

Water and Sanitation Division Department of Building, Ministry of Construction



Watershed Management for Controlling Municipal Wastewater in South East Asia

# Current and Future Challenges of Water Environment and Wastewater Management in Myanmar

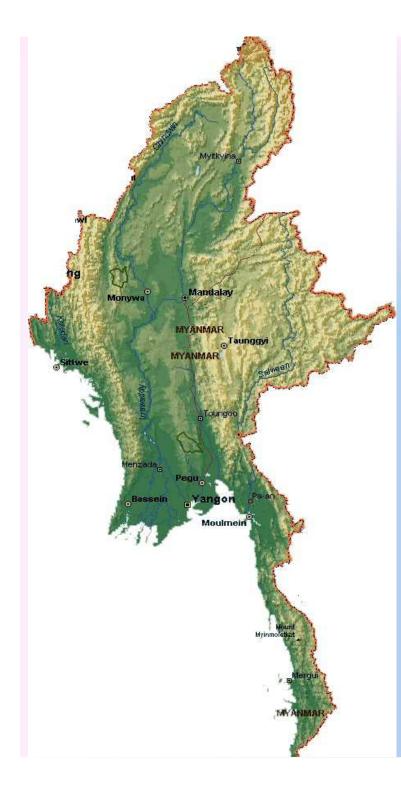
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# Background



#### **Background Information**

- Situated in Area
- East to West North to South Climate Population Density Administrative
- South East Asia
- 261,228 square miles
- 677,000 sq km
- 582 miles
- 1275 miles
- Tropical monsoon (3 seasons)
- About 54.6 million (2017)
- 80 per sq km
- 14 states/divisions
- 66 Districts (325 Townships)

Annual growth rate : 2.02 %

Traditional Water Resource : Rivers , natural or artificial lakes , ponds and underground water

Water pollution caused by : Both industrial and Domestic wastes directly discharge into the water body

# **Organization and Department**

## **Organizations related to Building Construction**

#### Department of Building, Ministry of Construction

- Committee for Construction Project Appraisal
- Committee for Construction (Capital)
- Committee for the Quality Control of High-Rise Building Construction Projects (CQHP)

#### **Local Authorities**

- Yangon City Development Committee
  - Engineering Department (Building)
  - High-Rise Inspection Committee
- Mandalay City Development Committee
- Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee
- Town Development Committees

## **Wastewater Treatment Related Ministries**

#### (Various agencies and department engaged in wastewater sector)

Agency/Department	Ministry/City/Others	Type of Sanitation Facility
Yangon City Development Committee	Yangon	<ul> <li>Sewerage, septic system, Pit latrine with slab</li> <li>Activated sludge wastewater treatment plant</li> </ul>
Naypyitaw City Development Committee	Naypyitaw	<ul> <li>Sewerage, septic system, Pit latrine with slab wastewater treatment plant</li> </ul>
Mandalay City Development Committee	Mandalay	<ul><li>Septic tank system</li><li>Oxidation pond</li></ul>
Water and Sanitation Division Building Department	Construction	- Septic tank system
Department of Development Affairs	Border Affairs	-Septic tank system , Pit latrine with slab
Environmental Sanitation Division Department of Health	Health and Sports	- Systematic latrine Construction

# Role of waste water management

## **Role of Waste Water Management**

Waste Water Management

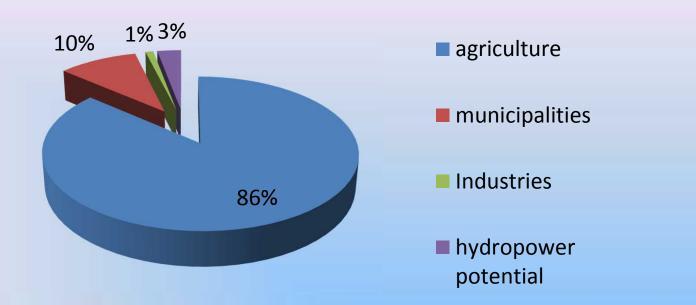
- Plan: (a) development of city and town sanitation standard
  - (b) improvement and rationalization of wastewater disposal system
  - (c) experiences and example set by the two major cities

Global awareness : ASEAN'S vision 2020

Own guide line : Myanmar Agenda 21 (1997)

# Over view of waste water management

## Sector of Water Usage in Myanmar



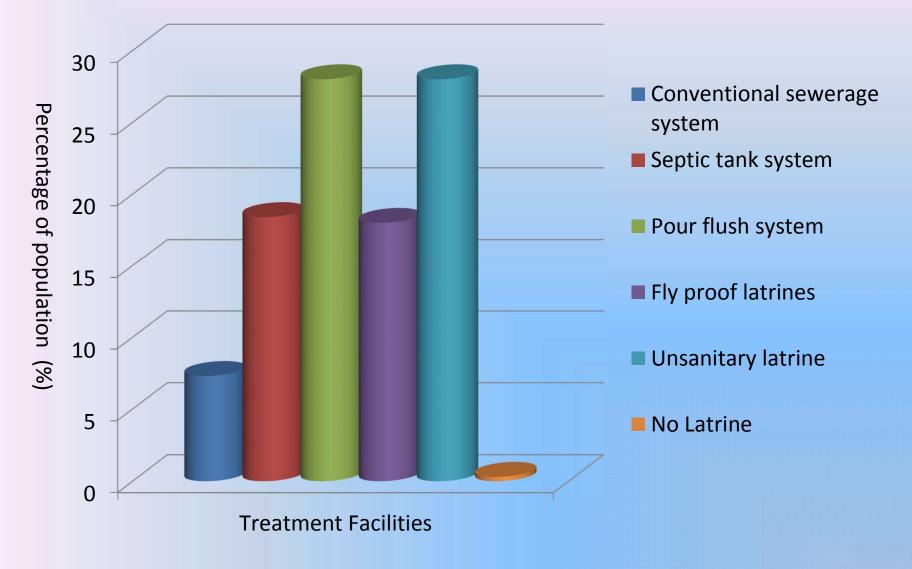
- Total water withdrawal is less than 5% of the renewable resource available
- Approximately 91% of the total water withdrawal comes from surface water and 9% from groundwater.
- Groundwater is mostly used for domestic purposes.
- Impact assessments will be needed to ensure that these projects do not compromise other uses, notably for agriculture.

#### Achievement of Selected Millennium Development Goal Targets (%)

Plan and Targets for Improved Services	Included in Plan	Coverage Target	
Urban sanitation	V	(%) Year	2016
Rural sanitation	~		
Sanitation in schools	V	100	2016
Sanitation in health facilities	V	70	2016
Urban drinking-water supply	~	70	2016
Rural drinking-water supply	~	100	2016
Drinking-water in schools	~	100	2016
Drinking-water in health facilities	~	80	2016

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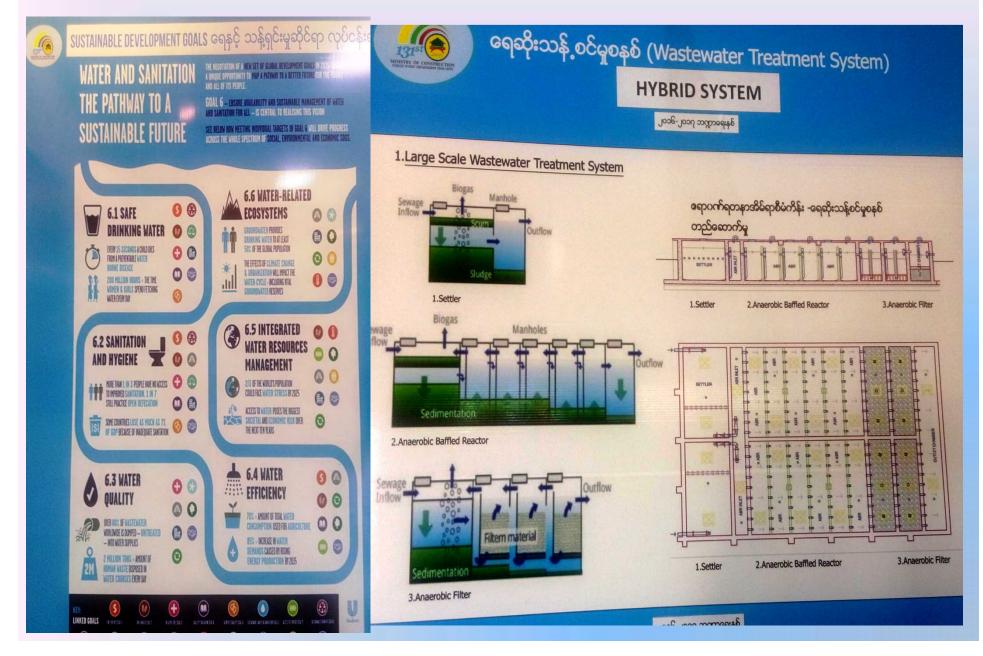
## Status of Sewage Treatment in Myanmar



*Source – Progress in drinking water and sanitation. Joint monitoring programme 2015.* 

#### **Activities of MOC**

Water development exhibitions at Head Office of MOC, Naypyitaw



#### **Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System supervised by MOC**



# Sewage System of Naypyitaw

Sewage System of Mandalay

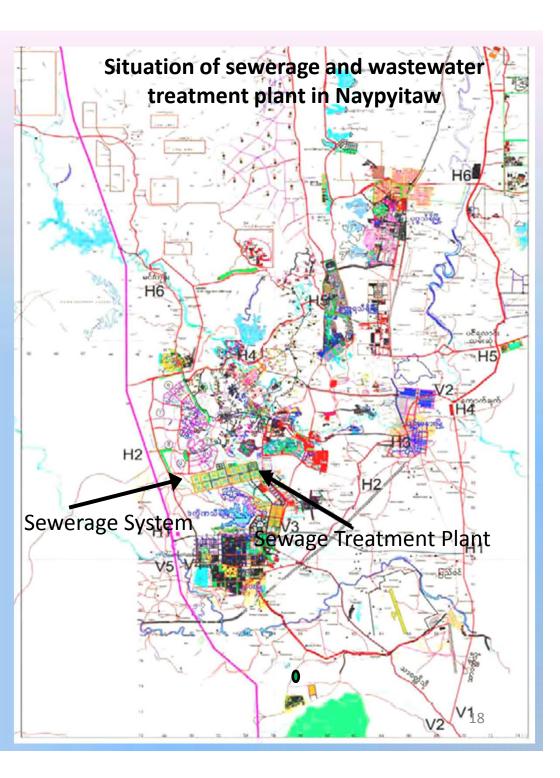
# Existing Sewage System of Naypyitaw

- 20% of new constructed area using sewage treatment plant (Aerobic System)
- 80% using Septic Tank (Anaerobic System) and Pit Latrine with slab
- Sewage collection is combined system
- Sewer pipes are directly connected with waste water treatment plant

#### **Properties Of Wastewater inlet**

Biochemical Oxygen Demand	250mg/lit
(BOD,20* C)	
Suspended Solids (SS)	220mg/lit
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	160mg/lit
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	500mg/lit

#### **Properties of Treated Water**



#### EQUALIZATION TANK FOR SEWAGE COLLECTION







**AERATION TANK** 



TREATED WATER COLLECTION OR RETENTION POND

#### **Future Plan of Sewage Treatment Plant in Naypyitaw**



## **Current Wastewater Management in Mandalay**

Main content of system are Number of Septic Tank - over 35000 Type of System – Oxidation Pond(Facultative + Aerobic Pond) Daily Wastewater discharge – 15000 gal/day





Source- Mandalay City Development Committee)

## Proposed pilot sewerage and wastewater treatment system in Mandalay



#### **EQUITY IN FINANCE**

Funds are reported to be largely directed to drinking-water services, however, the number of un-served is greater for sanitation services..



# **Challenges and issues**

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- Serious shortage of adequate sanitation infrastructure like industrial waste treatment plant
- Weakness in wastewater treatment and water management sector are limited manpower and technical supporting
- Budget limitation; Finance Arrangement for Effective investment/Asset Management
- Difficulty in the change of awareness to practice among communities
- Less Sustainability due to low cost technology

# **Require Action Plans**

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- Playing as an important role in waste water management for this Participation of stakeholders ,concerned Authorities, Companies, Public & CSOs
- Collaboration between ministries with best management practice; to enhance organizational capacity and effectiveness of water resources coordination system
- Enhancement and consolidation the existing systems; function the operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of facilities safely, reliably and efficiently
- Enforcement on the guidelines; using minimum sewage effluent guidelines and water quality criteria and monitoring on Physical operations
- Providing the necessary test equipment and Build sewage treatment facilities and in accordance with national policies and capabilities
- Capacity building at both government and private sectors

# **Concluding and Remarks**

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Although water resources in Myanmar are generally abundant, localized pollution threatens to render water sources unsuitable for future or downstream uses. This threat results from the virtual absence of any form of treatment of domestic or industrial wastewater and the failure to conduct environmental impact assessments for major development projects.

So, we need to establish a beneficial framework and effective mechanism for managing, developing and protecting water and related resources in an environmental and economical sound manner in order to meet the needs of the people of Myanmar.

# Thank you for your

# time and interest