

Nepal WASH Sector Overview

Strategic Priorities

- An ambitious agenda - aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of safe water and sanitation for all by 2030
- Realigning sector governance with the concurrent functions of federal, provincial and Municipality levels defined in the new Constitution
- Improving operational functionality of water systems
- Reducing proportion of untreated wastewater and disposal with effective wastewater management
- Water source protection and conservation, groundwater recharge, multiple use of water and promotion of reuse

Key Challenges

- Swift realignment to the requirements of change and behavior shifts on devolved WASH frontline functions to the Municipalities
- Transformation from the basic to safely managed and quality water services – corporatized utility models, private sector participation, regulation to instill accountability
- Public service approach to Municipality wide Inclusive Sanitation to address urban sanitation SDG 6.2/6.3
- Ensuing year round WASH security by embracing a climate resilient, IWRM approach to water and

Nepal Can Benefit From

Advocacy

- Ignition and sustaining factors of water and sanitation political prioritization, development of national programmes at the highest level of governance
- Centre-state-local partnerships and funding arrangements

Capacity Building/Learning

- Scaling up CWIS at multiple levels
- Sanitation knowledge products, enhanced capacity with enhanced buy-in from partners
- Institutional and regulatory models and practice on urban water services

Organization

- Established in **1990** as a **Non-Profit Organization**
- 118 Members & 80 Staff (**34%** Female)

Vision

- Promoting sustainable Eco Societies

Mission

- To **Develop**, **Demonstrate** and **Disseminate** innovative technologies and systems to enable societies become healthy and environment friendly.

Major Services

- Research and Development;
- Laboratory services (WQ, wastewater, soil analysis);
- Integrated community-based WASH projects;
- Urban Disaster Risk Management & Emergency WASH;
- Air Quality Management;
- Citywide Inclusive Sanitation