## Accelerating Faecal Sludge Management

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### Sanitation issues



- Urbanization driving the problem
- Poor water quality aggravates water scarcity
- Health: High infant and child mortality due to waterborne diseases
- Social: One third of all women risk shame, disease, and harassment
- Economic loss: 2%-7% of GDP p.a.
  - \$9B for SE Asia; \$64B for South Asia



## Sanitation – still the neglected service





MDG sanitation targets not met







Onsite sanitation systems with no treatment



Health and environment not improved



## Sanitation challenge of the urban poor

- Beyond the reach of conventional systems
- Toilet perceived as nice superstructure than safe excreta management
- Inadequate planning and infrastructure provision
- Absence of pro-poor financing







## Faecal sludge – ignored component



Manual emptying



Unregulated and informal service provision



Limited performance of existing technology



## Rethinking sanitation

### Change in mindset:

- Increasing access to toilets is not enough
- > From centralized sewer approach to non-sewer sanitation chain

### Non-sewer solution options

- On-site sanitation facilities with treatment: 'toilets of the future'
- Fecal sludge or septage management
- With resource recovery



## Rethinking waste



### **Green agriculture**

- Wastewater for irrigation
- Treated sludge as fertilizer



### **Green transportation**

Biofuel for buses

- Japan and Europe
- Delhi, India



### **Green energy**

Biogas as fuel for cooking and lighting



## What is required? -- A functional system

Input products

## safe & valuable output products

### User Interface



- Toilet
- Latrines
- etc.

## Collection, Storage/ Treatment



- Septic tank
- Composting chamber
- etc.

# Collection and Transport



- Vacuum trucks
- Mobile dewatering unit
- etc.

### **Treatment**



- Activated sludge
- Lagoons, wetlands
- •SBR
- etc.

### **Treatment**



- Sludge dewatering
- Solar dryers
- Thermal hydrolysis
- etc.

## Re-Use and/or Disposal





- Fertilizer
- Irrigation
- Aquaculture
- Biogas
- etc.



### Septage management program

#### **ENABLING CONDITIONS**

- Policy and regulations
- Public awareness and social marketing
- Financing
- Full cost recovery
- Record-keeping and reporting
- Monitoring compliance

#### **FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

- Proper septic tank design and construction
- Septic tank desludging and septage transportation
- Infrastructure for septage treatment and disposal
- Reuse applications



## Rethinking public finance

Not a technical problem, but governance failure

## Central government

- Policy and programs: sanitation given priority
- Institutional and budgetary coherence
- Targeted subsidies; conditional grants

## Local government

- Political incentives
- Access to technical knowledge and fiscal tools
- Taxes and tariffs: earmarking for sanitation



## What is required? -- Business plan

### **Cost Centers**

### **Capital Expenses**

- > Loans
- > Equity

### **Operating Expenses**

- > Direct O&M
- Support services
- > Taxes
- > Financing charges
- > Depreciation
- > write-offs



### **Revenue Centers**

#### Income:

- > Tariffs; user fees
- > Taxes
- > Transfers; Subsidies
- Sales (reclaimed water, energy, fertilizer)
- > Carbon credits

### Savings from:

- > Cost reduction
- Performance efficiency savings



and cost recovery mechanism for sustainable services



### What is required? -- Engage stakeholders





- City-wide planning with stakeholders
- Understand diverse consumer needs and aspirations
- Trigger demand
- Community-based solutions
  - Simplify the product/process
  - Address affordability issues
  - Involve women
- Hygiene and environmental education



### ADB's support to sanitation

## Water Financing Program

- Sanitation Trust
   Fund: Financial
   contribution
   from Bill and
   Melinda Gates
   Foundation
- Non-sewer sanitation solutions

Pilot and Demonstration Activity

- Innovative technologies
- Policy reforms
- Capacity development
- Knowledge products

Water Operators
Partnerships

- Twins weak and strong utilities
- Objective:
   Adopt mentor's
   best practices

Promoting Innovations in Wastewater Management

- Website
- Case studies
- Project development
- Technology datasheets
- Videos
- Toolkits



## City Sanitation Strategies

- 10 cities in Viet Nam
- City-wide planning with stakeholders
- Includes septage management and decentralized treatment





## Enabling policy and laws

# Sanitation Code

Manila, Philippines

Makassar, Indonesia

### Includes:

- Design standards
- Mandatory desludging
- Proper treatment and disposal
- Financing mechanisms
- Monitoring
- Penalties



## Sanitation Safety Plan



...to reduce health and environmental risks that may arise during waste collection, transportation/conveyance, treatment, disposal and reuse.

### Pilot sites/utilities:

- Maynilad: wastewater and septage management in Quezon City
- Baliwag Water District: septage management





## **Promoting Innovations**





**Financing and Incentives Drive** 

**Awareness and Advocacy Drive** 

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## Solutions are available; Actions are needed



Decentralized treatment















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