OBJECTIVES

- **Improve planning process** at the city level, by providing technical assistance to urban local bodies in using data-driven and inclusive process to identify gaps, propose solutions and develop project plans with budgets that improve access to water and sanitation for people living in low-income settlements in selected municipalities.

- **Improve implementation and delivery of basic services** in selected cities and settlements by strengthening the capacity of the municipalities and the communities to plan, execute, manage and maintain the delivery of water and sanitation services to all members of the target communities.

- **Achieve and sustain open defecation free status** in the selected communities by encouraging investment in WATSAN services and undertaking behavior change communication activities.

- **Impact and improve effectiveness of city spending** on delivery of water sanitation services to urban poor communities in selected cities.

- **Achieve scale and integration effect by impacting city/state policy and relevant Mission goal achievement** by supporting the target states and ULBs to achieve convergence and complementarity between city, state and national schemes or mission goals by strengthening the integration of the physical, social, institutional and economic infrastructure.

Specifically USPaCES shall achieve the above objectives by doing four things; a. building local government capacity for participatory planning and service delivery; b. generating and using data from the ground up for planning, implementation and budgeting for services; c. demonstrating innovative, replicable, scalable and inclusive processes and models of water and sanitation service delivery in poor communities that can help cities achieve and sustain ODF standings; and d. spreading the scale and integration effects which shall contribute to the attainment of GOI’s urban Mission goals and targets (SBM-U AMRUT, SMART Cities, PMAY).
USPaCES is an expansion of an existing programme ‘PASS – Pani aur Swachta main Sajhedari’ under which it has three aims:

- Extend the reach of the successful PASS approach in the existing cities of Delhi and Agra by partnering with new urban local agencies such as North and South Delhi Municipal Corporations, Agra Development Authority etc. for delivery of WASH services to poor communities not reached previously and (together with the PASS targets) reach a critical mass across the entire city so that the results and outcomes are sufficiently significant for quantitative and comparative purpose;

- Adapt and reproduce three significant and scalable models (SANMAN GIS application, decentralized and inclusive models of WASH and BCC to nudge behavior change to attain ODF status) and their associated tools and methods in new settlements in three new cities – Dharamshala, Jaipur and Shamli; and

- Use the experience from the PASS project and the learnings from the cities to scale up from city, to state and national strategy and policy and for convergence of results.

USPaCES shall adopt a 3-Dimensional approach to achieve its objectives. 1) Expand Horizontally: CURE shall strengthen its work in existing programmatic fabric (PASS) towards achieving institutional sustenance, 2) Expand Vertical: Build on existing knowledge, adopt new cities and achieve policy convergence and 3) Expand Diagonally: Achieve scale through integrating vertical and horizontal expansions.