Sacred city

Expected project CAPEX : Tbd
Mandating Authority : GPN India

Summary
Rishikesh/Muni ki Reti traditional abode of sages, pilgrimage site on the Ganges is home to numerous ashrams and practitioners of yoga and an average pilgrim/tourist population of 50,000 per day, with many more during festivals. Key features include management of solid waste and provision of drainage facilities, crowd management, water supply; green energy, pilgrim facilities.

Location and population
Muni ki Reti and Rishikesh, India
80’000 inh.

Social and environmental impact
Situated in a fragile and sensitive area on the banks of the Ganges, and recent victim of severe flash floods and related disasters, the area would benefit immensely from proper management of waste and adequate sanitation and drainage facilities. The site is ideally suited to educating pilgrims on appropriate ways of protecting the environment.

Main stakeholders
GPN/ICLEI with the support of local NGOs and ashrams including Clean Himalaya, Sivananda and Parmarth Niketan; district and local administrations, (District Collector and Chairman of the Municipality), residents and pilgrims.
STAGE 1: Concept Development, Site identification

Target population
50'000 pilgrims per day

Surfaces
several temples

Climate
Tropical

STAGE 2: Pre-Feasibility Studies

Pre-feasibility study: No

STAGE 3: Feasibility Studies

Feasibility study: No

STAGE 4: Permitting / Financing / Contracts

Land concession signed: NA

Environmental impact study: Tbd

Identified sources of fundings: Tbd

STAGE 5: Engineering / Construction / Commercial Operation

Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor: Tbd

Operation and Maintenance Contractor: Tbd

Rishikesh/Muni ki Reti are ideal candidates for the project in view of their strategic location and environment, the protection of which could result in significant gains for that sub-region of the Himalayas. GPN/ICLEI and their partners are well positioned to ensure appropriate outcomes.