

Integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion into Uttarakhand's Sanitation Journey: Aspirational Toilets for Climate-Resilient WASH for All

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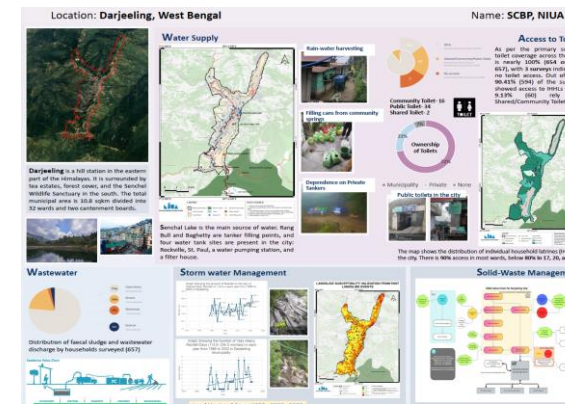
Sanitation Capacity Building Platform

- Seeks to **promote non-sewered sanitation solutions** in India for septage and wastewater management
- Supported by a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation- collaboration of national and international organisations, universities, training and resource centres, NGOs, academia, consultants and experts.
- In Uttarakhand, SCBP is recognised as a **knowledge partner to provide support for improvement in urban sanitation across the value chain**



PARVAT-MANTHAN
Manifestation of Clean and Sustainable Hill States

Collective action and cross learning in the Indian Himalayan Region under the Parvat Manthan Hill forum



'Swachh Evum Sugamya Uttarakhand for all' initiative (2023-24)



Incepted in
2023



Enhanced knowledge:

Understanding inclusive sanitation and specific public sanitation challenges in the hilly regions, including geography, culture, and universal design



Cohort of practitioners

The initiative was also envisaged with the objective of creating a cohort of trained and informed officials who can promote the goals of inclusive sanitation in their respective cities



Community Engagement

Emphasising community participation and collaboration in the planning, design, and management of sustainable and equitable sanitation projects



Knowledge Sharing:

Create a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and learning among officials from different cities in Uttarakhand

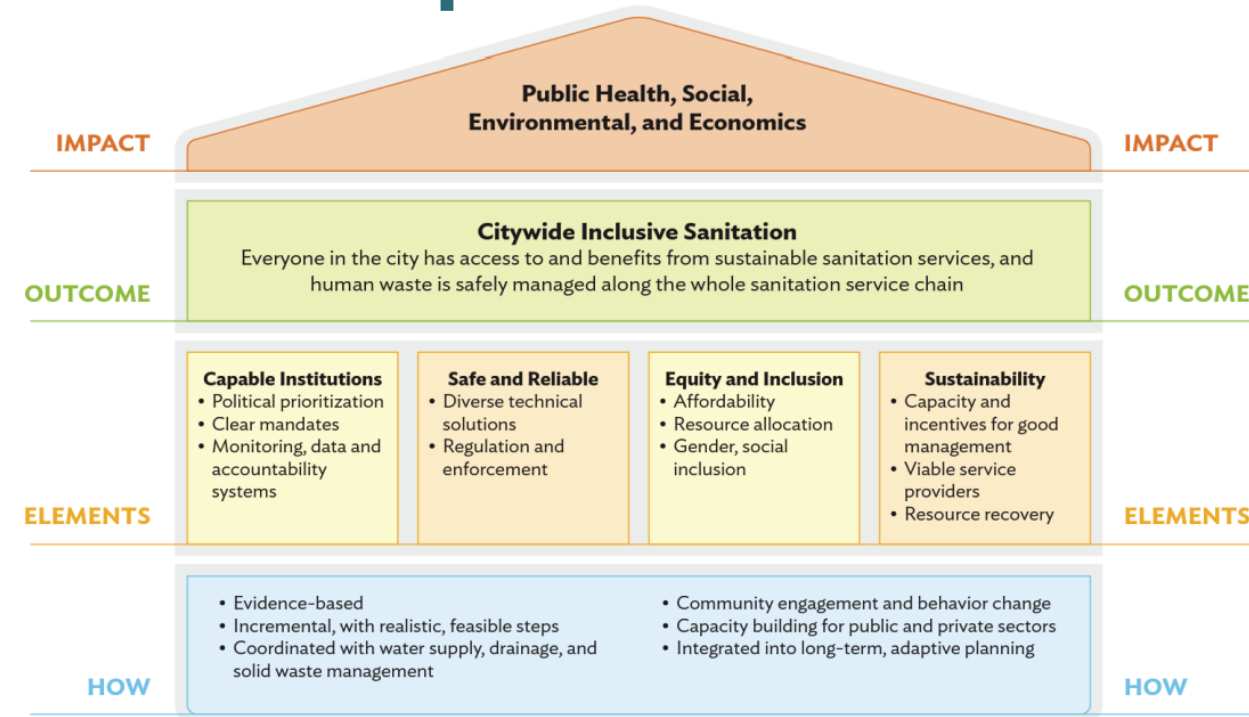


Innovative Solutions

Integration of inclusive sanitation principles and policies into practical implementation; Developing innovative, context-specific sanitation solutions that are sustainable, culturally acceptable, and inclusive to the needs of diverse users

Ongoing


Perception survey in 3 cities of Uttarakhand: Dehradun, Ramnagar and Champawat



The survey collected data on **universal accessibility in existing toilets**, and **user perceptions**, through personal interviews and focused group discussions (FDGs) with marginalised groups to capture their needs and issues

Data was collected from at least **20%** of the total number of toilets in each city.


4 personal interviews


200+ users surveyed



4 FDGs



Learnings from the survey

Landscape situational analysis of Public toilets

gap identification

Priority for the identified gaps



User satisfaction:

- Overall **positive perception** for **cleanliness** of toilets
- **Adequately equipped toilets** with working essential amenities



Connectivity:

- **Well-connected**- near transit routes, markets, offices etc.
- Visibility and way-finding can be enhanced
- **Not easily accessible for PwD**



User fee:

- Free use of urinals for men contributes to **gender disparity**
- Users **willing to pay higher user fees** in lieu for better services



O & M:

- No female caretakers for maintenance and cleaning



An elderly woman paying the user fee after using the PT



Team conducting the perception survey



Reconnaissance survey in Dehradun



Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with women

Learnings from the survey

TOILET



User preference:

- Predominantly used by men; **only 30% women used public toilets**
- Inclination towards **Indian-style WC**
- Users avoided using toilets with no water for flushing and cleaning, handwashing provisions, usable seats and lockable doors



Inclusive provisions:

- **60%** of toilets **lacked inclusive provisions** such as disabled-friendly infrastructure, child-friendly provisions etc.
- **Gender-neutral toilets** and toilets for the transgender population were **not found** during the survey



Grievance redressal:

- Not aware of its existence
- Expressed uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of the system of grievance redressal



Team conducting the perception survey



Focus group discussion (FGD) with mixed group of users



Accessibility audit of the public toilet



Senior citizen walking towards the public toilet

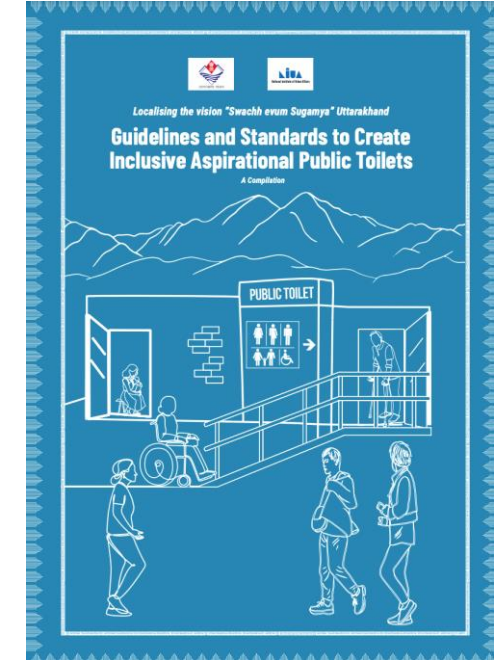
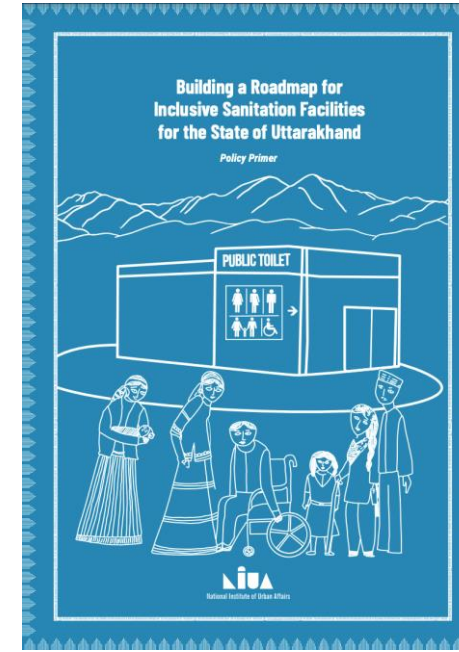


Focus group discussion (FGD) with women users

Identifying gaps & Panacea for identified gaps

'Policy Primer- Building a Roadmap for Inclusive Sanitation Facilities for the State of Uttarakhand'

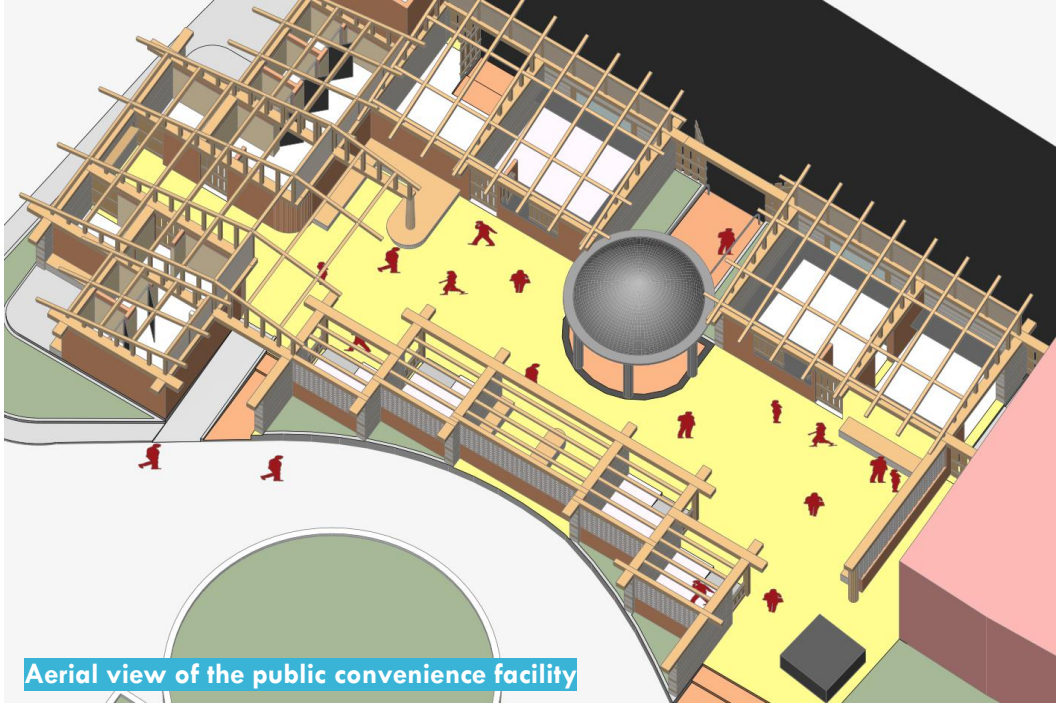
- Compels the urban practitioners and ULB officials to mainstream inclusion in all elements of public sanitation to efficiently deliver public sanitation services to all with dignity
- Takes forward the objectives of SBM
- Recognises the unique needs of diverse groups and outlines action strategies to build inclusive cities



'Compilation of Guidelines and Standards to Create Inclusive Aspirational Public Toilets'

- The document plays a pivotal role in realising the creation of aspirational toilets, as envisioned under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), within Uttarakhand and nationwide.
- Ensures that the goal of making public toilets accessible and inclusive for all is met

Aspirational toilet- Pilot in Ramnagar, Uttarakhand



Aerial view of the public convenience facility



View from the street

Thank You

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