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Background

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) has successful ongoing partnerships on sanitation with development partners, including multilateral development banks and bilateral agencies. Under a partnership between the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and BMGF on Leadership Capacity Development on sanitation, a roundtable among development partners and policy dialogue with government officials took place on 20-21 September 2018 at ADBI, Tokyo. The participants discussed innovative ways to scale up and improve the quality of investments supported by multilateral development banks and development partners for Countrywide/Citywide/Countywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) and non-sewered sanitation (NSS) including fecal sludge management (FSM).

Statement

Globally, 4.5 billion people lack access to safely managed sanitation services. It is proposed to create a global platform among development partners on “Sanitation for All from NOW”. Utilizing such a platform, development partners would champion **Countrywide/Citywide/Countywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS)** and **Whole Sanitation Chain** approaches to (i) plan and deliver services for everybody to benefit from good quality and sustainable sanitation services; (ii) safely manage human waste along the whole sanitation service chain; (iii) prioritize the unserved, particularly those in low-income and vulnerable communities; (iv) consider effective resource recovery and re-use; and (v) embrace a diversity of technical solutions for adaptive, mixed, and incremental approaches and combine NSS and sewerage solutions.

Development partners will take efforts that focus on:

- Institutional frameworks that ensure ownership and promote leadership;
- Exploring regulatory frameworks that make fecal waste desludging mandatory;
- Human capital and capacity building efforts;
- Optimal technical designs utilizing technology, resource recovery, IT applications;
- Encouraging private sector participation with private operators as sub-contractors; and
- Increasing demand for safely managed sanitation services through strategic communication campaigns.

In addition, the development partners will take efforts to:

- Mainstream sanitation in their operations and promote continuous learning and networking;
- Identify immediate opportunities to apply the CWIS approach and integrate non-sewered sanitation (NSS) into their ongoing and planned sanitation investments;
- Promote progressive financial strategies that accelerate access to safe sanitation services for all; and
- Collaborate with other development partners to begin development of standard guidelines and checklist for CWIS and the whole sanitation chain.

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