

consulting capacity development for urban sanitation services



# Part 1 – Using Diagnostics 1.4 Faecal Sludge and Faecal Waste Flow Diagrams (SFDs)

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Recognize the key differences between faecal sludge and sewage
Know how to effectively use an SFD





#### Faecal sludge

- What is faecal sludge?
- How is it different from sewage?
- What does this mean for treatment?

#### **Sanitation service chains and SFDs**

- Sanitation service chains in practice
- SFD introduction
- Preparing an SFD
- How an SFD can help explain issues

### Faecal sludge

## **Comparing sewage and faecal sludge**







As you watch the video, make notes in your notebook:

- What did you see (or hear) that was new? Mark as "N"
- What surprised you? Mark as "S"
- Was there something that you wanted more clarification on? What is this? Mark as "?"
- What did you disagree with? Or what was different from your experience? Mark with a cross **X**.



# What is faecal sludge?

Introduction to Faecal Sludge Management Dr. Linda Strande







Hold up a green (you agree), red (you disagree) or yellow (not sure or maybe) to indicate what you think.



- 1. Faecal sludge is similar to wastewater
- 2. Faecal sludge is less variable than wastewater
- Faecal sludge volumes and characteristics can be easily established

Service delivery chains and Faecal Waste Flow Diagrams (SFDs) explained

#### Safe sanitation service chains





#### Sewerage – centralised, decentralized, small-scale



#### **On-site sanitation with faecal sludge management**



#### **Container-based sanitation**

#### Sanitation service chains in practice



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#### Safe and unsafe flows – the SFD





#### SFD guided learning activity

#### **Open** <u>https://sfd.susana.org</u> on your computer.







#### How to prepare an SFD





- Consult reference material
- Use SFD website
- Size and composition of group will depend on context
- Understand local terminology and how it relates to SFD terminology
- Tips on next slides

 SFD must be credible for advocacy

## Tips on data for generating the SFD





- Include the most widely used options in the SFD matrix
- **Census, DHS,** etc. may have data is it reliable?
- Observation, Focus Group Discussions, or Key Informant Interviews depending on level of detail required

### Tips on data for generating the SFD



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- Interview users and service providers
  - How is it done?
  - $\circ~$  Is it hygienic?
  - Is there a lot of open dumping?
- Identify the most common scenarios.



### SFD data source group work activity







Table Workbook Kampala and Lusaka, May 2019

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#### Instructions

Go to 1.4-1 in the Table workbook (pages 3 and 4) and follow the instructions.

Header-cards and potential data-sourcecards are on your table.



#### Get the best available – even if it's not precise

- National and city data (e.g. census)
- Secondary sources: project documents, plans, monitoring and appraisal reports
- Discussions with local staff, personnel, government officers
- Household surveys (scale and scope permitting)

Then, cross-check and discuss with stakeholders

Accurate data is not essential, but transparency about data sources is!

#### Even approximate information can tell a good story

#### **Desk-based SFD for Maputo**

#### Maputo SFD from survey data

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#### Where does the faecal waste go?





### Area-specific sanitation issues – Kampala, Uganda

#### Desk-based SFDs, 2016



#### Low-income areas



# Area-specific sanitation issues – Maputo, Mozambique eawag



### SFD quiz Overall summary





Hold up the coloured card (green, red or yellow) to indicate what you think.



- 1. An SFD is based on the actual or estimated volume of faecal waste produced by the city's population
- 2. SFDs must have green horizontal and red downward arrows
- 3. An SFD is primarily a communications tool
- 4. An SFD is a precise scientific analytical tool



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- Based on actual volumes/mass these are determined by many other related factors
- A representation of public health risk (= hazard x exposure)
- A precise scientific analytical tool









- Explain to decision-makers and other stakeholders the scope of the sanitation problem
- Motivate stakeholders to take action
- Identify the most important steps in sanitation chains that are failing
- Highlight specific sanitation issues in subsets of the urban area e.g. low-income settlements, business district, low-lying areas, etc.



- Sewage is homogenised by mixing in sewers, but faecal sludge is highly variable in composition, depending on:
  - Containment type, seepage and infiltration
  - Frequency and method of emptying
  - Input of non-faecal materials (water, refuse, anal cleansing material, etc.)
- Key characteristics in selecting treatment technology include:
  - Solids and moisture content
  - Organic and nutrient content
  - Pathogens

#### An SFD is a communication and advocacy tool

- it shows where the main sanitation hazards are

#### Support for preparing SFDs

- available at https://sfd.susana.org

#### - SFDs may show sanitation hazards

- for the entire city
- or for sub-areas, such as:
  - low-income settlements
  - business district
  - low-lying areas
  - etc.