

# Partnerships for Transformation: Guidance for WASH and Rights Holder Organisations

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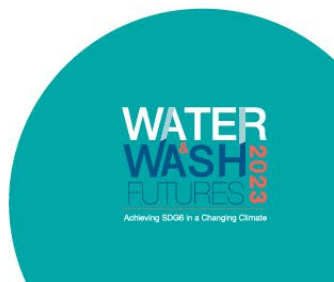
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# What and why this guidance?



East Sepik Disabled Persons Association Executive Officer, who is vision impaired, and a WaterAid team member meet with carers of a person with disability in Wom Village, Papua New Guinea  
Credit: WaterAid Wewak team

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The Guidance was developed through a collaborative learning process including:

- Experience sharing webinars
  - Interviews
  - Working group inputs
  - Literature review
- Expert advice and review

# What does our guidance contribute?

- Effective partnership themes: Top tips for partnering in the context of GEDSI
- Practitioner checklists and recommendations
- Frameworks for understanding types of partnerships
- Documented experience and case studies
- Over 40 further resources on partnerships

# Guidance explores different types of RHO partnerships



Gender /  
women's rights  
organisations

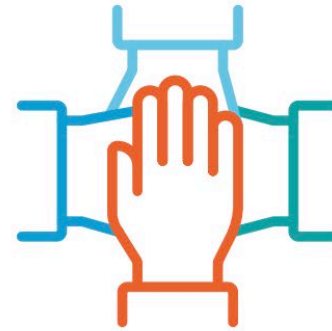


Organisations of  
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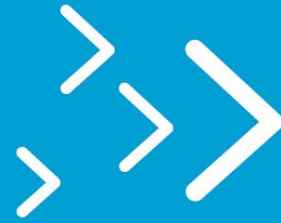
Sexual and  
gender minority  
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# Top tips for effective partnering



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## Top tips for effective partnerships



**Commit adequate  
time and resources to  
partnership activities  
to build understanding  
and trust**



Working Towards  
Transformation in  
Inclusive WASH

# Getting the essentials right: A checklist for practitioners

[Figure 4](#) illustrates four stages of developing an effective partnership between WASH and RHO organisations. The stages summarise actions that should be undertaken in an effective partnership.





# Learning from experience: Drivers, benefits and challenges of partnerships



**Drivers**



**Benefits**



**Challenges**

# Drivers

*“We need to work together so that the community can benefit from our partnership. Community needs can become a factor that push us to work together.”*

Interviewee

# Benefits

*“Some of our members in seven districts have already accessed clean water. For example, in one community, the water arrived at their house. That is the result of working together between [a WASH organisation and GEDSI organisation].”*

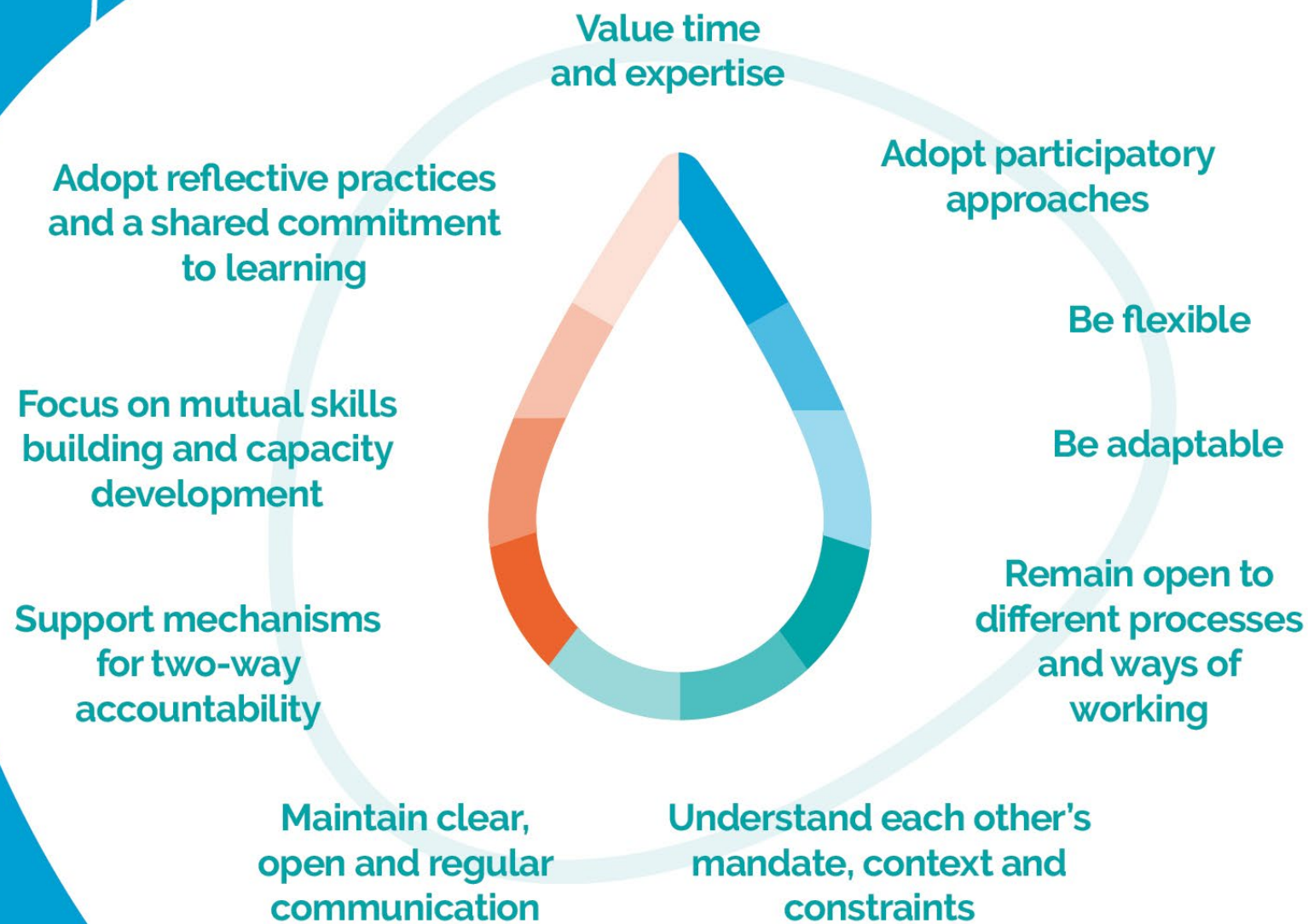
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# Challenges

*“A WASH CSO mentioned that the biggest challenge to the partnership was changes in staff; so the new person needs to learn the process and start from the beginning. We need to explain again and again.”*

Interviewee

# Guiding principles for WASH and RHO partnerships



# A transformative trio of resources



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Thank you!

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