

SBM focuses on generating awareness and providing community managed sanitation systems. To implement SLWM initiatives economically and efficiently, ownership at grass root level and community involvement at all stages is critical. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) interventions should focus on SLWM to create demand for a sustainable system. This must lead to setting up systems for waste disposal in such a way that it has tangible impact on the population. The community/ Gram Panchayat (GP) has to be encouraged to come forward and demand such a system, which they can subsequently operate and maintain.

Awareness and education campaigns should aim for panchayat officials, elected representatives, schools, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in villages, shopkeepers, families, and public. The GP functionaries would be responsible for design, implementation, operation and maintenance (O&M) of SLWM systems with support from respective state governments. Mechanisms for involving third parties in construction and management activities under GP and community supervision can be explored. In such cases, absolute clarity in the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in managing SLWM systems is necessary. Community contribution and appropriate user charges for sustainable SLWM initiatives are also desirable.

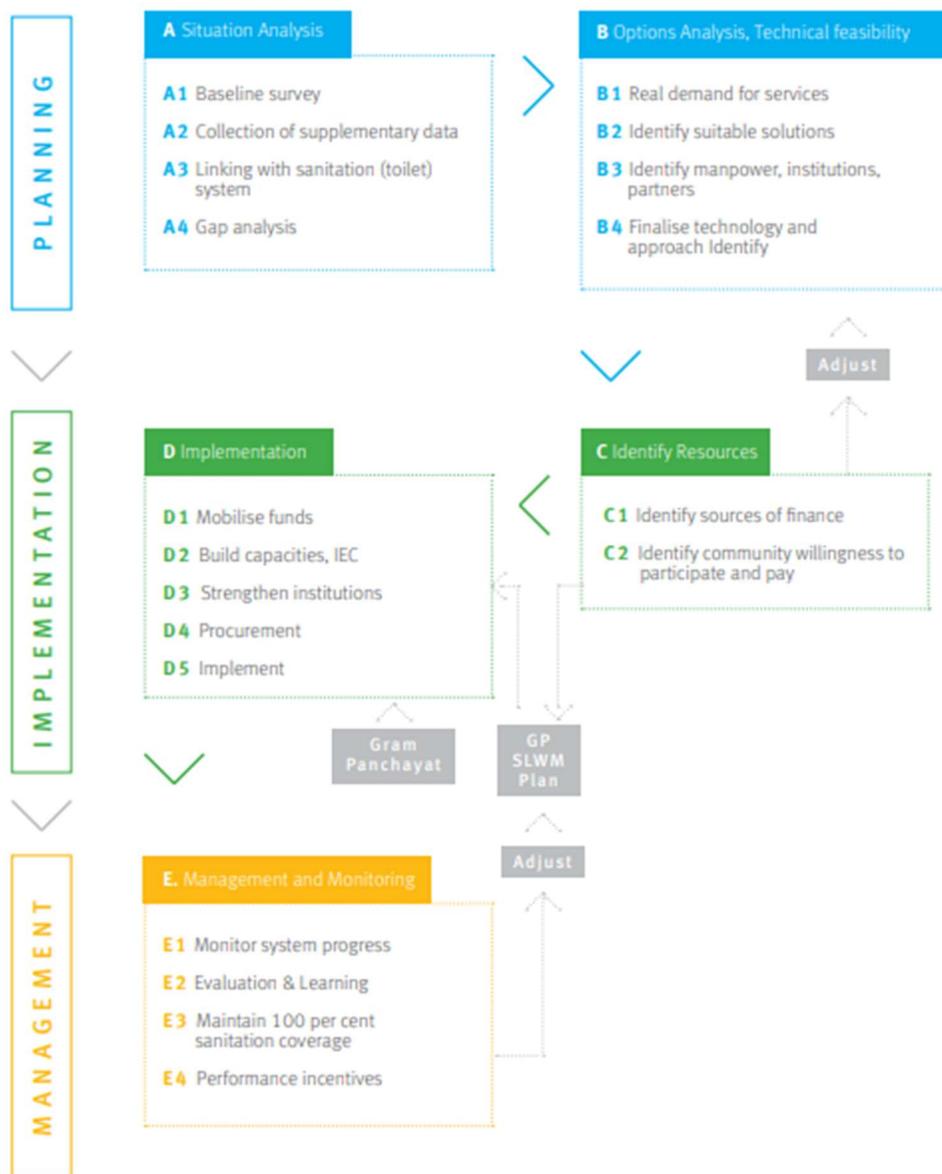


TABLE 1 Actors in rural SLWM

Level	Organisation
State	Public Health Engineering Department
	Water Supply and Sanitation Department
	Communication and Capacity Development Unit
	Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department
	Tribal Development Department
	State Pollution Control Board
District	Zilla Panchayat
	SBM-(G) Cell
	NGOs
	Private sector
Block	Block Development Officer
	Panchayat Raj Public Works
	Block Resource Centre
	NGOs
	Private sector
Gram Panchayat	Gram Sevak/Sachiv
	Panchayat Development Office
	Community Based Organisations
	Self Help Groups (SHGs)
	Private Sector/Entrepreneurs
	Households

FIGURE 1 Suggested framework for convergence and coordination

