

Changing Incentives and Advocacy: Empowering Civil Society to Catalyze Reforms

Experience from Urban Kathmandu

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Water and Sanitation in Kathmandu

Population in Kathmandu Valley	1.4 million
% of Poor Households	34%
Estimated Total Water Demand	180 MLD
Total Supply	
Wet Season	132 MLD
Dry Season	80 MLD
Approx. NWSC Connection	53-65%
Total Unaccounted for Water	35-40%
Ground Water Abstraction	58 MLD



Proposed Reforms

- Infrastructure
 - Melamchi Drinking Water Project
 - Improvement of Distribution Network
- Institutional
 - Capacity Building



Sequence of Institutional Reforms

- Establishment of water utility operator
(Management of NWSC by a private operator)
- Establishment of a regulatory board
- Establishment of water authority

Advocacy for pro poor reforms

Will the poor be marginalised?



Response from the NGOs

- NGO Forum for Urban Water and Sanitation
- Lumanti Support Group for Shelter

Aim of the NGO Forum

- Equity of access, especially among the poor
- long-term performance and sustainability of the water supply utility
- an enhanced environment of urban water and sanitation



Achievements of the NGO Forum

- A platform is created for meetings on different aspects of private sector participation bringing donors, government and the NGOs together.
- Concern on formulation of pro poor policy is raised.
- A Resource Base on water and sanitation especially on water sector reforms is created.
- Promotion of pro poor study and research for; Community consultations, Enumerating the Unconnected Poor in Kathmandu, study on water demand and consumption, Summarising the research documents for better understanding the issues related to water sector reform

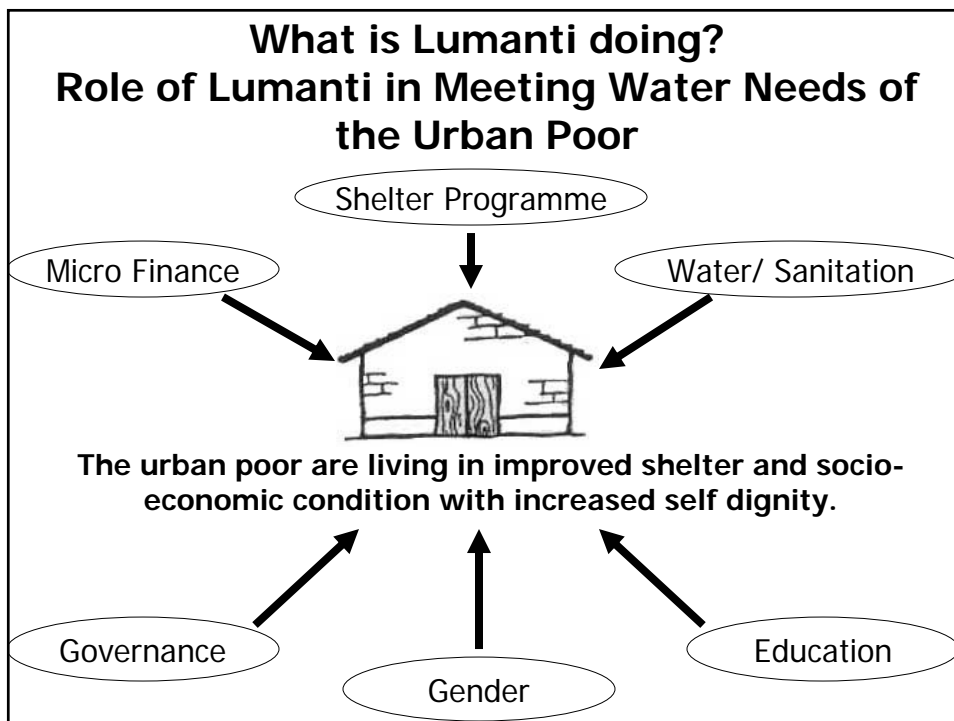


LUMANTI Support Group for Shelter

- Lumanti – literally meaning “memory”
- Established in 1993 in the memory of late Dr. Ramesh Manandhar
- Lumanti is registered as a non profit making organization

Vision, Mission & Goals

Vision	The urban poor are living in improved shelter and socio-economic condition with increased self dignity.
Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Socio-economic enhancement of the poor ▪ Improvement of shelter condition of the poor
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved quality of life of the urban poor and marginalized people ▪ Solidarity of urban poor through community networks ▪ Secured shelter of the urban poor and marginalized people



Increasing Access to Improved Water and Sanitation

- Implementing water, sanitation and hygiene projects in the urban poor communities.
- Work in partnership with the communities and the local government.
- Advocate for the rights of the poor.
- Improve awareness on the proposed reform and promote community consultations.



Learning and Experience

- Change is possible with influence and advocacy (for e.g Serving the poor is inserted in the contract document as an important activity for the PO to consider)
- Study and research are an important activities to fill the existing gap
- Donors, government and NGOs must work together for any successful project
- Advocacy and infrastructure improvement project must go hand in hand.

Water for the Poor Healthy Future for All !

