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Context



- FSM is part of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation
- FSM is gradually gaining more recognition e.g. SacoSan Declaration 2013
- Costs to the economy (\$4.2bn per year) and health impacts (65m cases diarrhoea) in Bangladesh are enormous.



Key findings



Four key problems





Unsafe containment of sludge at source



Lack of capacity in collection and transportation of sludge



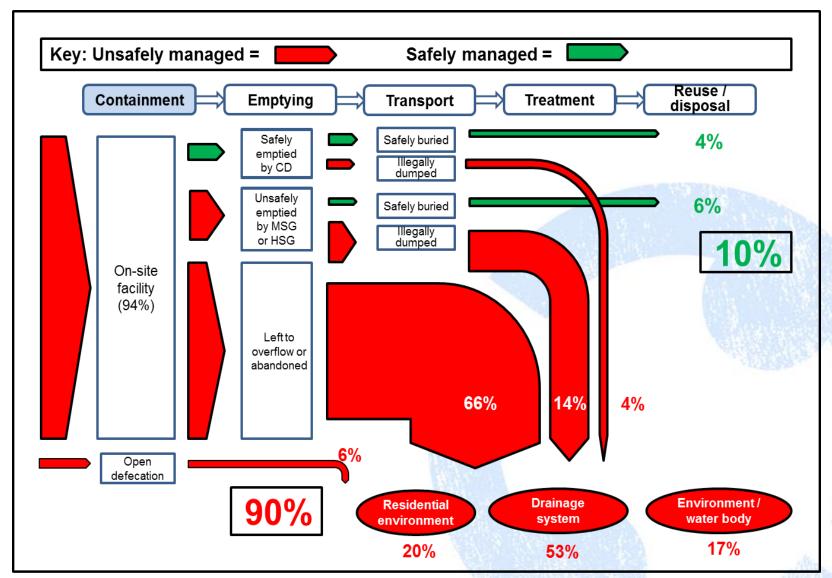
Unsafe disposal of sludge



Gaps in national capacity and co-ordination

Shit-flow diagram of Faridpur

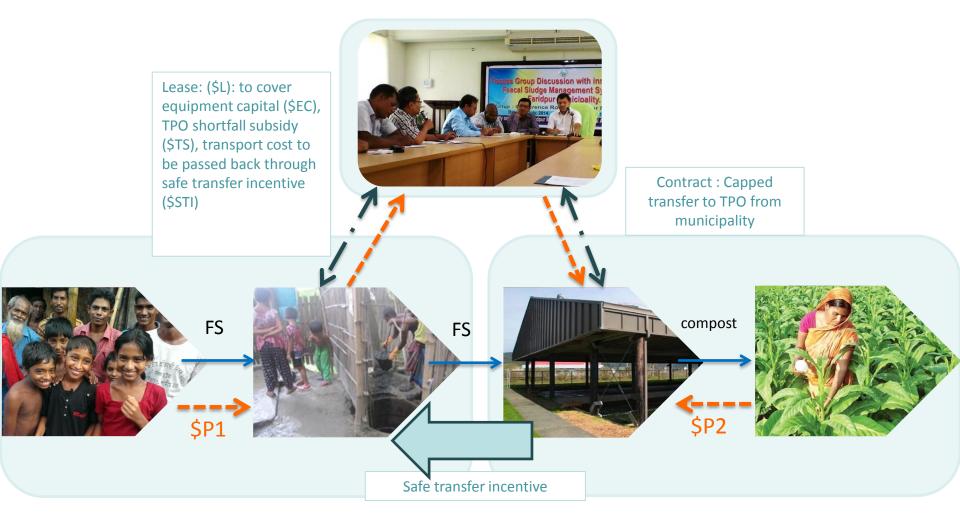






Proposed solutions







Containment Emptying Transport Treatment Disposal-Reuse

Wrap up



Emerging challenges

- Demand creation: all households routinely getting their pits emptied
- Incentives for safe disposal: how to structure these so pit emptiers change behaviour, and cash flow works
- Business modelling as an iterative process requires new capacities

Features of a good solution:

- % unsafely treated reduces dramatically
- does not rely on unnecessarily expensive infrastructure which takes years to build
- provides services and preserves / creates livelihood opportunities for highly vulnerable populations

Thank you

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