Status of Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) in Solu Dudhkunda Municipality

Introduction

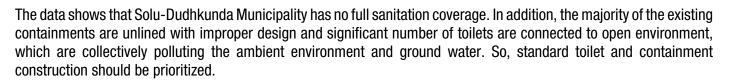
Solu Dudhkunda municipality is located in Solukhumbu District of Sagarmatha Zone in the Eastern Development Region of Nepal. This is the first municipality of the district formed by merging Salleri, Garma, Loding, Tamakhani, Beni, Takshindu, Kerung, Gorakhani and Tapting.. There are 20,399 people with 4980 households according to the latest data obtained from the municipality at the time of survey.

FSM Status

Majority (4970) of the households (HHs) have a toilet within their premises. Out of the HHs having toilets, 239 HHs have lined containments including biogas containers (99 HHs), 3,519 HHs have unlined containments and 1213 HHs have no containment. Considering the volume of these containments, volume of faecal sludge (FS) generated in the municipality is estimated to be 244 cum per year. The generated FS are being self-emptied manually (0.7 cum/ year).

There are neither private nor municipal desludging vehicles within the municipality. Also, there is no treatment plant and proper disposal site. However, emptving of containment has initiated and are being applied into the farmland indicating unsafe use. Regarding those containments which are not emptied, do not necessarily represent to be safe as majority of them are unlined, so could be a threat to ground water pollution.

Recommendation



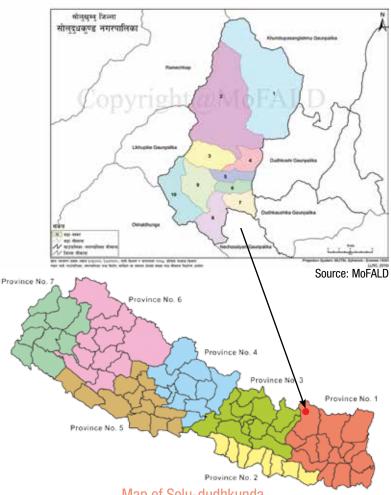
Furthermore, in this municipality, 24.4% of the HHs have individual off-site sanitation systems (no containment), which are being disposed haphazardly. This reflects the need of channelization of individual off-site systems and treating them prior to disposal.

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