

Diagnostic tools for inclusive city-wide sanitation with a focus on faecal sludge management (FSM)

WEDC, working in collaboration with the World Bank Water Global Practice and Oxford Policy Management Ltd, has developed a suite of diagnostic tools for inclusive city-wide sanitation with a focus on faecal sludge management (FSM).

Collectively, the tools provide support to evidence gathering, analysis and decision making, addressing the whole sanitation services chain – from toilet to treatment and reuse. They consider everyone, in formal and informal settlements alike, in support of inclusive city-wide sanitation services.

The tools are available on the World Bank website ([Fecal Sludge Management Tools](#)) and discussed in an on-going series of blogs authored by Peter Hawkins and Isabel Blackett, starting with [FSM is the Elephant in the Room](#) and [5 Lessons to Manage Fecal Sludge Better](#) which provide an introduction to the tools and examples of using them.

The Faecal Waste Flow Diagram (often called a shit flow diagram – or SFD) is already well known. This suite of Tools provides further diagnostic and decision making support following on from the SFD, touching on political economy and intervention options assessment. Through a process of collecting and applying local data and engaging with stakeholders, they help in identifying and prioritizing what needs to be done – in both non-technical (enabling environment) and technical areas. With some country specific adaptation, but will help to ensure that all of the major issues are covered, as well as providing the data needed to support detailed project design.

We hope that you will find these Tools useful and adaptable for your needs. Please do share them with your colleagues and anyone working in urban sanitation who you feel would be particularly interested in them.

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