is it called Faecal sludge – “management”? If it is all about a treatment plant, what is the big deal?”
- Trainer probes for non-engineering reasons for the above question and tries to bucket the answers into policy and regulation, behavior change, infrastructure – O&M, monitoring, and capacity.

PREPARATION

1. The arrangement of seating to be made in a way to enable easy formation of four groups.
2. Co-trainer to assist in bucketing the answers provided by participants during the introduction and during the activity.

ACTIVITY (30 MIN)

1. Participants are split into four groups – each representing a stakeholder
2. The four stakeholders are – commissioner, Health officer, truck operator and FSTP operator.
3. A one page case sheet is distributed among participants and reading time of 5 minutes is provided.
4. A time of 3 minutes is provided within the group to discuss on
   - What are the problems faced by your group as stakeholders and what could have lead to this issue.
   - Who is to solve this problem and how?
5. After the discussion, participants are engaged in a structured discussion using a probing questions. (Discussion time: 12 minutes)

SUMMARY (10 MIN)

1. Trainer sums the activity using a presentation and discusses on the enabling environment required for a successful FSM implementation
2. The enabling environment is categorised into various buckets such as state list/ULB list, thereby providing more clarity on roles and responsibilities of various governments.
3. Conclusion – Non engineering planning is as important as engineering.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. A successfull FSM planning process requires understanding the incentives and addressing the issues faced by stakeholders in the value chain.
2. The success of a treatment plant depends closely on the involvement of various people involved such as operator, ULB, truck operator, households etc. It is hence required that all these stakeholders are made to get a buy in into the project.
SESSION NAME: CASE STUDIES
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 3
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES
- Participants are confident of FSM as a solution
- Participants can remember benefits accrued to the public and ULB due to FSM

INTRODUCTION (2 MIN)
- The trainer asks the participants to share their knowledge on successful case studies of FSM in the world or India.
- If participants respond with known case studies, the trainer will ask them to elaborate and share with the group.

MATERIALS REQUIRED
1. Presentation
2. Caselets/one pagers on each of the four models

PREPARATION
1. Caselets or one pager to be provided to participants along with the kit.

MAIN CONTENT (35 MIN)
- Case study of Devanahalli – Video
- Case of Leh – Private model
- Case of Senegal – Public, private partnership
- Brief of Unnao FSTP

DISCUSSION (5 MIN)
- The trainer asks the participants for reasons of success in each/all of these cases and discusses the relevance in their states

VIDEOS
1. Senegal introduction - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tdlqjGIn3A
2. Devanahalli - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZgT2Vwfwvc

KEY TAKE AWAYS
1. Most successful case studies involve private participation:
   Private financing and innovative management of infrastructure with performance linked benchmarks shall reduce the burden on the ULB and increase service efficiency in FSM
SESSION NAME: COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE OF FS
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 4
DURATION: 30 MINUTES (CAN ALSO BE REDUCED TO 20 MINUTES IF REQUIRED)

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants are aware of various options for collection and conveyance of faecal sludge
- Participants are able to estimate the number of trucks for their town/city.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Posters of the five modes of collection and conveyance
2. Metacards
3. Writing instruments

PREPARATION

1. Estimation tool – print out to be provided to all participants
2. Compendium of collection and transport technologies to be provided to participants.

CONTENT (20 MIN)

1. Trainer asks the participants on the existing facility for collection and transportation in their city, also discusses the issues they face. (Probes into access, O&M, equipment failure and desludging thick sludge) (this step can be skipped for time constrains)
2. Collection and conveyance systems shall be classified under five buckets – Handheld, small scale, medium scale, large scale and transfer stations.
3. Details about these systems with examples, pictorial representations, and characteristics will be presented in slides.
4. Presentation –
   - Factors for choosing the type of containment systems
   - Type of collection and containment systems
   - Estimation on the number and type of containment units

ACTIVITY – INDIVIDUAL (5 MIN)

- Participants are provided with a tool sheet to estimate the number and type of vehicles required in their town.
- Participants are asked to estimate the number and different type of trucks for their town based on certain calculations portrayed in slides.

SUMMARY (5 MIN)

- In the end, the participants are introduced to the compendium of collection and conveyance technologies and explained how it could be used.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. Collection mechanisms if not estimated properly for its demand and technical viability, could lead to resorting to manual scavenging at a few instances. One technology for collection and conveyance cannot satisfy the diverse needs of the city. It is hence required that various options be considered and implemented as per the efficacy of the ULB or private sector.

- Collection and transport solutions should aim at increasing access, increase asset turn around and use simple and readily fixable solutions.
SESSION NAME: APPROACH TO FAECAL SLUDGE TREATMENT
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 5
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants understand the difference between sewage and faecal sludge
- Participants are familiar with treatment principles, objectives, and outcomes

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. Meta cards
3. 1-litre transparent bottle each of low strength sewage and high strength FS
4. Gloves and tissue paper
5. Board/Flip chart
6. marker and writing instruments
7. Dried faecal sludge in small packets to be distributed or kept for participants to visualize.

INTRODUCTION (5 MIN)

- Trainer asks the participants the difference in characteristics between sewage and faecal sludge
- The trainer will ask probing questions and get answers for physical, chemical and biological properties.
- Trainer juxtaposes and sums up the difference and need for a different treatment approach other than regular STPs

MAIN CONTENT (35 MIN)

- Introduction to typical wastewater parameters such as BOD, COD, TS, TSS, E-coli and comparing the characteristics of sewage and faecal sludge for each of the above parameters.
- Objectives of treatment and end product standards
- Introduction to treatment approaches – steps for treating faecal sludge (screening, solid, liquid separation, solid and liquid handling, etc.)
- Concepts or methods for each of the above steps – to be discussed in brief.
- Brief on end products and reuse applications

ACTIVITY (5 MIN)

- The trainer asks the participants to write down the possible reuse applications they can adapt for their cities to increase sales revenue from FSTP.
- The meta cards are posted next to the previously calculated CAPEX requirement for each of their towns

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. faecal sludge is quite different from sewage given its high BOD, nutrients and solids. Improper understanding of the characteristics and using systems atypical to STPs could lead to treatment failure or increased O&M.
2. While in a STP design the main focus is on liquid component, in FSTP there is equal emphasis on the solid and the liquid components of the sludge.
SESSION NAME: FAECAL SLUDGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 6
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants are aware and remember at least five treatment technologies
- Participants understand the need for combination of treatment technologies

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. One-pagers on treatment systems – Philippines, Biomass control and Thailand
3. Board
4. Markers

PREPARATION

1. One-pagers on the treatment systems to be provided along with the participant kit
2. Videos to be downloaded and checked for AV quality.

REVIEW

(5 MIN)

- The trainer asks the participants to remember and list down the steps involved in FS Treatment; this is then listed on the board.

MAIN CONTENT

(40 MIN)

1. Trainer introduces in detail, treatment technologies. He explains how they work and under what circumstances they can be used. Below technologies will be revealed to the participant using slides or videos:
   - Anaerobic digestion
   - Planted drying bed
   - Mechanical dewatering
   - Disposal mechanism – Geo bags and trenching
   - Thermal treatment
2. Introduction to systems approach to treatment – Integrating various technologies to achieve desired results
3. Treatment systems – case studies on:
   - Mechanical dewatering with drying beds – Philippines model
   - Anaerobic digestion – Thailand model

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. Many options for treatment of faecal sludge exists, however the decision to choose the correct systems is a complex decision making process involving technical, social, economic and capability considerations of the ULB and the stakeholders.
2. Choosing the treatment system must compliment the sustainability planning for FSM activities.
SESSION NAME: PLANNING FOR FSTP IMPLEMENTATION
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 7
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants are aware of the process involved in implementing an FSTP for their cities
- Participants are aware of various contract methods for implementing FSTP

MAIN CONTENT (35 MIN)

- Trainer highlights the criteria for FSTP design – FS parameters, quantity, and frequency of loading, end products, O&M, etc.
- Trainer lists the key data points required for FSTP design based on above buckets and describes them in detail.
- Trainer charts out the process of FSTP implementation
- Types of contract – DBOT, BOT, Licensing, etc.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. One pager on the process flow for FSTP implementation

PREPARATION

1. One page on process flow to be provided to all participants

INTRODUCTION (5 MIN)

- Trainer asks a participant to volunteer and explain the process of Sewerage and STP implementation for a city – Starting from the feasibility study
- In case of no volunteer, the trainer plots a roadmap for sewerage/STP implementation with the support from participants
- The trainer then leads the team to highlight the steps which are crucial for a good design and implementation.

REVIEW (5 MIN)

- The trainer asks the group “what will be the tentative timelines for such a process?” and writes it down next to each step to come up with the total time required for implementation.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. FSTP cannot be successful without implementing other aspects of FSM plan such as operational model for desludging, regulation and monitoring plan, behaviour change of stakeholders etc. It is hence imperative that a standalone treatment infrastructure in FSM without its supporting systems shall not be successful or would be always at a risk of inefficiencies.
2. Contracts for FSM implementation is advisable to be made in an integrated manner with emphasis on reuse and user fee collection.
SESSION NAME: PREPARATION FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY
SESSION PLACE: DAY 1, SESSION 8
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants are aware of data collection methods for a feasibility study

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. Data collection tools – Household, ULB, Desludging operator, farmers, land
3. Soft copy of data collection tool

PREPARATION

1. Printed copy of the tools to be provided to all participants
2. Co-trainers to assist participants in understanding the tool and its usage.

FEEDBACK (10 MIN)

- Trainer to seek feedback from participants on the ease of using these tools and suggesting appropriate changes (if required) to suit the requirements of the site visit.

MAIN CONTENT (35 MIN)

1. Need and contents of a feasibility study
2. Introduction to data sources – Households, desludging operator, ULB, farmers and land characteristics.
3. Trainer uses the tools provided along with the participant kit in explaining the below: (These tools will also be used during site visit by participants for data collection, hence explicit instruction on use of these tools to be provided)
   - Data collection from household – methods, and need. Tool: Household questionnaire
   - Data collection from Desludging operators – methods and need. Tool: Semi-structured interview
   - Data collection from ULB - methods, and need. Tool: Semi-structured interview
   - Data collection from farmers – methods and need. Tool: Structured interview
   - Data collection from land – methods, and need. Tool: checklist
4. Trainer to also brief on the agenda for the site visit and related instructions.

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. Tools such as survey forms and templates help in collecting data, however this data needs to be analysed in the context of local conditions. In many cases averages and mean attributes may mislead the planning process, hence sufficient attention is to be provided for understanding abnormalities and their causes.
2. A good data collection mechanism is the foundation for any FSM intervention
SESSION NAME: SITE VISIT
SESSION PLACE: DAY 2
DURATION: 1 DAY (0930 - 1730) - 480 MIN
TRAVEL TIME (BOTH WAYS): 120 MIN
LUNCH (1300 - 1345): 45 MIN
REFRESHMENTS (BOTH TIMES): PROVIDED DURING TRAVEL

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SESSION NAME: SITE VISIT

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants have experience in conducting feasibility studies.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Portable addressal systems - 2 nos
2. Data collection, toolkit, and framework printouts
3. Writing pads and instruments
4. Water bottles
5. Snacks and refreshments

PREPARATION

1. Stakeholders must be informed priorly, and necessary logistic arrangements are made such as lunch, transport, water, etc.
2. Toolkit to be provided to each group
3. Framework for representation of the study to be made available to each group.
4. Coordination and logistics planning (as per detailed planning sheet)
5. Co-trainers to assist the groups in their work

INSTRUCTION (20 MIN)

- Every participant to make his/her observations
- A group can appoint within itself one person who can lead in asking questions with the stakeholders.
- Participants to use relevant tools from the toolkit provided for data analysis
- A framework will be provided for representation of data as feasibility study outcomes
- Participants not to disclose their identity or impress-dominate over stakeholders during the process of data collection

FIELDWORK (120 MIN)

- Groups of participants collect data from various data sources through following methods

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- Each group spends around 20 minutes with a data source, each participant in the group makes his/her observations/data collection.

DEBRIEFING (5 MIN)

1. Participants arrive at the training venue and are asked questions about the site visit. The questions are targeted in understanding the learning and difficulties in gathering information from such visits.

GROUP WORK (90 MIN)

- Participants work in their respective groups in consolidating, analyzing and presenting the data collected into a format for feasibility study report.

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1 Trainers will explain the use of tools during their onward journey and the framework for representation on their return journey. In case it is not feasible a separate session (of 30 min) on this will be scheduled for their return to the training venue.
SESSION NAME: PRESENTATION ON FEASIBILITY STUDY
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 1
DURATION: 60 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants have experience of a feasibility study

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. FSM canvas from site visit
3. Camera

PREPARATION

1. Pictures of the FSM canvas from site visit are captured and projected for the participants
2. Co-trainers to assist participants in preparing the presentation on feasibility study

PRESENTATION AND PEER REVIEW (60 MIN)

- Participants present the findings from previous day assignment in groups on the conclusions of the feasibility study
- After every group presents their feasibility study report, there is a peer review and discussion on findings

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A successful FSM feasibility study requires understanding the on ground reality and site conditions
SESSION NAME: TREATMENT CONCEPT – SLUDGE DRYING
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 2
DURATION: 30 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES
- Participants understand the concept and characteristics of sludge drying using planted and unplanted drying beds

REVISION (5 MIN)
- Participants are asked to remember and mention the steps involved in the treatment of FS. They are also requested to list technologies discussed for sludge drying.
- The trainer can also show images of an un-planted and planted drying bed and ask participants to name them.

MATERIALS REQUIRED
1. DED of sludge drying and planted sludge drying beds
2. Presentation

PREPARATION
1. Participants to be provided with detailed engineering drawings of both the technologies (plan, section and detailing)

MAIN CONTENT (25 MIN)
1. Unplanted sludge drying beds
   - Working concept
   - Parts
   - Basis for design
2. Planted drying beds
   - Working concept
   - Parts
   - Plantation types
   - Basis for design

KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Planted drying beds can be effective when O&M capabilities are low and reuse of dried biosolids are not so preferred by farmers.
- Sludge stabilisation prior to drying of sludge in unplanted drying beds reduce the risk of odour and also aid in better dewatering.
SESSION NAME: DESIGN OF DRYING BEDS
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 3
DURATION: 30 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES
- Participants carry out preliminary design of the treatment module – Sludge drying and planted sludge drying bed

MATERIALS REQUIRED
1. Print out of design sheets
2. Presentation
3. Calculator

PREPARATION
1. Design calculation sheets to be provided to all participants
2. Co-trainers to move around and facilitate the calculation

INSTRUCTION (5 MIN)
- Participants are requested to use the tools provided for design
- Input and output of the tool are described
- Participants calculate the area and number of beds required for sludge drying beds
- Participants calculate the area, freeboard, and the number of beds needed for planted sludge drying beds
- The trainer will stepwise aid the participants in designing the drying beds with the support of a presentation

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY (25 MIN)
- Participants calculate the area and number of beds required for sludge drying beds
- Understanding of local climate is very important in designing drying beds
- Design of drying beds must always consider worst cases of climate and faecal sludge characteristics

KEY TAKEAWAYS
SESSION NAME: TREATMENT CONCEPT – EFFLUENT
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 4
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants can list and understand the components of effluent treatment

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation
2. Detailed engineering drawings of modules to be given along training kit

INTRODUCTION (5 MIN)

- The trainer asks the participants on the possible treatment options for effluent of the drying beds. Probes for STP technologies, by providing a hint on the quality of effluent
- Seek participants knowledge on low-cost STP technologies, including DEWATS, constructed wetlands, etc.

MAIN CONTENT (40 MIN)

- Effluent characteristics and quantity estimation
- Output standards
- Settling tank – concept and design characteristics
- Anaerobic filter – concept and design characteristics
- Planted gravel filter – concept and design characteristics
- Sand and carbon filter – concept
- UV filtration and chlorine treatment - con

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Many options exist for treatment of percolate or supernatant from sludge handling units. However attention needs to be given in choosing the appropriate system based on O&M capabilities.
- FS is high on non bio-degradable COD and nutrients, which are not so easy to remove using conventional treatment systems. Hence sufficient system and process changes need to be incorporated while designing treatment plant to match with standards.
SESSION NAME: DESIGN OF TREATMENT SYSTEMS
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 5
DURATION: 60 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES
- Participants can put together modules for treatment of faecal sludge to achieve the desired objective

MATERIALS REQUIRED
1. One pager on technologies
2. Print out of case sheets
3. Flip charts
4. Glue
5. Markers
6. Stand for presenting the flip charts
7. Representative diagrams of each technology

PREPARATION
- Co-trainers to assist in group activity
- Flip charts, stationery, diagrams to be provided to each group.
- Seating to be arranged for group work

INTRODUCTION (10 MIN)
- Trainer introduces the need for systems planning using a probing questions and presentation.
- The same presentation will be used to provide instructions to the participants.

INSTRUCTIONS (5 MIN)
- Participants are clustered into groups of 5.
- Each group is provided with flip charts and drawings of various modules
- They are also provided with a case sheet consisting of boundary conditions on Population, land size, capex, opex, skill and output requirements.
- One pager on various technologies are also provided to each group; participants can make use of the information provided on these sheets.

GROUP ACTIVITY (20 MIN)
- Appropriate treatment technology is selected based on boundary conditions and information provided.
- The right combination of treatment modules are selected, and hydraulic flow diagram is made by sticking the pictures on the chart paper.

PRESENTATION (20 MIN)
- Groups present their work and explain the treatment system – concept

SUMMARY (5 MIN)
- Trainer concludes the discussion on treatment technologies and systems.

KEY TAKEAWAYS
- Although many technologies are available for various components of faecal sludge treatment, designing a system requires analysing the complementary nature of these technologies to work in tandem.
- Faecal sludge treatment is incomplete without addressing the stabilisation, drying and hygenisation of solids.
SESSION NAME: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE  
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 6  
DURATION: 30 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants are aware of the various O&M requirements of the technology options discussed during the training.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Presentation

MAIN CONTENT (30 MIN)

1. Participants are briefed on the Operations and upkeep of the following treatment modules:
   - Sludge drying beds
   - Planted drying beds
   - Settler
   - Anaerobic filter
   - Planted gravel filter
   - Sand – carbon filter

2. Along with the O&M, the Do’s - Don’t and safety equipment required while carrying out the O&M is also presented.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Understanding the O&M requirement upfront while selecting the FS treatment technology helps in effective use of the infrastructure along its design life.
SESSION NAME: COMPONENTS AND REVIEW OF A DPR
SESSION PLACE: DAY 3, SESSION 7
DURATION: 45 MINUTES

SESSION OUTCOMES

- Participants know the various components that must be included in an FSTP DPR
- Participants possess a framework for assessing an FSTP DPR prepared by external consultant

INSTRUCTION
(5 MIN)

- The trainer asks the participants to share various sections and inclusions of DPR prepared for STP. Trainer notes these points on the board and discusses the need for adding new components for an FSTP

MAIN CONTENT
(30 MIN)

- Components of an FSTP which are to be included in the DPR –
- Sections of a DPR – to include a section on the conveyance of FS and FS estimation, IEC, Business model, O&M etc.
- Introduction to checklist for assessment of a DPR
- Explain the components of the list and methodology of assessment
- Show and take the participants through an FSTP DPR and related documents.

SUMMARY
(10 MIN)

- Trainer addresses Q & A and also concludes the section on DPR review

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A DPR must have a plan for various component of the FSM chain such as transportation, treatment, operations, financing and monitoring of the system or infrastructure in place.
- DPRs must be made in consultation with key stakeholder groups such as ULB, Desludging operators, state apex bodies for infrastructure planning, etc.