Development of a Faecal Sludge Data Repository Biomass Controls

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Global Monitoring - Safely Managed Sanitation Services

In 2015

Estimates for safely managed sanitation were available for 84 countries. ¹

- Global indicator: Safely Managed Sanitation Services
- Three sub-indicators:
 - excreta treated and disposed insitu (e.g. covered pits)
 - excreta emptied and treated offsite (faecal sludge management)
 - wastewater treated offsite

Faecal sludge treatment - Take a guess

For how many of the 84 countries was data on **"excreta emptied and treated offsite"** available.

In other words: How many countries with data on the effectiveness of faecal sludge treatment?

- a) 11
- b) 56
- c) 2
- d) 21



Excreta emptied and treated offsite



Data from: www.washdata.org



Why so many 0's?

In the absence of data and if offsite sanitation is the dominant part (> 50% with piped sewers), the percentage of faecal sludge treated at a faecal sludge treatment plant is assumed to be 0.

JMP METHODOLOGY 2017 UPDATE & SDG BASELINES. March 2018. Access link



Wastewater treatment - Take a guess

For how many of the 84 countries was data on **"wastewater** collected and treated" was available?

In other words: How many countries with data on the effectiveness of wastewater treatment?

- a) 54
- b) 84
- c) 21
- d) 115



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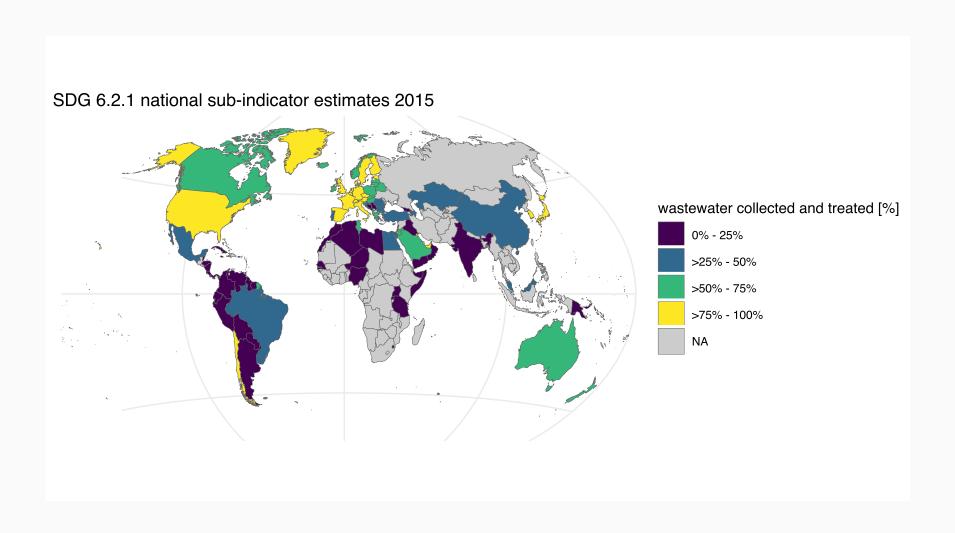
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Wastewater collected and treated



Wastewater treatment data

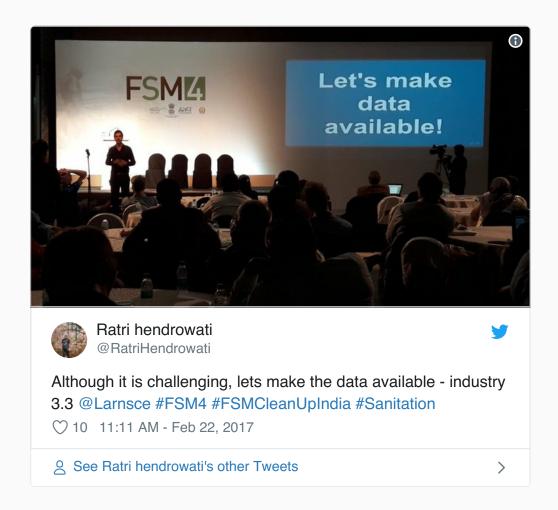
- Some data sources for wastewater treatment are open, structured and accessible
- These include:
 - Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive
 - OECD data
- For other countries data is available through utilities and JMP data drive



Incomplete data on excreta management in on-site systems is the most challenging data gap for monitoring Target 6.2. ¹

Data leads to better decisions and better policies. It helps us create goals and measure progress. It enables advocacy and accountability. ²

FSM4 - Let's make data available





Faecal sludge treatment data

- Data sources are hidden, unstructured and not accessible.
- Currently no standards against which "safe treatment" could be measured.
- Currently no central location where data could be accessed.



Opportunity

- Global Partnership of Laboratories for Faecal Sludge Analysis
- SFD Promotion Initiative
- Emerging ISO PC318 Standard
- Engineering Field Testing Platforms
- Smart City Initiatives
- Gates Open Research Platform
- Utilities
- Private sector
- many, many other sources



How?

Share your data publicly

- 1. Publish data, for example on Open Science Framework.
- 2. Follow FAIR Data Principles.
 - Findable
 - Accessible
 - Interoperable
 - Reusable
- Develop data standards. (Chat to Lindsey Noakes from Gather)

How?

Establish a centralised open source data repository

- 1. Introduce controlled data vocabularies.
- 2. Write open source scripts.
- 3. Make data queryable (e.g. SQL).
- 4. Develop version controlled (i.e. git) software.
- 5. Host and govern data in a centralised open source **Faecal sludge data repository** (e.g. GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket)



ETL pipeline

In computing, extract, transform, load (ETL) is the general procedure of copying data from one or more sources into a destination system which represents the data differently from the source(s). ¹

- The source is us.
- The transformations are the application of data standards and vocabularies.
- Data is stored openly as a public good, so that it can be "loaded" by anyone.



Interested?

Let's talk at FSM5

Tuesday, February 19, 11:00

How Urban Sanitation Data Standards Will Accelerate Progress to SDG 6.2. Lindsey Noakes, Gather UK.

Wednesday, February 20, 14:00

Leveraging IoT Technology for Building Smart Sanitation Solutions. Poster

Thursday, February 21, 15:00

Development of Tools for Efficient Remote Monitoring of Faecal Sludge Treatment Units. Slides

Biomass Controls at FSM5:

https://biomasscontrols.com/news/

Thanks!

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Slides available at: http://www.lse.de/slides/fsm5/ Source code available at: https://github.com/larnsce/FSM5

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