AWaP policy approach for mainstreaming wastewater management and finance

AWaP partner countries confirm that establishing a fiscal system is necessary for the development, operation and maintenance(O&M) and management of wastewater treatment facilities, and share the following policy.

- To promote the development of wastewater treatment facilities and ensure their sustainable O&M and management it is essential that all people and society understand the importance of wastewater management and position it as a national priority policy issue—that is, mainstream wastewater management.
- The administrative department responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs in partner countries should collaborate with local governments to raise public awareness regarding wastewater treatment for all people and society, based on water usage patterns and urban/environmental conditions, and strive to mainstream wastewater management.
- The administrative departments responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs in partner countries should strive to establish systems that secure the necessary financial resources for promoting the development of wastewater treatment facilities and ensuring their sustainable O&M and management through mainstreaming wastewater management. In establishing the system, we will conduct studies in collaboration with local governments, taking into account existing social and fiscal systems, and strive to appropriately combine funding sources (bonds, taxes, user fees).
- The administrative departments responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs in partner countries should share and learn from each other's efforts to mainstream wastewater treatment and establish fiscal systems, thereby fostering better initiatives.

AWaP policy approach for optimum wastewater treatment systems

AWaP partner countries confirm that wastewater treatment facilities include decentralized systems serving one or more households based on population density, topography, and regional connectivity, as well as centralized systems serving community or city-wide areas, and share the following policy.

- An optimal deployment of wastewater treatment facilities, adopting the Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approach, is necessary to ensure all people have access to properly managed wastewater treatment services.
- It is important for administrative departments responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs and local governments in partner countries to take the lead in creating deployment plans for the efficient and effective development of wastewater treatment facilities, including decentralized and centralized treatment systems.
- The deployment plan for wastewater treatment facilities determines the wastewater treatment services citizens receive. When developing this plan, we should fulfill our accountability to citizens by considering not only economic factors but also regional characteristics such as water environment conservation, construction feasibility, and the difficulty of securing land.
- To enable early operation of wastewater treatment services, it is important for administrative departments and local governments responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs in partner countries to take the lead and systematically and progressively develop wastewater treatment facilities while considering the status of related infrastructure, such as water supply systems. Furthermore, they should periodically review deployment plans to reflect changes in social conditions.
- The administrative departments responsible for wastewater treatment and environmental affairs in partner countries should share initiatives related to the optimal deployment of wastewater treatment facilities, learn from each other, and develop better approaches.