

# Small Group Discussion Outputs

Risking everything for your safety and protection: sanitation workers on the frontline

Time for Table Reflections: 15 mins

What is the situation of sanitation workers in your cities pre and during COVID-19 pandemic?

### Pre Covid-19

### During Covid-19

Shona-  
Cambodia- less  
understanding  
of PPE and  
safety practices

It's a public health  
service, need to  
change the negative  
perceptions  
surrounding  
sanitation work

PPE use-  
less

PPE can be  
cumbersome  
and make the  
job harder to  
do

Don't see  
sanitation  
work as a  
desirable job

In some instances,  
pandemic led to mindset  
shift- proper use of PPE

Regulations,  
SOPs-  
missing

Lack of  
access to  
handwashing  
facilities

Lack of  
data for the  
Pacific

PPE becomes  
dirty and  
limited options  
to clean

PPE not user  
friendly, hot,  
uncomfortable

Do we really  
have data to  
compare? Is  
this a focus?

More awareness on  
the benefits of  
wearing masks and  
handwashing due to  
covid? Protects from  
helminths and ecoli  
related diseases?

Higher awareness  
on the need to  
draft and  
implement SOPs

Clauses on PPE  
provision, usage  
in the contracts  
added by some  
municipalities

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They do use PPE

They use  
only  
Gobls

fdsgsdfgsdfg

The operator also  
desinfecting the  
vehicle regularly in  
addition to regular  
maintenance

In Indonesia the demand  
for desludging is  
increasing especially at  
the house hold level ,  
maybe because more  
people were staying at  
home

Now they use PPE

Nowe they  
have OHS  
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Now their clients  
also ask them to  
use at least Mask  
and globes

In the workplace they do not get  
handwaihng facilaities - so potencial risk  
of contmintaon

In Laos, mostly  
sanitation workers are  
private sector providers  
and they are likely lack  
of awareness of safety  
management and  
training

The also put mobile  
hand washing  
station in the  
desludging truck for  
the operator

Their employer now  
realise the needs for  
PPE, so started  
distribution

If there is no emergency  
households do ask for their  
service, so no/less job

while work they di in  
contact of COVID  
patients - man be a  
carreer for the family  
members

I haven't noticed many changes in Cambodia, except mask wearing -  
but some workers did that before Covid too

In Laos, mostly  
sanitation  
workers stay  
home following  
as a CC  
campaign

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Water authority of FIJI who does sanitation work, sewerage directed to the systems no trucks as seen in systems. Home that has private sewerage.

Sanitation workers still not wearing any PPE .

In indonesia we have truck sl...nts

Not  
wearing  
any PPE ,

Sanitation workers are more aware about the situation but unable to wear PPE and all other safety equipments. Sometimes agency who hired them is not providing safety equipments, they are expecting to take care of there own.

no emphasis on  
sanitaion and  
hygiene but only  
for boarder  
quartine centres

Less  
discussion  
on  
sanitation

more cc  
about n  
army ,  
located at our  
boarders but not to  
sanitation workers

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