

Thinking beyond the finish line

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Sustainable Sanitation and Hygiene for All

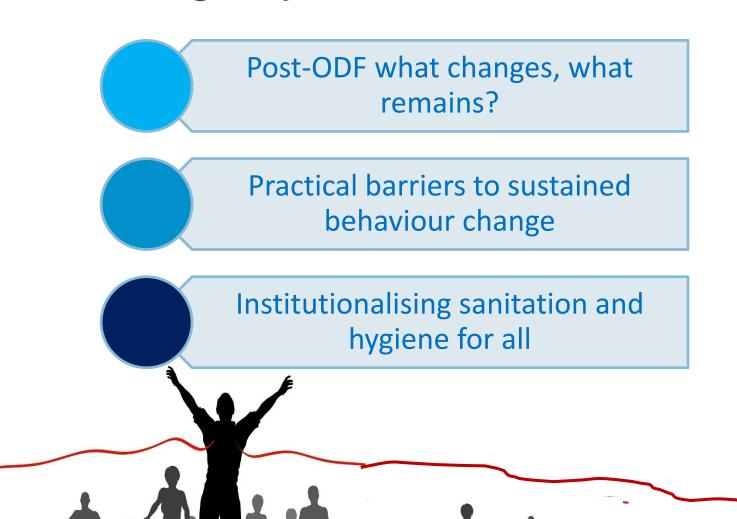


Capacity development
programme in 75 districts in 12
countries across Asia and
Africa to develop area-wide
sanitation service delivery with
government line agencies.

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Thinking beyond the finish line ...



What was the most significant change in the way we work, compared to 10 years ago?

Dedicated sanitation and hygiene programmes

Sanitation as a collective issue, not just an individual behaviour

Many more people who never talked about sanitation or ODF, now talk about it. It is on the national agenda.

Multi-stakeholder collaboration and harmonization.

Clearer goals (understood by all) and monitoring of goals

Area-wide achievements as opposed to stand alone change.

Households investing in other technologies (beyond pit latrine)

Zero subsidy.



What do we need to change, post-ODF?

More attention to **technology** (for challenging areas, for upgrading)

More attention to "what to do when pits fill-up?"

Need for a better understanding of the **last mile** and access for all.

Increased focus on **hygiene promotion** to sustain behaviour change.

Important, but how is this new?



Main practical barriers and causes

information on construction and safe practices physical supplies for construction emptying services adequate technical designs capacity at national and local level capacity to implement capacity to address technical issues alignment focus on long term hygiene promotion clarity about governments' role clear budgets for sanitation

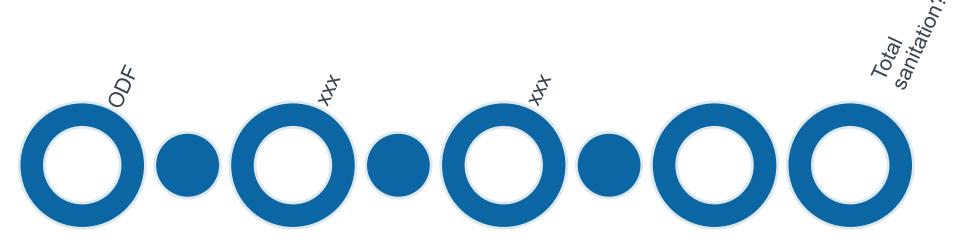


Understanding the absence of the solution



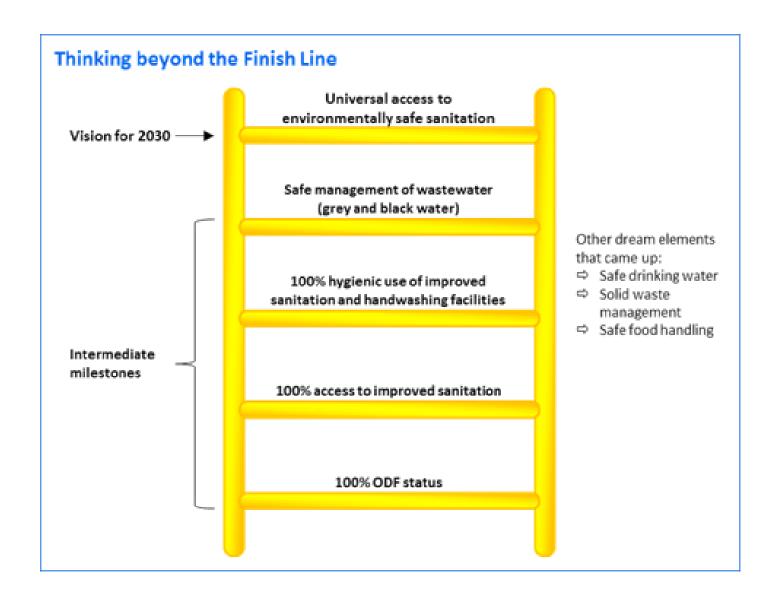
- If we know the solution, how come we haven't been able to put it in place?
- Has sanitation (ODF)
 becoming the victim of its
 own success?

Seeing ODF as a first mile stone towards sustainable sanitation services for all



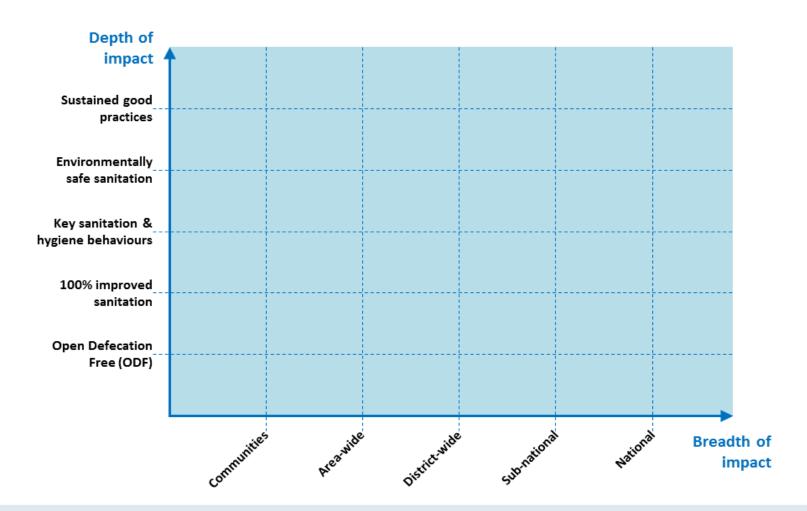






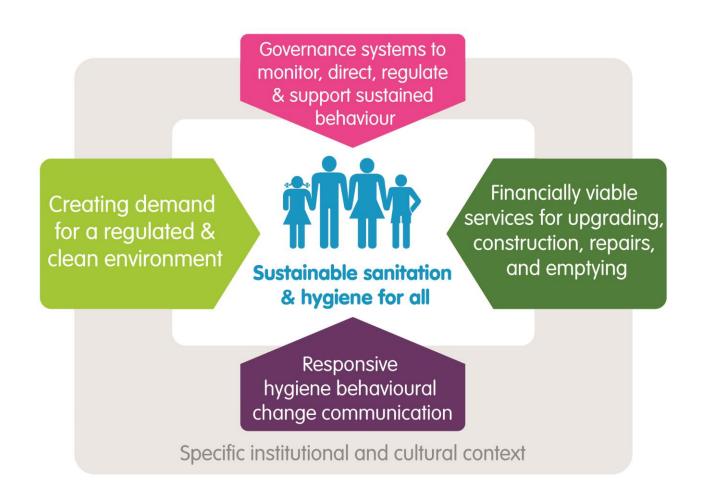


Depth and breadth of impact





Evolving approach, changing roles





In conclusion

- •National and local governments are the rightful duty bearers and they must be in the lead in reaching universal sanitation coverage and professionalization.
- ■ODF created the momentum, but there needs to be a vision towards the SDGs goals of universal access.
- ■Those "on-going challenges" of informed choice, appropriate technologies, understanding the last mile, local leadership and public finance remain.
- ■We also need a longer term view of professional environmental health services that looks much further beyond "sustaining-ODF" to avoid this being seen as the finish line.

