

New Town-Kolkata SCP Observations

City Profile

- In the SWOT analysis, certain aspects/facilities listed as strengths are mentioned as not economically viable due to less population using the facilities. Eg operational sewerage treatment plants.
- Planned services/activities are mentioned as both strengths and opportunities.
- Investment dependent on other central or state departments have been shown as a threat to hinder efforts of city administration in attracting investment.
- Feedback from citizens engagement and their prioritized aspirations have not been elaborated upon nor has it been mentioned how those have been applied in strategic goals or city vision.

Area Based Development

- The area dimensions of the ADP are not mentioned in the document-reference is only with sector numbers.
- Basic information on population, area, density and other existing figures are not mentioned.
- The plan talks about a very ambitious 'all replicable smart solutions in the chosen area' without giving much information on ground reality.
- Generic risks are same for both ADP and PCP.
- Convergence Implementation not detailed.

Pan City Proposal: (Intelligent Government Services)

- ICT enabled single point citizen service delivery system involves very high level of online activities, which needs to be integrated with present set-up. The enabling mechanisms are mostly in planning stage. Hence the plan sounds ambitious.
- The entire plan is based on technology intervention but technology choice has been identified as a risk both at implementation stage and sustainability post-implementation.
- Success factors are finding the right technical partner for implementation and ensuring digital literacy of the citizens- both of which have not been elaborated upon.

Implementation Plan

- Initiation of drone based monitoring of all civic services has a very ambitious timeline of a year (March 2017).
- Complete system integration for enabling the command and control centre involves implementation support from technology partners within a timeline, which is not very realistic.
- Risks shown in both plans are on capacity of staff for implementation, delivery and post-implementation sustainability of the smart proposal, strengthening the ambitiousness of the initiatives.

Financial Plan

- The financial plan needs a re-look as same figures in multiple places do not match.
- The cost figures for Area Based and Pan City proposals in page 77 (itemized cost) and 81 (are different.
- Detailing of resource generation and itemized costs in descriptive listing are very confusing.
- The detailed financial operating plan worksheet is not a part of this plan.