Sanitation for Millions

IMPROVING ACCESS TO SAFE AND ADEQUATE SANITATION

Background

Sanitation for Millions is a multi-donor programme set up to provide access to adequate and equitable sanitation, focusing notably on the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as children, women and girls, refugees and internally displaced people as well as persons with disabilities. Sanitation for Millions has started implementation in three countries (Jordan, Pakistan, and Uganda) with the aim to reach out to further countries where the need on the ground meets the willingness to act.

Sanitation for Millions strives for sustainable solutions considering the entire sanitation chain, applying sustainability criteria to ensure long-lasting results that are economically viable, socially acceptable and contributing to leaving no one behind as well as environmentally sound. As a global programme, Sanitation for Millions benefits from exchanging learning experiences and successful concepts or transferring best practices from one country to the other.

The programme’s results directly contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (especially SDG 6, SDG 4 and SDG 3).

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The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is in charge of programme implementation and cooperates closely with governmental partners in the respective implementation countries (in Uganda the Ministry of Water and Environment and the Ministry of Education, in Pakistan the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions and in Jordan the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Awqaf, Religious Affairs, and Holy Places) and Germany.

Activities

Sanitation for Millions’ approach contains both the construction of sanitary facilities as well as capacity development to foster better hygiene practices and improve operation and maintenance. It fills the gaps in the sanitation chain and works towards an enabling environment that facilitates access to adequate and equitable sanitation.

Sanitation for Millions works along four lines of interventions:

- Fostering access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene in public institutions
- Improving of the sanitation and hygiene situation at household level
- Capacity development for sanitation service providers
- Monitoring and evaluation as well as financing to work sustainably towards transformational change.

Sanitation for Millions follows a multi-stakeholder approach and cooperates directly with schools, public authorities, civil society (such as German Toilet Organization and Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA) in Germany, the Balochistan Rural Support Programme in Pakistan and the Jordanian Association for Boys Scouts and Girls Guides)
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Fred Nuwagaba Eunice Nandinda and local enterprises. The close coordination with other GIZ bilateral programmes of development cooperation facilitates effectiveness and fast progress at the local level in the partner countries.

In order to efficiently use the available budget and comply with the aid effectiveness agenda of the international donor community, Sanitation for Millions applies a performance-based approach for resource allocation benchmarking between:

- relevance
- impact
- efficiency
- effectiveness and
- potential for transformational change.

Impact

Sanitation for Millions has started implementation in 2017 in three countries along the entire sanitation chain with the aim to develop a service sector that addresses the needs on the ground. Sanitation for Millions supports partners with holistic and appropriate solutions: starting from the development of appropriate designs of sanitary facilities, building capacities for transport service provider of faecal sludge, introducing the concept of decentralised wastewater and greywater treatment, and advises on options for resource recovery and reuse for achieving sustainable environmental results.

Highlights 2017–2019

- 213,000 people served with access to safe sanitation through construction measures in 29 schools, 1 mosque and 13 basic health units
- Over 800 people trained for operation and maintenance, hence targeting almost 400,000 people
- Estimated 300,000 people reached through hygiene measures

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From left to right: New school sanitary facilities in Kampala; Faecal sludge emptying at the newly constructed treatment plant in Apac district, both Uganda.

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