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Step-wise approach for Improved Integrity and Sustainability in WASH

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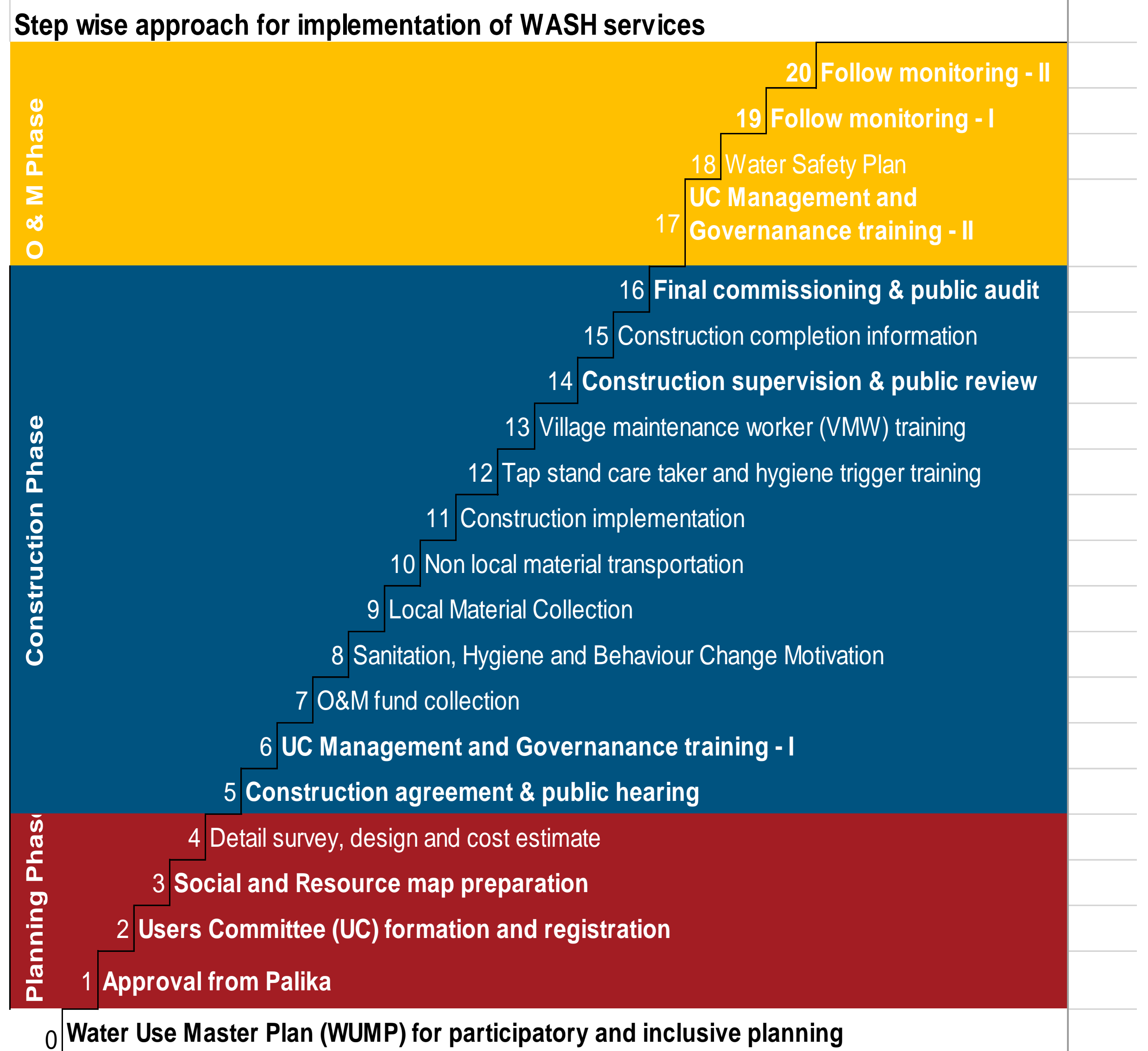| March 2018 | Nepal

Description of good practice

Background:
- Access to safe drinking water and sanitation - fundamental rights in the constitution
- Coverage of drinking water 86.45% and sanitation 81.95% (Draft WASH SDP, 2016)
- Functionality and sustainability major issues; poor governance, especially transparency and accountability
- New Federal structure; Integrity top priority – zero tolerance to corruption

Description:
- IWRM programme adopts stepwise approach to build sustainable WASH services
- The approach mainly aims at promoting Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) practices in the entire process of project
- Various integrity tools applied during the process

Step wise approach for implementation of WASH services

O & M Phase
- 20 Follow monitoring - II
- 19 Follow monitoring - I
- 18 Water Safety Plan
- 17 UC Management and Governanance training - II

Construction Phase
- 16 Final commissioning & public audit
- 15 Construction completion information
- 14 Construction supervision & public review
- 13 Village maintenance worker (VMW) training
- 12 Tap stand care taker and hygiene trigger training
- 11 Construction implementation
- 10 Non local material transportation
- 9 Local Material Collection
- 8 Sanitation, Hygiene and Behaviour Change Motivation
- 7 O&M fund collection
- 6 UC Management and Governanance training - I
- 5 Construction agreement & public hearing

Planning Phase
- 4 Detail survey, design and cost estimate
- 3 Social and Resource map preparation
- 2 Users Committee (UC) formation and registration
- 1 Approval from Palika

0 Water Use Master Plan (WUMP) for participatory and inclusive planning

Key elements for successful implementation

Key elements for success
- Capacity building and Local ownership
- Better communication and collaboration between the right holders and the duty bearers
- Mix of hardware and software support
- Focus on participation and inclusion
- Bottom up approach of integrity

Challenges:
- Political transition
- Integrity in other sectors (Integrity in the country as a whole
- Fragmented sector
- Reaching the unreached – resources and appropriate technology

Conclusion & recommendations

Advantages
- Functionality rate of the schemes supported by the Programme is higher than the national average
- Cases of irregularities, misuses of money and corruption are almost nonexistent

Limitations
- Very small coverage area
- Mainly targeted to community managed small systems in the rural areas
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Recommendations
- Look at the WASH issues from the integrity lens
- Bring the right holders and the duty bearers closer
- Involve media
- Enhance collaborative initiatives for larger area coverage

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