

Financial strategy for sustainable climate resilient WASH services in coastal primary schools in Bangladesh

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Background

- Access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene is essential for healthy development and growth of children.
- Climate change is affecting the WASH facilities in schools due to extreme weather events, raising temperature, raising sea level, heavy rainfall etc.
- Every child-friendly school requires appropriate WASH initiatives to prevent transmission of harmful bacteria, viruses and parasites
 - Provision of WASH facilities
 - Successful and sustainable Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of those facilities
- All government schools are mandated to have a School Management Committees (SMCs), and they are responsible for school maintenance activities.
- The sustained functionality of quality school WASH facilities often depends on the presence of active, engaged and functional SMC.



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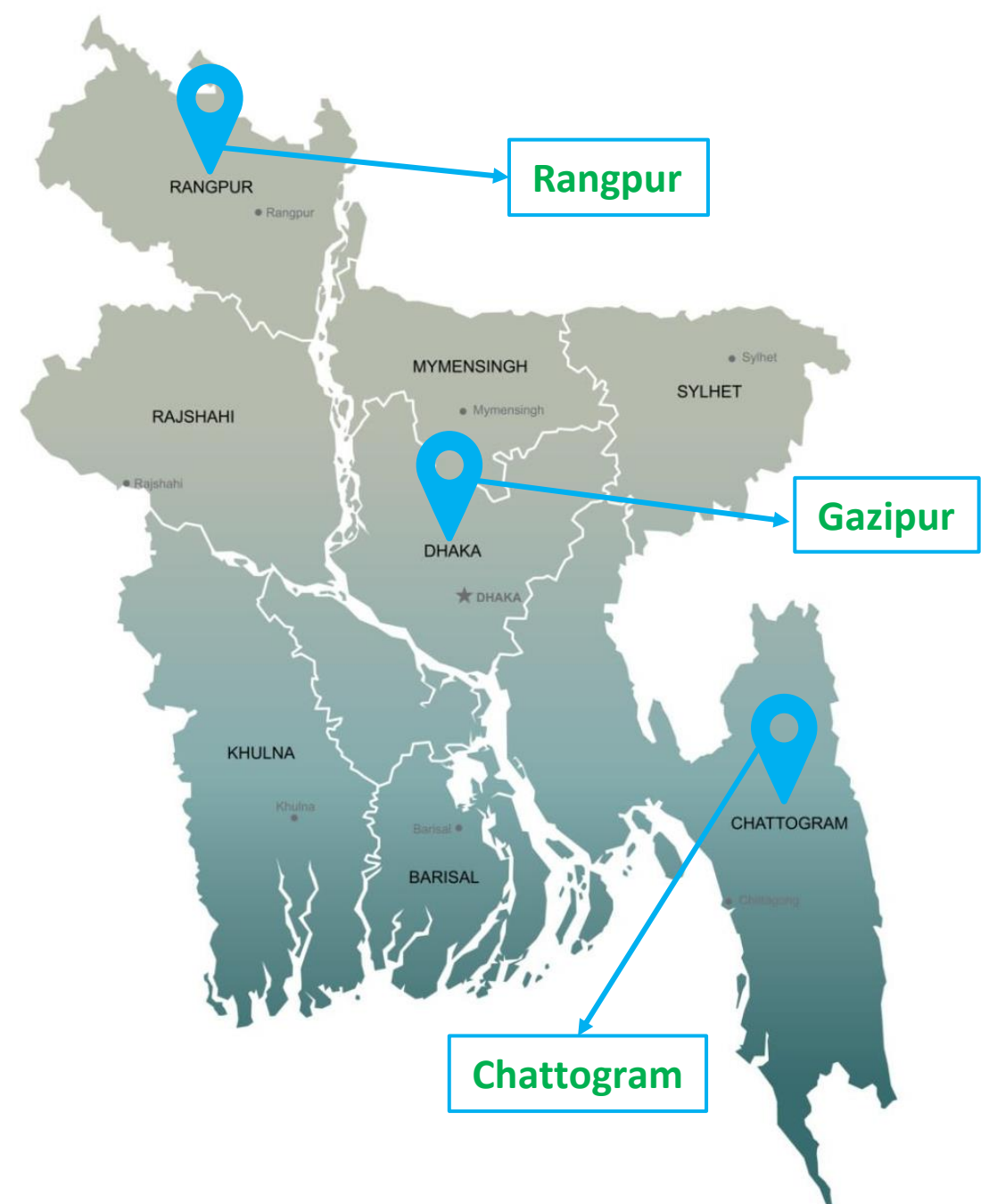
Objective

Overall objective is to develop the **financing mechanism** for climate resilient WASH facilities through establishing **functional O&M arrangement** in Schools.

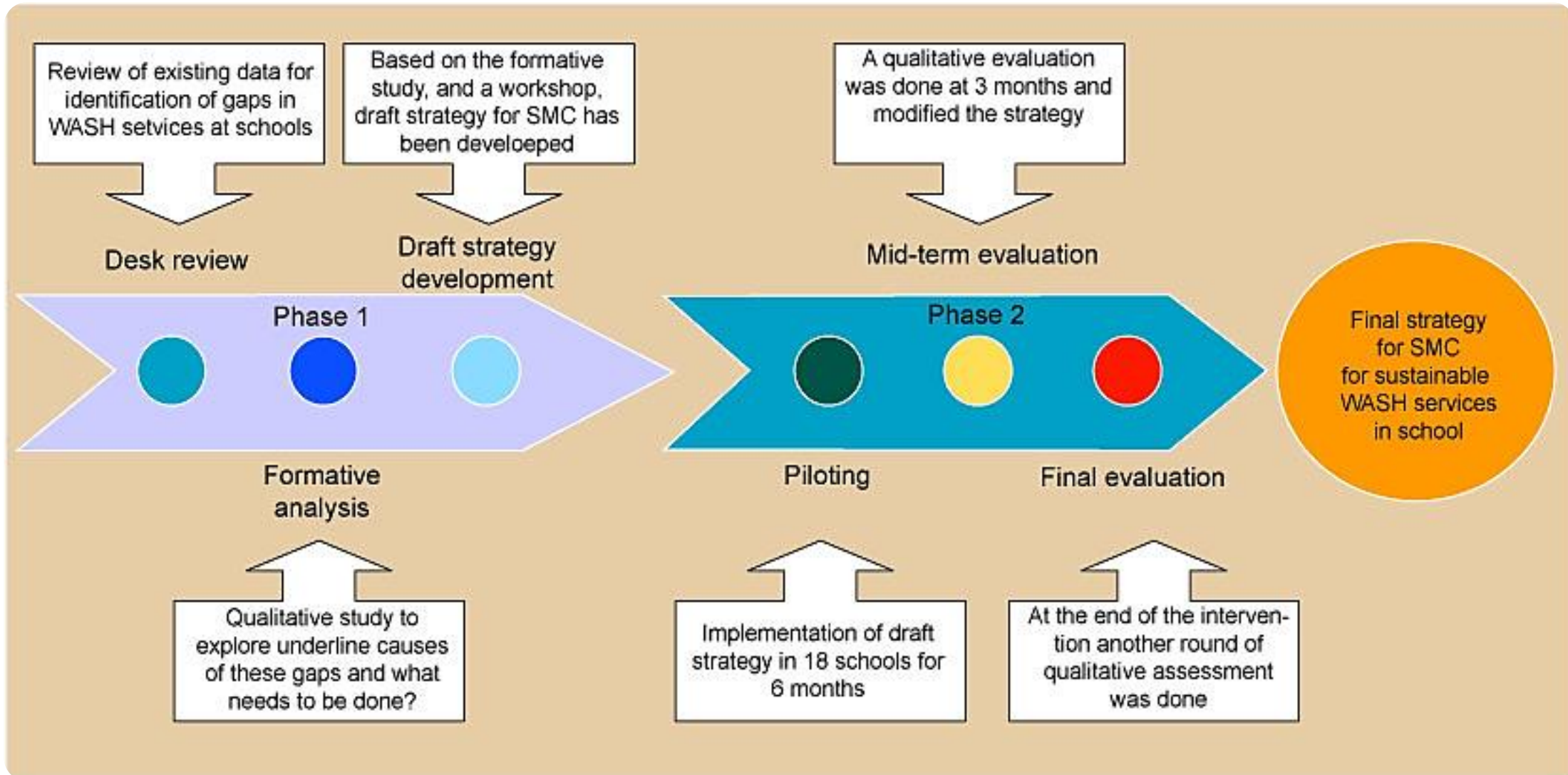


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Study Area



Process of development



Barriers and ways to overcome for sustainable O&M of school WASH

Type of Problem	Underline causes/barriers	How to overcome
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No financial mechanism Inadequate fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and effective financial mechanism for WASH Self-sustaining WASH budget
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of awareness Lack of capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness Capacity building Encourage for regular meeting
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low contribution for school WASH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness among parents/community people Encourage for contribution for school WASH
Institutional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inactive SMCs Lack of capacity Lack of coordination Lack of transparency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness Capacity building Ensure regular meetings Refreshers training

Purpose of the strategy



Activities to increase awareness among SMCs on climate resilient WASH services at schools, policies and O&M



Facilitate school managing committee to assess and identify WASH priorities



Influence policymakers for financial support into the School with climate resilient WASH blocks

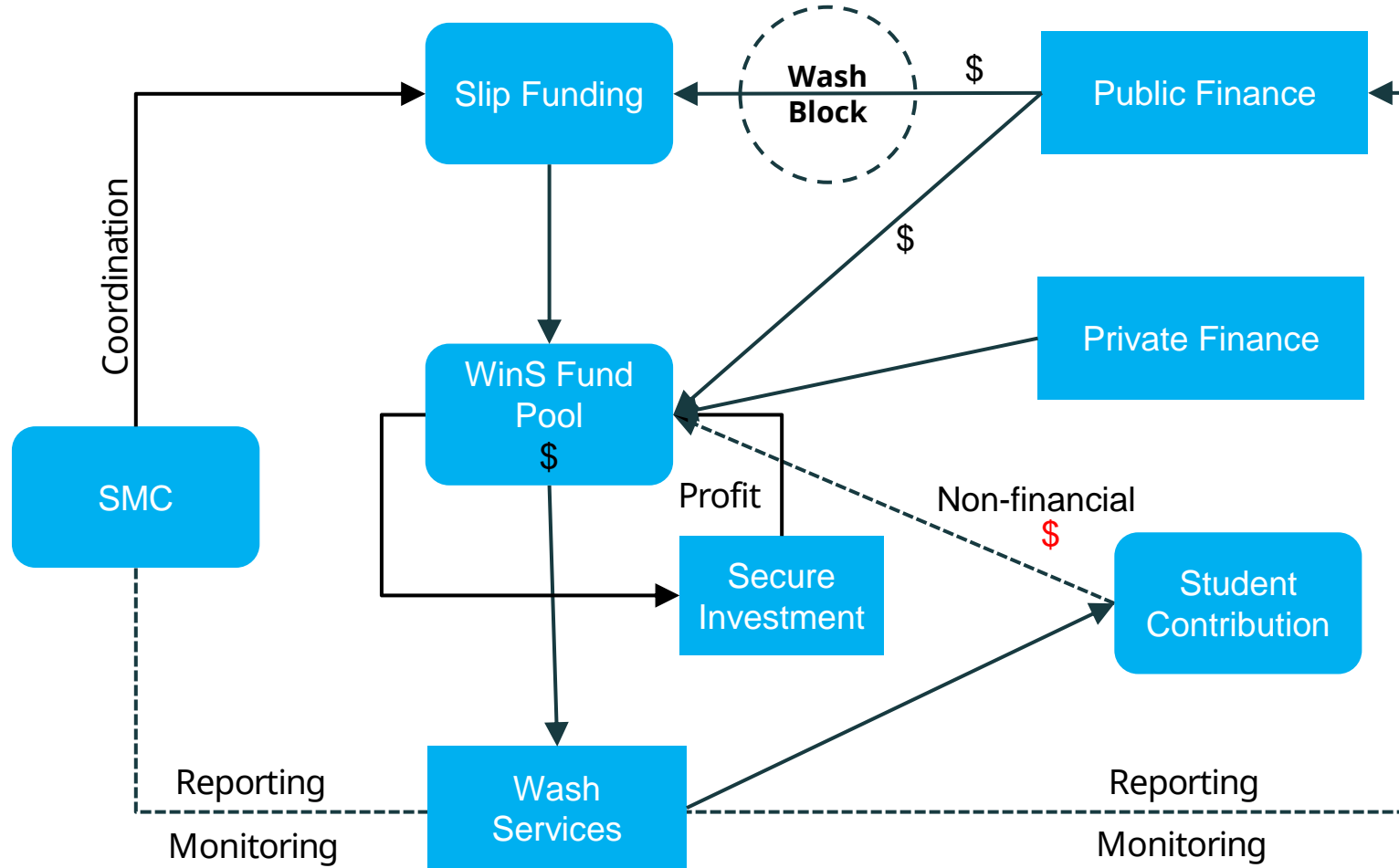


Strategy 1: Increase awareness and capacity building

- Provide information regarding the health impact of poor WASH services at schools.
- Providing information on WASH policies and responsibilities of SMC.
- Training on financial mechanism.
- Providing some guidelines on O&M of WASH in School
 - Formation of WASH committee
 - Use checklist for daily monitoring of WASH facilities
- Train them on budget preparation for WASH services.
- Encourage them for regular meetings and considering WASH as an agenda.



Strategy 2: Financial strategy



Strategy 3: Increasing awareness among students and parents

People will be aware and motivated to teach their children at home

They will be motivated to contribute to schools where their children are studying

Student can participate in monitoring activities

Parents community can support in fund raising



Conclusion



Each schools should have a **financial mechanism** which is mostly important for managing their WASH facilities.



Financial allocation from GoB as well as private financing.



Strong collaboration among different stakeholders and commitment from the SMCs and school teachers are equally important.



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