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WASH In Schools



Swachh Bharat
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Rotary WinS in India

Rotary India WinS Program is a pan India campaign initiated by Rotary in India under the leadership of TRF Trustee & Past Rotary International Director Sushil Gupta as its Chairman, in support of the national campaign "Swachh Bharat : Swachh Vidyalaya" launched by HRD Ministry under "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan" initiated by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A key feature of the campaign is to ensure that government schools in India have a set of functioning and well maintained water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.



It aims to improve the curriculum and teaching methods while promoting hygiene practices and community ownership of water and sanitation facilities within schools. It improves children's health, school enrolment, attendance and retention and paves the way for new generation of healthy children. WASH in Schools helps fulfil the universal right to education and health and meets its role in achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, thereby increasing access to primary education, reducing child mortality, advancing gender equality and meeting targets for improving water and sanitation.

Water, sanitation and hygiene in schools refers to a combination of technical and human development components that are necessary to develop and support appropriate health and hygiene behavior among children leading to a healthy school environment. The technical components include drinking water, handwashing, toilet and soap facilities in the school compound for use by children and teachers. The human development components are the activities that promote conditions within the school and the practices of children that help to prevent water, hygiene and sanitation related diseases.

There are today over 1.45 million schools in India. Consistent and committed actions by the Union and state Governments have made great strides in WASH in Schools. However there are still challenges in terms of access to quality child friendly WASH facilities and capacity to influence sustained behavior change ensuring improved water quality and functionality of WASH systems both in urban and rural schools. As per the DISE 2013-14 statistics:

- 95% of schools in the country have drinking water facility.
- 91% of schools have separate toilet facilities for girls.
- 85.8% of schools have separate toilet facilities for boys.
- Six out of ten schools have functioning toilet facilities.
- 27.4% of boys toilets and 31.5% of girls toilets have water available in toilets for flushing and cleaning.
- 51% of the schools have a designated handwashing space.
- 12% of the schools have soap/detergent available at the handwashing space.
- 49% of the students wash their hands using only water.
- 32% of the children wash hands with soap before eating.



"Good sanitation and hygiene can increase school performance and reduce absenteeism - especially among adolescent girls - thereby contributing to their empowerment and equality."

- Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General

What is WinS (WASH In Schools)

Access to sufficient quantities of safe water for

- Drinking
- Handwashing after defecation and before eating, for cooking and personal hygiene.

Sufficient water for

- Cleaning school premises.
- Cleaning/flushing toilets.
- Cleaning food vessels (Used for Mid-day Meals).

Toilet facilities that are

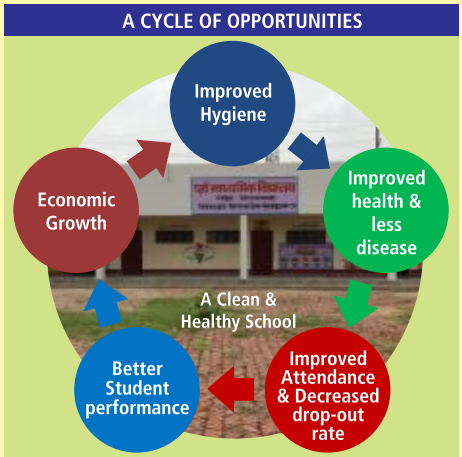
- Gender-specific (i.e. separate for boys and girls), sufficient, child-friendly, adequate, well-equipped, well-maintained and culturally appropriate.
- Hygiene promotion and education
- Child cabinets, included in curriculum, posters, wall-painting, messaging, events and competitions, community and household linkages.
- Promotion of personal hygiene and school hygiene especially individual and group handwashing.

A Minimum WASH In Schools Package



Key Benefits of WinS Program

- Provides a healthy and protective school environment minimizing the risk of disease, abuse and exclusion to ensure that every child's basic needs are met, thereby contributing to the right of every child to receive quality education with better health and equity outcomes.
- Promotes equity by ensuring that all children have access to child friendly WASH facilities, helping children to reach their full potential. This includes the provision of separate toilets for boys and girls, guaranteeing privacy and dignity and contributing to girls' school attendance and retention. Gender norms and physiology make privacy more important for girls than boys, and biological realities mean that girls need adequate sanitary facilities at school to manage menstruation.
- Discourages the habit of open defecation in the community by encouraging children to insist their family members for a toilet in their homes.
- Supports school nutrition. The simple act of washing hands with soap before eating the school mid-day meal assists in breaking disease transmission routes.
- Encourages pride and commitment to school in the children and their communities. It enables every child to become an agent of change for improving water, sanitation and hygiene practices in their families and within their community.



Understanding With HRD Ministry

Rotary India in response to a call for action by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan" signed a Chennai Declaration on 16th December, 2014 at Chennai Zonal Institute in presence of Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Urban Development to participate in the national campaign of "Swachh Vidyalaya Abhyaan".

As a follow up to this declaration, Rotary India entered into an understanding with Ministry of Human Resource Development, School Education & Literacy to undertake 10,000 government schools pan India for maintenance and operation (O&M) of water and sanitation facilities and behavior changes communication activities (BCC) on hygiene habits of children in schools.



Collaboration with UNICEF India for Technical Support

Taking forward the very unique and successful partnership in the End Polio Campaign Rotary has collaborated with UNICEF on WASH in Schools to work towards the shared goals and vision of Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya campaign. Rotary and UNICEF will together work towards addressing various key institutional, policy and financial bottlenecks that prevent sustainable WinS in India; identifying solutions and best practices, positioning these appropriately. This unique partnership shall ensure that the investments made under the Swachh Vidyalaya campaign are sustained leading to concrete health and educational results for the targeted children.

As a part of the partnership UNICEF shall:



- Provide overall technical advice, support and guidance to ensure that the initiative is implemented within the overall principles and goals of WASH in Schools.
- UNICEF will share best practices on WASH in Schools, from states, and use this experience to develop tools for Rotary, like 'Protocols' and 'O&M' model to support program implementation.
- Specific advice about hygiene promotion and behavior change communication at the district level and at the school level.
- Advice on monitoring and evaluation framework, including indicators and methodology for monitoring progress.

Key Elements of WinS

- Upgradation of sanitation facilities in schools including the construction of child friendly separate toilets for boys and girls wherever required and repairs of existing sanitation facilities.
- Sufficient group handwashing facilities with soap for students wherein groups of 10-12 students can wash hands at the same time.
- Child friendly Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) facilities including soap, adequate and private space for changing and disposal of menstrual waste, including an incinerator and dust bins. Education sessions & training for teachers to impart education to adolescent girls on MHM.
- Daily provision of child-friendly and sustainable safe drinking water and adequate water for handwashing.
- Provision of regular supply of cleaning materials, consumables like soap, brooms, brushes, buckets etc. to ensure that the WASH facilities are clean and well maintained.
- Activities and programs for staff & school children to promote the correct use & maintenance of facilities.
- BCC messages integrated in regular curriculum through textbooks, supplementary reading materials, activity based learning methodologies, messages during morning assembly sessions etc.
- Instituting/ strengthening of Child Cabinet/ School Management Committee (SMC) to lead WASH initiatives.
- Awareness amongst teachers, SMC, Panchayat, etc. about requirements for effective facilitation, financing, managing and monitoring of WinS program.
- Sharing of program related learning to make WinS program simple, scalable & sustainable.

Group Handwashing



Group Handwashing is a path breaking innovation that can potentially improve the education and health outcomes of 110 million children who have mid-day meal daily, across India. Group Handwashing ensures that all children wash hands in 'groups', stand facing each other, exchange positive messages, make 'eye to eye' contact and enjoy the process. Handwashing with soap before the government-supplied Mid-day Meal (MDM) is important because children are most energetic, enthusiastic and open to new ideas and change. As powerful agents of behavioral change, children can take lessons they have learned at school back home to teach their parents, siblings and elders on good hygiene behavior such as handwashing with soap.

The handwashing stations are simple, scalable and sustainable, and rely on usage of minimum water, while the facilities are developed using local materials. The Mission institutionalizes group hand washing with soap sessions before the mid-day meals are served, which is supervised by teachers, DM cooks and also by Child Cabinet members.

Fast Facts:

- Washing hands with soap at two critical times – after using the toilet and before eating food – reduces the incidence of diarrhoea by an average of 30 per cent.
- Handwashing with soap can reduce the incidence of acute respiratory infections (ARIs) by more than 20 per cent.
- Handwashing promotion in schools can play a role in reducing the number of days children miss school.
- Handwashing with soap is one of the most cost-effective interventions to prevent diarrhea-related deaths and disease.
- By washing hands with soap children get the nutritional benefits intended, rather than ingesting bacteria, germs and viruses.

Rotary International WASH in Schools Target Challenge

The Rotary Foundation Trustees, as part of the Foundation's overall strategy to develop better support to clubs and districts in six areas of focus have agreed to implement a pilot project in the development of integrated infrastructure, education, and behavioral change projects for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools within the areas of focus of Water and Sanitation and Basic Education and Literacy for two and a half years, commencing on 1 January, 2016 and ending on 30 June 2018 in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya. The pilot project shall be conceptually structured using a three-star (three-level) implementation and recognition approach, measuring outcomes such as number of schools with sustainable WASH facilities, numbers of students involved, school attendance increase, and behavioral criteria.



“Simple habit like washing hands before meals among children can prevent many diseases. Lack of this habit claims many young lives in children” - **Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India**

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