



WASH

Dialogues

Tracking policy and budgetary commitments for drinking water and sanitation in the new fiscal architecture in India

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The **WASH Dialogues** of this month will focus on -

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Policies and budgets have an important role in the sphere of India's progress and deficiencies pertaining to water and sanitation. There is a need for in depth research not only on the adequacy of public resources for this sector but also on questions like whether the budgetary expenditures are translating into better outcomes on the ground. In this context, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), in partnership with Arghyam, has carried out a study on policy and budgetary commitments for water and sanitation covering the Union Government and select States.

It focuses on – understanding the policy landscape of water and sanitation at the current juncture; documenting the institutional and fund flow architecture in water and sanitation sector at the level of States; identifying the institutional and procedural bottlenecks that might be constraining the process of public expenditure in the sector; and assessing the impact of the changes in India's fiscal architecture (following the 14th Finance Commission recommendations) on budgetary priorities for the sector in select States. The study was carried out during August to December 2015 for the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

The discussion at the WASH Dialogue will focus on the institutional and procedural bottlenecks that are constraining public expenditure in the sector (mainly the Central schemes for rural drinking water and sanitation) and the evidence we have generated on budgetary priorities for the sector in the new fiscal architecture.

About the Presenter - Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability

The Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) www.cbgaindia.org is an independent, non-profit organisation enhancing transparency and accountability in governance through rigorous analysis of policies and budgets, and fostering people's participation in public policy processes by demystifying them.

CBGA's budget and policy analysis work, over the last decade, has focused on – priorities for development sectors in government finances in the country, quality of government interventions in the social sectors, responsiveness of policies and budgets to disadvantaged sections of society, structural issues in India's fiscal federalism, and taxation. In the recent years, CBGA has started working on the issues pertaining to Drinking Water and Sanitation in the domain of public policy and budgets in the country.

Besides research and dissemination work, CBGA has initiated and sustained advocacy efforts on budget related issues with important stakeholders; it has also supported a number of advocacy efforts by other civil society organisations / networks in the country.

Join the WASH Dialogues

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About WASH Dialogues

While the WASH sector grapples with the challenge of making India open defecating free by 2 October 2019, several issues persist. The WASH Dialogues are an initiative of **IRC** and **TARU Leading Edge**, two organisations working on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, collectively known as WASH. The WASH Dialogues will bring out these issues at regular intervals and we will notify you in advance. Anybody can present and take part in these series.

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