

Minutes of meeting with the District Coordinators, LSBA chaired by the OSD, MoDWS,
Government of India on 15.11.2016

1. The meeting to review the status of Ganga Action Plan (GAP) under SBM (G) was chaired by OSD, MoDWS, GOI. It was attended by the Secretary, RDD, Government of Bihar, CEO JEEViKA cum Mission Director LSBA, LSBA team from headquarter Patna, District Coordinators, LSBA, the Development partners, and other officers of the 12 Ganga Action Plan districts.
2. The current status of implementation of GAP was discussed individually with the district coordinators to understand the hurdles in execution and to explore the solutions for smooth implementation of the program. 29 out of 473 villages have been declared Open defecation free, and 53887 IHHLs have been constructed as against the target of 424205.
3. OSD, MDWS emphasized that the 473 villages adjoining the river Ganges in 12 districts of the state has to be made ODF by 31st December, 2016. The same has also been informed to the districts during the video conference held on 20.10.2016. He stressed upon the need to follow a war path for implementation of the program with set deadlines against each village. The district coordinators were positive that the target of making the 473 villages ODF will be achieved within timeframe.
4. The district coordinators put forward the following issues related to the program:
 - All the District coordinators were unanimous in requesting for more technical support from the development partners. The need for accelerated IEC, BCC, and CLTS campaign was recognised by the Secretary, RDD, too and OSD, MoDWS was requested to provide additional support with regard to Development Partners.
 - Further, issues that arose out of discussion have been tabulated below:

| SI No | District | Issues |
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| 1 | Buxar | Two villages, namely North Nainijor and South Nainijor has been cut off due to water logging. All other villages will be made ODF within the timeframe. |
| 2 | Katihar | Six villages have issues with access. Target for completion in these villages is challenging. |
| 3 | Munger | Six villages have water logging issues and unable to dig toilet pits due to water seepage. Access to IMIS at the block level needs to be granted for speedy updation of progress. ITC has been working on sanitation in the district. There is scope for collaboration between DWSC and ITC to work in tandem for achieving ODF status. |
| 4 | Patna | Five villages have been transferred to Nagar Panchayat and hence no longer fall in to the ambit of SBM (g). |

5. The District Coordinators laid out a detailed implementation plan with milestones to be achieved by December 31st, 2016. The details of the same are tabulated below:



Ganga Action Plan (Namami Gange) under SBM (G)

Targets agreed upon by districts for achievement of ODF status in Ganga Action Plan villages

| Sr. No. | District | No. of GPs under GAP | Number of villages marked situated on the bank of river Ganga | Number of households without toilet in the earmarked villages as on 01-04-2013* | Targets agreed upon by the districts during meeting with OSD, MDWS on 15-11-2016 | | | | Comments |
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| | | | | | Number of villages ODF as reported by the DCs in the meeting | number of villages to be made ODF by 30.11.2016 | number of villages to be made ODF by 15.12.2016 | number of villages to be made ODF by 31.12.2016 | |
| 1 | BEGUSARAI | 22 | 20 | 25000 | 1 | 5 | | 14 | |
| 2 | Bhagalpur | 56 | 81 | 74743 | 2 | 23 | 41 | 15 | |
| 3 | BHOJPUR | 18 | 34 | 19653 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 2 villages have difficulties of access. |
| 4 | Buxar | 17 | 51 | 27813 | 6 | 22 | 14 | 9 | |
| 5 | katihar | 27 | 51 | 57249 | 0 | 9 | 32 | 10 | |
| 6 | KHAGARIA | 21 | 21 | 22124 | 12 | | | 9 | |
| 7 | LAKHISARAI | 5 | 14 | 7904 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | |
| 8 | Munger | 26 | 40 | 56028 | 8 | 10 | | 16 | 6 villages are difficult to access due to flooding. Presumptive target for completion could extend beyond time frame. |
| 9 | Patna | 47 | 51 | 40769 | 3 | 17 | | 36 | 11 villages have access issues (five villages have been moved to Town municipal area) |
| 10 | SAMASTIPUR | 12 | 24 | 18372 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 8 | |
| 11 | Saran | 31 | 61 | 44316 | 2 | 20 | | 39 | |
| 12 | Vaishali | 25 | 25 | 30234 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 11 | |
| Total | | 307 | 473 | 424205 | 47 | 125 | 154 | 149 | |



6. The role of Development Partners in Ganga Action Plan districts was discussed in detail. CEO, Jeevika urged development partners to deploy their expertise in GAP districts on priority basis, and focus on these 473 villages until the targets are achieved.
7. It was decided that the development partners will earmark the villages where they will provide support. Mr. Debaraj Behera of World Bank will finalise the list, along with clearly mentioned timelines, roles, and responsibilities of development partners and email the same in two days.
8. It was discussed that there needs to be an effective IEC strategy to mobilize support and create a sanitation movement in the GAP districts. Mr Pravin More of UNICEF has kindly taken up the task of preparing the strategy document for the same and sharing it with the state LSBA team in two days.
9. The district coordinators were instructed to organise awareness campaign on the occasion of World Toilet Day on 19.11.2016. They were instructed to coordinate with various departments of the district administration to organise events across villages near Ganga such as rally, Prabhat Pheri , human chains and spread the message of sanitation.
10. Various issues related to scheme implementation were discussed :

| Sl No | Issue | Action |
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| 1 | Errors on IMIS portal of SBM (G) were discussed. Several villages have households without toilets erroneously depicted as zero. Baseline errors in IMIS is causing impediments in speedy entry of progress on the IMIS. There are several other issues like wrong status of households wrt IHHL, villages missing etc. | OSD, MDWS was requested for support in resolving the baseline errors and with ways to correct/replace the beneficiary list and corresponding details with the accurate and updated list. It was suggested that the best case scenario would be to develop a system where we replace the erroneous data with accurate data using an excel format provided by the state. |
| 2 | IMIS updation by the districts were observed to be underwhelming. The IMIS data does not reflect the physical progress on the ground. | The CEO instructed the district coordinators to speed up the process of IMIS updation as well as we the payment process. The state team was instructed to send Utilisation Certificate to GOI as soon as possible so that the second instalment of GAP funding can be availed by the state. The District Coordinators requested for access to IMIS at the block level so that IMIS updation can be decentralised. |
| 3 | Payment of incentives are to be made through PFMS process being adopted by the state. | OSD, MDWS was requested to facilitate clearance by the Ministry of Finance for the use of PFMS. |
| 4 | LSBA team and the state level NIC team are new to the nuances of sbm (g) IMIS. It was found desirable that there be a workshop for Bihar on IMIS. | OSD, MDWS was requested to facilitate a comprehensive workshop from NIC team handling IMIS SBM (G) Delhi to the Bihar team. The date will be decided by the state in coordination with the IMIS team at GOI. |



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| 5 | SBM (G) funds have been used in the implementation of Ganga Action Plan, which needs to be recouped from the Ganga Action Plan funds into the SBM (G). | The CEO instructed District Coordinators to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book the expenditure made from SBM (G) in the Ganga Action Plan fund. • Send a cheque/DD of the amount equivalent to the expenditure through SBM (G) to the state in favour of <u>BRLPS- Swachh Bharat Mission (G)</u> |
| 6 | OSD, MDWS requested the Secretary, RDD to mobilize any resource or personnel required to the GAP districts until the achievement of the targets. | |
| 7 | OSD, MDWS suggested the Secretary, RDD and the CEO to organise an exposure visit for the LSBA state team to Sachival, Punjab to learn about the Community toilet model. | |
| 8 | OSD, MDWS suggested that all the guidelines for LSBA issued by the state should be uploaded on the MDWS website also. He was informed about the LSBA website, and the transparent payment system which has been instituted through it by the state. | |

11. It was agreed in the meeting that the CEO and the Secretary, RDD will take appropriate action to facilitate speedy implementation of and declaration of ODF, especially in villages where there are issues with access.
12. OSD, MDWS conducted a Video Conferencing meeting with the Deputy Development Commissioners and Director DRDA of Ganga Action Plan district, and reiterated the need to expedite implementation of the program.

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2. All District Magistrates-Cum-Chairman, District Water and Sanitation Committee for information.

3. Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Bihar, Patna for information.

4. Shri Akshay Raut, OSD, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India, New Delhi for information.

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