



# National and Bilateral WASH Advocacy (NaBWASHA)

The government of Bangladesh is committed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets including SDG 6 (Clean water and sanitation). One attribution of such commitment is almost no slippage of the significant achievement of Open Defecation Free (ODF) since 2015. However, with rapid growth in the economy and urbanisation, the need to address second generation sanitation challenges becomes vital.

In view of the above, the political will of the government of Bangladesh has been substantiated by increased budget allocation and creating a policy to practice environment for SDG 6 is noteworthy. Fundamental to SDG 6.2 progress is the integration of Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) principles - the institutional capacity (particularly around Faecal Sludge Management (FSM)) to make progress towards enhance ensuring safely managed sanitation for all. CWIS principles integration will accelerate achievement of SDG 6.2 at local level following an enabling and equitable outcome for sanitation workers, duty bearers and citizens. The synergies of political will meshed with institutional commitment to inclusive sanitation at national and sub-national levels in line with SDG 6.2 and CWIS principles which are critical for the ongoing development journey of Bangladesh.

WaterAid Bangladesh with gracious support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation launched 'National and Bilateral WASH Advocacy' project, which aims to contribute towards 6.2 attainment in Bangladesh. The project will support the government to adopt CWIS principles and policy frameworks to institutionalise CWIS from local to national levels in urban development strategies, policies, plans, and systems. Consequently, the municipalities will be supported through Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB). At the same time, the partnership across multi-stakeholder groups including the marginalised waste and sanitation workers will be strengthened.

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## Goal

Strengthen policy and the institutional regulatory environment to **mainstream Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS)** and accelerate actions on SDG 6!



**\$3.2 billion**

Bangladesh's annual capital cost for SDG 6.1 and 6.2 (World Bank, 2016)

**\$1.32 billion**

Bangladesh's annual WASH budget allocation (FY 2020 - 2021)



## Project at a glance

### Timeline



● November 2021- September 2024

### Donor

● Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

### Stakeholder

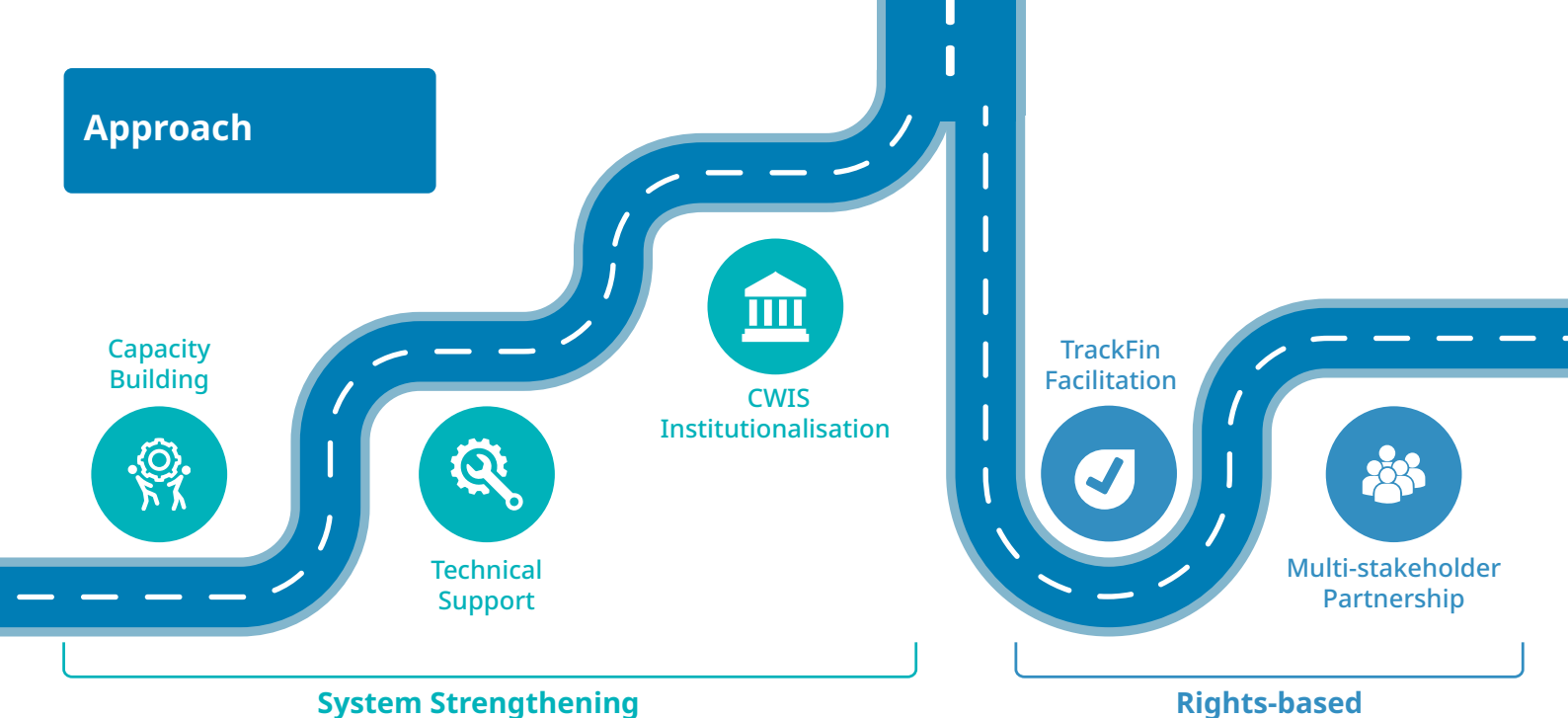
- Journalist
- Municipality
- Women Engineer
- Sanitation worker

### Collaborator

- CWIS-FSM Support Cell, Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
- Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB)
- International Training Network Centre (ITN-BUET)



## Approach



### Outcomes

**1** CWIS Principles and Framework are adopted by governments and the process is initiated through the implementation of Institutional Regulatory Framework (IRF) in five selected municipalities, and SFD development in multiple municipalities of Bangladesh

**2** CWIS planning at the national and sub-national levels increasingly reflect improved participation and inclusion of the most marginalised population with a focus on gender and greater accountability

**3** The governments of Bangladesh demonstrate greater commitment to wards increased financing for SDG 6

### Highlights

- Improve collaboration with MAB and CWIS-FSM Support Cell, DPHE
- Capacity enhancement of MAB
- Development of 50 SFDs
- Development of CWIS handbook
- Planning of CWIS in five Municipalities
- Formalisation of sanitation workers' network
- Development of Women's leadership
- Community mobilisation to adopt CWIS
- Formation of WASH Journalist Forum
- System strengthening through WASH finance tracking
- Advocacy for equitable and inclusive financing for SDG 6.2



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