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Sanitation Report Card, 2026



Overview

Access to safe sanitation is a national priority in Nepal, directly supporting progress toward SDG 6. While coverage has improved, there is a strong need for practical tools to assess and compare sanitation status across municipalities. To address this, the Government of Nepal, through the Ministry of Water Supply, has developed the NWASH-MIS, a national WASH information management system. NWASH-MIS strengthens locally led, data-driven decision-making by engaging all three tiers of government in data management and WASH plan formulation. Local governments play a central role, using the system to visualize current WASH conditions and make evidence-based decisions for planning, budgeting, and promoting sustainable services. So far, 326 municipalities have completed WASH plans using NWASH-MIS, with data validated at the local level. Building on this, Sanitation Report Card is developed with support from WaterAid Nepal, under the Scaling CWIS Service System Project executed by the UN-Habitat Nepal, with the funding support of the Gates Foundation, drawing on data from households level and service status to provide a clear snapshot of sanitation performance.

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In this report, the Sanitation Service Level Status, as assessed using the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) indicators, has been categorized into three principal classifications. **Category A** denotes a higher level of service achievement in accordance with the tool's defined thresholds; **Category B** reflects a moderate level of performance; and **Category C** represents comparatively lower service attainment

DATA SOURCE

The primary data source for this assessment of Sanitation Service Level Status is the NWASH portal. Data were extracted from various NWASH modules—Household Sanitation data, service level and coverage information available in summary charts and tables.

METHODOLOGY

The assessment was undertaken through a structured process of technical steps designed to ensure accuracy, consistency, and alignment with predefined standards:

1. Sanitation Service-level data were retrieved from the NWASH system of municipalities where WASH plans are either approved or in draft form. The extraction process followed the JMP-aligned service ladders to maintain global comparability.
2. Extracted datasets underwent rigorous cleaning and logical validation. This included type checks, range checks, and consistency checks to verify the reliability of percentage distributions and eliminate anomalies.
3. Municipal performance was classified into three categories, and the categorization was guided by the threshold matrix jointly defined by MuAN, NARMIN, WaterAid, and DWSSM, ensuring sectoral consensus and standardization.
4. Finally, the results were synthesized into tables and visualization outputs. These tools provide a clear snapshot of municipal sanitation service levels, enabling stakeholders to interpret performance and identify priority areas for intervention.

As there are no standard documents defining category thresholds for classifying municipalities based on sanitation service levels, these categories have been developed based on experience and may vary depending on perspective.

Analysis Sample Size: 326 Municipality

Selection Criteria: Approved or draft WASH Plans



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CATEGORY A



Safely Managed Service > 80%
OR
Basic Service > 95%

CATEGORY B



Safely Managed Service > 30% and ≤ 80%
OR
Basic Service > 80% and ≤ 95%

CATEGORY C

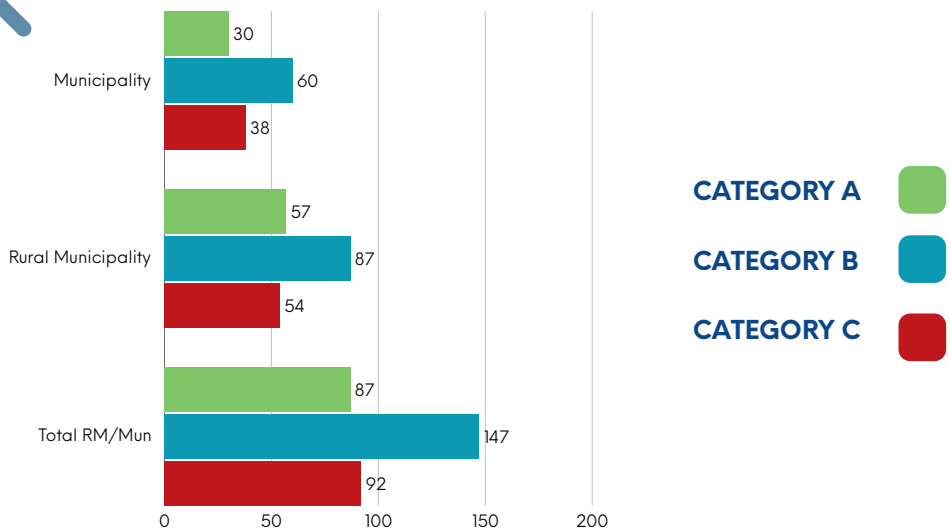


Safely Managed Service ≤ 30%
OR
Basic Service ≤ 70%



CATEGORY FINDINGS

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Sanitation Service status of 346 Municipality

Population with access to Safely Managed sanitation services	45.17%
Population with access to Basic sanitation services	21.94%
Population with access to Limited sanitation services	1.92%
Population with access to Unimproved sanitation services	13.72%
Population without access to a toilet (households may not have their own toilet)	17.25%

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Category A

Koshi Province	Bagmati Province	Karnali Province
Birtamod Municipality	Godawari Municipality	Bheriganga Municipality
Panchakhapan Municipality	Kalika Municipality	Musikot Municipality
Inaruwa Municipality	Kamalimai Municipality	Chaurjahari Municipality
Miklajung Rural Municipality	Changunarayan Municipality	Bheri Malika Municipality
Maiwakhola Rural Municipality	Panauti Municipality	Dullu Municipality
Sotang Rural Municipality	Dudhouri Municipality	Narayan Municipality
Rautamai Rural Municipality	Likhu Rural Municipality	Sharada Municipality
	Sunkoshi Rural Municipality	Simta Rural Municipality
Madesh Province	Helambu Rural Municipality	Chingad Rural Municipality
Mithila Municipality	Phikkal Rural Municipality	Naumule Rural Municipality
Khadak Municipality	Sunkoshi Rural Municipality	Chhatreshwori Rural Municipality
Lalbandi Municipality	Ghyanglekh Rural Municipality	Tatopani Rural Municipality
Saptakoshi Municipality	Bagmati Rural Municipality	Kalimati Rural Municipality
Shahidnagar Municipality	Gokulganga Rural Municipality	Dungeshwor Rural Municipality
Kalyanpur Municipality	Ichchha Kamana Rural Municipality	Mahabu Rural Municipality
Bishnupur Rural Municipality	Bhumlu Rural Municipality	Banphikot Rural Municipality
Bishnupur Rural Municipality	Jwalamukhi Rural Municipality	Bhairabi Rural Municipality
Baragadhi Rural Municipality	Temal Rural Municipality	Barahatal Rural Municipality
	Jugal Rural Municipality	Chaukune Rural Municipality
Gandaki Province	Roshi Rural Municipality	Darma Rural Municipality
Bensi Shahar Municipality	Golanjor Rural Municipality	Siddha Kumakh Rural Municipality
Madhya Nepal Municipality		Patarasi Rural Municipality
Sundarbazar Municipality	Lumbini Province	Jagadulla Rural Municipality
Nisikhola Rural Municipality	Gulmi Durbar Gaunpaika	Sudurpaschim Province
Bihadi Rural Municipality	Sunawal Municipality	Bedkot Municipality
Dordi Rural Municipality	Sunchhahari Rural Municipality	Godawari Municipality
Rupa Rural Municipality	Shantinagar Rural Municipality	Shuklaphanta Municipality
Arjun Choupari Rural Municipality	Ribdikot Rural Municipality	Dilasaini Rural Municipality
Annapurna Rural Municipality		Dogada Kedar Rural Municipality
Shahid Lakhani Rural Municipality		Dhakari Rural Municipality
Aandhikhola Rural Municipality		Chure Rural Municipality
Madi Rural Municipality		Chhabis Pathibhara Rural Municipality
Madi Rural Municipality		Turmakhand Rural Municipality

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Category B

Koshi Province		Madesh Province	
Baraha chhetra Municipality	Rajpur Municipality	Manara Shisawa Municipality	Ekadara Rural Municipality
Ramdhuni Municipality	Mithila Bihari Municipality	Kalैया Sub-Metropolitan City	Samsi Rural Municipality
Duhabi Municipality	Gadhimai Municipality	Ganeshman Charnath Municipality	Naraha Rural Municipality
Koshi Rural Municipality	Siraha Municipality	Chhreshwornath Municipality	Rajgadh Rural Municipality
Barju Rural Municipality	Golbazar Municipality	Jitpur Simara Sub-Metropolitan City	Aurahi Rural Municipality
Gadhi Rural Municipality	Dakneshwori Municipality	Pokhariya Municipality	Aurahi Rural Municipality
Jahada Rural Municipality	Surunga Municipality	Parsagadhi Municipality	Thori Rural Municipality
Bagmati Province		Sudurpaschim Province	
Tokha Municipality	Birgunj Metropolitan City	Brindaban Municipality	Mahottari Rural Municipality
Panchkhal Municipality	Hansapur Municipality	Katahariya Municipality	Yamunamai Rural Municipality
Namobuddha Municipality	Haripur Municipality	Tilathi Kolladi Rural Municipality	Ramnagar Rural Municipality
Melung Rural Municipality	Jaleswor Municipality	Chhipaharmai Rural Municipality	Parsa Rural Municipality
Tinpatan Rural Municipality	Loharpatti Municipality	Laxmipur Patari Rural Municipality	Pipara Rural Municipality
Bethanchowk Rural Municipality	Karjanha Municipality	Jagarnathpur Rural Municipality	Bishrampur Rural Municipality
Kailash Rural Municipality	Simroungadh Municipality	Bindabasini Rural Municipality	Dhanakaul Rural Municipality
Raksirang Rural Municipality	Kanchanrup Municipality	Aadarsha Kotwal Rural Municipality	Balan-Bihul Rural Municipality
Khanikhola Rural Municipality	Kolhabi Municipality	Sakhuwa Nankarkatti Rural Municipality	Chakraghatta Rural Municipality
Hariharpurgadhi Rural Municipality	Boudhimai Municipality	Durga Bhagawati Rural Municipality	Chandranagar Rural Municipality
Benighat Rorang Rural Municipality	Maulapur Municipality	Agnisair Krishna Sabaran Rural Municipality	
Marin Rural Municipality			
Gandaki Province		Sudurpaschim Province	
Walling Municipality	Tikapur Municipality	Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality	Ganyapdhura Rural Municipality
Jaimuni Municipality	Lamki Chuha Municipality	Mohanyal Rural Municipality	Jagannath Rural Municipality
Badigad Rural Municipality	Krishnapur Municipality	Ramaroshan Rural Municipality	Thalara Rural Municipality
Myagde Rural Municipality	Punarbas Municipality	Aadarsha Rural Municipality	Beldandi Rural Municipality
Binayi Tribeni Rural Municipality	Shikhar Municipality	Joshinur Rural Municipality	Kailari Rural Municipality

Karnali Province		Lumbini Province	
Bagachour Municipality	Kharpunath Rural Municipality	Bardaghat Municipality	Lungri Rural Municipality
Tripurasundari Municipality	Junichande Rural Municipality	Sainamaina Municipality	Sisne Rural Municipality
Nalgaad Municipality	Soru Rural Municipality	Pyuthan Municipality	Nisdi Rural Municipality
Chamunda Bindrasaini Municipality	Chharka Tangsong Rural Municipality	Sworgadwari Municipality	Mathagadhi Rural Municipality
Aathbiskot Municipality	Sanibheri Rural Municipality	Madhuwan Municipality	Baganaskali Rural Municipality
Bangad Kupinde Municipality	Thantikandh Rural Municipality	Siddharthanagar Municipality	Rainadevi Chhahara Rural Municipality
Tilagupha Municipality	Simkot Rural Municipality	Ghorahi Sub-Metropolitan City	Sunilsmriti Rural Municipality
Kaika Rural Municipality	Kuse Rural Municipality	Thawang Rural Municipality	Naubahini Rural Municipality
Naraharinath Rural Municipality	Khatyad Rural Municipality	Mandavi Rural Municipality	Purbakhola Rural Municipality
Sanni Tribeni Rural Municipality	Sinja Rural Municipality	Bhoome Rural Municipality	Chhatrakot Rural Municipality
Pachal Jharana Rural Municipality	Adanchuli Rural Municipality	Tribeni Rural Municipality	Rapti Sonari Rural Municipality
Guthichaur Rural Municipality		Kanchan Rural Municipality	Tribeni Rural Municipality
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Category C

Lumbini Province			Madhesh Province
Musikot Municipality	Rambha Rural Municipality	Babai Rural Municipality	Rajdevi Municipality
Resunga Municipality	Kali Gandaki Rural Municipality	Jhimaruk Rural Municipality	Gaur Municipality
Ramgram Municipality	Dangisharan Rural Municipality	Satyawoti Rural Municipality	Sabaila Municipality
Ruru Rural Municipality	Rapti Rural Municipality	Chandrakot Rural Municipality	Dhangadhimai Municipality
Lamahi Municipality	Runtigadhi Rural Municipality	Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City	Gujara Municipality
Banganga Municipality	Mallarani Rural Municipality	Janaki Rural Municipality	Malangawa Municipality
Rolpa Municipality	Sarumarani Rural Municipality	Duduwa Rural Municipality	Barahathawa Municipality
Bhumikasthan Municipality	Dhurkot Rural Municipality	Narainapur Rural Municipality	Garuda Municipality
Buddhabhumi Municipality	Chhatradev Rural Municipality	Geruwa Rural Municipality	Matihani Municipality
Kohalpur Municipality	Malarani Rural Municipality	Badhaiyatal Rural Municipality	Hanumannagar Kankalini Municipality
Bangadhi Municipality	Panini Rural Municipality	Sammarimai Rural Municipality	Janakpur Sub-Metropolitan City
Barbariya Municipality	Palhinandan Rural Municipality	Marchawari Rural Municipality	Rajbiraj Municipality
Thakurbaba Municipality	Sarawal Rural Municipality	Bijayanagar Rural Municipality	Madhav Narayan Municipality
Shivaraj Municipality	Pratapapur Rural Municipality	Yasodhara Rural Municipality	Ishanath Municipality
Putha Uttanganga Rural Municipality	Susta Rural Municipality	Mayadevi Rural Municipality	Rupani Rural Municipality
Maharajgunj Municipality	Siyari Rural Municipality	Bangalchuli Rural Municipality	Balara Municipality
Tulsipur Sub-Metropolitan City	Rohini Rural Municipality	Gadhawa Rural Municipality	Kaudena Rural Municipality
Janaki Rural Municipality	Kotahimai Rural Municipality	Baijanath Rural Municipality	Basbariya Rural Municipality
		Khajura Rural Municipality	Brahmapuri Rural Municipality
			Dhanauji Rural Municipality
			Chhinnamasta Rural Municipality
			Pheta Rural Municipality
			Godaita Municipality

Karnali Province	Sudurpaschim Province	Bagmati Province
Khandachakra Municipality	Bhajani Municipality	Kirtipur Municipality
Shey Phoksundo Rural Municipality	Budhiganga Municipality	Sunapati Rural Municipality
Chhedagad Municipality	Dodhara Chandani Municipality	
Hima Rural Municipality	Talkot Rural Municipality	
Sarkegad Rural Municipality		
Bhagawatimai Rural Municipality		
Gurans Rural Municipality		
Barekot Rural Municipality		



The JMP ladder for sanitation

Safely Managed Service:
Use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households and where excreta are safely disposed of in situ or removed and treated offsite

Basic sanitation service:
Basic sanitation service refers to the use of improved sanitation facilities that are not shared with other households.

Limited sanitation service:
Refers to the use of Use of improved facilities shared between two or more households.

Unimproved sanitation service:
Use of pit latrines without a slab or platform, latrines or bucket

Open Defecation or No sanitation service:
Disposal of human faeces in fields, forests, bushes, open bodies of water, beaches and other open spaces or with solid waste.

Municipality Category List



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Scan this QR code to access the complete categorization list of all 326 local governments. The linked sheet applies a classification tool to categorize each rural municipality and municipality.

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