

**IWA Webinar “Improving Sanitation Data Systems in South Asia”.  
 Q&A Report – 10 April 2024**

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**Questions received from participants:**

#	Question	Speaker	Answer
1	Hello Mr. Biswas, what tools and innovative ideas have been used for data collection, and how frequently this data is collected?	Shishir Kumar Biswas	Urban data are collected using Mobile application incorporating standard questionnaire relating to CWIS indicators and other global & regional indicators.  Project based urban data are collected in every 5 years. Rural data collection is still depending on BBS collects 10 years interval.
2	Other than the missing data (highlighted in red in the WHO presentation), what are the other key challenges that we need to address in order to strengthen data systems.	All	Live answered.
3	Do the panellists have a perspective on sanitation and climate data? Specifically, how obtaining good data on methane emissions could raise the profile of the sector in the context of GHG mitigation and bring the perspective of managing to minimise GHG emissions to treatment. Thank you!	Rajit Ojha	Hi Zach, In my opinion, interoperability of data source can help us identify what kind of climate data we want for example rainfall related data, heat, landslide and vulnerable population data can come from other organization sources if it can be shared and that will allow us where we are in terms of climate change mitigation/adaptation  Similarly, mitigation related data such as GHG emission can from design phase, operation the

		<p>regulation KPI including energy efficiency/GHG emission for service providers can be operation level data which regulators can pick.</p> <p>For sanitation, the evidence for methane is still nascent stage and requires better (and more localized) measurement frameworks....</p> <p>however, in context of WASH services there is also a need to look at indirect emissions especially use of electricity usage ....</p>
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