

sustainable sanitation alliance

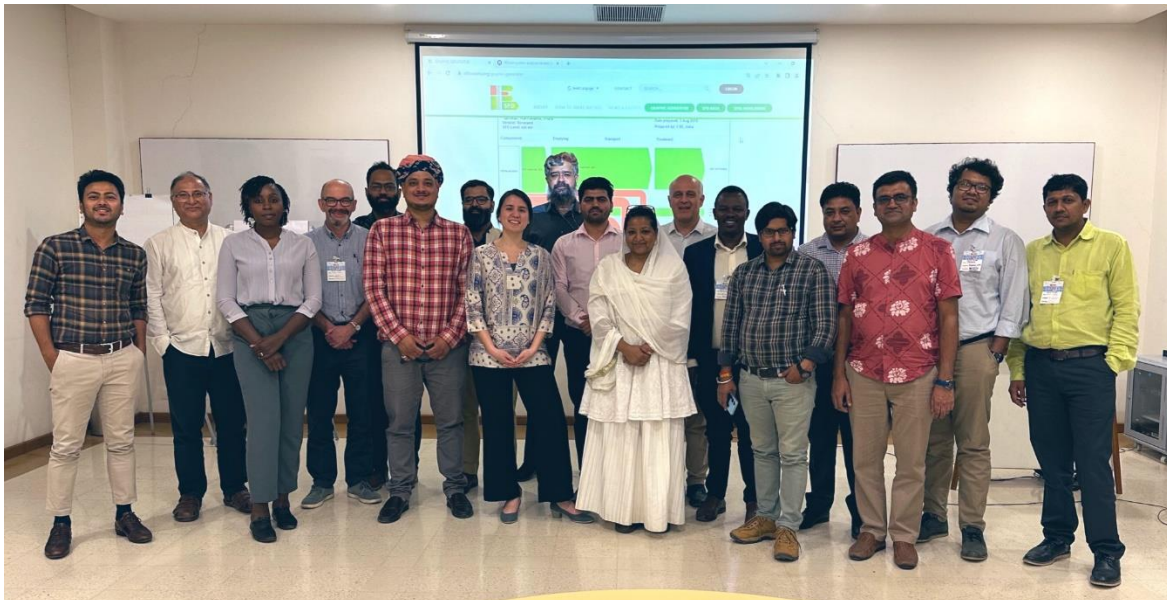


Meeting Notes
SFD PI meeting

April 27, 2023
15:00 – 19:00 IST

AAETI Campus Nimli (f2f) – in
conjunction with Policy & Practice
Forum organized by CSE

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Meeting called by: SuSanA Secretariat with the support from CSE
Meeting chaired by: Arne Panesar



Participants:

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General feedback and information:

- In some countries, access to sanitation is a highly politicised issue, which works against the democratisation of data.
- Risk of misleading interpretation of secondary data due to poor technical understanding and/or from political bias, e.g. that all wastewater entering the treatment plant is adequately treated.
- A common problem is that an SFD graph may appear green at the time of the survey because faecal matter is being safely contained but is likely to turn red in the near future due to poor faecal sludge management (no emptying and no treatment).
- About 50 SFDs are about to be developed by WaterAid in Bangladesh.

Technical suggestions for tool improvement:

- Add a disclaimer to the result of aggregated data at national level that it does not correspond to national data
- Include in the FAQ which browser to use for a better user experience of the portal
- Provide in the SFD portal a list of data sources per country to facilitate the creation of SFD (e.g. Vikash K Aggarwal shared a list for India - originally provided by CSE during SFD training).
- Make operational data available on the dashboard **The secretariat did not fully understand what was meant, and will have to follow up on this point at the next meeting**

- Replace some of the parts where calculation is to be done manually by an automated calculation feature **The secretariat did not fully understand what was meant, and will have to follow up on this point at the next meeting**
- Make SFD GG translation available in offline/downloaded versions

Strategical suggestions on the way forward:

- Re-popularise the SFD, e.g. by working with universities to include the SFD in postgraduate curricula.
- Facilitate cooperation with local organisations and authorities
- Embed the SFD in government structures
- Linking the SFD to the Water Flow Diagram and the ECAM tool (which covers both water and sanitation)
- Further legitimise the SFD with development banks as a tool to support bankable projects
- Promote the different uses of the SFD
- Emphasise the monitoring potential of the SFD
- Liaise with universities to support the data collection process (bachelor and master students)
- Open the discussion on SFD with the wider sector (e.g. NEXUS agriculture) and other donors
- Integrate financing aspects to highlight equity factors
- Further develop the link between SFD and climate, emphasizing the GHG mitigation potential of safely managed sanitation
- Create an SFD Community of Practice with the participants of the meeting: establish a WhatsApp group and organize quarterly online meetings to encourage ongoing discussion and knowledge-sharing.
- Encourage government to add their logo to the SFD graphic and report (strong indicator of ownership)