



Nepal

Summary of country engagement at SWA

Priority country : Multi-stakeholder approaches

Nepal joined SWA in 2010. The Ministry of Water Supply (MoWS) is the lead ministry for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH). Building on the success of the Millennium Development Goals, Nepal is committed to pursuing and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Access to safe water and basic sanitation is a fundamental right as per the constitution of Nepal. The water and sanitation related targets in SDG-6 are inherent in the country's periodic development plan and guided by Nepal's WaSH Sector Development Plan (SDP 2016-2030). The Ministry of Water Supply is currently reviewing its sector planning and monitoring systems to be applicable within the federal system. In order to roll-out SDP, WaSH plans at municipality level is under preparation with a joint effort of three tiers of government and will be extended to all municipalities. This will help monitor progress on SDGs and improve evidence based decision making. Multi-stakeholder efforts have long been in place through the National Sanitation and Hygiene Coordination Committee active at the national level and WaSH coordination committees at the Provincial, District and Municipality (both Rural and Urban) levels.

Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Make sector ready to access climate financing to achieve goals of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and NAP (National Adaptation Plans).	Ministry of Water and Sanitation with support of Ministry of Forest and Environment and Ministry of Health and Population	2023		Government	75%

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Develop and implement WASH Sector capacity development Master Plan of all three tiers of government.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	25%
Endorse WASH Act and Regulations, including its institutional framework, to improve sector governance.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	75%
Establish and operationalize sector monitoring framework and MIS with disaggregated data in line with SDP and federal context, with defined regulatory parameters.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	75%

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Establish benchmark and national standards of WASH services and service ladders, especially Water Quality, Sanitation, Sewerage Management aspects.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	75%
Initiate WASH sector wide approach with commitments/ mutual accountability from government and donors, as well as with review mechanisms to assess progress on a regular basis and to ensure that results are acted upon.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	Reviewing prog

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Review and endorse the WASH sector development plan, including the sector financing strategy, as a common program for all tiers of government and development partners. Through this, secure commitments for long term funding agreements, giving focus to leave no one behind.	Ministry of Water Supply	2020		Government	50%

Joint commitments

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Develop costed WASH plans in 400 local governments, ensuring access to WASH services for priority ranking of social/ infrastructure needs, aligning with the Sector Development Plan and SDGs.	Local Governments with support of Department of Water Supply and Sewerage, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Development Partners, INGOs, CSOs, Municipal Association, National Association of Rural Municipalities	2023		Multi- stakeholder, govt-led	25%
Approve the Hand Hygiene for All (HH4A) roadmap.	Ministry of Water and Sanitation with support of Department of Water Supply and Sewerage, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Development Partners, INGOs, CSOs, Municipal Association, National Association of Rural Municipalities	2023		Multi- stakeholder, govt-led	50%

Commitments by partners

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Advocate for the mobilization of easy WASH credit facilities from financial institutions and cooperatives at the local level, and organize dialogues with 10 of the best private sectors organizations to allocate additional corporate social responsibility contributions for the WASH sector.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro
Contribute to the establishment and operationalization sector monitoring framework and Management Information System (MIS) with disaggregated data.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro

Strengthen partnerships, including with funding partners, to build CSOs' solidarity and institutional development through sectoral dialogues, WASH actors mapping and preparation of a joint action plan.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro
Ensure local organizations and communities' participation in the preparation of the 200 costed WASH Plans for urban and rural local governments the central government has committed to develop.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro

Invest and allocate more resources for capacity building of multi-stakeholders in the WASH sector, collaborating and coordinating for resource optimization to reduce duplication, sharing the success and lessons learned widely.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro
Engage in advocacy to develop and implement the WASH Act and the WASH Sector Capacity Development Master Plan, and facilitate multi-stakeholders review meetings.	FANSA/RADO-Nepal	2023		Civil Society	Reviewing pro

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