

Background

The Watershed programme aims to build capacities of CSOs at Gram Panchayat, Block and District levels to support and facilitate their participation in sustainable planning for water and sanitation services.

Problem

Financial planning is critical to ensure sustainable supply of water and sanitation services to all. In addition to factoring one-time infrastructure development cost, plans should take into consideration investments in the life cycle costs of the services that include minor maintenance, major maintenance or replacements, as well as regular support for planning and monitoring. However, in reality, investments are primarily limited to the creation of new infrastructure, which over time breakdown.

Lack of budgets for maintenance (minor and major) and breakdowns lead to slippage in the services as well as inefficient utilization of investments.

Solution

An assessment of funds for water and sanitation will help understand the trends in allocation, expenditure, and the use of funding. Further, it will provide insights into the adequacy and efficiency in the use of funds. The intention of this exercise is to support the line departments at the state and district level in the planning and budgeting of funds for water and sanitation services.

The data on funds will be analyzed for previous 3 financial years (FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18) across following dimensions:

Funds Allocated | Released | Spent | Nature of Spend

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