

Sanitation and Hygiene workshops

Four sensitization and hygiene workshops were conducted during November in Nagpur at different locations. Fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh workshop was conducted in Tandapeth slum of Sataranjipura Zone, Takia slum of Dhantoli Zone, Sudam Nagar slum of Pandrabodi area and Kachipura slum of Dharampeth Zone respectively. These slums are composed of compact settlements comprising of temporary and semi-temporary tenements with Hindus as Majority. Majority of people of these slums are urban poor dwellers, they belong to labour class and work in nearby industries.

The purpose of conducting sensitization workshops was to generate awareness regarding sanitation and hygiene, sensitize people and improve existing conditions of municipal services provided by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

The basic services like water supply, sewerage, sanitation and solid waste management. Water is provided by Orange City Water Pvt. Ltd (OCW) and sewerage, sanitation and solid waste management are taken care of by Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC).

The workshop was conducted into

two sessions:

- ◆ Interactive session between the Zone Commissioner, Ward Members and the people of that area.
- ◆ Feedback survey session.

During this workshop, around 300 people were surveyed in order to assess the existing conditions of the slum.

After the interaction session and feedback survey were conducted, the information regarding indicators of sanitation like availability of water, sewerage and sanitation and solid waste management in slums were recorded and analyzed.



Participants attending the Sanitation and hygiene workshop held in Nagpur under Equi-City.

Noticeable Insights

It is impressive to know that, maximum of the households in these slums are having individual metered tap connections except from some people in Pandrabodi area who live in not notified slum. The Pandrabodi area consists of two slums, one is notified and the other is non-notified slum. The notified slum is Sudam Nagar and is situated on a low lying area and has an authorized slum on the hill adjacent to it.

Majority of houses in these areas have individual toilets with access to planned sewer network, still some of them practice open defecation due to the absence of community toilets. People are aware of the fact that open defecation causes hazardous health issues as well as about the detriments of the community toilets. Open defecation is practiced by people mostly of non notified slum.

People of Pandrabodi slum said that they need community toilets with regular maintenance, otherwise that too would create unhygienic conditions in their area. Pandrabodi area which has two slums including Sudam Nagar is a settlement which has a noticeable amount of households and still lacks very basic services i.e. toilet facility (Individual/Community), problems of sewer choking etc. There was a proposal of constructing a public toilet in the area and for which the construction had already been started a while back but was stopped due to objection from the people nearby who argued that the public toilet will create unhygienic condition for the households in its immediate vicinity.

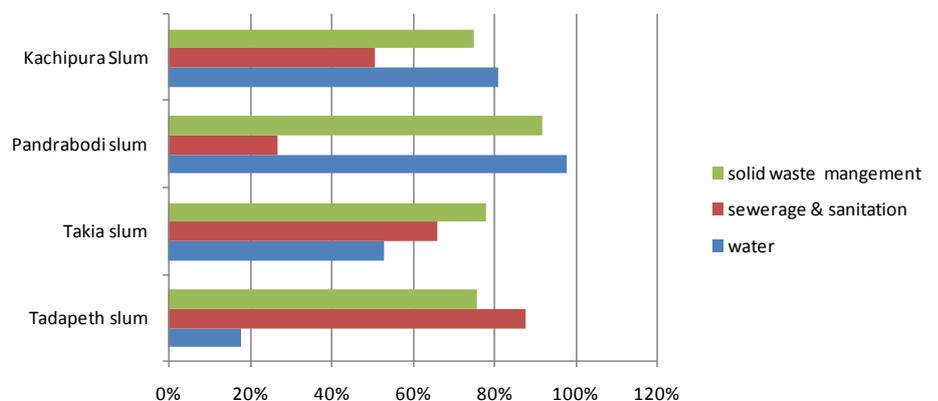
One of the observations made after the workshop was that the people of the area had little or no hopes of betterment in the condition of the services from the Local Authority, this is mainly because of poor reaction given by the LA towards their issues

in the past. Apart from these issues there is a very serious safety concern in the area, the continuous discharge of water sometimes causes the bushes and trees on the slope of the hillock to fall on the houses below them. It damages the houses of the people and poses serious safety concerns.

In Tandapeth, Takia and Pandrabodi slums people notified that the poor maintenance of sewer lines are causing contamination of water due to leakages. In Tandapeth slum new water lines were installed improperly which damaged the existing sewer line leading to mixing of sewer water into portable water.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Slum dwellers do face problems in terms of drinking water supply, sanitation and solid waste management. Equi-City gives citizens a opportunity to improve their existing conditions



Choking of sewer lines and drains are one of the main issues, which is due to throwing waste into places not meant for it like in sewer lines and Naik Talav in case of Tandapeth slum. This is not only deteriorating the environmental conditions but also creating unhygienic conditions for living. At the time of monsoon, people of Tandapeth are exposed to victimize to water logging issues due to pot holes, poor road conditions and chocking of

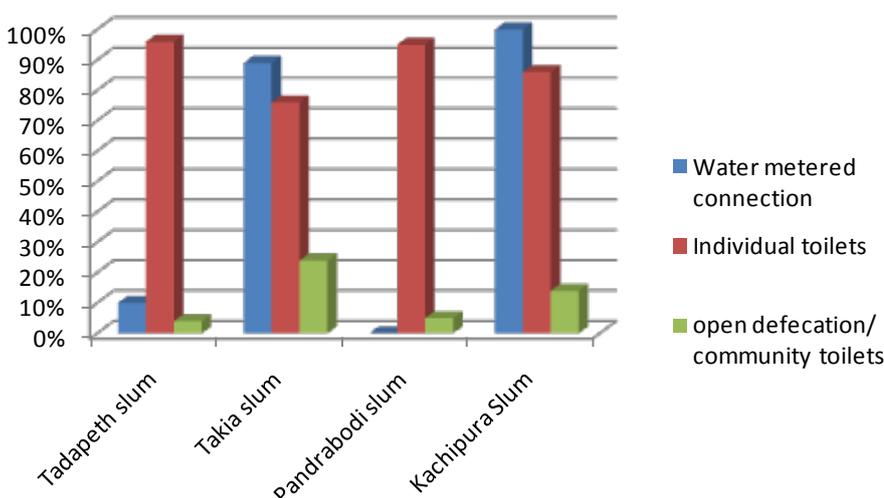
inspection chambers.

In Pandrabodi, open drains are creating problem for people as they harbor mosquitoes and insects because they are choked and not cleaned time to time. Also, the survey indicates that more than half of households of slum uses road for washing clothes and utensils.

Solid waste is managed by Nagpur Municipal Corporation in these areas mostly by door to door collection process. Only in Kachipura slum a dumping site is dedicated to it, which is not regularly cleaned and maintained.

People of these areas are unaware of segregating dry and wet waste; only 3 % of them do so before dumping. Unethical dumping of solid waste along Nagpur-Mumbai Railway is still practiced by the people, which clearly show the lack of awareness. The dumping of solid waste is along the railway line is not only declining the condition of the surrounding region but also resulting into the chocking of inspection chambers and overflowing of sewer lines over the streets which leads to insanitary condition in the area.

Infographs are depicting the present status of Slums.



Upcoming Events

WORKSHOP NO. 6
Pandrabodi on 30th November

WORKSHOP NO. 7
Kachipura, Zone 2, on 5th December

WORKSHOP NO. 8
Mangtoli, Zone No. 3, Hanuman Nagar, on 9th December.

WORKSHOP NO. 9
Rajiv Nagar, Zone 5, Nehrunagar, on 23rd of December.



Glimpse of activities that took place during the Sentization workshop under Equi-City project, Nagpur.

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