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SCALING UP TOWN SANITATION PLANNING APPROACH IN SMALL TOWNS/URBAN AREAS

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What do we know?

- Sewerage has little impact due to high costs with limitation to core business areas of larger towns
- Onsite sanitation facilities like pit latrines and flush toilets with septic tanks are the most prevalent sanitation technologies in Uganda
- Onsite sanitation in densely populated areas (urban, schools, prisons) requires emptying of latrines/toilets (no space for new toilets) – hence the need for safe sanitation services - SDGs 2030

What do we need to do?

- Build awareness of the challenges and ownership by the Local Government
- Plan and prioritize investments in towns to ensure tangible improvements of sanitation services delivery

(Town Sanitation Planning)

Overview of Town Sanitation Planning Approach

Aim

- Basis for comprehensive planning and prioritizing investments
- Build Ownership by the Local Governments (Politicians and Technocrats)
- Resource mobilization tool for sanitation internally and externally.

Specific Objective;

- To improve capacity of **Local Governments** in towns to **plan and implement sustainable sanitation** interventions by developing town sanitation plans in a **participatory** manner.

Defining a Town Sanitation Plan

- It is **not** a conventional technical sanitation master plan, but a strategy that sets out the targets, operational actions and resources needed to achieve improvements along the sanitation chain for the short, medium and long term (10 years).
- It captures ground realities and puts forward solutions that are locally generated by stakeholders accross households, public schools, public areas and government healthcare facilities.

TSP Planning Approach



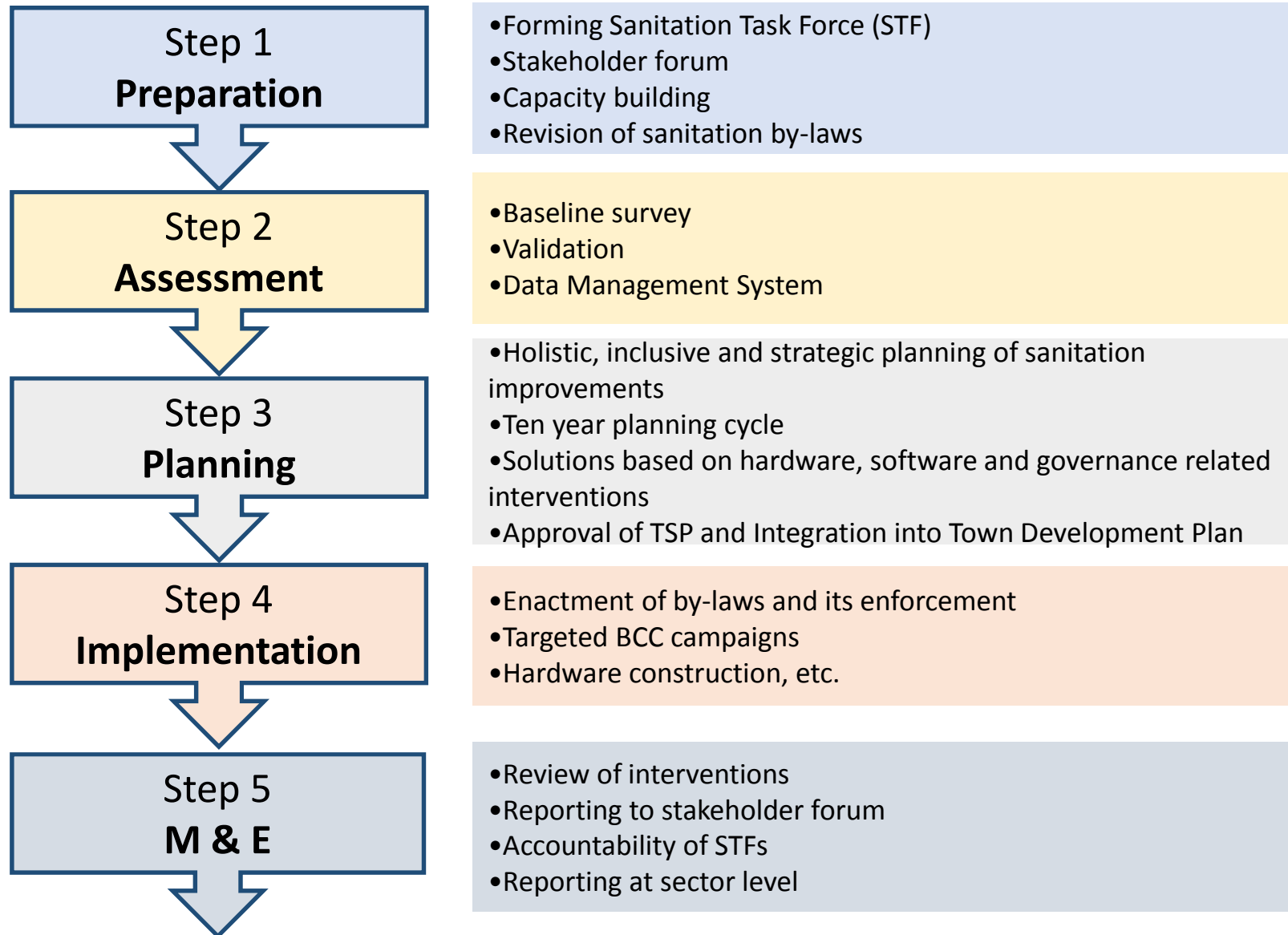
A 'Sanitation Task Force' is formed at town level to put the local stakeholders in the drivers seat

The Sanitation Task Force engages with stakeholder forum (community, private sector etc.) to agree on actions that will improve sanitation

**Overall principle:
Thinking along the sanitation chain to make sanitation work (containment – emptying-transport-treatment and reuse)**

Water sector facilitates this process to benefit from the identification of targeted sanitation interventions & improved sanitation governance at town level

Planning steps to develop a TSP



Where has it been piloted

The TSP approach was piloted in the following towns of Northern Uganda from 2015-2017 to start an engagement and learning process (GOU & GIZ/USAID funding);

- Aduku, Apac, Ibuje, Kamdini, Loro, Oyam

More TSPs have been developed (with support from World Bank) for the towns of;

- Namutumba, Budaka, Kayunga and Arua

One Success factor: Involving the political leaders



Participants of the Sanitation Governance Training in Apac Municipal Council

What has been done/ Achievements

The towns are implementing the plans and a number of achievements have been registered:

- Dedicated budget for Sanitation activities in the town budget
- Improvement in their sanitation.

Eg. In Loro town, as a result of TSP;

- A sanitation bye law was formed/ Passed
- Enforcement has improved
 - Budget has been increased, and
 - Support from the political wing

Strategy for up scaling TSP

- Finalize the guidelines, integrating FSM approach
- Training (TOT)/ Orientation of MWE & NWSC staff (Build internal capacity)
- Integration of TSPs in the new projects under WSDFs and under MWE
- Integration of TSPs in the upgrading and extension of piped Water supply and sanitation projects
- Establish a Working group for TSP chaired by Commissioners (Rural and Urban) to oversee TSP activities
- Develop standards for sanitation (Sanitation Design manual to guide sector along the entire sanitation service chain)



No doubt, it's
time to act !

