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Improvement Plan in the
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Improvement Plan

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Learning Outcomes

- Analyze risks and barriers to improve fecal sludge management within a community.
- Develop an incremental improvement plan, including first and later steps.

Example of an Improvement Plan

Hazard: helminth eggs

Hazardous events: Exposure to partially treated wastewater in the field by farmers or children (under 15 years) causes helminth infections

Control measure options and considerations:

1. Wearing shoes or boots can reduce the likelihood of exposure to the hazard. However, because this control measure is often not practical or used by the farmers or children in the field, it cannot be relied upon.
2. Providing some simple wastewater treatment upstream of the irrigation area (e.g., properly sized simple detention pond to reduce the concentration of helminth eggs to less than 0.1egg/litre) can reliably reduce the number of helminth eggs to desirable concentrations (see 2006 Guidelines Vol. 2, 84-86)
3. Regularly providing de-worming medicines to waste handlers (e.g., workers exposed to faecal sludge) can reduce the duration and intensity of infection. In settings where helminth infections are very common, de-worming medicines may also be regularly distributed at community level (e.g., in school children) for reducing the prevalence.

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Short-term plans:

- Targeted education to farmers and workers aimed at improving the use of appropriate and practical personal protective equipment, and in personal hand and feet washing with clean water during and after the day's work.
- Increased regular mosquito spraying to reduce vector-borne risks.
- Targeted education about the dangers of children playing in and near the wastewater irrigation sites, especially with bare feet.
- De-worming of target populations every 6 months.
- Consider improved pre-harvest food protection (e.g., stop irrigation with poor quality water as early as possible before harvest to ensure pathogen reduction.)
- Targeted education on safe handling of crops (e.g., vigorous washing or washing with disinfected water especially for those crops eaten raw.)

Medium / Long-term plans:

- Reduce chemical contaminants in wastewater used for irrigation (e.g., improved enforcement of regulations).
- Phased increase in treatment in the upstream system to improve the quality of water discharged to the canal.

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