

# Rotary India Sanitation Mission

## Introduction and Overview

In support of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Rotary India has launched the Rotary India Sanitation Mission (RISM) under the guidance of Rotary International President (2021-22) Shekhar Mehta.



# Background

India is the second most populous country in the world, with more than 1 billion people. A staggering 344 million practice open defecation. The World Bank estimates that 21 percent of communicable diseases in India are linked to unsafe water, lack of access to sanitation and lack of appropriate hygiene practices. Further, more than 500 children under the age of five die each day from diarrhea in India alone.

To address these problems, including ending open defecation in India by 2019, the Government of India launched a five-year Swachh Bharat (Clean India) Mission on 2nd October, 2014. Since its launch, Government of India made major gains. More than 10 crore individual toilets have been constructed. The rural areas in all states have declared themselves open defecation free (ODF) as on October 2, 2019. To sustain these gains made under the Mission and to ensure that the health and hygiene benefits continue to be realized, the Government of India has launched a second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission with focus on Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus) strategy, and will complement the newly launched Jal Jeevan Mission.

During the phase one of the Swachh Bharat Mission Rotary India made tremendous gains by engaging for WASH in Schools in over 30,000 government schools across India and also constructed over 1,00,000 household, community and public toilets across India. RISM continues to build on these gains.

## RISM 2025 Goals

1. 5,000 ODF Plus villages
2. 1000 villages with household water tap connections
3. 1,50,000 WASH in Schools projects
4. 500 WASH in Healthcare Facilities projects
5. 500 community and 500 public toilet blocks



# The ODF Plus Strategy

The 'ODF Plus' strategy of the Swachh Bharat Mission focuses on Open Defecation Free sustainability and Solid Liquid Waste Management in villages with the following components:

1. Sustained usage of Individual Household Latrines
2. Ensuring no one is left behind and providing sanitation access to new households
3. Sanitation coverage of public spaces through public and community toilets
4. Implementation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management in rural areas
5. Visible cleanliness, and solid and liquid waste management under four major verticals (grey-water management, plastic waste management, bio-degradable solid waste management and faecal sludge management)



## Jal Jeevan Mission: Har Ghar Jal Functional Household Tap Connections

As of 31st March 2019, only 18.33% of rural households in the country have piped water connection. GOI's Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) "Har Ghar Jal" enables every household in villages to have a Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024 with the following components:

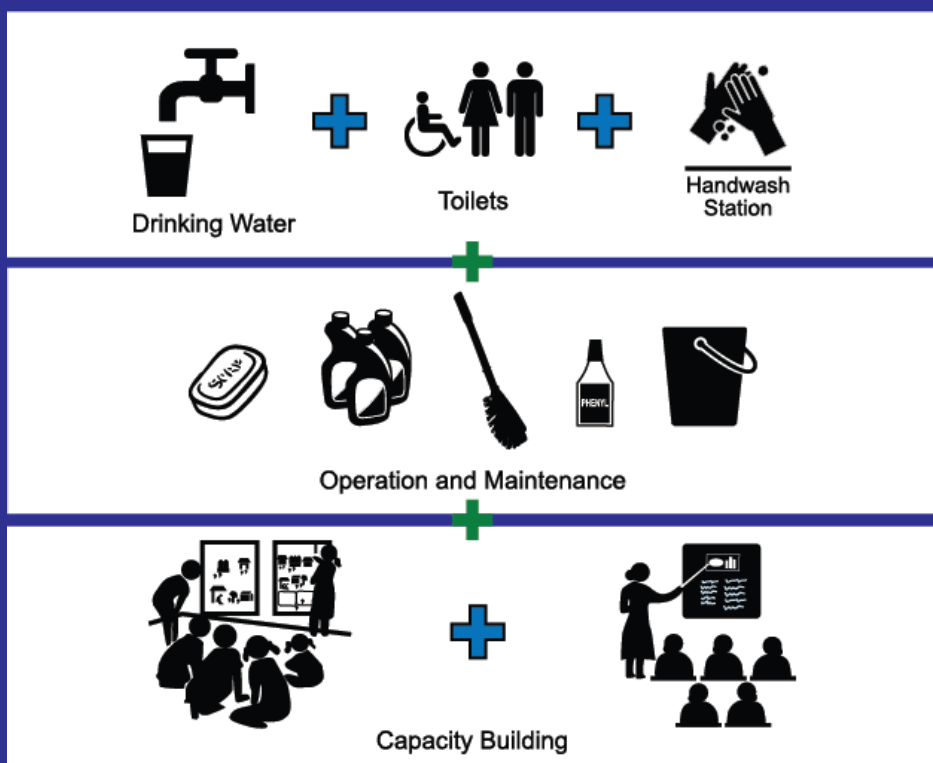
1. Development of in-village piped water supply infrastructure to provide tap water connection to every rural household
2. Development of reliable drinking water sources and/ or augmentation of existing sources to provide long-term sustainability of water supply system
3. Wherever necessary, bulk water transfer, treatment plants and distribution network to cater to every rural household
4. Technological interventions for removal of contaminants where water quality is an issue
5. Retrofitting of completed and ongoing schemes to provide FHTCs at minimum service level of 55 lpcd
6. Greywater management



## Wash in Schools (WinS)

The main goal of Rotary's WASH in Schools Program is to ensure that government schools in India have a set of functioning and well maintained water and sanitation infrastructure and hygiene services. It helps fulfil the universal right to education and health and helps achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals, thereby increasing access to primary education, reducing child mortality, advancing gender equality and meeting targets for improving water and sanitation.

Since 2016, Rotary has worked to provide more than 30,000 schools with WASH facilities and hygiene services. In addition, Rotarians and partners in service have trained teachers, school management committees, child cabinets, parents and students on hand-washing, operations and maintenance, menstrual health management and good hygiene practices.





## WASH in Healthcare

India has around 31,000 healthcare facilities. 7% of these facilities don't have water & 45% have no sanitation. The Global Action Plan for WASH in healthcare facilities envisions that every health care facility in every setting has safely managed, reliable water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, with the following components:

1. Safe and reliable water supply
2. Safe and accessible toilets for patients and staff of all ages, genders and abilities
3. At least 1 toilet for 20 in-patients and 1 toilet each for staff, male, female and children in out-patient areas
4. Good hand hygiene infrastructure and practices
5. Hand-washing stations in all patient care areas with running water and soap
6. Effective cleaning of all patient care areas
7. Safe waste management systems for general solid, liquid and biomedical waste
8. O&M plans for WASH infrastructure

### WASH IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE SERVICES





## Community and Public Toilets

Community Toilets are the shared facilities provided by and for a group of residents or an entire settlement. These facilities are used primarily in low-income and/or informal settlements/slums, where space and/or land are constraints in providing individual household toilet. These are for a more or less a fixed user group.

Public Toilets are toilets which are provided for the floating population/ general public in places such as markets, train stations, tourist places, near office complexes, or other public areas where there are considerable number of people passing by. These toilets are to be accessible to one and all and well-connected to important areas and pedestrian junctions

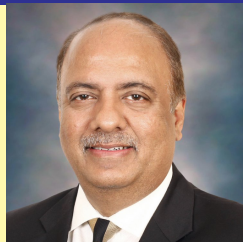


## GET INVOLVED TODAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Around 4,000 Rotary Clubs and 1,50,000 Rotarians in India are committed to the Rotary India Sanitation Mission, with the active support of several partner organisations. **Find out how you can contribute by contacting your District leadership.**

Gandhiji said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." And cleanliness will come from sanitation for all in our country. Together, let's bring even more sanity into the sanitation system in India.

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