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About Project

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Project Duration

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Project Location

Nagpur

Target Sector

Local Government Officials, State Government, Citizens, Urban Poor, Elected Representatives, Civil Society Organisation (CSOs)

Final Beneficiaries

Citizens and officials working in Local Authority and organisations

A vision towards Diversity Report

Formulation of Diversity & Equality Framework will enable NMC to assess their Human resources structure from an equality and diversity perspective. It will be an internal assessment tool to ensure diversity within the Local Authority.

The Framework will not only seek to promote diversity in NMC, but also about recognizing the needs, values and contribution that employees from diverse backgrounds can make to local government and thereby encouraging their participation at all levels. It will seek to promote diversity in leadership and decision-making roles, including elected representatives and senior staff.

Local bodies are subjected to legislations aimed at ensuring open and transparent delivery of typical services besides best value to their citizens in addition to equality. There is

a range of sector-specific equality frameworks to support attainment of such aims. These typically set out different standards or levels of performance, going beyond minimum compliance to good and excellent practices. This section draws together the key equality frameworks within which local bodies are expected to operate and Plan for Diversity and Inclusion.

Under the Specific Objectives of the Equicity Project, for the Preparation of Diversity and Equality Framework in the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC), survey is being carried out with the perspective of better understanding of city and its elements. Drawing a sample of about 10 per cent of NMC staffs from every department of the NMC, in total approx 1,000 employees were interviewed.

The Diversity and Equality Survey questionnaire was broadly divided into following sections :

- ◆ Personal and Socio-economic information,
- ◆ Facilities provided at work place,
- ◆ Status of Equality and diversity in the various departments of the Organizations.

Nagpur is on the path of transformation and creating new diversity agendas for many other cities in India



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India-EU water forum at World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS,2016)

WSDS is the new personification of TERI's Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) launched in 2001, and was inaugurated by former Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Over the past fifteen years, DSDS emerged as one of the foremost fora bringing together various Heads of State and Government, thought leaders, policy makers and the crème de la crème of industry and academia to deliberate on myriad issues of sustainability. This year WSDS was inaugurated by Hon'ble President

of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. The summit was organized on 5th-8th October at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

EQUI-CITY at WSDS, Delhi

The summit also showcased all the projects funded and run by the EU in India including Equi-City project. A separate stall was setup for showcasing the EQUI-CITY Project and its objectives, activities and other details. All the relevant publications on urban issues (books,

journals etc.) were put on display in the stall. Articles on the progress of Equi-City Project which were covered in the Urban Update magazine were also showcased.

A presentation too, explaining the objectives and progress of the project was displayed at the event. The visitors were briefed about the project and their queries were addressed by the Equi-City team members present at the stall. Discussions were made from various sectors and fields with expertise present their at the venue.



1. Visitors having a look on Equi-City concept at WSDS,2016.

2. Delegates visiting the Equi-City at the venue.

3. Team Equi-City



Sensitization Workshop on Sanitation

Third sensitization workshop was organised on 28th October 2016, in Garib Nawaz Nagar slum of Nagpur. Chief Guest Asst. Commissioner Vijay Humane and Ward member Rajendra Talweka inaugurated the workshop. The workshop was conducted in two sessions:

- ◆ Interactive Session between the Zone Commissioner, Ward Members and the people of Garib Nawaz Nagar slum
- ◆ Feedback Survey Session.

In total around 70 people participated in the workshop in order to discuss the existing conditions of the slum. Garib Nawaz Nagar Slum is a notified slum from 1986. The slum consists of compact settlements comprising of temporary and semi temporary nature tenements with an overall approximate area of 576 Hectares.

Highlights from Different Sessions

The first session highlighted important issues of the region regarding provision and delivery of municipal services by the NMC. That covered areas of concern like lack of dedicated spaces for solid waste dumping, lower frequency of door-to-door collection of solid waste by sweepers, chocking, leakage and unethical cleaning practice of sewer lines, lower quality of water and mixing of overflowed sewer water with the stored water.

Assistant Commissioner Shri Vijay Humane addressed these issues by sensitizing people about the cause for it. According to his view, the



Citizens of the Slum attending the Sensitization Workshop.

issues within the region are inter-connected and mostly get triggered due to unethical dumping of solid waste onto the streets and near manholes, resulting into choking of sewer lines inlets and spilling up of water over the streets and further getting mixed with the water stored in underground tanks. This leads to overflowing of sewers and also low quality of water. In addition, he personally addressed the problems associated with door-to-door collection of solid waste and unethical way of

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Interactive Session between the local stakeholders and members paved a path for better understanding and thus marking the success of Workshop.



Interactive Session between Ward Members and Stakeholders during the program.

cleaning Sewer lines by the sweepers of NMC. Under Swachh Bharat Mission, the people are liable to get financial assistance from Central Government for the construction or renovation of individual toilets.

After the interaction session, feedback survey was conducted for reviewing the existing sanitation and sewerage conditions of Garib Nawaz Nagar Slum. Citizens of the slum were asked questions about their living conditions, issues faced by them in everyday living and what all improvements do they need in their surroundings and municipal services. They were asked to fill the feedback form mentioning about their requirements and demands for the improvement in the basic services given to them.

Upcoming Events

FOURTH SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WARD LEVEL)

Venue

Tandapeth, Satranjipura Zone

Date

17th November, 2016

FIFTH SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WARD LEVEL)

Venue

Takia, Dhantoli, Zone 4

Date

18th November, 2016



Outcome of the Workshop

- ◆ Garib Nawaz Nagar Slum is provided with basic municipal services by Nagpur Municipal Corporation such as Water Supply service from 1995, Sewerage and Sanitation services from 2008 and Solid Waste Management service from 2007.
- ◆ Majority of the houses in the region have individual toilets with proper access to the sewer network.
- ◆ People are demanding for water meter connection in order to pay the respective charges for the water utilised/used. Presently, the slum is provided with 2 hours to 4 hours of water supply daily with no meter connections.
- ◆ No provision of waste disposal points or spaces for eradicating the unethical practice of dumping solid waste.
- ◆ Dumping of sewer waste near the man holes and along the streets results into chocking of sewer lines inlets. Overflow of sewer lines and mixing of waste water with the underground stored water are the causes of it.
- ◆ Financial Assistance under Swachh Bharat Mission by the Central Government is not provided by NMC to the people of the region.
- ◆ Due to lack of space for activities such as washing clothes, cleaning utensils, parking, recreational activities, etc, the people are forced to use road for these activities.
- ◆ Garib Nawaz Nagar Slum people's has demand for the provision of dedicated spaces for dustbins, cleaning of Nallah, filling of pot holes in the streets, repairing of sewer lines leakages, etc. The local people in the slum are happy with the provision of municipal services but also appeals for the better maintenance and operation of it.



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