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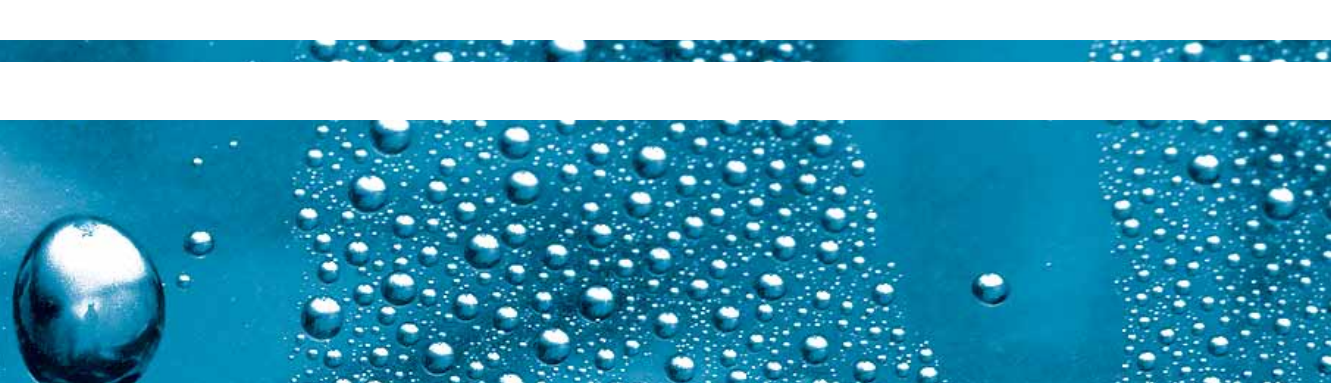
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Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank	PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
CA	Co-operation Agreements	RBM	Results Based Management
CBO	Community-based organisation	RBTS	Reed Bed Wastewater Treatment System
CIUD	Centre for Integrated Urban Development	RWH	Rainwater Harvesting
CSS	Country Support Strategy	STWSSP	Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project
DUDBC	Department of Urban Development and Building Construction	SWAp	Sector-Wide Approach
DWSS	Department of Water Supply and Sewerage	SWM	Solid Waste Management
ECOSAN	Ecological Sanitation	SWM&RMC	Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilisation Centre
ENPHO	Environment and Public Health Organisation	TDF	Town Development Fund
FUWS	Forum for Urban Water and Sanitation	UCs	Users' Committees
GoN	Government of Nepal	UDLE	Urban Development through Local Efforts
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Cooperation Company)	UEIP	Urban and Environment Improvement Project
HH	Household	UEMS	Urban Environment Management Society
I / NGO	International / Non-Government Organisation	UEMS	Urban Environment Management Society
I&K	Information and Knowledge	UN	United Nations
KfW	German government-owned development bank	UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
KUKL	Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
KVWMSP	Kathmandu Valley Water Management Support Programme	UNICEF	United Nation's Children Fund
LFA	Logical Framework Approach	VDC	Village Development Committee
LUMANTI	Lumanti Support Group for Shelter	WAN	WaterAid Nepal
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals	WAsC	Water for Asian Cities
MoF	Ministry of Finance	WATSAN	Water and Sanitation
MoHP	Ministry of Health and Population	WDM	Water Demand Management
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	WESH	Water, Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene
MPPW	Ministry of Physical Planning and Works	WHO	World Health Organisation
MuAN	Municipal Association of Nepal	WSH	Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene
MWSP	Melamchi Water Supply Project	WSP	Water Service Provider
NWSC	Nepal Water Supply Corporation	WSS	Water Supply and Sanitation
O&M	Operation & Maintenance	WSTF	Water and Sanitation Trust Fund
PAN	Practical Action Nepal	WUA	Water User's Association

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Executive Summary



This document is an internal Nepal country impact study of initiatives supported by UN-HABITAT's Water and Sanitation Trust Fund (WSTF) undertaken by a team of international consultants. The objective of the WSTF is to bring in new investment and ideas, expand service coverage for poor urban dwellers, and help build momentum for achieving the MDGs. The objectives and envisaged outcomes of the Country Support Strategy (CSS) of the Water for Asian Cities (WAsC) in Nepal (2008-2012) are by and large similar to those of WSTF.

MAIN FINDINGS ON THE NEPAL COUNTRY PROGRAMME

UN-HABITAT is a newcomer to the Urban WATSAN sector in Nepal, but has managed to establish itself as a notable development partner in this field. The

order of magnitude of the impacts of the WAsC interventions on the achievement of the MDGs **is limited in terms of tangible increase in WSS coverage**, but UN-HABITAT has **demonstrated significant impacts in terms of** improvements in quality and relevance of the projects. Hence, the actual value added and impacts made by the first generation pilot projects (2005-09) provide a solid base for more vigorous at large scale replication efforts provided the UN-HABITAT has incorporated lessons learned and recommended strategic and operational adjustments.

Overall, very good work has been accomplished under (sometimes) difficult circumstances in Nepal, which include very high government staff turnover, political instability and lack of NGOs with sufficient experience to mobilise urban poor communities.

UN-HABITAT has an excellent reputation in Nepal amongst national water authorities, municipal authorities, communities and NGOs and local institutions. UN-HABITAT's comparative advantage is its focus on the **complex problem of the urban poor** and the ability to integrate WSS approaches across the urban sector and community involvement from the outset of the project.

These are key points of concern of future national WSS sector development. The UN-HABITAT WAsC Nepal Country interventions are well integrated with relevant authorities, institutions, and development partners at national and municipality level and contribute to the creation and achievement of GoN's urban development strategies. The country programme issues and findings are elaborated in detail in Chapter 3-2 and 4-1.

There is a **close coherence** between the project outcomes of the Water for Asian Cities Nepal Programme 2008-2012 and those envisaged by the WSTF Strategic Plan 2008-2012 and UN-HABITAT's main Nepal aims - solutions to serving the informal urban poor and gender mainstreaming in cities and small

challenges facing the UN-HABITAT is to make a strategic shift towards the former.

One important aspect of the UN-HABITAT funded Water Supply, Sanitation & Waste Management projects is the local institutional capacity building, which is crucial for the effectiveness and sustainability of the large investment programmes.

MAIN PROJECT LEVEL FINDINGS

The impact assessments of Nepal country projects have taken into account the following four programme outcome categories of the CSS WAsC-NEPAL (2008-2012):

- Institutionalisation of inclusive and gender responsive pro-poor urban governance in the WAsC Nepal supported local authorities
- More active engagement of communities in the management of water and environmental sanitation at local level with little or without external support

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