

WASH in School (WinS) Alliance Partner Organizations Meeting

19th October 2022 at Pune City, Maharashtra

Building relationships and promote excellence in WASH in Institutes through an Alliance

Introduction

Through, the programs like SBM (G) and 'Swachh Bharat: Swachh Vidyalaya' (SBSV), the Government of India (GoI) is performing its best to improve the WASH situation in schools in India. Despite progress, new evidence reveals deep and growing concerns about poor coverage of WASH facilities in schools and the negative impact on school attendance and protracted crises on children's rights to water and sanitation. The recent JMP report (WHO, UNICEF 2021) indicates that 3 in 10 schools globally do not have basic drinking water and sanitation services which is impacting 546 million school children. The same is the situation of hygiene in schools, where 4 in 10 schools do not have hygiene services and adversely affecting almost more than 802 million children. Several major developments and shifts mark the evolution of WASH sector, particularly in WASH in School. Organisation like UNICEF is supporting to the centre and several other state governments and other organizations in India to improve the WASH in School situation. The CYDA is also contributing its best as a one of the key partners of UNICEF in Maharashtra.

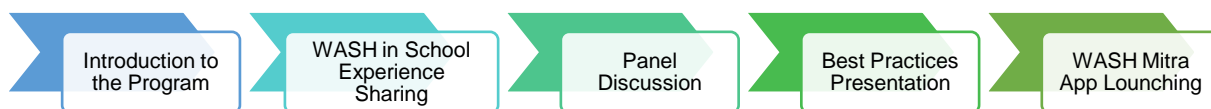
To close the sizeable gap on safe and sustainable WASH services for school children, UNICEF and CYDA have taken a step to establish WinS Alliance by involving partner organizations who have interest and experience of WASH sector such as CSRs, NGOs, Government departments representatives, development organization, Pvt. Ltd. companies, individual researchers, etc. The main aim of this Alliance is to optimally make use of partners' knowledge, experience, expertise and networks to improve existing WASH in Institutes facilities. This initiative is for engaging the partners as allies in efforts to create schools and other institutions where every child and human being have access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation and proper hygiene.

To introduce the objective and idea behind the WinS Alliance and to orient potential allies, the first online zoom meeting was organized on 22nd August 2022. In that meeting, it was decided to have next offline meeting in the month of October 2022.

About the Second Meeting

In this background, the WinS Alliance Partners' second meeting was held on 19th October 2022 in the Shantai Hotel, 10/3, Moledina Rd, Rasta Peth, Pune, Maharashtra-411011, to move forward towards ensuring sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in schools and other institutions. The meeting has provided ample opportunity for in-depth exchanges knowledge and learning from partners and regional experiences, drawing on findings from new evidence. The meeting was

included sessions based on key thematic areas under the WASH program through presentations, introduction to the program, panel discussions, best practices and experience sharing and WASH Mitra App launching. A detailed outline of the meeting is as follows.



WinS ALLIANCE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 19th October 2022 (10.30 am to 4.15 pm)

Venue: Shantai Hotel at Camp, Pune, Maharashtra

Time	Topic	Responsible
10.30 AM	Registration and Tea	
11.00 AM	Welcome	Mr. Matthew Mattam, Secretary, CYDA
11.05 AM	Introduction to the Program	Mr. Anand Ghodake, WASH Officer, UNICEF
11.15 AM	Keynote Address	Government Representative
11.30 AM	Panel Discussion	Mr. Nitin Wadhvani, CACR Organization Head
11.40 AM	Status of WASH In School in Maharashtra A Benchmark Study	Mr. Pravin Jadhav
11.55 PM	Importance of IEC, BCC for universal WASH access in Schools	Mr. Sandeep Tendolkar, Consultant, UNICEF Maharashtra
12.10 PM	WASH Intervention sharing	Mrs. Pooja Kulkarni, CSR, Persistent Foundation
12.25 PM	Model WASH in School- ZP School, Umele ZP School Vasai	Mrs. Sheetal Veralkar, Head Master
12.40PM	Model WASH in School- ZP School from Satara	Mr. Dattatray Nale, Headmaster,
1.00 PM	Lunch	
2.00 PM	WASH in School experience	Participants
2.45 PM	Building WASH in School Alliance in Maharashtra	Mr. Matthew Mattam, Secretary, CYDA
3.30 PM	Introduction of WASH MITRA Project	Mr. Amol Shewale, Project Coordinator, CYDA
3.45 PM	Launching of WASH MITRA	
	Experience sharing	WASH MITRA 1
	Experience sharing	WASH MITRA 2
4.15 PM	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ashish Ingole, Consultant WinS
	Tea and Snacks	

The structure of the WinS Alliance meeting included the following sessions:

- Introduction to the Program: At the beginning, the introduction of program was given.
- Experience sharing: the best practices and experience sharing session was conducted.
- Panel discussions: Panel discussion was started with presentations by panellists. It was focused on strategic issues and critical areas that require further dialogue and decisions on focus or future directions.
- WASH Mitra App launching: In this program, WASH Mitra App launching was done.

Objectives

The following objectives were intended for this WinS Alliance meeting.

- To formulate the advisory committee for WinS Alliance;
- To connect allies to the one and two-star ZP schools in their respective district or block;
- To provide the opportunity for learning, sharing and consultation on partner experiences and challenges;
- To strengthen and fostering a stronger team approach to deliver quality results.

Brainstorming Session

Mr. Mathew Mattam extended the warm welcome to the all participants and briefed them about the agenda of the meeting. The meeting was started with introduction of the program, after that Brainstorming session was started. *(The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure at the end of this report).*



During the brainstorming session, some of the participants shared their organization's current intervention in WASH & related experiences and challenges faced by them. The following participants were participated in brainstorming sessions and raised some important points.

	<p>Mr. Ganesh Mandekar Water for People</p> <p><i>He discussed about the "Hygiene Corner" concept and also some of the challenges like issues to maintain civil work quality, less cooperation from school authority, funding problem and feeling of ownership problem.</i></p>
<p>Mr. Rahul Khadase Vikas Sahayog Pratisthan</p> <p><i>He discussed about some of the innovations in WASH areas- renovation, portable water taps and MHM changing rooms and after that, he shared following challenges-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Absence of child friendly WASH modern infrastructure</i> • <i>O&M issues</i> 	
	<p>Mr. Deveraj Patil Yuva Rural Association, Nagpur</p> <p><i>He expressed following challenges-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water unavailability putting an extra burden of addition cost</i> • <i>Less Community participation</i> • <i>Absence of protected fencing and electricity in the schools</i>

Mr. Pramod Jhinjade
MPSSM, Solapur

He discussed two challenges, first is water shortage during summer and second is toilet pan fitting issue. To overcome these problems, he felt a need of installation of "Shital Pan" for less water consumption.



Ms. Shivani Jadhav
Ecosan Services Foundation

She discussed on formation of Child Cabinet, IEC training and school health card to solve issue of O&M.

Mr. Ravi Kelgaonkar
SACRED, Aurangabad.

He suggested that commercialization is necessary to tackle O&M issue and solar system can be installed for water supply and finally, he put a concern regarding the location preference is being given by the CSRs while providing funds.



Mr. Akash Suryawanshi
Wateraid.india

He talked about rainwater harvesting experience for solving water crisis and afterward, he discussed a challenge of negativity among governments towards investing funds for WASH in school.

Dr. Sitaram Sharnangat
The Nature Conserve

He discussed about the training and capacity building for WASH and put a concern of less participation of male as well as female teachers in the teachers training. He also expressed that mother is a good trainer but there is no training for her and community contribution is requiring for O&M.



Ms. Savita Jadhav
Sadhana, Pune

She suggested that responsible person should be allotted to maintain sustainability, and need of awareness creation is require and also felt a need of sanitary pads should be provided to girls at school level.



Ms. Roshani Rathod
Raintree Foundation

She shared her experience regarding the R.O. filtration unit and its costing and also sanitary cups for environment point of view.



Mr. Digamber Mane
Manavi Yuva Vikas Sanstha, Pune

He discussed about the issue of toilet cleaning, where schools are operationalizing in two shifts. He also felt a need of more awareness creation.



Mr. Sachin Yadav
Prerana Foundation, Sangli

He touched some of the issues related to water shortage and MHM. He also said that some of the families are still suffering a problem of non-affordability of sanitary pads.



Mr. Mathew Mattam summarized the session by sharing experience of MP schools and also felt a need of technology, leadership and functionality of WASH facilities. He expressed a need of frequently meeting for sharing best WASH related practices.

Afterward, Mr. Anand Godhake, WASH Officer, UNICEF introduced the program and discussed various components of WASH. He also said that we need to understand the definition of aspirational districts beyond the WASH and also need to look role and responsibilities as allies. He suggested that we have to adopt inclusive and convergence approach beyond the targeting only government schools. Now, this is a time for conducting action-oriented activities and effectively use of social media. At end, he also felt a need to look climate change aspect in WASH and strategic directions to identify priority intervention areas.



Panel Discussion

Panel discussion was facilitated by Mr. Nitin Wadwani, Citizen Association for Child Rights. For the panel discussion, the discussion topics were- status of WASH in school in Maharashtra- A benchmarking survey, importance of IEC and BCC for universal access in schools, WASH intervention sharing and Model WASH in schools.



Panel discussion was started by Mr. Pravin Jadhav by sharing the findings of benchmarking study of schools conducted in Maharashtra and also discussed about the criteria for improving star rating of schools.

Mr. Balaji Vharkat, State Consultant, UNICEF discussed on importance of IEC and BCC for universal access in schools and also shared some innovative IEC materials developed during the Covid-19.





Ms. Pooja Kulkarni, Lead-Education, Persistent Foundation shared her experience regarding intervention in WASH in School and collaboration with CYDA. She discussed about the learning gaps and how that can be reduced.

Smt. Sheetal G. Veralkar, ZP School Teacher, Umere, Vasai, Palghar shared journey experience towards five-star school rating. And, she shared some of the activities is being conducted in school like school cleaning, tree plantation, competition, drama, wall painting, orientation lectures, kitchen gardening, etc.



Mr. Dattatray Nale, Head Master, Patan, Satara also shared his experience on Model schools in Satara district. He suggested that Swachh Bharat program should become a mass movement and there is need to look towards Swachh Vidyalay Puraskar as a movement rather than competition.

At end, Mr. Pramod Zinzade suggested that MGNREGA fund can be utilised for development of WASH facilities under convergence and Mr. Akash Suryawanshi also suggested that R.O. installation can be done after testing the water, otherwise there is no need to spend unnecessarily.

WASH in School Experience Sharing

Dr. Ahish H. Solanki, delivered a brief talk on WASH for better Health. He explained the problems associated with drinking water supply through plastic pipes. Afterward, he said that improving quality of water is most important thing as PCOD cases are increasing day-by-day.



Ms. Sweata Nagarkar, AIILSG, Mumbai felt a need of collaboration for WASH. She briefed about the WASH Knowledge Repository.

Ms. Vaishali Saole, Yuva Mitra, suggested that water conservation need should be realised by the children. Therefore, water budgeting can be taught at school level.



Building WASH in School Alliance in Maharashtra

After experience sharing session, Mr. Mathew Mattam asked a question to the participants regarding how WinS Alliance should be formed? To get answer for this question, he requested participants to form five groups, discuss and came with concrete suggestions to move ahead. For this, he put some of the points for discussion. All five groups provided their insights on it and unanimously agreed on to have Wins Alliance in Maharashtra.

Sr. No.	Point	Reply
1	Need for WinS Alliance in Maharashtra	Yes

2	Members of Alliance	Govt. Depts, NGOs, CBOs, CSRs, WASH Mitra, Local Bodies, Youth Mandals, Individuals, etc.
3	Eligibility Criteria for Members	Organization/Individuals working in WASH Sector including Women
4	Structure of Alliance	Advisory-RMU-Technical Team, Documentation Expert (State-District-Block and Village Level)
5	Objectives of the Alliance	To make Schools and other institutes WASH Compliant
6	Size and Composition of Advisory Committee	4-10 members
7	Form of Secretariate	Will be decided later
8	Mobilization for Funds for functioning of Alliance	CSRs, Govt. Funds, GP, Community, Donors, etc.
9	How often should be meet?	Two offline and one online in a year



Formation of Steering Committee

Mr. Mathew Mattam has appealed to all participant to come forward to be a part of Steering Committee. The following organizations expressed their willingness to be a part of Steering Committee- Vikas Sahayog Pratisthan (VSP); Jansevak Vikas Mandal

Nanded; CACR, SACRED Aurangabad; Jivhala; Primove Pune; Wateraid.india; Symbiosis International University; MPSSM Solapur; Prerana Foundation; Annapoorna; Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP); Krishi Vikas and Action for Tomorrow Better Society.

Launching of WASH Mitra App

To promote WASH infrastructure Operation & Maintenance services in schools and other institutions, UNICEF & CYDA joined hands and successfully launched “WASH Mitra” mobile application on 19th October 2022. This occasion was inaugurated by Hon. Shri. Mallinath Kalshetti, Deputy Director General, YASHADA, Pune and he guided the participants. WASH Mitra (Young WASH Entrepreneurs) helps the schools to register their concerns about WASH and maintain a quality child friendly environment in schools. Trained WASH Mitra also shared their experiences on this occasion.



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पुणे, (वा.) शालेय सुविधा सुधारण्यासाठी युनिसेफ, भारत सरकार, इतर अनेक राज्य सरकारे आणि भारतातील इतर सामाजिक संस्था कार्यरत आहेत. सीवायडीए संस्था, पुणे महाराष्ट्रातील युनिसेफच्या प्रमुख भागीदार संस्थांपैकी एक अग्रगण्य संस्था म्हणून आपले सर्वोत्तम योगदान देत आहे. शाळामध्ये वॉश सेवा सुविधांच्या देखभाल दुरुस्ती संबंधित कोणतीही टोस

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Concluding Remarks

As a concluding remark, Mathew Mattam raised a point of fund raising for alliance, that need to be discussed on priority basis. He also said that we have to take certain steps to take WASH message from school to home.

At end, Mr. Annad Godhake suggested the following points which need to be taken into consideration-

- Keep one common goal.
- It is not a competition; it is a cooperation.
- Don't think only star rating criteria while intervening in schools.
- WASH in School is an ongoing process, so we cannot think for post-project sustainability.
- Instead of WASH in School, we can be called as WASH in Institutions.
- We also have to think Climate change and Youth as global agenda is revolving around it.

Feedbacks



Ms. Savita Jadhav

WinS Alliance is a very nice initiative and we are very much excited to work together.

Mr. Pramod Sawant

We have received all questions' answers through today's fruitful discussion. Overall, it was a good experience.



The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Ahish Ingole to the all participants.

Annexure- List of Participants

Sr. No.	Name of Participants	Name of Organization/Address
1.	Anand Godhake	WASH Officer, UNICEF
2.	Mathew Mattam	Centre for youth Development & Activities
3.	Ashish Solanki	Impact England
4.	Devaraj Patil	Yuva Rural Association Nagpur
5.	Dilip Jhodhale	Yeshwant
6.	Vaijanath Ganake	Yeshwant
7.	Pravin Jadhav	Centre for youth Development & Activities
8.	Gaurav Raut	Centre for youth Development & Activities
9.	Sharad Gore	Centre for youth Development & Activities
10.	Anita	Centre for youth Development & Activities
11.	Rajendra More	Centre for youth Development & Activities
12.	Ganesh Mandelar	Water for People India Trust, Achalpur
13.	Patil Madhav Vedu	Wash Mitra
14.	Pramod Gavit	Wash Mitra
15.	Pooja Kulkarni	Persistent foundation
16.	Dattatray Nale Rajendra Pawar	Satara Model School
17.	Rajendra Samatrao Pawar	Satara Z. P School P. S. Patan
18.	Krushna Gore	Janseva Vikas Mandal Nanded
19.	Parmeshwar Patil	Oxfam India
20.	Shivaji Kare	Yardi Vasti Vikas Prkalp Pune
21.	Vishal Katre	Primove Pune
22.	Savita Jadhav	Sadhana Dehat Pune
23.	Nithin Wadwani	CACR
24.	Vijay H Kadam	Vikas Sahayog Pratishthan
25.	Rahul Khadre	Vikas Sahayog Pratishthan

26.	Vaishali Saole	Yuva Mitra
27.	Ashish Ingole	CYDA
28.	Uday Gaikwad	CYDA
29.	Pramod Zindade	Mahatma Phule Samaj Seva Mandal (MPSSM) Solapur
30.	Dr. Shirin Shikalgar	Symbiosis International University
31.	Sonali Rathod	Symbiosis International University
32.	Kishor Jubar	Krushvi Vikas
33.	Tinseet Sayyed	Help for Children in Need Foundation
34.	Digambar Mane	Manavi Yuda Vikas Sanstha Pune
35.	Shraddhel Telange	Work For Equality
36.	Rohini Raut	CYDA
37.	Swati Shirtar	CYDA
38.	Shewta Nagarkar	AIISG Mumbai
39.	Manoj Vidhate	Swayam Samajik Vikas Sanstha
40.	Roshani Rathod	Raintree Foundation
41.	Vinod Bhalerao Rajanikant Bhosale	Magic Bus
42.	Atul Madawar	Jivhala Sanstha
43.	Shivani Jadhav	Ecosan Services Foundation
44.	Harichandra Dhake	Jivhala Sanstha
45.	Ravi Kelgaovkar	SACRED
46.	Akash Surywanshi	Water Aid India
47.	Sachin Yadhav	Prerana Foundation
48.	Abhishek Kodag	Ecologic Foundation
49.	Nithin Thakur	Swayam shikshan Prayog
50.	Raju Gutte	Action for better tomorrow Society
51.	Adinath Darawade	URMEE
52.	Shital Veralkar	Z. P. School, Umere, Plaghar
53.	Ale Dannad	Pledge Foundation Mumbai
54.	Balaji Vharkat	UNICEF
55.	Amol Shewale	CYDA
56.	Vikas Abnave	YAG Ltd.
