



# Swachh Bharat Mission ODF++ Protocol

A city / ward / work circle can be notified/declared as SBM ODF+ city/ SBM ODF+ ward/SBM ODF+ work circle if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating and/or urinating in the open, all community and public toilets are functional and well maintained, AND faecal sludge/septage and sewage is safely managed and treated, with no discharging and/or dumping of untreated faecal sludge/septage and sewage in drains, water bodies or open areas.



## BROAD FOCUS

*Sustainability across sanitation value chain (through improved access, sustained usage, maintenance, cleanliness, and safe management of faecal matter)*



## NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY CONDITIONS TO BE ACHIEVED BEFORE DECLARING A CITY/ WARDS SBM ODF+

- All necessary conditions for SBM ODF+ (as per the SBM ODF+ protocol laid down by MoHUA) have been achieved, and at least 25% of functional public and community toilets must adhere to the 11 additional conditions given therein.
- All toilets (individual, community and public) are either connected to:
  - a. Sewer networks; or
  - b. Safe containment systems (such as septic tanks, twin pits or other on-site sanitation systems prescribed by CPHEEO or under SBM-Urban Mission Guidelines), with regular emptying, treatment and/or safe disposal of septage from these toilets managed as per specified conditions.
- All septic tank cleaning service providers are registered with and licensed by ULB / Development Authority / Cantonment Board, operate through contract with the respective administration or authority in allotted areas and are utilising well-maintained mechanized equipment.
- The city has issued and notified fines against persons / desludging operators dumping untreated faecal sludge in drains and / or open areas.
- ULB / Development Authority / Cantonment Board has notified sanitation service level benchmarks, at the least adhering to all conditions defined for SBM ODF++, in municipal bye-laws (or equivalent) and published the same in at least two dailies with wide.

## Conditions for management of faecal matter from all toilets (individual, community and public)

- No toilet of any kind is found to be discharging in open drains/land/water bodies
- Regular and safe emptying of faecal matter contained in onsite sanitation structures at least once in two years, either by ULB / Development Authority / Cantonment Board or by licensed operators contracted by the respective administration/authority
- Safe conveyance and treatment of all faecal sludge, whether at a faecal sludge and septage treatment plant or nearby STP via co-treatment of septage with conventional wastewater/sewage or co-treatment with solid waste at SWM treatment plant, and is treated as per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) standards or as amended by the state PCB
- Sewer networks, where existing, are maintained as per norms, with all overflow/leakage issues resolved within 6 hours of being brought to notice
- All transmitted sewage is treated at a sewage treatment plant, as per norms (not applicable if city does not have sewer network)
- Sewage/septage treatment facilities are operated and maintained as per norms
- Where sewer networks do not exist, no discharging and/or dumping of untreated faecal waste in the open environment—water bodies, drains, open land, etc.
- Treated sludge is disposed of at designated site

## VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION MECHANISM

- Cities that have been certified ODF+ at least once (on the basis of the SBM ODF+ Protocol laid down by MOHUA) shall be eligible to declare themselves as SBM ODF++ and apply for certification of SBM ODF++ status.
- Once a city/town fulfills necessary conditions, the Municipal Commissioner/Chairperson/Chief Officer may declare the city/town as SBM ODF+, pass a resolution or issue a notification and communicate the same to MoHUA through State Government. The State government may, at their discretion, take up third party verification before MoHUA's verification process.
- MoHUA will take up independent verification and validation for "Swachh Certification for SBM ODF++" through a third party agency.
- In case of failure in certification, a one-month cooling off period (from date of certification failure) shall be applicable before the respective city may again request for SBM ODF++ certification.
- The third party certification will be valid for six (6) months, after which the re-assessment and re-certification process will be carried out every 6 months.