



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATKA

Sub: Formation of Karnataka State WASH coalition and constitution of Steering Committee

- Read:**
1. 1st Meeting of Karnataka State Coalition meeting held virtually under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Principal Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka on 10th March 2021
 2. 2nd meeting of Karnataka State WASH coalition meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Principal Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka, on 18th September 2021
 3. UNICEF approval for the proposal of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka for the year 2022 vide UNICEF Letter No. HFO/WASH/AP/2022/016, dt.20th January 2022
 4. UNICEF email proposal dt.18th May 2022
 5. Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka proposal in the file No: RDWSD/55/SBM(G)/WASH-C/2021

PREAMBLE:

In line with Government's commitment to achieve sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) outcomes and SDG Goal 6, many flagship programs like Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and many other Water & Sanitation programmes are being operationalized in the State. Towards ensuring safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for all, there are many sectoral challenges in terms of capacities, change management, institution building, behaviour change, technology, convergence, sustainability, etc. It is critical to engage all the sector players to address the challenges. Therefore, a platform of WASH players – Government, Development Partners, NGOs, CSOs, CSR, Academia, Subject matter experts, private sector and service providers concerned with Water Sanitation and Hygiene. etc is felt necessary.

In this regard, a State Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Coalition is being formed in the State to achieve sustainable WASH outcomes, to ensure safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for all, to address the sectoral challenges through:

- Interactive Multi-stakeholders WASH platform (Government, Development Partners, NGOs, CSOs, CSR, Academia, Subject matter experts, private sector and service providers concerned with Water Sanitation and Hygiene. etc)
- Opportunities for information dissemination and learning – Sharing
- Act as think tank to address challenges and provide technical support
- Contribute for greater program outreach

The functions of Karnataka State WASH Coalition are:

1. Promote collaborative actions and partnerships between the government and CSOs, CSRs, academia and other partners
2. Create enabling environment for WASH programmes in the state.

3. Acts as a platform to address WASH issues at district, taluk and gram panchayat level
4. Build capacities of relevant stakeholders on O&M and promote sustainable use and management of WASH facilities and services;
5. Establish a feedback loop and community-based monitoring systems;
6. Conduct relevant assessments and studies in regard to WASH impact on health outcomes;

The key focus areas of Karnataka State WASH Coalition are:

- Strengthen enabling environment (policies, Institutional, monitoring & reporting, etc.) for scaling up & sustaining WASH services with gender & social inclusion.
- Produce Knowledge Management Products and disseminate widely for improved policies and strategies of government and non-government agencies.
- Strengthen member organizations capacities and efforts to accelerate the delivery of sustainable WASH services and facilities
- Support high quality, policy-oriented, social-science research in WASH sector.
- Undertake advocacy with sector agencies including government for improved transparent, accountable, and robust community centred monitoring systems.
- Scale up WASH professionals and volunteers outreach contributing to sustenance of WASH outcomes and achievement of SDG goal 6.0
- Support government, civil societies and private sector interventions including campaigns to contain the spread of communicable diseases like COVID19 etc.

Furthermore, it is considered that for providing direction and better governance of the Karnataka State WASH coalition, a steering committee is proposed to be constituted with membership of relevant departments of the Government, Development Partners, NGOs, CSOs, CSR, Academia, Subject matter experts, private sector and service providers concerned with Water Sanitation and Hygiene. The proposal has been examined in detail and hence this order:

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.: RDWSD/55/SBM(G)/WASH-C/2021/261,
BENGALURU, DATED 14th July 2022 / 3/7

In view of the circumstances explained in the preamble, Government of Karnataka is pleased to **constitute Karnataka State WASH Coalition Steering Committee** towards effective management of WASH Coalition with the following composition:

Sl	Official/Organization	Designation
1	The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka	Chairperson
2	The Commissioner/Director, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka	Member Secretary
3	The Deputy Secretary, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka	Member Convenor
4	The Commissioner, Department of Health & Family welfare, Government of Karnataka	Member
5	The Commissioner, Department of Women & child Development, Government of Karnataka	Member

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6	The State Project Director, Sarva Shikshana, Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka	Member
7	The Director-ISA, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka	Member
8	Representative from UNICEF, Hyderabad Field Office	Member
9	Representative, Arghyam, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Member
10	Representative, WaterAid India, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Member
11	Representative, CDD Society (Consortium for DEWATS Dissemination Society), Bengaluru	Member
12	Representative, Fresh Water Action Network South Asia (Karnataka Chapter)	Member
13	Representative, Biome Environmental Solutions Pvt Ltd./ Biome Environmental Trust, Bengaluru	Member
14	Representative, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Bengaluru	Member
15	Representative, SAAHAS NGO, Bengaluru	Member
16	Representative, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)	Member
17	Representative, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru	Member
18	Representative, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	Member
19	Any other member as proposed by the committee and decided by the Chairperson	Member

Key roles & responsibilities of the steering committee of the WASH Coalition:

1. The committee shall meet periodically to review and guide activities of WASH coalition.
2. Identify thematic areas and facilitate formal partnerships (thematic-wise) with the relevant organization
3. Facilitate Memorandum of Undertaking/Understanding (MoUs) or Agreements for having partnerships to enhance WASH services in the State
4. Provide strategic inputs for developing advisories as required and need based support for implementation of the same
5. Facilitate action research and impact evaluation studies and identify areas for improvement and course correction
6. Facilitate feedback mechanism on various WASH programmes and provide inputs for improvement.
7. Any other task as required for the way forward of State WASH Coalition

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka


Director,

**Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department,
Government of Karnataka**

To:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Government of Karnataka
2. The Commissioner/Director, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Karnataka

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18. Representative, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru
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Minutes of the preliminary meeting of Karnataka State WASH Coalition Steering Committee held under the Chairmanship of Director, RDWSD, GoK & Member Secretary of the Committee at 11.00 AM on 08.07.2022 at meeting hall, RDWSD, GoK, Bengaluru.

Members present: Attendance enclosed

State WASH Consultant, UNICEF-RDWSD welcomed all the members present and briefed the background & objectives of the meeting

WASH Specialist (OiC), UNICEF-HFO has presented on the importance of the WASH, mandate on the State, WASH programmes in India, key objectives of the meeting, key efforts of State WASH Coalition, key roles & responsibilities of the State WASH Coalition Steering Committee, few areas of interventions etc.

The members were requested to provide their suggestions & ideas for taking the State WASH Coalition forward.

Some of the suggestions given by the Committee Members:

- Sharing of experiences among the members
- Capacity Building of the stakeholders
- Community capacity building on implementation of JJM, proper training to the Engineers, formulation of comprehensive VAPs as vision documents, strengthening of VWSCs & to make them functional for sustainability of the JJM
- Standardisation & retrofitting of WASH facilities
- Inclusive GPDP, strengthen the capacities of the stakeholders involved in GPDP
- Improved & differentiated Social Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) strategies for the communities, elected representatives as well as Government functionaries at various levels
- SBCC is also required for strengthened community management, focussing children and child-to-community approach for bringing effective behaviour changes among the communities
- District-wise thematic campaigns were proposed for effective BCC
- Relation between CSO/NGOs and Government bodies needs to be strengthened
- Strategies four to five key agenda and develop action points for the same
- Programmes to aim child as target audience, so the positive changes brought in sustains for long
- Develop experience sharing conclaves with national and state level stakeholders

Action points discussed & decided:

1. **Mapping of the district-wise resources**, WASH players in the districts, scope & feasibility for WASH Coalition's interventions. The districts have been allocated to the Steering Committee members as below:

Sl	Member Organisation	Districts
1.	M/s.FANSA-Fresh Water Action Network South Asia (Karnataka Chapter)/ M/s.Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)	Raichuru, Kalaburagi, Yadgir

2.	SAAHAS NGO	Bellary, Vijayanagara
3.	CDD Society (Consortium for DEWATS Dissemination Society), Bengaluru	Bijapura, Bagalakote
4.	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)	Haveri & Gadag
5.	WaterAid India, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Bidar
6.	Biome Environmental Solutions Pvt Ltd./ Biome Environmental Trust, Bengaluru	Tumakuru & Chitradurga

Member Organisations have agreed to map the district-wise details by 15 days and present the same in next virtual meeting proposed to be held on 22.07.2022. Thematic areas for intervening will be decided during the meeting, based on the information collected from the field.

A format for collection of above information has to be developed and shared with Member Organisations by RDWSD.

RDWSD, GoK to send letters to the concerned ZP CEOs for supporting the Member Organisations in collecting the information.

2. C4D-WASH Consultant-UNICEF to share the district-wise thematic campaigns plan with RDWSD within 3 days i.e by 13.07.2022. These campaigns may be focussed on strengthening of VWSCs
3. Capacity Building & IEC Consultant to be appointed under UNICEF supported project, s/he will be the nodal officer for the State WASH Coalition, who will support the State WASH Coalition & its Steering Committee in taking-up WASH Coalition forward and its activities
4. GO issued constituting 'State WASH Coalition Steering Committee' needs to be reissued adding the Director-ISA of RDWSD, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) and Azim Premji University as members of the Committee
5. All the members of the WASH Coalition Steering Committee are to be invited for Two-day State-level Workshop on Jal Jeevan Mission proposed to be held on 29-30 July 2022 or in the month of August 2022
6. A monthly animated Kannada e-Newsletter about the State WASH Coalition shall be prepared & published in public domain for better reach

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks

Surya 11/7/2022
Director

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Government of Karnataka