Our Budget Tracking approach is composed of 5 steps:

1. Mass campaign and promotion At community level
   Mass campaigning proves to be a valuable method to raise awareness in the community on WASH budget allocation. The campaign is supported by the community, such as loud-speaking cars or by loudspeakers. Our partners drive through villages in open spaces in the villages, our partners drive through villages with loud-speaking cars at the eve of important (pre)budget meetings. This enables villagers to attend these meetings and voice their demands.

2. Lobby and advocacy At community, district and national level
   Raising awareness and empowering people at community level is one thing, but this should be supported by lobby and advocacy activities. On local and sub-district level, quarterly meetings are organized in which WASH budget spending is discussed, but focus on local advocacy activities via television and newspapers is as important.

3. WASH service monitoring Focused at WASH service providers
   The WASH service provider is an important stakeholder in the WASH service and value chain. To find out whether WASH service providers actually fulfill their responsibilities, such as managing water supplies or sanitation services, household surveys are used. In mobile surveys community members are asked to give insight in which WASH services they do and do not receive. At the same time, Budget Clubs use community-based monitoring tools to interview the service providers about the WASH services they provide, how they do this and which challenges they encounter during this process.

4. WASH budget monitoring At community and national level
   In many countries, local governments are obliged to organise pre-budget and budget sessions in which community members are informed about WASH budget spending and allocation. These sessions are the perfect platform for the communities to enter into dialogue with the policy makers, voice their needs or lobby for better spending processes. After these meetings, the budget plans are displayed on large banners in open spaces in the communities, to make the process transparent and make sure governments can be held accountable. Collection and review of National Budget documents is also an integral part of WASH Budget monitoring.

5. Capacity building At community level
   Capacity building is about the continuous process of coaching community members, WASH Committees and Budget Clubs. In addition to helping them to organize themselves or approaching governmental organisations or service providers, the groups are supported to formulate budget proposals. Another important capacity building element is sharing relevant information with the community groups during the complete process of Budget Tracking, for example national strategy documents.