

FSM – Faecal Sludge Management:
*Systems Approach for Implementation and
Operation*



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This shit is not working...



Yaoundé Cameroon

Historically, waterborne, sewer based systems have been seen as the most viable, longterm solution to fulfill sanitation needs

But this is obviously not working, and we see the result of this everywhere...

this is a facility in Yaounde, a city of 2.5 million people where there is not a single functioning WWTP



In the last 10 or 15 years, worldwide the focus has started to shift, and people are starting to consider onsite or decentralized technologies as not only being long-term viable options, but possibly the most sustainable alternative

The reality is, that billions of people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are currently served by onsite sanitation technologies

Management of FS from these systems, is obviously going to remain an in issue in the future

Onsite sanitation technologies can be the most sustainable option, IF they are managed properly, throughout the entire FSM service chain



Although we have a vision of onsite being the most sustainable, the current reality, is that untreated sludge is just going directly into the environment

thinking beyond providing toilets at the household level!!

Household level cannot afford emptying

If they can afford, truck cannot access

If they can afford and truck can access, then there is no treatment facility, or if there is, truck cannot afford to transport it accross town

FSM is about managing interactions at every step in the chain!!

As a result, raw sludge is pervasive in the environment, sanitation is not being achieved, even if access to «improved» sanitation is being provided

water21
June 2014 Magazine of the International Water Association

Faecal waste: the next sanitation challenge

Tools and options for estuaries under threat

A standardised approach for assessing resource use

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Roadblocks to sustainable FSM

- Acknowledging the importance of FSM
- Instituting frameworks and responsibilities
- Increasing knowledge dissemination and capacity development
- Creating sustainable business models and fee structures
- Implementing integrated planning methodologies
- Developing appropriate technologies

These are currently the major roadblocks to sustainable FSM

They are also included in Chapter 18 of the book

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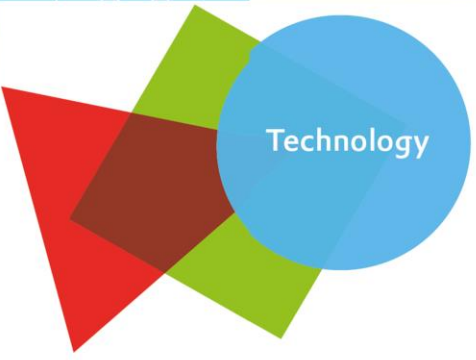

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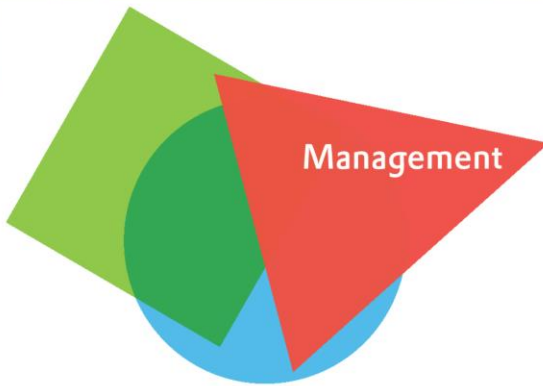
This is our new textbook which presents an integrated approach to FSM

One of the key points of the book is that technology solutions cannot exist in isolation, sustainable solutions will only be developed with an approach that employs integrated planning, management and technology




- Designing for the final enduse or disposal option of treatment products.
- Designing for the actual quantity and characteristics of faecal sludge.
- Creating onsite storage technologies and transfer stations, and emptying methodologies.
- Developing an understanding of treatment mechanisms.

These are some of the key objectives of each of the sections also included in chapter 18



- Incorporating management concerns from the beginning of the project planning.
- Setting up legal and regulatory frameworks for FSM and introducing enforcement mechanisms.
- Considering different models of financial transfers.

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Planning

- Assessing and understanding the initial situation in specific contexts.
- Integrating stakeholders into FSM and understanding their interests and influence.
- Fitting the participatory process within traditional project cycles.
- Applying an integrated planning approach at the city level.

FSM Planning Scheme “From A to Z”).





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From solutions to actions

- Innovations in Faecal Sludge Management
- Making access to sanitation a reality
- Identifying replicable solutions working at scale
- Bridging innovations with policy and practice
- Scaling up of innovative solutions
- Horizontal learning and lessons from the field






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