



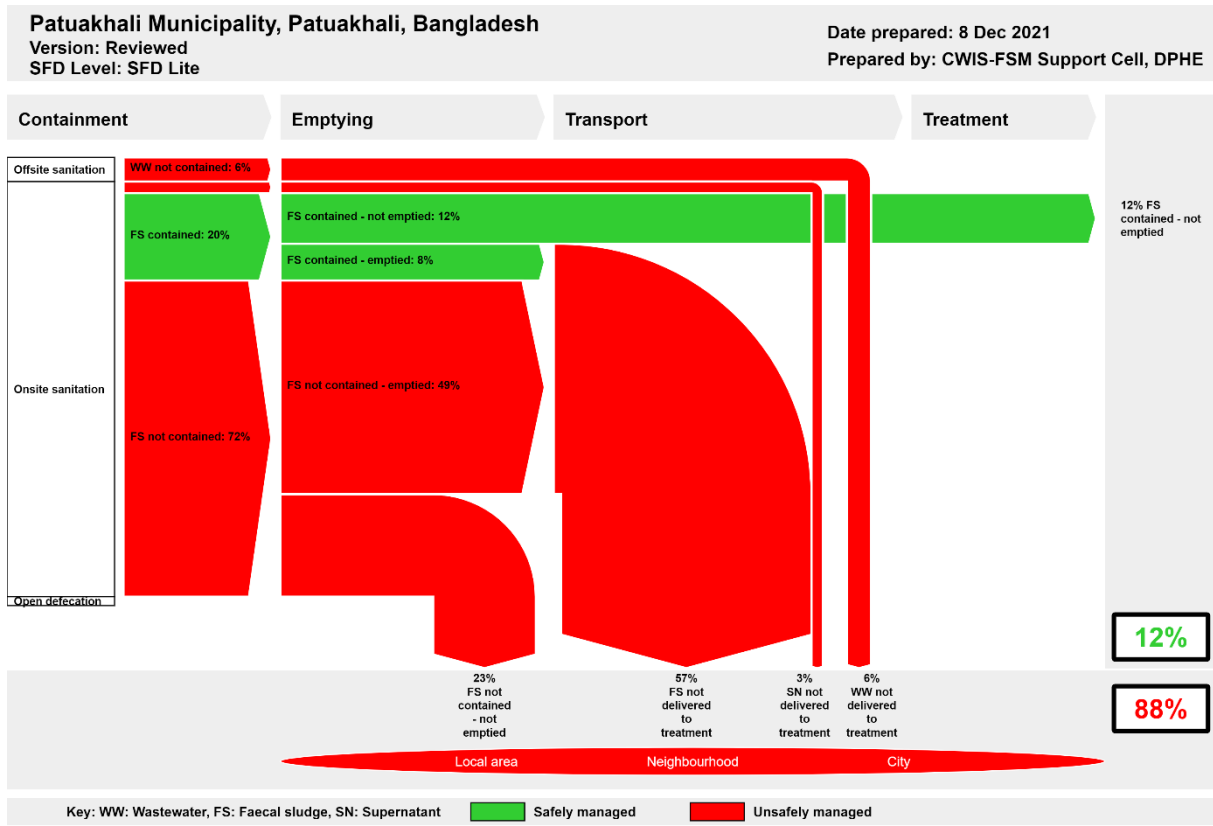
SFD Lite Report

Patuakhali Municipality Bangladesh

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1 The SFD Graphic



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Figure 1: SFD Graphic for Patuakhali municipality

2 SFD Lite information

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- This report was compiled as part of the **Baseline Survey of the project, "Feasibility for Implementing of Solid Waste and Faecal Sludge Management System in 53 District Level Municipalities and 8 City Corporations" DPHE (December 2020)**. The project was implemented under the supervision of the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE). In-depth information and data were collected for the towns which included project documents, master plans and baseline reports from the municipality 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 01 January 2020 to 24 March 2020 and from 04 July 2020 to 30 November 2020. The field survey includes household surveys, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and physical feature surveys. A central 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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3 General city information

Patuakhali is a coastal town and district headquarter of Patuakhali district, is located on the southern bank of Laukathi river in the division of Barisal in Bangladesh. It is 280 km away from Dhaka city and well connected through road and water. It is the administrative headquarter of Patuakhali district and one of the oldest towns and municipalities in the country. Patuakhali municipality was established in 1892. Patuakhali is one of the 53 district-level municipalities in the country.

Table 1: City profile (Source: KII with the Secretary, Patuakhali Municipality)

Population parameters	
Estimated population, 2020	74,320
Households, 2020	17,405
Area, sq.km	12.66
Total roads, km	246.25
Total drains, km	23.75

According to the population census in 2011 by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the municipality population was 65,000. The urban population growth in Patuakhali is considered 1.5% per year. Considering 10% floating population, such as farmers and traders, comes to the city every day, the present (2020) population is estimated to be around 74,320 (Table 1).



Figure 2: Patuakhali municipality Location Map (BBS/ GIS report 2017)

The municipality covers an area of 12.66 square kilometers. At present Patuakhali municipality has 246.25 km road, out of which 176 km is the Bituminous road, 10 km Herring-Bone-Bond (HBB) road, 43 km Cement Concrete (CC) road, 11 km Brick Flat Soling (BFS) road, and 6.25 km earthen road. The city has about 23.75 km drain which includes 5.5 km Brick drain, 7.25 km Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) drain and 11 km earthen drain (Table 1)¹.

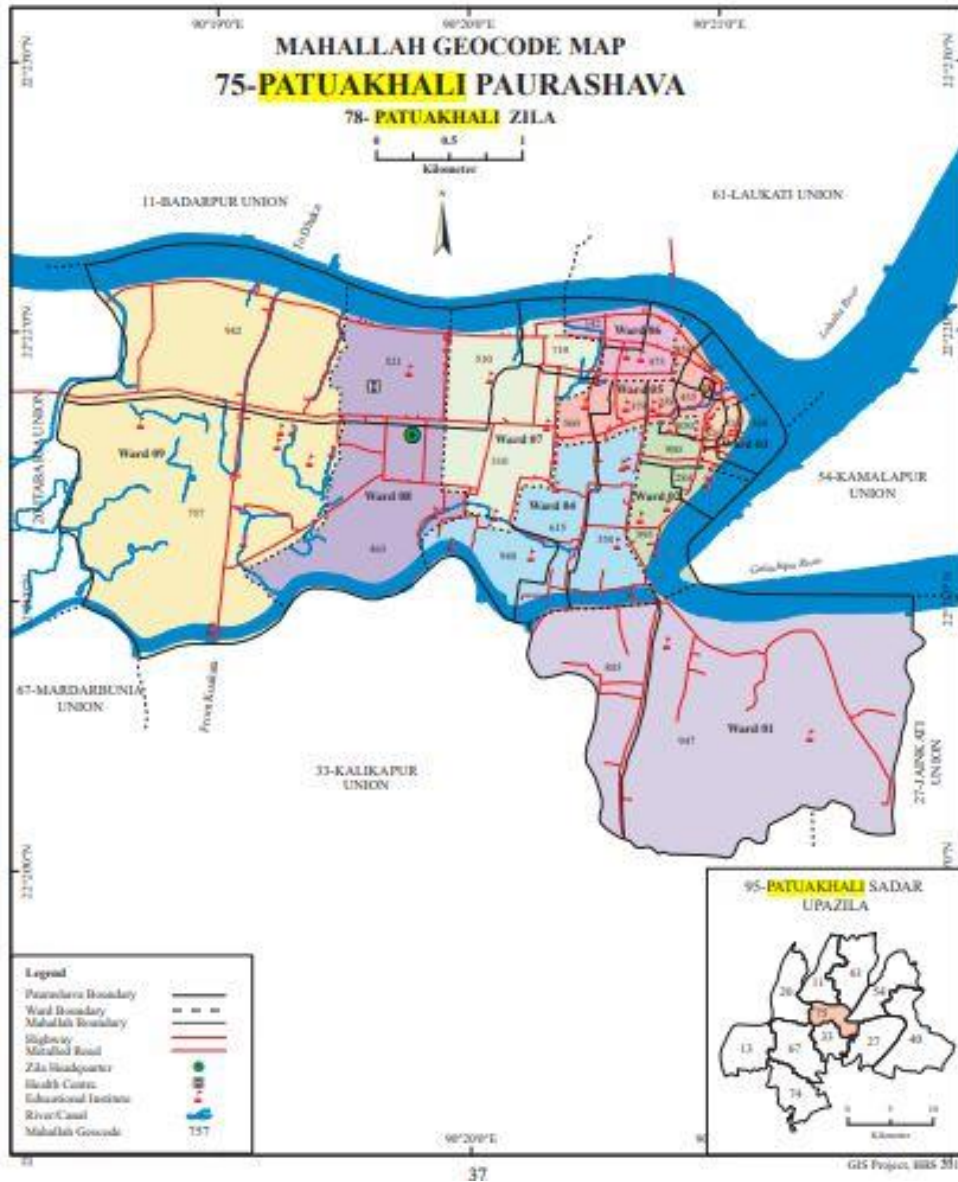


Figure 3 : Patuakhali Municipality Ward Boundary Map (BBS/ GIS report 2017)

The geographical coordinates of Patuakhali are: 22° 21' 15.12" N and 90° 19' 5.16" E². According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) (1981-2017), the city area and surrounding area is experiences a tropical monsoon climate. There is a climatological station within the municipality. About 90% of the total annual rainfall occurs in the period from May through October & the driest months of the years are November to March. The maximum mean temperature observed is 30.7-33°C between May to August, with the minimum temperatures of between 13.5-15.5°C in January. The annual average rainfall is about 1713 mm according to BMD (1981-2017).

¹ Source: 'At a Glance: Patuakhali Municipality', by municipal office
² Source: <https://www.gps-latitude-longitude.com/gps-coordinates>

The Laukhati and Galachipa River passed through the municipality. Several canals, TulaTula khal, Kuril Khal) flow through the city. According to the flood zoning map of Bangladesh [BMD, 2017]³, the city is in a flood-free zone (in the last 12 years no flooding event happens) but the municipality is situated in the riverbank erosion-prone area. However, the drainage network of the city is not adequate⁴. Every year, many city areas face water logging during the monsoon for drainage congestion. There are some secondary drains caring stormwater and domestic wastewater to the outfalls the rivers and canals.

The population density in the 9 Wards of the city is shown in Figure 3. The density is high in the east, ranging from 16001 to 18985 per sq km. The population density in the south-East and West is lower, ranging from 1,524 to 4,000 per sq km⁵.

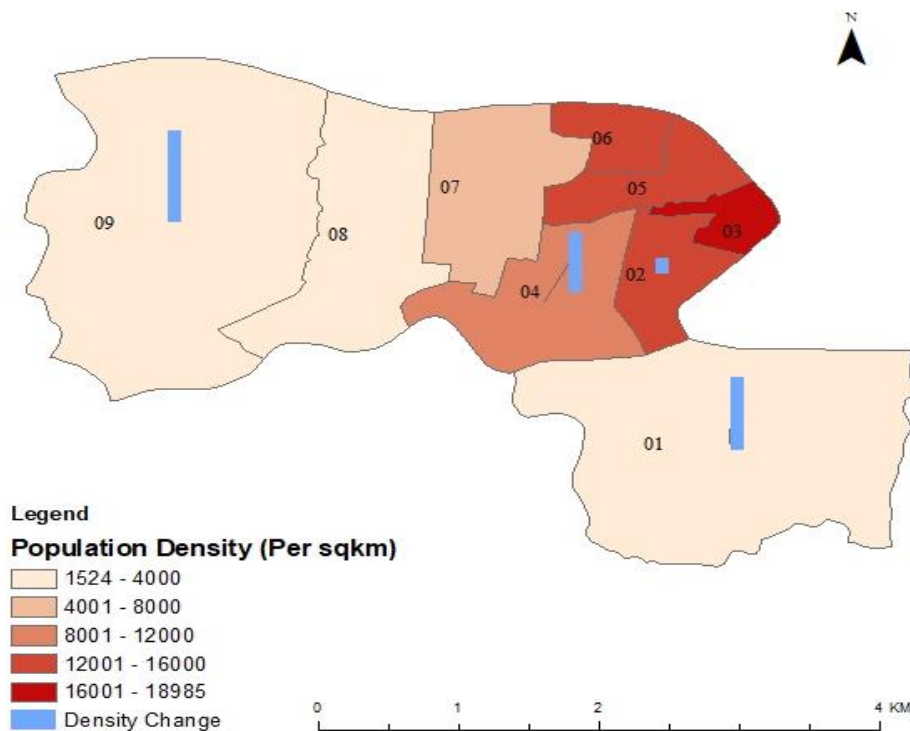


Figure 4: Population density in different wards of Patuakhali municipality (BBS/ GIS report 2017)

³ <http://bmd.gov.bd/p/Rainfall-Situation-202>

⁴ KII and field visit during Baseline survey 2020

⁵ Baseline Survey of the project "Feasibility for Implementing of Solid Waste and Faecal Sludge Management System in 53 District Level Municipalities and 8 City Corporations", DPHE (December 2020)

4 Service outcomes

Patuakhali Municipality, Patuakhali, Bangladesh, 8 Dec 2021. SFD Level: SFD Lite

Population: 81700

Proportion of tanks: septic tanks: 84%, fully lined tanks: 0%, lined, open bottom tanks: 100%

Containment								
System type	Population	WW transport	WW treatment	FS emptying	FS transport	FS treatment	SN transport	SN treatment
	Pop	W4c	W5c	F3	F4	F5	S4e	S5e
System label and description	Proportion of population using this type of system (p)	Proportion of wastewater in open sewer or storm drain system, which is delivered to treatment plants	Proportion of wastewater delivered to treatment plants, which is treated	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
T1A1C6 Toilet discharges directly to open drain or storm sewer	5.5	0.0	0.0					
T1A2C5 Septic tank connected to soak pit	19.9			50.0	0.0	0.0		
T1A2C6 Septic tank connected to open drain or storm sewer	16.4			44.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
T1A2C7 Septic tank connected to open water body	10.4			44.0	0.0	0.0		
T1A2C8 Septic tank connected to open ground	3.7			44.0	0.0	0.0		
T1B10 C7 TO C9 Containment (septic tanks, fully lined tanks, partially lined tanks and pits, and unlined pits) failed, damaged, collapsed or flooded - connected to water bodies, or open ground or 'don't know where'	0.3			0.0	0.0	0.0		
T2A4C10 Lined tank with impermeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is a 'significant risk' of groundwater pollution	5.7			0.0	0.0	0.0		
T2A5C10 Lined pit with semi-permeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is a 'significant risk' of groundwater pollution	38.1			98.0	0.0	0.0		

Table 2: SFD Matrix for Patuakhali municipality

The outcome of the SFD graphic shows that only twelve percent (12%) of the excreta flow is classified as safely managed, and the remaining eighty-eight (88%) percent is classified as unsafely managed (Figure 1). The unsafely managed excreta originate from wastewater not delivered to treatment (6%), Faecal Sludge (FS) not contained - emptied but not delivered to treatment (57%), FS not contained - not emptied (23%) and 3% of supernatant not delivered to treatment. 12% FS contained - not emptied is considered as safely managed.

The percentages presented in Table 2 and discussed in the next section are based on data collected through household surveys, key informant interviews (KII) and focus group discussions (FGDs) (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 dedicated sewerage system. However, during field observation and HH survey, it was found that there are some certain areas where toilets are directly connected to open drains. Similarly, a portion of septic tanks is directly connected to open drains or storm sewer. Therefore, T1A1C6 system is considered as 5.5% of the total population of the city to generate the SFD graphic. Similarly, the T1A2C6 system is considered 16.4% of the total population of the city to generate the SFD graphic. In the absence of a sewerage system, the faecal sludge in T1A1C6 and the supernatant in T1A2C6 are directly discharged into the river or the environment untreated.

4.2 On-site Sanitation Systems



Figure 5: Household survey and consultations. Left: Household survey. Right: Consultation meeting (Source: Feasibility study 2020-21/DPHE)

Containment: Almost all the households (97.26%) in the city have their latrine which is connected to single pits, twin pits, septic tanks, or discharged directly into the environment (e.g. open-drain or storm sewer). The rest of the households use community latrines (2.24%) and neighbor’s toilets (0.5%). From a household survey, it is found that over half of the city population (50.50%) uses septic tanks as the containment system, 38.1% of the toilets have single pit systems, and 5.7% of people use double pits in the city. About 0.25% toilets have of containments (septic tanks, fully lined tanks, partially lined tanks and pits, and unlined pits) are failed, damaged, collapsed or flooded and connected to water bodies, or open ground or 'don't know where' and 5.5% do not have any type of containment and discharges directly to the environment (KII, FGDs, HH survey, 2020).

According to the type of connectivity and features of containment technologies, the discharging points of the toilets are categorized as: 19.9% population uses septic tanks connected to soak pits (T1A2C5), 16.4% population uses septic tanks connected to open drain (T1A2C6), 10.4% population uses septic tanks connected to water bodies (T1A2C7), 3.7% population uses septic tanks connected to open ground (T1A2C8), 5.7% population uses lined tanks with impermeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is a significant risk of groundwater pollution (T2A4C10), 38.1% of the population relies on lined pits with semi-permeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is a significant risk of groundwater pollution (T2A5C10) and 0.25% of the populations have containments (septic tanks, fully lined tanks, partially lined tanks and pits, and unlined pits) which are failed, damaged, collapsed or flooded and connected to water bodies, or open ground or 'don't know where' (T1B10 C7 TO C9) (KII, FGDs, HH survey, 2020). Thus, at the containment stage, the city’s excreta of only 20% of the population are contained. Figure 5 shows pictures of these technologies in use.



Figure 5: Containment technologies and their connections in Patuakhali.
Left: Toilet Pit open to a nearby water body, Right: Toilet pipe connected to open environment
 (Source: *Feasibility study 2020-21/DPHE*)

Groundwater Pollution: The groundwater level below the ground surface is 6-7 m. The most common drinking water production technology is a borehole with a hand pump or motorized pump. 19% of the households use their own tube well fitted with electric motor and 16% use own hand pump tubewell. Only 15% of the households use supply water. 50% of the households rely on unsafe sources, like ponds, canals.

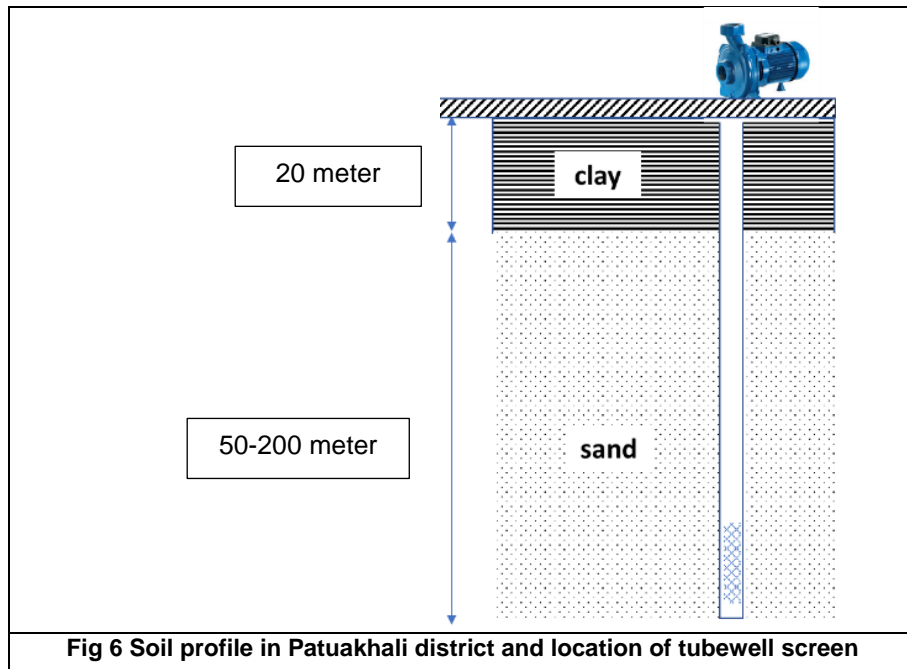


Fig 6 Soil profile in Patuakhali district and location of tubewell screen

Lateral separation between sanitation facilities and water sources varies from one area to another. The main source of drinking water is tube well. Tube wells of different sizes and depths are generally used to pump water from the confined aquifers. During the household visit and FGDs, it is found that less than 25% of sanitation facilities are located within 10 meters 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) on March 2017, drinking water is collected from the confined aquifer (25 m – 200 m) through pumps. As 50% of

the households rely on unsafe sources, like ponds, canals, a high risk of groundwater contamination is considered in the city.

Emptying: Households relying on septic tanks and pits have to arrange themselves for emptying of the faecal sludge. It is observed from the baseline survey that most of the septic tanks have been constructed in the last 4-6 years. According to the survey from 2020, the frequency of emptying of septic tanks or covered pits varies from 1 to 10 years depending upon the size, uses, etc.

However, about 50% of the septic tanks, connected to the soak pit are emptied within 2-5 years. About 44% of the septic tanks connected to open drains, open ground or water bodies are emptied within 4-5 years. Almost 98% of single pit latrines are emptied within 1-2 years. Besides the above information, it is also revealed during the discussion in FGDs and household visits, the demand for desludging septic tanks would increase shortly. Desludging of the septic tanks or pit is mostly (99%) done by private sweepers. Only in a few households, de-sludging is done by family members (1%). Around 85.8 % of this withdrawal is done manually using a bucket and rope. Besides 12.6% of the withdrawal is done by electric pumps, 1.6% of the withdrawal is done by manual pumps. The manual method has high risks for the health and safety of the workers. These reflect the absence of safe and improved technologies for sludge emptying. The municipal authority has one Vacutug, a mechanical sludge emptying and a transportation tanker, which does not provide the mechanical emptying service in this municipality⁶.

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 2020, it is observed that about 54% 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 a dug hole covered with soil away from the house. Besides, the sludge disposed into the canal and river is 12%, into the drain is 10%, whereas 23% of respondents did not have any idea about sludge disposal.

Treatment/Disposal: Presently, there are no excreta treatment facilities in Patuakhali town.

4.3 Open Defecation:

From HH surveys, KIs 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.

⁶ In the last few years, mechanical vacuum trucks have been provided to several municipal authorities from different government and non-government sources. But municipal authorities have shortage of expert manpower and service delivery mechanism to operate the vehicles. Recent years, the situation is improving. Institutional Regulatory Framework (IRF) and National Action Plan (NAP) have been approved by government. Different service delivery and business models have been developed in few cities. Capacity building program of local government institutions are conducting by govt. institutions and development partners. A significant improvement in FSM will be found within few years.

5 Data and assumptions

The baseline survey conducted in October 2020 contains detailed data on different stages of the sanitation value chain. 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, town level coordination committee, households, social workers, business persons, pit emptiers and the citizens including women in all the wards of the municipality. 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 10 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 pits or not. Due to all these data gaps, some assumptions have been made to produce the SFD graphic, and were accepted by key informants.

Following assumptions were made for developing the SFD graphic for Patuakhali municipality:

- ✓ The proportion of FS in septic tanks, fully line tanks, and line, open bottom tanks are considered 84%, 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 municipality population was 65,000. The urban population growth in Patuakhali is considered 1.5% per year. Considering 10% floating population, such as farmers and traders, comes to the city every day, the present (2020) population is estimated to be around 74,320.
- ✓ There are around 5.7% of twin pit latrines in the containment system. So, it is assumed that all these twin pit containment technologies are defined as lined tanks with impermeable walls and open bottom, no outlet or overflow, where there is a significant risk of groundwater pollution, (system T2A4C10, 5.7%). Based on the household surveys, variable F3 for system T2A4C10 is set to 0%.
- ✓ There are around 38.1% 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 a significant risk of groundwater pollution (system T2A5C10, 38.1%). Most of the single pit latrines are found to be emptied within 1-2 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for system T2A5C10 was set to 98%.
- ✓ 19.9% 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 44% of HHs have emptied their septic tank with a soak pit with a desludging frequency of 2-5 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for system T1A2C5 is set to 44%.
- ✓ There are 44% of septic tanks connected to the open drain, open ground and water bodies. which are emptied within 2-5 years. Based on the household survey, variable F3 for systems T1A2C6, T1A2C7 and T1A2C8 are set to 44%.
- ✓ 0.25 % of the populations have containments (septic tanks, fully lined tanks, partially lined tanks and pits, and unlined pits) that are failed, damaged, collapsed or flooded and connected to water bodies, or open ground or 'don't know where' (T1B10 C7 TO C9). These systems are never emptied (variable F3 set to 0% and hence, variables F4 and F5 are also both set to 0%).
- ✓ Wastewater in T1A1C6 and supernatant in T1A2C6 are directly discharged into the river or the environment untreated. Therefore, variables W4c, W5c, 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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- The revised ‘National Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation, 2021’
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- Flood zoning map of Bangladesh [BMD, 2012]
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Key Informant Interviews (KII) from September 2020 to March 2021

- KII with Mayor, Patuakhali Municipality
- KII with Secretary, Patuakhali Municipality
- KII with Conservancy Inspector, Patuakhali Municipality
- KII with Councilor, Patuakhali Municipality
- Facilitators: Md. Mynul Islam Hemel, Field Coordinator, Tiller

Focus Group Discussions (FGD) from September 2020 to March 2021

- A group of representatives from Bazar Committee
- Sweepers and waste collectors
- A group of representatives from Educational Institutions
- Masons association (Septic tank builders)
- Slum Dweller



Figure 7: Focus Group Discussions in Patuakhali. (Source: *Feasibility study 2020-21/DPHE*)

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