

SANIHUB

SANIHUB Community – Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The purpose of the SANIHUB Community is to improve the quality of humanitarian sanitation services through the enhancement of knowledge sharing, joint sector learning and collaboration among humanitarian WASH actors. The SANIHUB Community also improves the quality of the SANIHUB helpdesk and the SANIHUB content.

Background

The Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) Technical Working Group (TWiG) of the Global WASH Cluster (GWC) was initiated in 2019 by the GWC members to improve the quality of humanitarian FSM interventions. The FSM TWiG aimed to improve sector approaches, tools and capacities in the field of FSM.

The Humanitarian Sanitation Hub (SANIHUB) started as an initiative of the FSM TWiG in 2021 with financial support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the active involvement of various FSM TWiG members. The [SANIHUB](#) is a comprehensive, co-created, structured, curated and moderated knowledge and exchange platform. It brings together all available global knowledge on sanitation and FSM in emergencies in one single platform, serving as a first go-to-point, reference guide and as a constant companion for all those involved in planning and implementing sanitation and FSM interventions.

The SANIHUB Community is the new forum and exchange mechanism the FSM TWiG has now transitioned to. This ToR is relevant for as long as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded SANIHUB project is ongoing (end 2024). After the SANIHUB project ends, the role of the SANIHUB Community needs to be revised and the ToR needs to be adjusted.

Scope of Work

The main purpose of the SANIHUB Community is to strengthen the humanitarian capacity in the field of sanitation and FSM as defined in the [FSM TWiG Terminology Factsheet](#).

Community Structure and Roles

The SANIHUB Community: Everybody active in the field of humanitarian sanitation is welcome to join the community, including research institutions. Community members can decide if they want an active role in the helpdesk or in a workstream, or if they just would like to receive meeting invites and other updates.

The Community Facilitation Team: This team, formally called the FSM TWiG management team, supports the community coordinator in ensuring relevance of the community for the sector. Membership is on invitation, and not limited by workstream leads.

Workstreams including workstream leads: Groups working on specific objectives. Community members can decide if they want an active role in the helpdesk or in a workstream, or if they just would like to receive meeting invites and other updates.

The community coordinator: Coordinates and organizes community-wide activities

Main Objectives and workstreams

General objective: Coordination and Community Engagement

The SANIHUB community contributes to sector learning and increased quality implementation through the sharing of lessons learned. The SaniHub Community coordinator is responsible for this objective, with support of the Community Facilitation Team.

Outcomes

- Quarterly digital public events are organized to disseminate lessons learned, share research outcomes, discuss project, country and cluster/sector activities and provide a platform for anyone wanting to access the global humanitarian sanitation sector

Objective 1: Helpdesk (workstream 1)

The SANIHUB Community improves the availability of sanitation expertise and remote support to practitioners in need of advice, building on the expertise of interested SANIHUB Community members (the expert group).

Outcomes

- Coordinated helpdesk, making expertise and knowledge of interested community members (the expert group) available to support incoming helpdesk requests in an effective and timely manner
- Review and validation of OCTOPUS case studies

Objective 2: Standards (workstream 2)

Sanitation Quality Standards for Emergencies will be tested on applicability and usefulness, with the aim of including them in the Sphere standards. This objective is supported by a work stream, led by IHE Delft and British Red Cross.

Outcomes

- Validated standards through use and feedback in humanitarian context (Cox's Bazar and Imvepi)
- Discussion initiated with Sphere on inclusion of standards in next Sphere handbook edition

Objective 3: Capacity Development (workstream 3)

The SANIHUB Community will contribute to capacity development with an operational focus in the field of humanitarian sanitation. This objective is supported by a workstream, led by Solidarités International, BORDA and CAWST.

Outcomes

- Investigate need and potential for training development
- Other?

Objective 4: Research (workstream 4)

The SANIHUB Community will contribute to quality research with an operational focus in the field of humanitarian sanitation. This objective is supported by a workstream, led by Solidarités International, BORDA and CAWST.

Outcomes

- Act as steering committee for ongoing research project (FSM project funded by BHA)
- Ensure the SANIHUB is used as the dissemination platform for outcomes of the research project
- New proposals developed based on the FSM research gaps conducted in 2022

Objective 5: Relevance and Quality of SANIHUB Content (workstream 5)

The SANIHUB Community contributes to ensuring that the SANIHUB meets the needs of humanitarian sanitation practitioners at the implementation level.

Outcomes (Implemented under coordination and final responsibility of the SANIHUB project team)

- Create sense of ownership of the SANIHUB by practitioners
- Be able to influence the shape and direction of the SANIHUB and Helpdesk in particular
- Support keeping the content of the SANIHUB relevant
- Joint development of 'preparedness kit' for SANIHUB
- Use regular features like 'best new guidelines or example of the year'