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Accessing Financing from the Sanitation Trust Fund for the 3rd Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project

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Proposed 3rd Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project

- Supports Government of Nepal's '15-Year Development Plan for Water Supply and Sanitation in Small Towns'
- Aims to provide water supply and sanitation facilities to 20 small towns in Nepal (project towns)



Proposed Project

50 out of 265 small towns in Nepal have already been supported through the 2 earlier projects funded by ADB

- Total Investment – around \$85 million
- Physical investment in water supply and sanitation infrastructure in 20 small towns
- Non-physical investment in institutional, regulatory and utility management capacity building

Sanitation Facts for Nepal

- Practice of open defecation is prevalent among 38% of population (62% have access to sanitation)
- Around 13,000 children under 5 years of age die of diarrheal diseases annually
- Only 64% of public and community schools have toilet facilities, and only 31% of these have separate facility for girls



Sanitation Facts for Project Towns

- PPTA socio economic surveys indicates that 15% households in Charali and 40% in Mahendranagar do not have toilets. These two towns may represent average and poor sanitation access in the small towns.
- 95% of toilets have septic tanks.
- No regulatory and institutional framework exists for the collection and treatment.
- None of the towns have sewerage systems. Analysis shows on site sanitation is adequate and sewerage systems are generally not needed in project towns.

Partnering with Sanitation Trust Fund

- To leverage their expertise and innovation in sanitation solutions and technologies
- To leverage potential for replicability in other urban areas in Nepal and South Asia through this demonstration/ pilot scheme
- For sharing knowledge, skills and best practices



Proposal to Sanitation Trust Fund (Proposed Grant Component of the Loan)

- Strengthening of regulatory and institutional arrangements for septage management and the required capacity building support
- Feasibility, Design, Construction and Operation of Septage Treatment Facilities in 4 towns on a pilot basis
- Regulation of the service providers, ongoing training and public awareness campaign



– Total Cost \$1.3 million

Experience thus far

- Swift and constructive dialogue during proposal preparation
- Look forward to supporting innovative solutions through this piloting exercise on septage management in small towns of Nepal supported by the Sanitation Trust Fund.



THANK YOU