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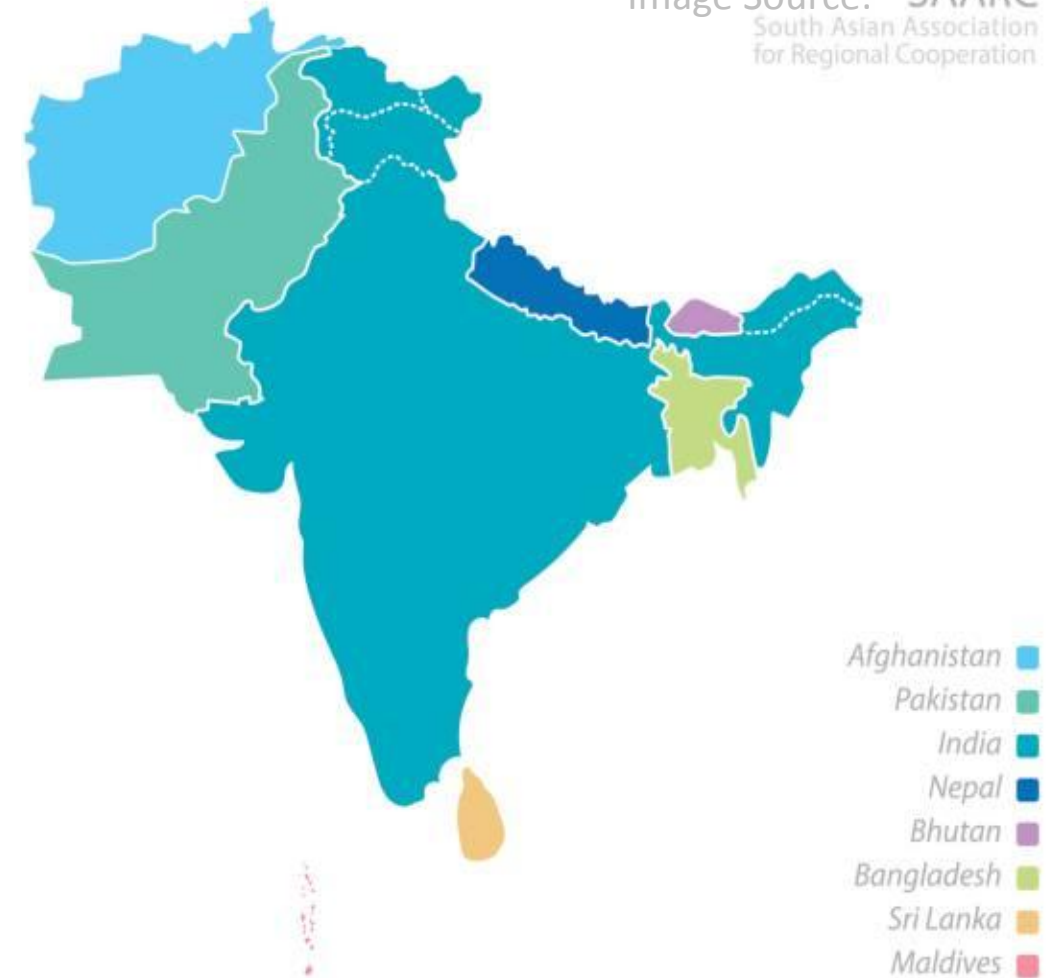
FANSA AT A GLANCE

WASH CSO Network in 8 Countries
600 plus CSO members in
South Asia

VISION:

An inclusive, equitable, and climate resilient WASH facilities and services for ALL in South Asia

Image Source: SAARC
South Asian Association
for Regional Cooperation



FANSA works with a mission

To support CSOs in South Asia for their meaningful engagement in WASH advocacy to enhance/ensure inclusive, equitable and climate resilient WASH facilities and services for all.

- by building capacities and opportunities for CSOs and CBOs in decision-making
- by advocating for robust transparency and accountability
- by partnering and working together with the local governments
- by fostering learning sharing

VALUES

FANSA, being a network of like-minded civil society organizations to overcome the challenges to ensure universal access to safe water and sanitation for all by 2030, will adopt the following values as guiding principles for its actions including that for its constituents.



Value 1

Respect socio-cultural, traditional, ethnic, multi-religious and political identity of member countries and promote cross-boundary regional harmony.



Value 2

Democratic decision-making process with open and respectful dialogue considering tolerance, transparency and equal participation of members in the conduct of its activities.



Value 3

Promote the inclusion of the marginalized, excluded and indigenous communities in policies, programs and activities.



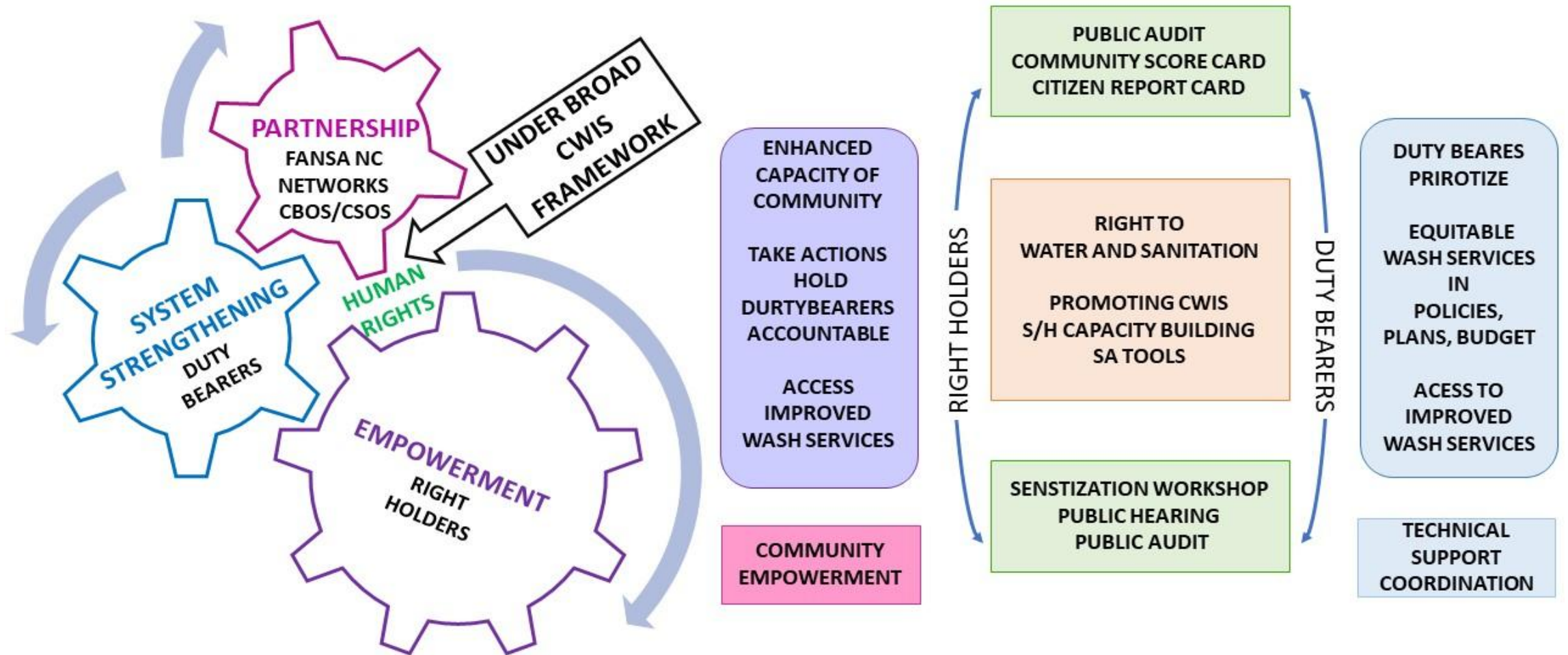
Value 4

Practice good governance to ensure transparency, accountability, participation and sustainability.

Key Objective

- **Understand the voices of duty bearers/service providers and communities**
 - to set the priorities for better responsive and accountable services with insights on how those voices were actioned
- **Engage with external**
 - to think beyond project for getting diverse perspectives to craft actual plans in the coming years
- **Looking ahead to advance taking a pause and reflecting the past**
 - to advance to realize our commitments with emphasis and priorities with interconnectedness through strengthening the bonds with the grassroot communities and organizations
- **Build Network connections within FANSA family, and beyond**
 - to advance in achieving SMSS through CWIS joining each other's hands

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK – How FANSA OPERATES



FANSA AT A GLANCE

Journey starts from 2008 when FANSA was officially launched

Our Niche: What We Do

Implementation Support

- Govt schemes
- New pilots

Watch Dog Function

- Monitor progress
- Showcase success/ failures

Research & Documentation

- Document Grassroot Realities
- Impact/Needs Assessments

Advocacy and Capacity Building

- Gather Evidence
- Local Action
- Policy Advocacy

Collaboration, Networking

- Multi stakeholder approaches
- Participatory
- Local to Global

Focus on Grassroot Community Voices

- Empower community members to share
- Ensure policy makers hear them

Our Journey

2008

Official Launch

2010

SACOSAN III First Traffic Light Tracking Paper

2012

FANSA Strategy Paper

2014

Joined SWA High Level Ministerial Meeting

2021

Country Chapters Strategy Plan

BD - SKS Foundation
BTN - Bhutan Toilet
IND - MARI
MAL - WaterCare
NEP - ENPHO
PAK - HOPE Foundation
SL - CEJ

2022/23

Strategy Plan 2022-2024

Governance Policy (2022 and amended in 2023)

Conceptualized and kicked off:

- R4R project
- SWA project

FANSA - Who We Are

WE ARE

A network of
change-makers

A platform for
dialogue and
influence

A link between
local and global

A forum for
sharing and
learning

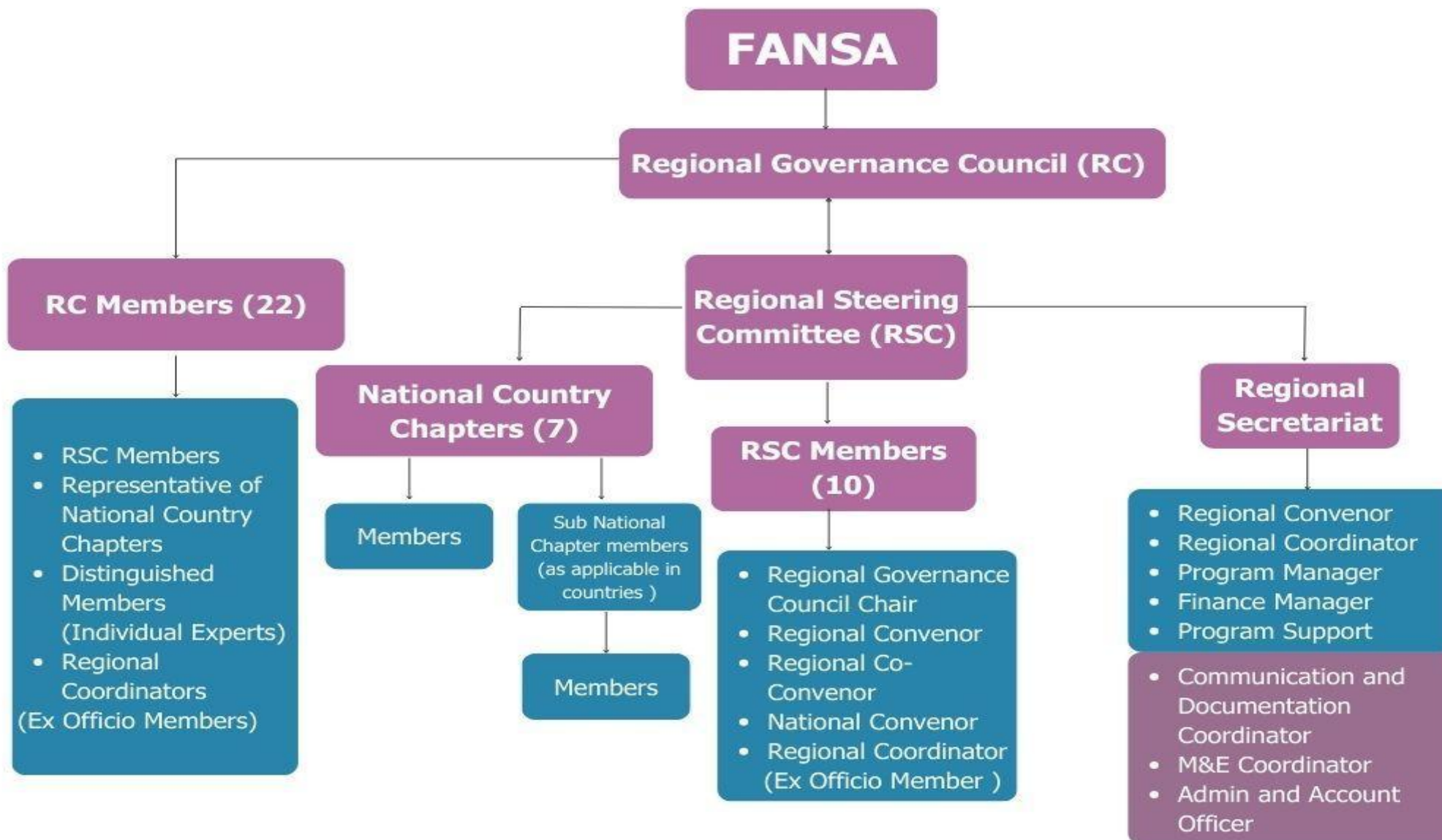
Supporting the
National
Government

WE ARE NOT A



Funding organization

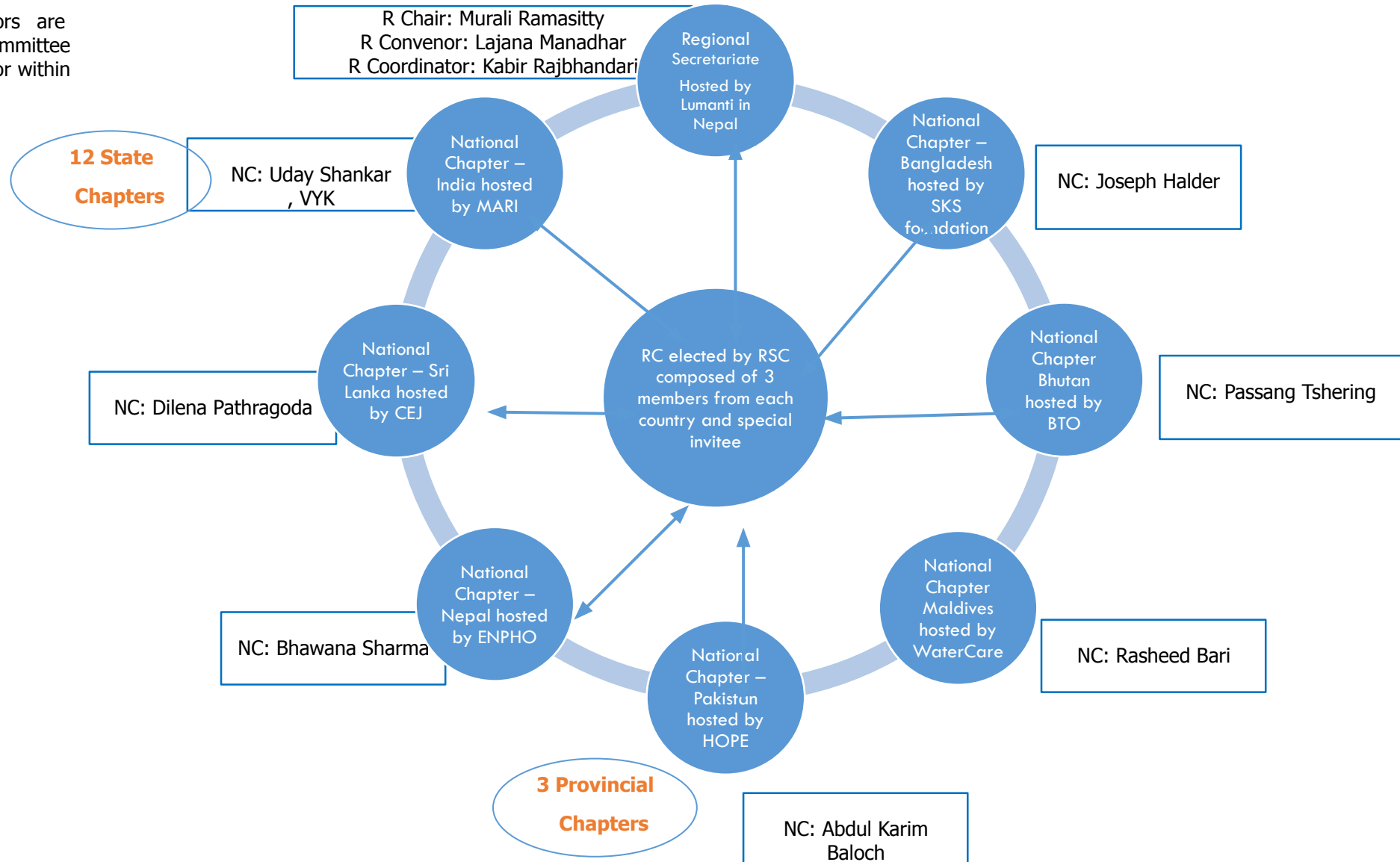
FANSA – Governance Structure



Thematic Sub Committees
Networking and Partnerships ² (with external stakeholders)
Fund raising and business development
Communication and Documentations
Research and Innovations
Planning and Execution
Institutionalization and Organizational Strengthening
Membership Expansions ³
Financial and Operational Management

FANSA – Operational Structure

Note: All the National Convenors are elected by the National Steering Committee + Supported by National Coordinator within respective country chapters



Thematic Focus | Priorities

*Past and present
work experiences*



Evidence Based Advocacy



Collaboration and Engagement



Policy Practice Interactions

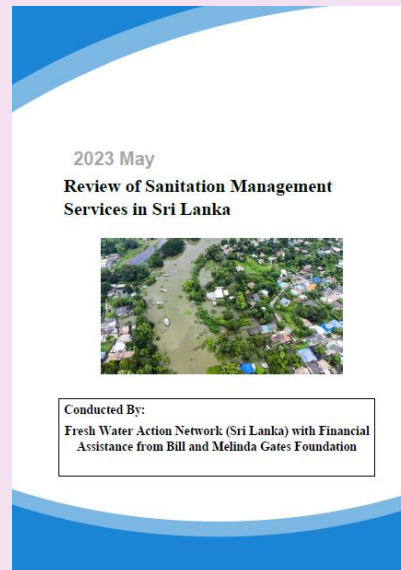
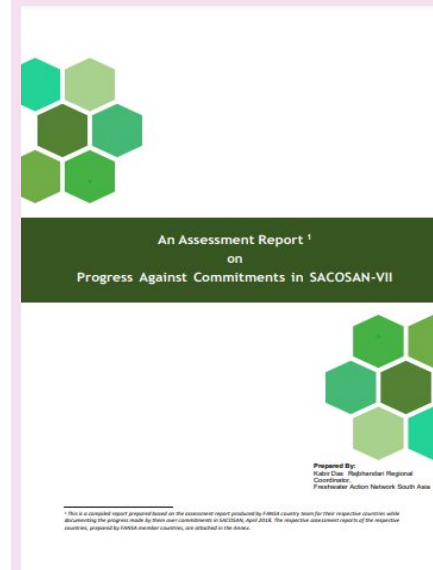
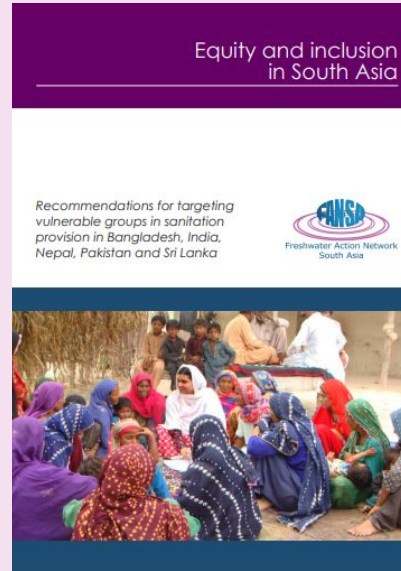
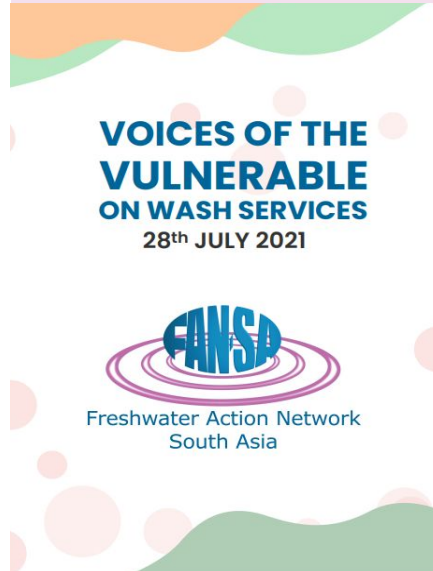


Capacity Development



Institutional Growth

Evidence Based Advocacy



“WASH agenda of vulnerable communities”

promoting and supporting regional and international collaboration

- Generates evidences from the ground by participatory research; study, reflection; experiences of the grassroots
- Contributes to the discussion and work of regional, global platforms such SACOSAN, SWA, EWP etc
- Advocacy through networking for implementing strategic directions guided by regional and global forums (e.g., SACOSAN, Asia Pacific Urban Forum, SWA, World Water Forum, World Urban Forum and others)



PC: FANSA Pakistan, 2023



PC: FANSA Bangladesh



Photo Credit (PC): FANSA Bhutan, 2023

Collaboration and Engagement

with like-minded organisations, stakeholders to accelerate the progress on WASH

*CBOs, Youth Network; Women Rights Organisations; PwD; Sanitation workers;
Academics; WSSCC (SHF); EWP, SWA, SACOSAN
Gov WASH Agencies
WaterAid; UNICEF ROSA; Butterfly Effect; CWISAN; NFSSM*

Policy Practice Interactions

*Strengthening interactions between
policymakers, practitioners, researchers,
members of other societal groups by
providing evidences from the ground.*

- ***Plays*** crucial role in engaging with high-level decision-making platforms
- Instrumental in **influencing commitments** made in platforms
- Organised and engaged communities to actively participate in decision making process – **amplifying their voices**

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Voices of Women,
Adolescent Girls,
Elderly, Persons with
Disabilities and
Sanitation Workforce



Meeting with Secretary and Director of WASH Ministry,
Sri Lanka, 2023

***“Spirit of SACOSAN-Vs Kathmandu declaration
on track: FANSA”***

*Grassroots activists call on South Asian governments to
end the sanitation crisis, starting with those most in
need – SACOSAN 2013, KTM*

“Voices of people in vulnerable situation in SA”
*FANSA, WaterAid and WSSCC supported national level
consultation meetings in seven South Asian countries in
advance of SACOSAN, SACOCAN VII 2018*

***“FANSA captures voices of vulnerable on water,
sanitation and hygiene services”***
SWA Dec 2020

NATIONAL

Dist-level meeting promotes inclusive sanitation, engages key stakeholders

OUR STAFF REPORTER
MARDAN

In a major effort to promote Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) policy, a District-level consultative meeting held on Thursday, bringing together key stakeholders and decision-makers.

The objective of the meeting was to identify sanitation-related gaps and solutions to the identified gaps and identify the necessary actions to ensure the effective implementation of CWIS for the betterment of the city's sanitation system. The interactive meeting, organized by FANSA Pakistan-IRSP, aimed to foster collaboration and co-operation among various stakeholders to address the critical sanitation challenges faced by our district/city.

Recognizing the significance of inclusive and sustainable sanitation practices, the event drew participation from representatives of government relevant bodies, local authorities, civil society organizations, and media. During the consultative meeting, a detailed mapping exercise was conducted to

identify the gaps in sanitation policy.

This mapping will play a crucial role in developing a comprehensive approach that encompasses the diverse perspectives and expertise required to achieve the desired outcomes.

By engaging all relevant stakeholders, the district/city local government hopes to build a strong alliance that can effectively address issues related to sanitation infrastructure, waste management, hygiene practices, and access to sanitation services. The collaborative efforts will facilitate the implementation of inclusive policies that prioritize the needs of marginalized communities and promote equitable access to clean and safe sanitation facilities.

A wide range of multi sector representatives attended the interactive meeting such as Aqela Sumbul President Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WCCI), Junaid Mandori Chairman District Coordination Council (DCC), Nusrat Ara Coordinator District Reconciliation Committee (DRC), advocates and representatives from civil society and trade unions.



Capacity Development

For meaningful engagement of CSOs and vulnerable communities

Guidance, Mentorship, Platforms

Knowledge Networking

to gradually establish as knowledge resource in SA

Institutional Growth

- **Good leadership and mentorship**
- **Governance Policy**
- **Capacity Building/institutional strengthening**
 - **Thematic committees**
 1. *Networking and partners*
 2. *Fund Raising and Business Development*
 3. *Communications and Documentations*
 4. *Research and Innovations*
 5. *Planning and Execution*
 6. *Institutionalization and Organization Strengthening*
 7. *Membership Expansion*
 8. *Financial and Operational Management*
- **Opportunities/ Platforms**

***“Strengthening
organizational,
operational and
financial capacity to
make it sustainable,
efficient, inclusive and
equitable”***

Rising for Rights [R4R]: FANSA's Flagship Project

PROJECT:

Rising for the Rights [R4R]: Strengthening Civil Society Organizations in South Asia to contribute in achieving SDG6

WORKING AREAS:

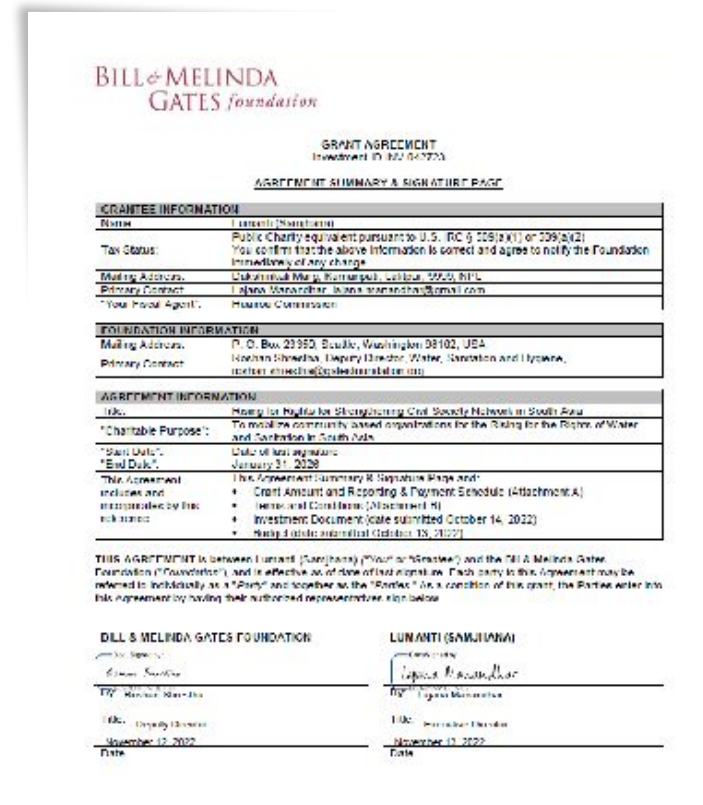
FANSA member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, (except for Afghanistan)

PROJECT DURATION:

Dec. 2022 – Jan 2026

FUNDED BY:

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Investment ID: 002-047703

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AGREEMENT INFORMATION	
Title	Project for Sustainable Strengthening Civil Society Networks in South Asia
* Charitable Purpose	To establish community-based organizations for the Rising for the Rights of Water and Sanitation in South Asia
* Start Date	Date of last agreement: January 31, 2022
* End Date	January 31, 2026
* This Agreement includes and incorporates by this reference:	- The Agreement Summary & Signature Page and: - Grant Amount and Reporting & Payment Schedule (Attachment A) - General Conditions (Attachment B) - Investment Document (date submitted October 14, 2022) - Water & Sanitation (Attachment C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z)

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Title: Deputy Director	Title: Director
Date: November 12, 2022	Date: November 17, 2022

Rising for Rights [R4R]

Strengthening Civil Society Organizations in South Asia to contribute in achieving SDG6

GOAL: Strengthening CSOs of SA to contribute in achieving SDG6 by scaling up CWIS

AIMS: Strengthening Capacity of FANSA platform;
FANSA's coordination mechanisms to scale up CWIS approach in SA;
Establishing FANSA as a vibrant South Asian Network of CSOs

FOCUS: Increased access to Safely Managed Sanitation Services to targeted population in SA Region

STRATEGY: Advocacy for Policy Action;
Strengthening Accountability;
Strengthening FANSA and its networks as an advocacy network for community voices

FOR AND WORK WITH Marginalized and Vulnerable Communities

PARTNER WITH FANSA Country Chapters
CBOs/CSO Allies; Women/Youth Groups
Global/Regional Networks
Academics/Researchers; Media
Other like-minded Development Partners
Unicef.; WaterAid, Multi/Bilateral Agency

INFLUENCING: Policy makers; Practitioners;
Researchers; Regional/Global Forums; Media;
Private Sectors; Donors/Funders; People we work for/with

WORKING AREAS: 2-3 Urban Municipalities of BD, BH, IN, ML, NP, PL SL

DURATION: Dec. 2022 – Jan 2026

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FOUCS of FANSA Through R4R Project

Integrate Human Rights to WASH, particularly Sanitation, to ensure access the Targeted Communities to Safely Managed Services/Facilities with the promotion of CWIS through concerted actions i.e.:

- Advocacy for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable sanitation management practices
- Extending partnership with the stakeholders, CSO networks, alliances, academia and funding/donor stakeholders – aligning/complimenting with their approach

Increased investment in sanitation for the access of communities to financing for universal access to safely managed WASH services

Strengthening FANSA's networks for extending their outreach to regional and global platforms for raising voices of CSOs and accessing to funding opportunities.

Ensures that the benefits of Inclusive & Equitable WASH are reached the neediest i.e., bottom of the pyramid.

Success is interdependent – thus expecting to work in a cohesion adopting a principle of 4 Cs (Coordination, Cooperation, Consultation & Communication) by reconnecting with the network/members, enhance team building, and showcase our success



2023 May
Review of Sanitation Management
Services in Sri Lanka



Conducted By:
Fresh Water Action Network (Sri Lanka) with Financial
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LOCAL LEVEL ADVOCACY
AND LOBBYING/ MEDIA
ADVOCACY



CWIS ONLINE
TRAINING

COMMUNITY
MOBILIZATION
TRAINING

ADVOCACY
TRAINING

ORIENTATION
ON SFD

POLICY/ SECTOR
INVESTMENT
REVIEWS

SIDE EVENT
GLOBAL
SUMMIT ON
SANITATION



Engagement with Global Network

Steering Committee Member of Global Networks:

- Sanitation and Water for All [SWA] CSOs
 - Catalytic fund project kicked off 2023 [SWA Funded]
- Butterfly Effect [BE]
- End Water Poverty [EWP]
- Asian Coalition for Housing Rights [ACHR]
- Human Right to Water and Sanitation

Member of National Networks:

- CIWISAN – FANSA Nepal
- NFSSM – FANSA IN, FANSA BD

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HUAIROU COMMISSION
Women, Homes & Community

unicef

WaterAid



CWISAN



1. **Assessing the policy review and progress status against SACOSAN commitments**
to advocate for bottom-up planning through Regional level virtual CSOs preparatory meeting for SACOSAN VII
2. **Assessment of sector investment status** in seven countries and progress made by countries in sanitation discourse (policy, service delivery, and capacity)
3. **Capacity Building**
deepening learning of CSOs/Communities on advocacy strategies for achieving WASH rights and progressing towards SDG6

Moving Ahead for Collaboration

Continue Partnering with Like
Minded Institutions and Netowrks

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Collaboration and
Complementing/Supplementing
each others project

*[Bridging the gaps between communities
and development partners/government]*

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Identifying and Sharing
Regional/Global Platforms

*[Bringing voices of communities at
WWF, WUF etc.]*

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Joint Researches/Studies



Joint call for actions for CSO dialogue
on WASH

*[at SA Level at
SACOSAN/ SDG6/ SWA]*

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Evidence-based Joint Advocacy,
campaigns, Media Advocacy

[CSO Dialogues; SACOSAN VIII]

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Learning & Sharing
Exposure Visits

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Pooling resources



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