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Nation-Wide Assessment of Decentralised Sanitation Initiatives:

*Enabling Environment and
Ways towards Wide-Scale Replication Scenarios*

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ESRISS' scope & methodology

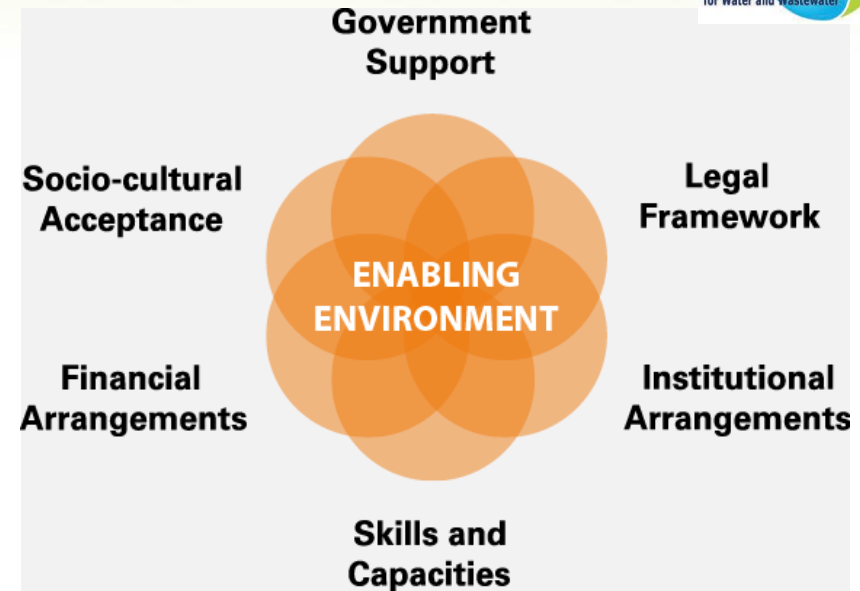
Development a **wide-scale replicable model** for small-scale sanitation in the Nile Delta

WHAT WE DID:

1. Assess the **challenges and success factors** of past small-scale sanitation initiatives in Egypt:
 - (i) **Interviews** with key-stakeholders of the sector
 - (ii) Thorough literature **review**;
 - (iii) Selection of the **most prominent initiatives, field visits**, assessment with **evaluation questionnaire** and **sampling campaigns**

ESRISS' scope & methodology

2. Systematic assessment using the enabling environment framework



3. Development of a **data baseline** for rural areas

⇒ *Surveys and interviews in villages to assess **practices***

⇒ ***Characterisation and quantification** of wastewater in ezbas*

⇒ *Prediction model based on **material flow analysis (MFA)***

... leading to **lessons learnt and recommendations**





Lessons learnt

1. Development of a clear institutional strategy

- ⇒ **Isolation** of existing initiatives
- ⇒ Pivotal role of HCWW and Affiliates
- ⇒ Advantages of collaborating with **MWRI**
- ⇒ Ensure **full-cost recovery** mechanisms for small-scale systems

2. Standardisation of collection & treatment units

- ⇒ Adopt a **mass-production** strategy
- ⇒ Explore the concept of locally produced **prefabricated units**

ECONOMIES OF SCALE !

Reduce time, increase quality, reduce costs, movable

3. Centralised O&M management under the leadership of HCWW

- ⇒ Specialised unit in HCWW with sub-units in Affiliates or **sub-contracting to service provider (PPP)**

REACH THE CRITICAL MASS

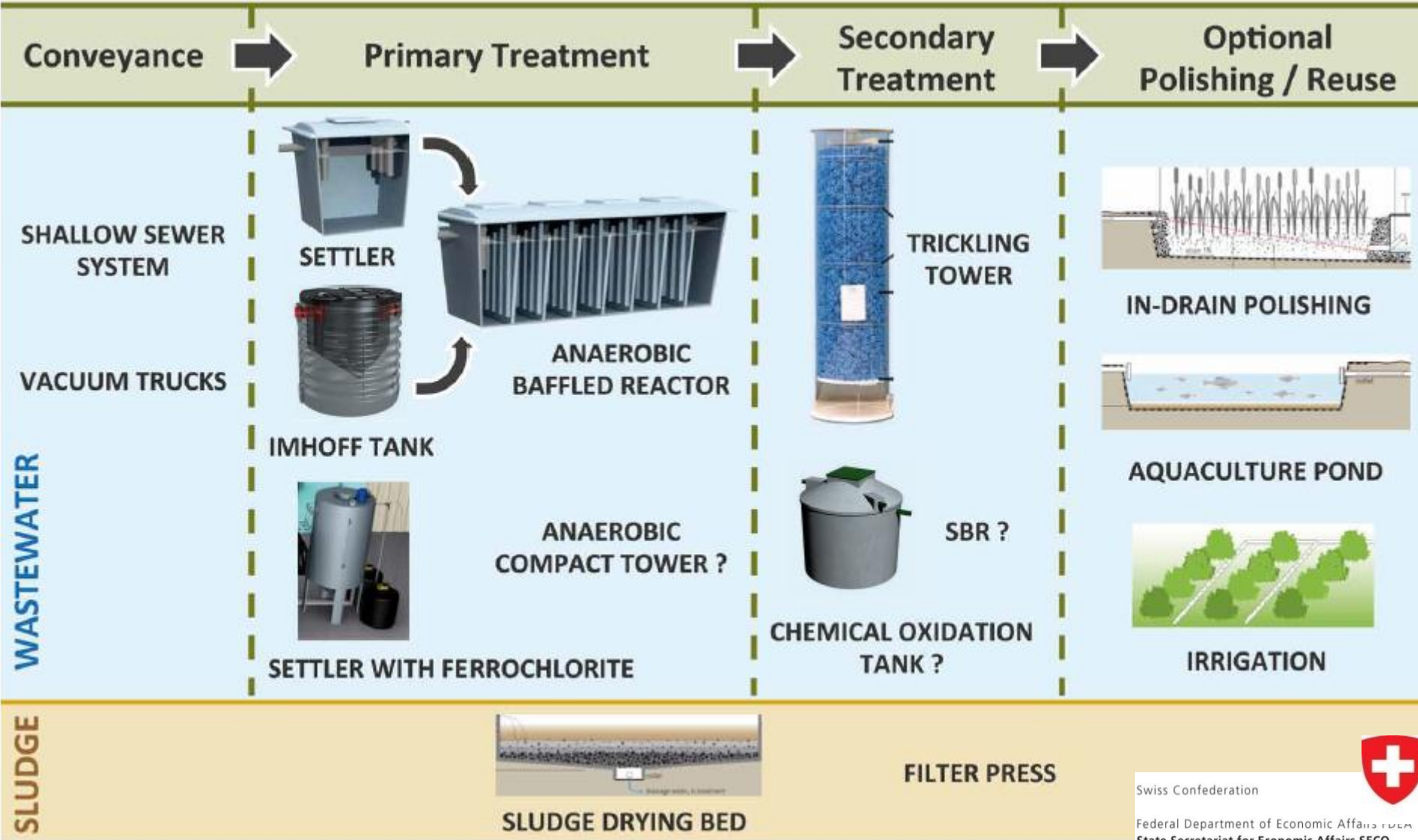


4. Selection of appropriate collection & treatment options



1st realistic step ??

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Lessons learnt

5. Adaptation of laws, regulations and Codes of Practice

⇒ Go for an **incremental approach**

6. Move beyond “business as usual”

⇒ Small-scale sanitation is a profitable business !

⇒ New market opportunity (construction and management)

7. Development of a data baseline

⇒ Wastewater quantities and characteristics according to settlement features

8. Insist on preliminary assessments of each village

Lessons learnt

9. Improve project management cycle

- ⇒ Foster **innovation**
- ⇒ Foster an **integrated approach**
- ⇒ Improve **contract management**
- ⇒ **Monitoring** and evaluation must be strictly enforced

10. Transparency and dissemination of lessons learnt

- ⇒ **Analyse** and document performance
- ⇒ **Online library** on HCWW website

Way forward

THE CRITICAL ISSUE IS MANAGERIAL, NOT TECHNICAL

- Solutions should be **tailor-made** and based on:

1. **Planning**
2. **Management scheme**
3. **Economy of scale**
4. **Life-cycle cost analysis**

*HOW MANY UNITS , WHO CAN FABRICATE IT,
WHO CAN MANAGE IT ?*

- Priority is to work on the **conditions** which will **enable** small-scale sanitation

Conclusion

A SYSTEMATIC NATION-WIDE ASSESSMENT:

1. Provides the opportunity to **collect and analyse all the available experience** within a region, often not done because of the lack of coordination of sanitation stakeholders
2. Helps to **coordinate stakeholders'** efforts
3. Leads to conclusions on **how to create a more enabling environment** for decentralised sanitation

Conclusion

THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FRAMEWORK AS A TOOL TO STRUCTURE AND STANDARDISE SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENTS...

... could be used as a **reference** to better allow **comparisons**
between countries and regions

*Example: « ESRISS nation-wide assessment of decentralised
sanitation in Egypt »*

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