Prioritizing Lives in Philanthropy

URBAN SANITATION | OVERVIEW

Dasra’s Urban Sanitation field works with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation & its 60+ Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WSH) partners in India, to build a movement to drive holistic sanitation across urban India. It focuses on the sanitation value chain – looking beyond toilets to other key facets such as safe treatment – with nonprofit, government & business partners.

OUR VALUE

Fostering Collaboration

- Facilitate communities of practice that encourage partner organizations to share knowledge, collaborate and build upon each other’s work rather than replicate it
- Convene, provide strategic guidance and drive collaborative approaches to product creation among four taskforces that fuel thought leadership in the sanitation space, specifically through the lens of gender, technology, finance, and behavior change communication
- Enable convergence of learning and deepening of collaboration by convening an annual meet of all partners
- Develop & operationalize online platform Chorus that serves as a virtual space to share innovations and connect with a community of experts working towards sustainable urban sanitation solutions in India

Amplifying Learning

- Showcase partners’ cutting-edge sanitation solutions, as case studies and replicable blueprint
- Leverage innovative media to amplify partners’ path-breaking insights from sanitation research and programs
- Support partners with expertise of renowned media & PR companies to build national level advocacy efforts

Capacity Building

- Facilitate institution building, innovation, partnerships and academic excellence among partners
- Provide leadership training to the first- and second-line of key partner organizations

Supported development of 1st National policy on FSSM*, in 2017
Partners enabled 19 out of 36 States & UTs to develop policies & guidelines on FSSM
Exceeded 5 lac views for knowledge products developed on urban sanitation

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