



## **SUMMARY REPORT**

A two-day National Workshop on ODF Sustainability was organized by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India and Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Government of Maharashtra under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Yashada Training Center, Pune.

### **SUMMARY ACTION POINTS FOR ODF-S**

- Setting up of ODF-S Cells at National, State and District Levels
- Preparation of Manual for Training on Masons on Retrofitting of Single Pit and incorrectly constructed toilets & Preparation of Audio Video Modules for Training at Ground Level
- Preparation of Manual for Training of Swachhagrahies on ODF Sustainability & Preparation of Audio Video Modules for Training at Ground Level
- Training of Masons and Swachhagrahies on ODF-S at ground level
- IEC Manual for States & Districts on Contextualizing Communications for ODF-S
- Legal Framework for making Toilet Constructions in New Houses in Rural Area and penalizing open defecators by Gram Panchayats
- Preparation of Swachhagrahi Guidelines specifying roles and responsibilities for ODF-S and simplified payment procedures
- Policy on financing for ODF-S on sustainable basis
- Monitoring of ODF-S actions at field level in mission mode

### **Day-wise sub- session summaries**

#### **Day One**

#### **Session : Welcome and Introduction Overview of SBM-G & Way Forward**

On the opening day all the dignitaries from the participating state were welcomed by Shri Abhay Mahajan, Mission Director, SBM-G Maharashtra. In the Inaugural address Shri Parameswaram Iyer, Secretary MDWS, briefed the participants on the overview of SBM-G with an appeal to exchange the notes and share the best practices adopted for sustainability in post ODF scenario. With the strong political support of Prime Minister and active Community participation, the IHHL coverage has increased from 38 % to 83% over last four years, and there is an urgent need to avoid slip backs for ensuring sustainability. He addressed on the challenges for the Next ODF Frontiers with focus on sustainability

and quality parameters. He described the Way Forward for ODF-S first by identifying gaps in coverage and behavioural issues for slippages and addressing them through dedicated ODF-S Cells formed at National as well as State/District levels.

### **Session : Changing Gears – Prioritizing Sustainability**

Mr Baroka, JS, MDWS set the tone and shared format for the day's planning, including formation of groups for deliberations on key ODF issues i.e. Retrofitting, Swachhagrahies, IEC, Capacity Building and Financing. He stressed on the need for ODF-S protocol throughout. He clarified on understanding of difference between ODF, ODF-S & ODF+ and to separately strategize and develop action plans. He also shared on learning from best practices on ODF Sustainability from various States, which are published in a booklet form for wide circulation.

### **Session : Sustainability Initiatives in States**

The States which have achieved early ODF status have shared on their Sustainability initiatives. Mission Director Maharashtra has explained about the innovative reward scheme of Sant Gadage Baba Abhiyan to ensure continued engagement of all Stakeholders at Gram Panchayat and District Level. The key parameters being assessed under the award are– Water, Water Quality, Sanitation – Personal & Community & SLRM. Gujarat State is promoting the active involvement of Nigrani Samities through awards and incentivization. Gujarat State is also promoting convergence with other departments and support partners like UNICEF. Besides facilitation of State level Convergence and micro-lending by SHGs for dysfunctional toilets, Tamil Nadu state has promoted a key initiative of using Pink Sanitation Cards provided at PHCs for increasing large scale awareness. Andhra Pradesh State has brought a unique concept of Uberization of Dung Composting using NADEP Vermi Composting for conversion of animal waste, Entrepreneurship model for plastic waste management, Institutionalization of Zero Waste Model. Haryana State is heavily betting on technology backed solutions for sustaining ODF status and unique Seven Star Village Rating Scheme to promote completion for overall development including sustainable sanitation.

### **Session IEC for ODF Sustainability**

Mr Akshay Rout, DG, MDWS, stressed on the continued IEC for ODF sustainability for Triggering Consciousness and ensuring vigilance for avoiding slippages in ODF behavior. He stressed on need for contextualize key messages focusing on the target audiences for the campaigns for Continued Usage, Toilet Tech, O&M, Child Excreta & Hand-washing.

### **Group Work on Sustainability Themes – Key recommendations**

**Retrofitting** – Development of cost effective solutions, Focused IEC & IPC for generating demand, Masons Trainings, Options for Financial Assistance

**IEC for ODF-S** : Evolving Long term IEC Strategies for focused communication of key messages for ensuring behavioral change, Use of Technologies such as Bulk Messages dissemination, knowledge transfer in the form of cross leanings

**Capacity Building** : Use of innovative technologies for capacity building of various ground level stakeholders such as Online training courses, idea platform for knowledge transfer, social media, cross learning (inter-state & district), publications, mobile apps, IVRS, etc.

**Swachhagrahi:** One Swachhagrahi per 300 people & at least one per village , Defined Roles and responsibilities, Simplified Payments methods on Day basis with defined outputs, or on Outcome basis

**Financing:** Policy amendment in Panchayat Act for mandatory IHHL for new constructions, Use of Disaster Management Fund for addressing massive gaps created due to calamities, Need for devising Alternative Financing Methods

### **IT Systems for SBM-G**

Mahima Vashist, from Tata Trusts shared about the online IT systems of MoDWS viz, SBM Dashboard, Swacch App , Swachh Sangraha and SBM Social Media.

## **Day Two**

### **Field Visit for Pit Emptying, Retrofitting & Technology Demonstration**

The second day of the National Sustainability workshop saw some live action on sustainability aspects of the program in Pandharewadi village in Daund block of Pune. Shri Maharshi CAG of India, Shri Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, MDWS and other invited dignitaries took the lead in emptying of a toilet pit along with retrofitting a single pit toilet, and construction of a new toilet. Post the field exercise early morning, the day ended with discussions and knowledge sharing.

### **Priority Actions for ODF S**

#### **GOBAR-DHAN**

Shri Samir Kumar, JS, SBM shared details about the recently launched Gobar-Dhan project by Hon Prime Minister in Karnal, Haryana. Under the scheme 700 projects have been planned in FY 2018-19, of which 350 projects need to be started before Oct 2018. The scheme works across 4 models –A: Gram Panchayat, B: SHG Federation, C: Bulk Waste Generator / Entrepreneur and D: Any eligible enterprise. The way forward is to bring a Technical Agency onboard & float EoI for project. The States need to constitute a Technical Committee for implementation of Scheme. Application for a project needs to be submitted to the STAC at State with consent of GP & District.

#### **Water for Sanitation**

Mrs V Radha, JS Water gave a convergent view on Strategies on Water for ODF-S viz. Prioritizing New PWS schemes in ODF villages under Swajal, LIS Project and other ongoing projects; Schemes for water security plans under Atal Bhujal Yojana by MoWR and NREGA; Grey Water treatment for reuse and Rainwater harvesting for toilets .

#### **SBM-G Quality Parameters**

Shri Baroka, JS focused on the Priority Indicators for ODF-S –viz. Verification of ODF declared villages (72K due for 1<sup>st</sup> verification), making Dysfunctional Toilets Functional (44% of 76L), Geo-tagging of Toilets (presently at 78%). He explained the MDWS approach for restructuring the SBM-G Monitoring Parameter focusing of different Stages of Quality. Q1 will Focus on basic 3 quality parameters: Verification, Dysfunctional & Geo-tagging; Q2 will focus on Quality of verification and coverage of remaining households; Q3 will focus on Awareness of quality, not just numbers.