

Gender and Equity In WASH

A group of women, likely in a rural setting, are gathered together. Many of them have their hands raised, suggesting an interactive session or a community meeting. The women are dressed in traditional Indian attire, including sarees and blouses. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the women in the foreground.

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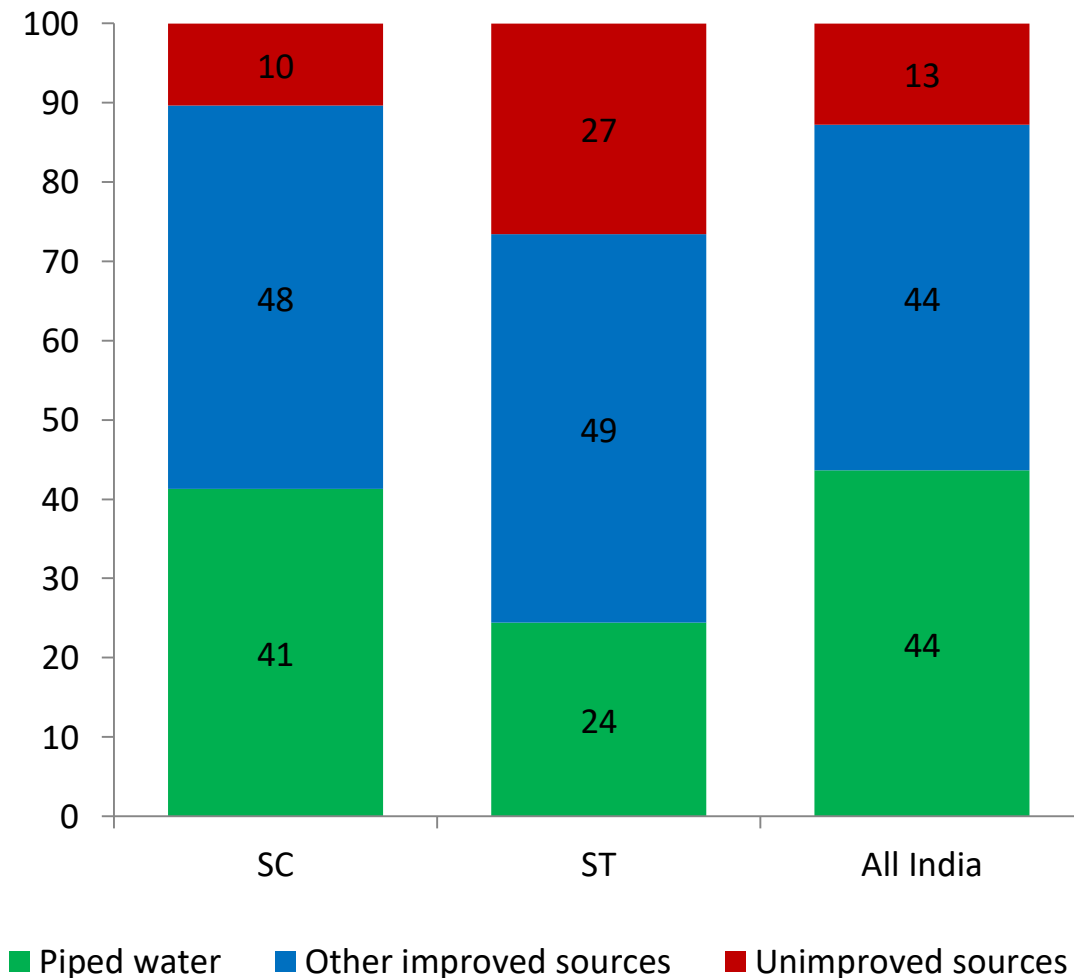
Equity Profiling for WASH

Disparities in WASH exist

- ❖ Across States,
- ❖ Across Castes,
- ❖ Across Religions,
- ❖ Across Rural-Urban,
- ❖ within politically recognized excluded classes
- ❖ Across poor and rich, reflected here by Wealth quintiles (cutting the population into the 5 groupings from riches to poorest).
- ❖ Disparities among wealth are cross cutting, i.e. the poor suffer no matter who they are!

Access to drinking water among different social groups in India

Access to drinking water: SC, ST, All India

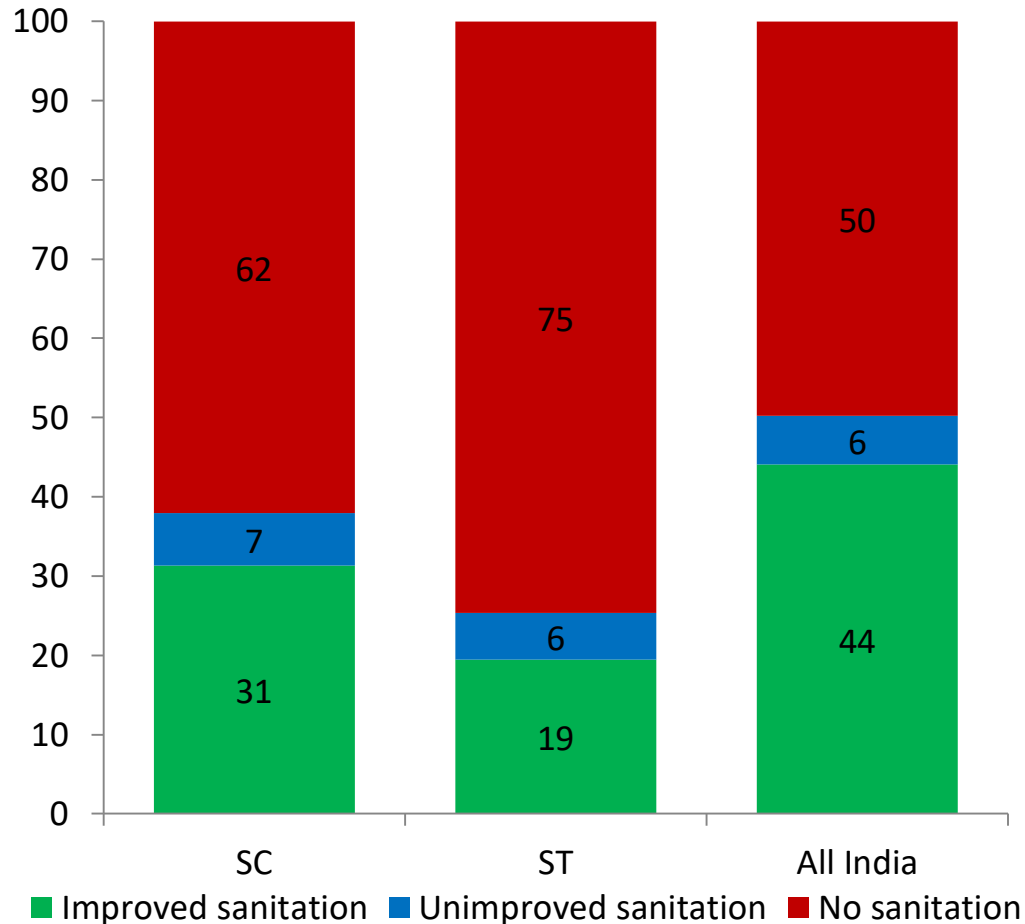


- ❖ Even though India has reached the MDG for drinking water, yet around 13% of the households have access to drinking water from unimproved sources and this rises to 27% for STs.
- ❖ Scheduled Tribes indicators for piped water access are lower than Indian average (24% as opposed to 44%); the value for SCs is 41%.

Source: Census 2011 data

Access to sanitation among different social groups in India

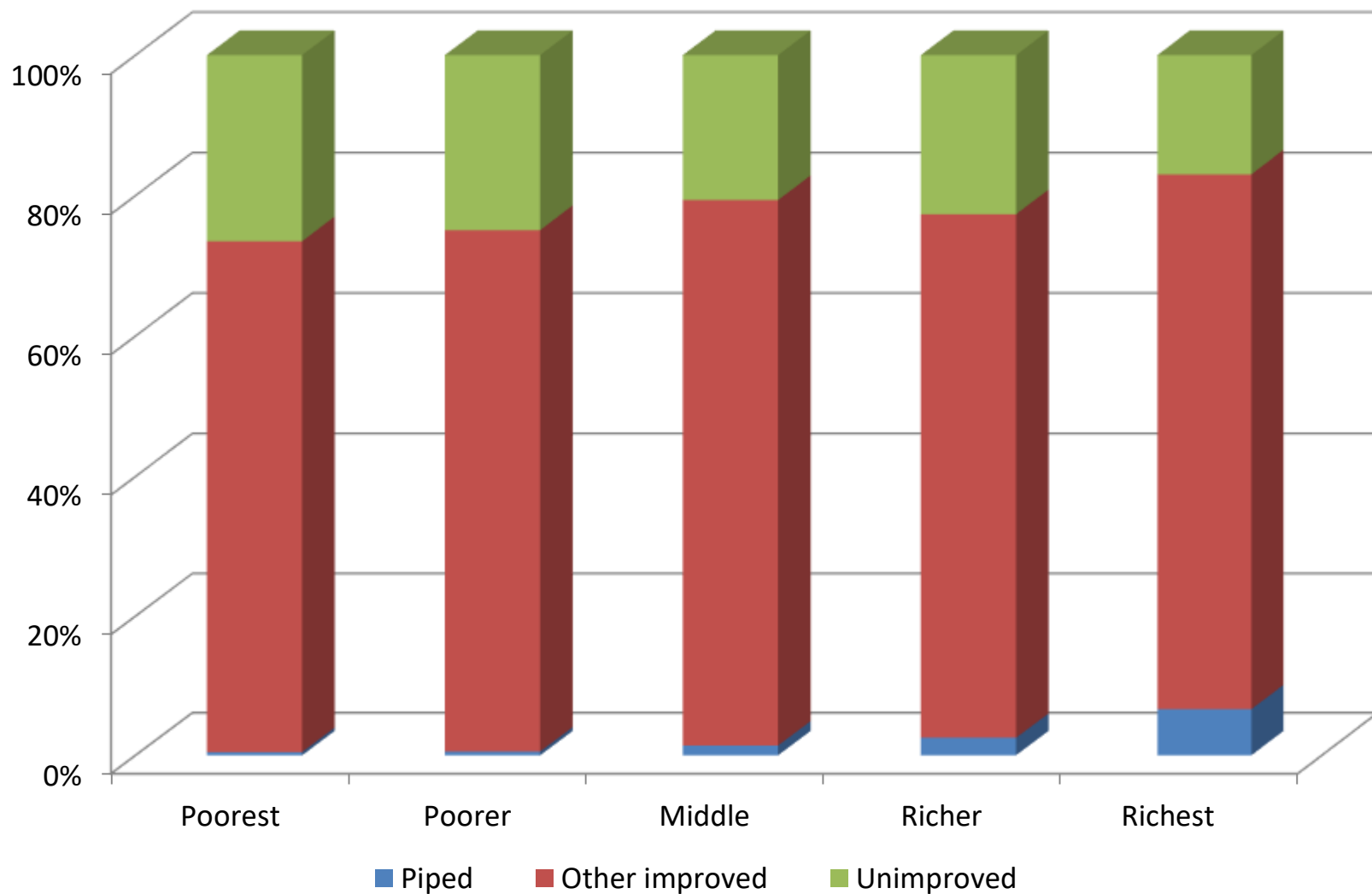
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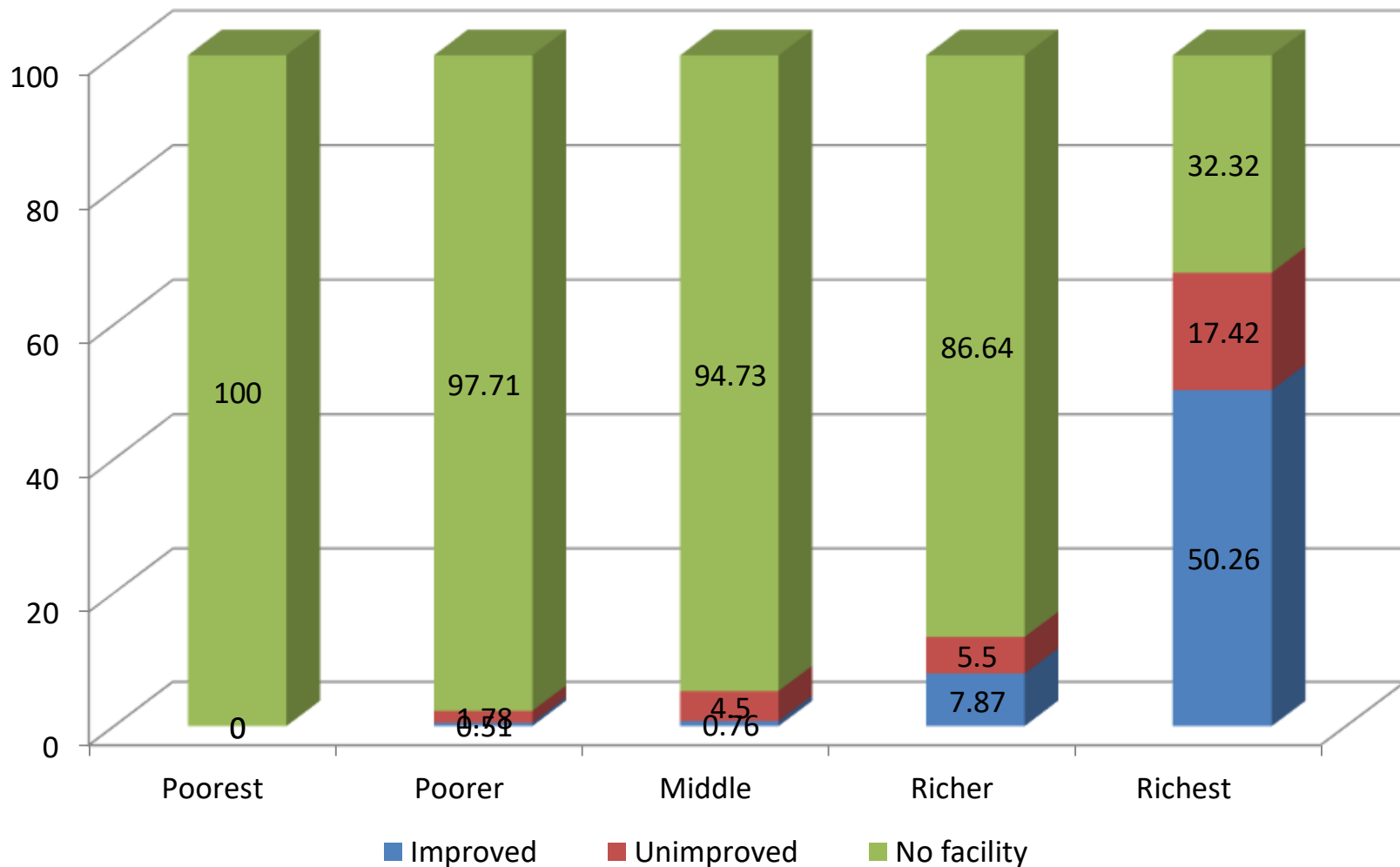
- ❖ Nearly 27.4 million SC households and 17.4 million ST households do not have access to sanitation facilities.
- ❖ ST households lag significantly behind the national average for access to improved sanitation (19% as compared to national average of 44%)
- ❖ STs and SCs are far more without access to sanitation than the Indian average (75% and 63% respectively as compared to the national average of 50%)

Source: Census 2011 data

Access to drinking water across wealth quintiles in rural Odisha



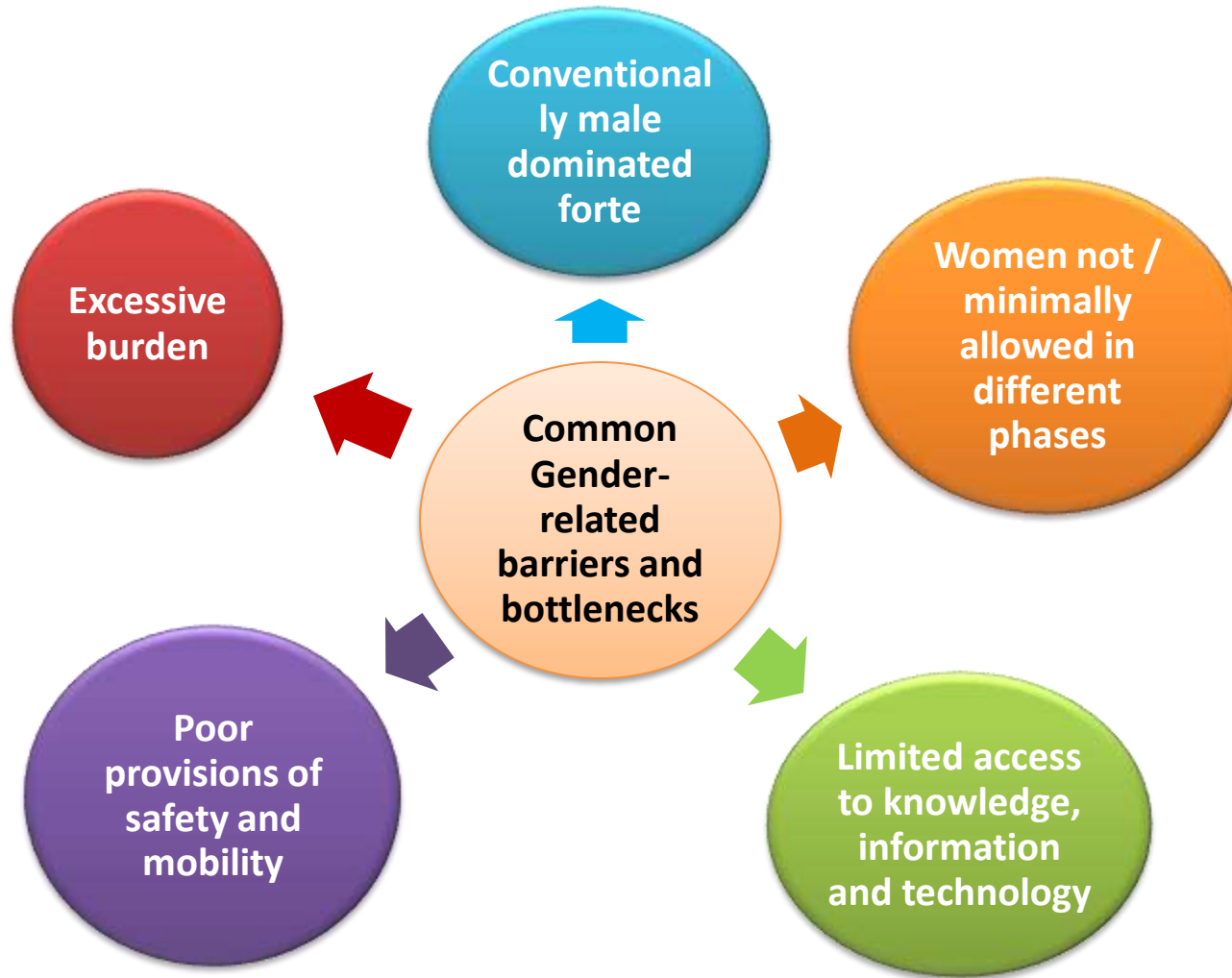
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Gender Disparities



Barriers



Progressive Government Policies & Initiatives enabling Gender parity

National

Guidelines on Gender issues in sanitation

Involving women beyond awareness and demand generation in the entire process of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) & National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP)

State

SHGs taking the lead

SHGs under Mission Shakti & Odisha Livelihood Mission programs taking the lead in Construction of sanitation infrastructure

Women participation

Atleast 50% women represented in VWSCs for planning, implementation and monitoring of water supply schemes

Impact of Gender and Inclusive Sanitation



Strategic components for Inclusive WASH programming

Equitable access

- Strengthening access of excluded groups to quality public services

Empowered participation

- Improving the effective participation of excluded groups within service provision and in decision making process

Just treatment

- Ensuring that excluded groups are treated with dignity

Equal opportunity

- Enhancing capacities and providing new avenues for leading creative and productive lives

Thanks !