

# Dang Declaration Paper on Menstrual Hygiene Management in Nepal

As of 6 February 2017, all governmental and non-governmental organization/ institutions officials and stakeholders present at the Regional Workshop in Dang 5 – 6 February 2017 commit to the implementation of the 15 key points in the 'Dang Declaration Paper 2073' defined during the Regional Workshop in coordination with Regional level Water Sanitation and Hygiene Coordination Committee (R-WASH-CC).

The 15 key points of the Dang Declaration Paper are:

1. Ensuring the availability of sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene including sanitary toilet with menstrual management facilities for safe disposal of menstrual waste in female toilet
2. Improving the curriculum of grade 7, 8, 9 for the inclusion of basic menstrual hygiene management related education, skill and behavior in the curriculum from grade 4 and request to Ministry of Education to conduct related trainings to the teachers and students.
3. Assurance of availability of sanitary pad in required quantity in every school even through the optimum use of locally available resources.
4. Collaboration and integration of the interventions of different local institution, related government organizations, national and international non-governmental organizations, citizen society working on menstrual hygiene management sector at VDC/Municipality, district, regional and headquarter level and management of appropriate network for the implementation of the integrated activities.
5. Development of basic criterion for technical subject of menstrual hygiene management of School WASH program and its implementation by every institution with the resemblance of it.
6. Formation of child clubs in every school and conduction of different activities related to sanitation and menstrual hygiene management allocating the responsibilities to both boy and girl students
7. Every school must integrate the menstrual hygiene topic in their regular extracurricular activities together with proper and sustainable management for provision of required amount of sanitary pads in school
8. Coordination with local institutions integrating menstrual hygiene management issue with governmental service and facilities to create social pressure for the elimination of Chhaupadi shed in the prevalent communities.
9. Increase awareness among parents, traditional healers, priest, maulana etc on dire practices like Chhaupadi by organizing special trainings and interaction sessions and disseminate messages through them at community.
10. Publishing and spreading community based information, education and communication (IEC) materials related to menstrual hygiene management in related places.
11. Priority will be given to this subject through publicity and spreading awareness message using local means of communication(FM, Television and Newspaper) in local language and culture

12. Reward system to praise the men and women (one community one exceptional work) who exceptionally works in menstrual hygiene management.
13. Conduction of effective activities among local level different groups and clubs (mothers group, child club) etc on menstrual hygiene management with the mobilization of FCHVs.
14. Determination and inclusion of menstrual hygiene management related indicators in total sanitation plan of district drinking water, sanitation and hygiene/ VDC water, sanitation and hygiene with the initiation to implement the program and allocation of budget.
15. Inclusion of menstrual hygiene management indicators under the sanitation indicators in school level plan and joint monitoring of activities by school supervisor and resource person.

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