

## Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management Network Asia (SSWRMNA). Putting sanitation into focus.

Ecosan Services Foundation together with seecon International, Switzerland, Xavier University, Philippines and ENPHO, Nepal is carrying out SSWRMNA project. The aim of the project is to improve local capacity for sustainable ecological sanitation and water resource management in Nepal and the Philippines and to consolidate and mainstream the efforts in this area in India. In order to do so, the project will establish a Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management Network and provide the necessary capacity building at the individual, institutional and inter-institutional levels.

The project would encompass activities in the following aspects:

- **Capacity development for Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management:** awareness raising and capacity development for all the key decision and implementation levels with a clear focus on practical expertise for the conception and execution of concrete projects. This includes also courses for “training the trainers”, and the integration in curricula or programs for the qualification of craftsmen (e.g. plumbers) and other relevant “hands-on” personal.
- Mainstreaming of Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management in the selected countries.
- **Networking and south-south cross-sectoral cooperation:** the existing connections among institutions in the selected countries will be better linked into a dynamic **Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management Network**, allowing cross-sectoral learning and horizontal exchange of knowledge. Through south-south cooperation, the project will contribute to solve problems and overcome inefficiencies in the area of sanitation and water resource management.
- **Model projects in Sustainable Sanitation and Water Resources Management:** learning labs will instruct the targeted participants in the design and development of concrete projects of sustainable water management addressing the whole water cycle, from consumption to disposal or treatment and reuse. The focus of the learning labs will be practical and therefore stress the development and maintenance/operation of projects.

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