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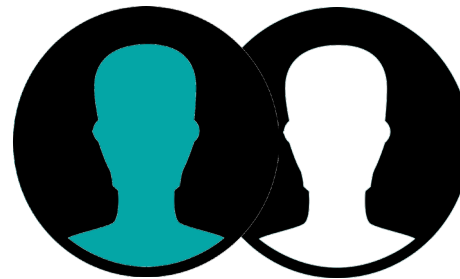
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Gender :

"Gender refers to the **socially constructed roles, behaviours, expressions and identities** of girls, women, boys, men, **and gender diverse people**. It influences how people perceive themselves and each other, how they act and interact, and the distribution of power and resources they hold in society."

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

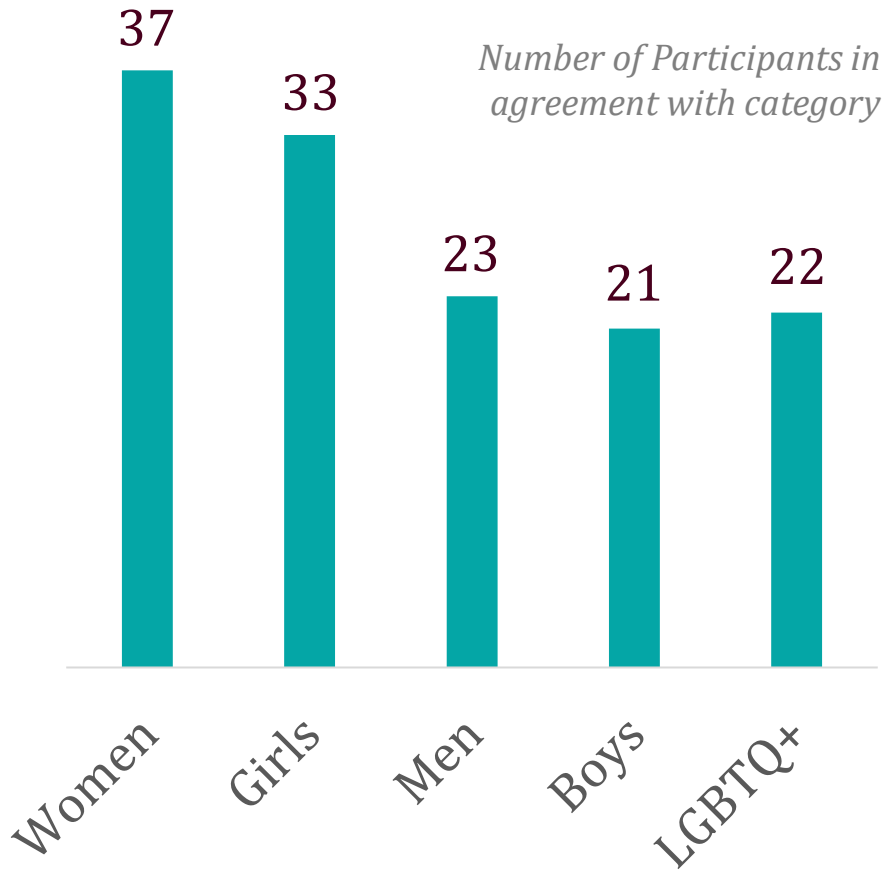# Gender Considerations:

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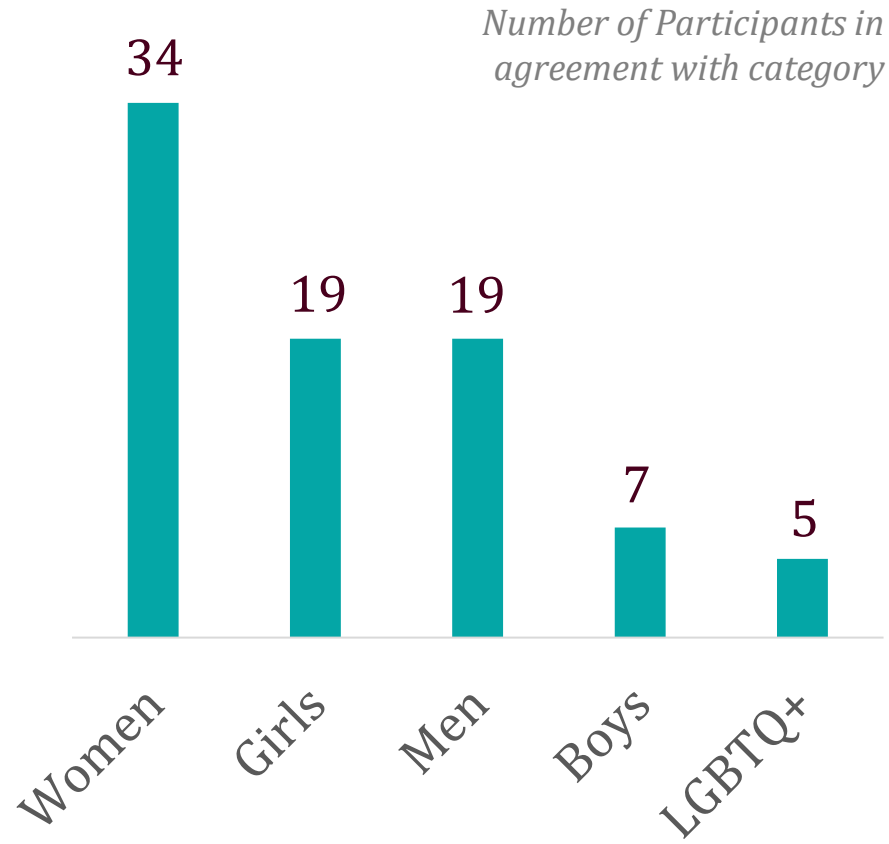- Access to political spaces...

Technical:
- Available menstrual health facilities...

- *E.g. Violence, gender and WASH toolkit*
- *E.g. Female Friendly Toilet Guide*
- *E.g. Guidelines on Gender issues in Sanitation....*

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Who **Should be included** when it comes to Gender?

Number of Participants in agreement with category

Women	Girls	Men	Boys	LGBTQ+
37	33	23	21	22

Who **does get included** when it comes to Gender?

Number of Participants in agreement with category

Women	Girls	Men	Boys	LGBTQ+
34	19	19	7	5

"The dictionary definition and actual practice don't match"

(Participant A: Charity Sector, Male)

*Data taken from: Intention vs Reality: An Analysis of Gender Inclusion in WASH Projects, Robinson et al (Under review for Publication)

Swachh Bharat:

- National Mission   Phase I: 2014 – 2019 //   Phase II: 2020-2025

- Aim: Achieve elimination of open defecation by 2019

- Budget: ₹230,000 crore (*AUD$40.4 billion*) / ₹12,000 (AUD*$210*) per toilet

- Phase 1   ≅ *90 Million Toilets Built*

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen (Rural)) Guidance:
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (now Jal Shakti)

Inc: privacy, menstruation, gender based violence

Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) Guidance:
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

No gendered Components

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North India:
New Delhi, Delhi
Japiur, Rajasthan

South India:
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Hyderabad, Telangana

3 Focus Groups:
2 Women's Self-help, 1 Differently Abled

23 Interviews
WASH Practitioners, Activists, Academics, Government Personnel
(Purposive sampling across Water@Leeds, Gender and Development Network, LinkedIn & Twitter)

7 Government Officials

22 Wash practitioners and Activists

10 men *(KII only)*

19 Women *(KII only)*

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Minimum Standards

Guidelines on Gender issues in Sanitation (SBM-G), 2017, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

"Issues mentioned for your consideration"

Gender Responsive Guideline Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), 2020, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

"Key recommendations" / "NGOs, donors, governments, and private sector actors—needs to be more intentional about bringing a gender lens to the work"

Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, 2021, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

"All infrastructure created under the Mission, be it toilets, … to have gender friendly features"

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Funding

Competing interests

Financing Gender / Sustainability / Climate Change…

Donor Landscape Influenced by Government

External messaging says open defecation free (ODF)

Limited Targeted Funding specified

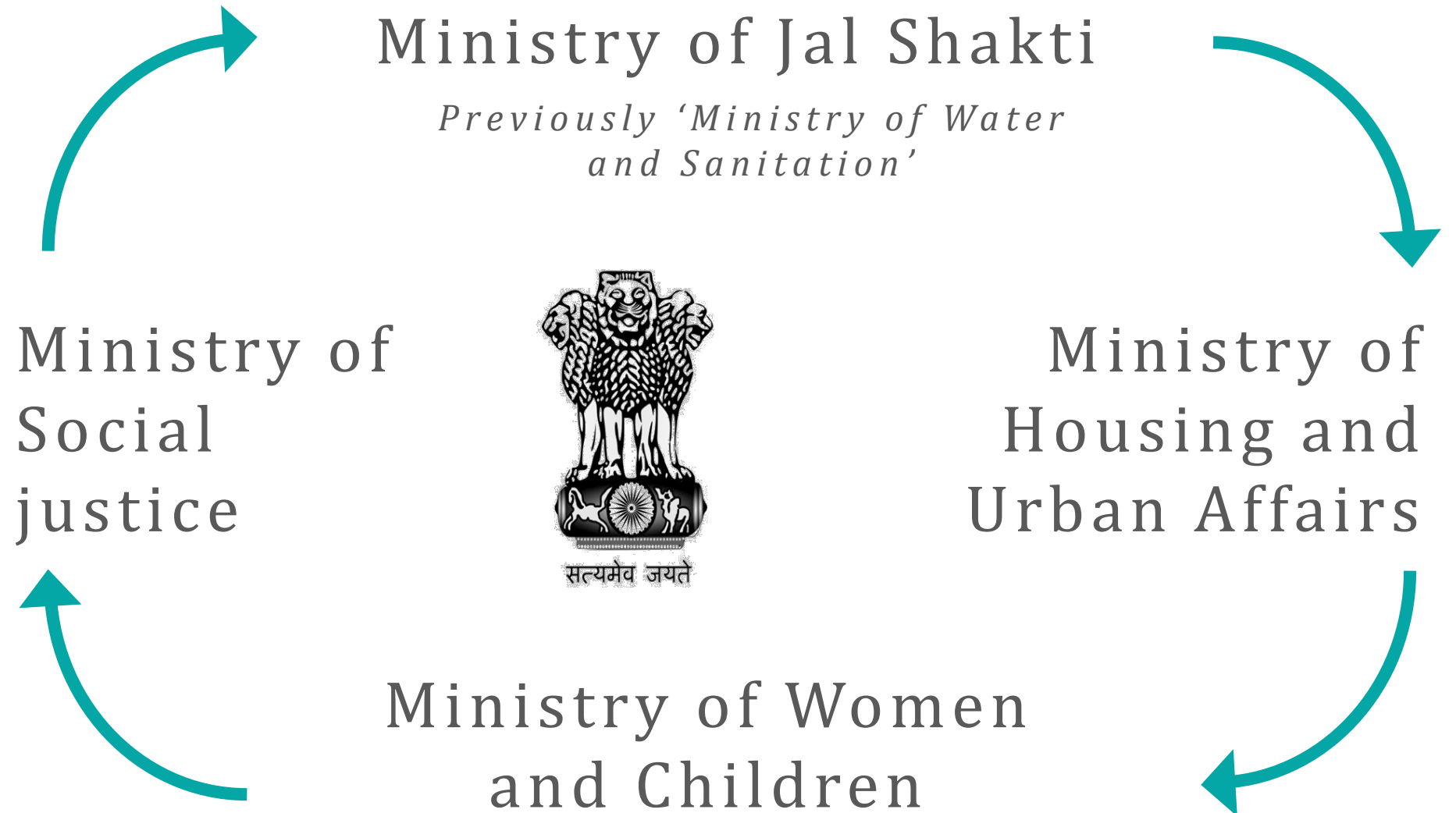*Government annexure does not highlight budgets*

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"Donor eco-system is saying

'We thought India is already ODF. Why are you talking about sanitation?'

So, it's very difficult to ask for money for sanitation today. "

NGO, Telangana

Government Coordination

Ministry of Jal Shakti
Previously 'Ministry of Water and Sanitation'

Ministry of Social justice

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Ministry of Women and Children

Gender Identity visibility

Transgender Persons Bill, 2016

"(1) A transgender person shall have a right to be recognized as such, in accordance with the provisions of the Act"

National WASH Conclave, 2022

"Transgender people shall be allowed to use gender-based toilets as per their self-identified gender"

…. This does not account for social barriers…

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"People are speaking up but they are not getting proper platforms [to actually] speak. Only few activists, few leaders are talking, talking, talking, but then the others are not getting a proper platform to speak."

Activist, Rajasthan

Transparency around language for decision makers

Increased clarity for Government coordination

Prioritisation of targeted funding alongside policy

Consequences for avoiding guidelines

Open platforms to raise issues and be heard