

CURRICULAM VITAE

NIKET KUMAR JHA

Mobile: +91 9608779244 ~ E-Mail: niketjha15aug@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A seasoned development sector professional with over a decade of experience in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) issues. Seeking to contribute my expertise as a Sanitation consultant to support the Rural Development Department in Bihar, leveraging a proven track record in strengthening ODF+ and ODF Plus interventions, integrating Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability, and providing technical assistance to key line departments. Highly dedicated and having a post graduate degree in management as well as diploma in nutrition and health education accompanied with excellent conceptualization, analytical skills, program monitoring, capacity building of key stakeholders, advocacy and liaising with govt. and line departments, associated with UNICEF Bihar since 2018 as WASH consultant. An avid learner with experience of managing projects supported by national as well as international agencies like UNICEF, WaterAid, SEI, Save the children, Plan India etc. and government while working in multi-disciplinary teams across several states including Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, and Rajasthan.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Technical assistance in establishing Sanitation Technology Park demonstrating various cost-effective and environment friendly toilet technologies in Sitamarhi district of Bihar.
2. Technical assistance in establishing children park in Sitamarhi by recycling the waste materials in a school to support ODF plus mandate of SBM/LSBA which was hugely appreciated by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar.
3. Technical assistance for development of State specific WASH in Schools benchmarking system in the name of Bihar Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar and its successful implementation for two consecutive years.
4. Technical support in developing and implementing climate sensitive Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) in digital form for more than 7,000 schools in Bihar.
5. Capacity building of more than 10,000 stakeholders including masons, teachers, NGO functionaries, govt. representatives, engineers, health workers etc. on different topic of water, sanitation, and hygiene.
6. Successful planning and implementation of solid waste management system in Sheohar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Designation: State Consultant - Sanitation

Duration: April' 24 to Currently hold this position

Workstation: Patna, Bihar

Organisation: UNICEF (Through INDUCTUS) works in the world's toughest places to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents – and to protect the rights of every child, everywhere. Across more than 190 countries and territories UNICEF is dedicated to

advancing the rights of all girls and boys in India, especially the most disadvantaged to help children survive, thrive, and fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. UNICEF Bihar extends technical support to Bihar Education Project Council, ICDS, Panchayati Raj Department, Rural development, public health engineering department for system strengthening in WASH sector.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Support formulation of comprehensive operation and maintenance strategy for Solid Waste Management (SWM), Plastic Waste Management (PWM), Bio-medical Waste Management (BWM) and Grey Water Management (GWM).
- Support ODF (S) and ODF Plus programming in the state, both urban and rural – with respect to the waste management interventions - preparing concept notes, implementation brief and other documents as per the requirement.
- Support retrofitting campaign to ensure ODF sustainability in the State.
- Support training and capacity building of sanitation workers and supervisors.
- Coordinate with the department concerned for the safety, security and dignity of the sanitation workers through social security schemes / benefits.
- Facilitate development of capacity building framework, modules & manuals on ODF Sustainability and ODF Plus components.
- Support implementing partners and selected district authorities for implementation of sanitation programs through training and capacity building, supportive supervision, and handholding support.
- Capacity building of the state/districts' functionaries on ODF S and ODF Plus interventions.
- Facilitate development of SOPs for effective waste management covering all the related components.
- Support design and development of communication strategies / campaigns for awareness generation among the communities on sanitation related behaviour.
- Support designing and roll out of school/Anganwadi/ HCF based SLWM interventions.
- Support selected districts to develop an assessment framework to understand the status of waste management (collection, transportation, treatment and disposal) during emergencies.
- Facilitate development and roll out of a monitoring framework for tracking of construction, retrofitting and waste management interventions.
- Prepare regular monitoring updates/briefs to take midcourse measures for strengthening implementation on the ground.
- Facilitate periodic reviews of national/state flag ship programs/schemes for improved sanitation services.
- Regular liaising and networking with State/Districts officers and functionaries for necessary support to strengthen the implementation of ODF S and ODF Plus program in the State.
- Facilitate documentation and knowledge management interventions for different national/state flagship programs/schemes on sanitation.

Designation: State Consultant- WASH in schools and Anganwadi centres
Duration: June' 21 to May' 22; June' 22 to Dec' 22 and Mar' 23 to Mar'24
Workstation: Patna, Bihar
Organisation: UNICEF

Roles and Responsibilities:

- To support the Government in strengthening the implementation of WASH in Schools program in the state under the National and State Government flagship programs such as Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya / National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar / Bihar Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar.
- To support the Bihar Education Project Council and selected District authorities in making schools WASH compliant and Climate resilient.
- To support the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) and selected District authorities in making Anganwadi centres WASH compliant and Climate resilient.
- To extended technical support in developing sanitation related policies, frameworks, and guidelines for respective departments.
- Capacity building of key stakeholders like sanitation workers, District coordinators, SLWM consultants etc. on Safely Managed Sanitation System (SMSS), ODF Plus, ODF sustainability and Safety, security, and dignity of Sanitation workers.
- Facilitate documentation, knowledge management and learning sharing visits.
- Facilitate observation of special days such as World Toilet Day, Menstrual Hygiene Day, Global handwashing Day, etc.

Designation: District Consultant
Duration: Sept' 18 to Dec' 19 and Jun'20 to Mar'21
Workstation: Sitamarhi, Bihar
Organisation: UNICEF

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Technical support to district administration in developing comprehensive and time-bound district-wide open defecation elimination plan (ODEP).
- Piloting of environment friendly sanitation technologies like bio-digester and waterless urinals in selected schools and institutions.
- Capacity building of govt. functionaries, field motivators and masons on addressing the issue of open defecation, retrofitting of toilets, solid waste management etc.
- Preparation and rolling out ODF sustainability plan and water sector programming including Jal Jeevan Hariyali mission.
- Develop plans for improved and sustainable WASH services in public institutions (schools, Anganwadis and health facilities).
- Document the best practice cases and human-interest stories and facilitate the district in cross learning and sharing through meetings/ workshops/ social media platforms.

- Facilitate effective implementation, management, and monitoring of various ODF+ (SLRM, FSSM & PWM) and ODF sustainability initiatives in line with SBM (G)/LSBA.
- During emergencies, provide technical support to district administration to assess damage and loss to WASH sector, particularly to prepare the recovery plan and to monitor and coordinate implementation of WASH response from Government and other stakeholders in mega camps and affected villages.
- Extend supportive supervision support for running of community kitchen, waste management, personal hygiene practices etc. during emergencies like flood.
- Technical support in nutrition through capacity building of care givers, identification, screening, and referral of SAMS cases and strengthening adolescent and maternal nutrition.
- Technical Support to district administration and education department in organising school safety program and emergency preparedness and response (DRR).

Designation: Project Manager

Duration: Apr'17- Aug'18

Workstation: Sheohar, Bihar

Organisation: **Annai Trust** is a national key resource centre approved by ministry of drinking water and sanitation, Govt. of India working extensively in Tamil Nadu and Bihar on the issue of sustainable water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and climate change. It has been a lead organisation for implementation of sustainable WATSAN project in Sheohar, Bihar supported by Water for People

Roles and Responsibilities

- Lead the team of District Resource Persons as KRC in three districts of Bihar for ODF achievement under Tripartite agreement of LSBA- ANNAI – DWSCs
- Plan, review, and guide the team including 4 CSOs in implementation of sustainable WATSAN project activities including planning for SBCC activities and hardware components.
- Liaison and advocate with district and state administration for promotion of improved WATSAN facilities in communities and schools
- Implementation of Solid waste management project in coordination with the Nagar Panchayat and Water for People.
- Coordination with Education Department, Nagar Panchayat, Health Departments, ICDS etc for promotion of Institutional WASH components
- Organizing district and state level workshops/ seminars on WASH related issues

Designation: Project Associate

Duration: Jul'16- Jan17

Workstation: Sitamarhi, Bihar

Organisation: **Shree Krishna Gyan Mandir** is a Patna based organisation working for the promotion of sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene services and cultural development of indigenous population.

Roles and responsibilities:

- To provide technical & operational support in establishment of Sanitation Technology Park in Sitamarhi, Bihar supported by UNICEF, Bihar
- Facilitating the video documentation of sanitation technology park
- Designing post implementation strategy for sustaining and achieving the objective of park in future.
- Facilitating the learning and exposure visit of several stakeholders involved in sanitation sector.

Designation: Sr. Training Coordinator and Training coordinator

Duration: Oct'12- Jun'16

Workstation: Patna, Bihar

Organisation: **WASH institute** is a national key resource centre approved by Ministry of Drinking water and sanitation, govt. of India specialised in capacity building of key stakeholders, research, and development in WASH sector, strengthening WASH in schools' program, sustainable sanitation conducting courses and sanitation at it headquarter in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu.

Roles and responsibilities:

- Lead person for conducting all WASH related training programs/ workshops and periodical impact evaluation successfully and effectively in Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, and Chhattisgarh.
- Piloting of sustainable sanitation models like Compostera and Ecosan toilets in selected districts of Bihar.
- The preparation of training modules, pre/post-test questionnaires, evaluation forms and other resource materials.
- Linkage and rapport building with other sector players and the concerned state government departments and NGOs/INGOs for training need assessment and conducting capacity building programmes.
- The preparation of annual/monthly training calendar considering all available projects and resources and carrying out the planned activities.
- Facilitating the capacity building activities like module testing, training etc. for other stakeholders.

Designation: Project Manager

Duration: Apr'11 to Oct'12

Workstation: Deoghar, Jharkhand

Organisation: **Lok Prerna** is a Deoghar based organisation working in the field of water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), livelihoods, agriculture, and women empowerment. The working areas span from selected districts of Jharkhand to West Bengal.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Implementation of WaterAid (UK) supported project on WASH issues in 25 villages of Dumka and Deoghar district in Jharkhand.
- Designing of SBCC tools and strategies like Village Sanitation Drive, quiz competition in schools, Street Plays, road shows, posters at strategic locations, Group Hand washing, celebration of important days like world toilet day, world water day etc.
- Documentation of best practices and designing of monitoring formats.
- Capacity building of key stakeholders including masons, community members, children, volunteers, and frontline workers on the issue of open defecation.

Designation: Assistant Coordinator

Duration: Apr'10 to Apr'11

Workstation: Bhilwara & Dungarpur (Rajasthan) and Ahmadabad (Gujarat)

Organisation: **Self-employed women association (SEWA)** is a Gujarat based trade union working for the upliftment and empowerment of rural women since 1971. It covers activities ranging from livelihood to climate change and WASH.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Implementation of Livelihood project supported by UNDP-MoRD in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan.
- To Co-ordinate and support District Co-ordinator on the aspects of Planning, Reporting, Monitoring, and Implementation of project.
- Ensure Convergence of line department's schemes with MGNREGA workers.
- Liaison with Government and Line authorities (DC, BDO, KVK, UNDP, MoRD etc.) for ensuring maximum benefits to target groups.

PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- Technical support to Lohiya Swachh Bihar Abhiyan, Education department, District Administration, and line departments for quality execution of programs/ schemes in WASH, Nutrition and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Management of projects supported by national as well as international agencies like UNICEF, Water for People, WaterAid, Plan India, Save the Children, Population Services Internationals, Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI) Sweden, AusAid, UNDP, ITC Ltd etc.
- Organizing and Conducting training/ workshops on several topics of WASH and Livelihood like CLTS/ CAS, Water security plans, sanitation technology, Solid liquid waste management, agriculture etc. for the engineers of PHED, Jal Nigam, PRI members, NGO functionaries and CBOs leaders.
- Completed several online and offline courses from reputed institutes and organisations like EAWAG, UNICEF, Water for People, NIRDPR, Cornell University, IIT Madras, ICCW, Just a drop, Pittsburgh university, Vanderbilt University, Macquarie University, IBM, Ministry of drinking water and sanitation, MoCW development, Govt. of India etc.

- Designing and updating training modules, course materials, resource materials, policy frameworks, guidelines etc.
- Team player with strong analytical & computer skills for data analysis and ChatGPT (Prompt Engineering- Vanderbilt University- University of Tennessee, USA).
- Self-starter and can work independently.
- Adaptable and a quick learner; possesses skills to work under pressure.
- Quality documentation, presentation, and reporting skills.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Contributed to designing the framework of safe school reopening and IPC protocols for the govt. schools of Bihar during covid-19.
- Piloting and installation of no touch hand washing stations at selected 30 locations in Sitamarhi district.
- Capacity building of key stakeholders from education department on Covid appropriate behaviour.
- Supportive supervision of community kitchen and flood relief centres during floods in Sitamarhi district.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

2018	Diploma in Nutrition & Health Education from IGNOU, with 60%.
2010	MBA from Faculty of Management Studies, Goa University with 7.11 CGPA.
2007	B.B.A. from ICFAI University, Dehradun, with 53.72%.
2001	H.S.C from Deoghar College, Deoghar, J.I.E.C. Board with 66.2%.
1999	S.S.C from SKP Vidya Vihar, Banka, C.B.S.E. Board with 69%.

PERSONAL VITAE

Date of Birth	: 15th August 1984
Nationality	: Indian
Marital status	: Married
Linguistics Abilities	: Hindi, English, Maithili and Gujarati (basic)
Present Address	: 104, S S Enclave, New Punaichak, Hanuman Nagar, Patna- 800023, Bihar
Permanent Address	: Lalit Kumar Jha, Dptt. of Telecom, Saket Vihar, Barmasia, B. Deoghar, Jharkhand- 814112

REFERENCES

❖ Mr. Sudhakar Reddy Ontari WASH Officer UNICEF, Bihar Mobile No: +919262890052 Email: oredy@unicef.org	❖ Mr. Prakash Kumar Team Leader Bihar State Health System Digitization Mobile No: +917250673142 Email: prakaash.kr@gmail.com
---	--