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Webinar on Slum Sanitation and Covid-19

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**Municipal/Sanitation workers
(many of them staying in
slums) are on the front lines
to prevent the spread of
COVID-19**

**Access to PPEs and insurance
scheme for municipal/
sanitation workers is the key
challenge to reduce
vulnerability to COVID-19**

**Urban slums settlements are
most vulnerable to COVID-19
threat due to their
dependence on
community toilets**

**Difficulties in slums for
regular hand washing with soap
and ensuring physical distancing
in slums**

Recommendations to 15th FC on “Empowering local governments”

Increased allocations to urban local bodies - 4.3% of divisible pool

15th FC has stepped up allocations for local governments to 4.3% of the divisible pool, as compared to 3.5% recommended by the 14th FC for 2019-20

Allocation for safely managed sanitation

Given the links of public health with sanitation and particularly, FSSM for safely managed sanitation, 15th FC should consider city-wide FSSM services in its focus areas

Increase the share of ‘un-tied grants’

15th FC has made more funds available to ULBs, but bulk of these are as tied grants.

This makes it difficult for ULBs to address the local priorities

SBM 2.0 Urban - Universal access to individual toilets?

Community toilets in slums - a potential threat to spread of COVID-19 like pandemic. Maintaining physical distancing and regular disinfection in community toilet premises is critical to prevent spread of COVID-19

Social distancing in a toilet queue?

By Linah Baliga, Mumbai Mirror | Updated: Mar 25, 2020, 06:00 IST



Photo by Sachin Haralkar

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Chawl residents across the city are anxious to know what precautionary measures they can take, considering they share the toilet with several of their neighbours who are in home quarantine after undertaking international travel.

A medical officer from L-ward said the civic body has been receiving a lot of distress calls from chawl residents worried about their neighbours who

have come from Dubai and the US. He said, "We have told them to sanitise the toilets with Dettol or sodium hydrochloride solution each time such a person uses the toilet." There are 133 Bombay Improvement Trust chawls in Mumbai Central, Agripada, Sion, Parel and Mazgaon

- **Moving towards universal access to individual toilets is essential to sustain ODF status and achieving sanitation ladder of ODF+ / ++ and Water+**
- **Essential also for inclusive gender transformation goals**
- **Reduces the burden on public finance**
- **Community toilets or shared sanitation are NOT considered as a safe sanitation options for SDG 6.2**

Toilet Stories - Testimonials from women...

These testimonials suggest that an **individual toilet has often been built even in small houses** and has protected them from the threat of COVID-19.

Safety and Security

Eliminates

- Risk of eve teasing at Community Toilets
- Discomfort to use community toilets during rainy season

Privacy and Hygiene

- Helps address issues of privacy, dignity and comfort
- IHHL is boon specially during the menstrual cycle

Health /Saving time

- Respondents felt that the health and social status of the family has improved by using IHHL
- Savings in time lead to economic benefits

Thank you

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