



Who is critical to Water and WASH systems?

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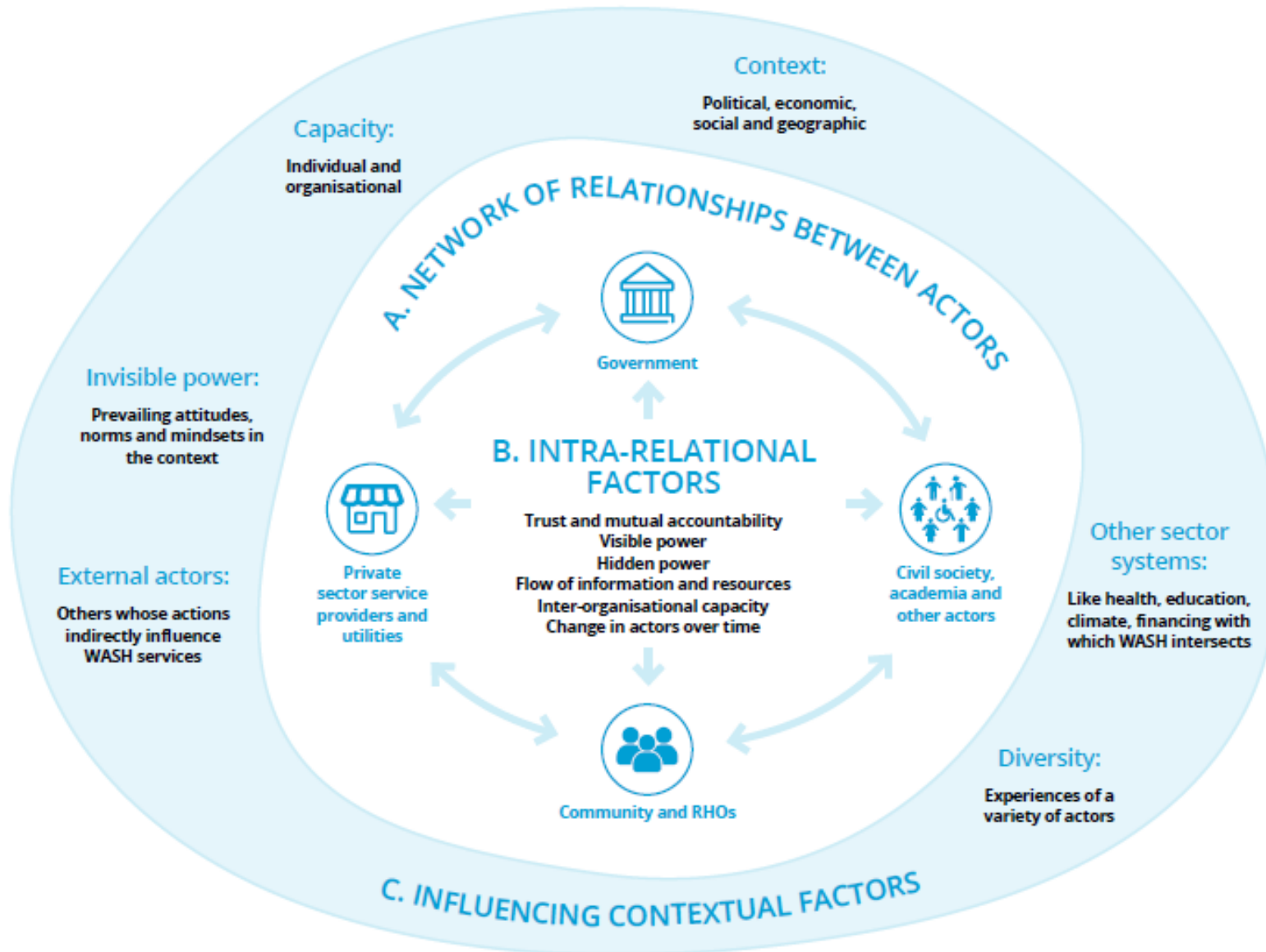
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- Systems = people
- Collaboration influenced by capacity and prevailing mindsets
- Situated within political, economic, social and geographic contexts
- Relationships are conduits for sharing information
- Diverse systems are strong systems



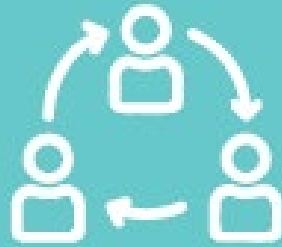
Ward WATSAN Committee Meeting, Jamalpur District. Photo Credit: World Vision Bangladesh/Jobayer Hosain

How does change happen in water and WASH systems?



Structural and practical changes

Policies, practices and the flow of information and resources



Relational and political changes

Connections and power dynamics



Mental and attitudinal changes

Norms, beliefs and assumptions

Case study: Wewak district, PNG

- Established in 2018
- Co-chaired Wewak DDA CEO and PHA (DEHO)
- Membership of District WaSH Sector Stakeholders; 6 x LLG Managers/ Project Officers, PHA, District Education, Works Dept, Water PNG, District & Provincial Planner, Church Health Services (CHS)
- Inclusion of Rights Groups – East Sepik Council of Women (ESCOW) & East Sepik Disable People Agency (ESDPA)

Key Role: Planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of WASH services in the district



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Our achievements so far...

- Conducted a district wide baseline survey
- Developed the 5 Year District WASH Plan
- 4 WASH in School projects
- 1 WASH in HCF project
- 13 x community water projects
- Installed 7 GFS
- Installed 62 RHS
- 9 Healthy Island Trainings
- 6 Soap Making Trainings



East Sepik Local Council of Women Leaders
attended ToT Training on Soap Making

Recommendations for civil society and research organisations

- CSO and research organisations' roles: convenors, technical WASH, GEDSI and MEL specialists, advocates, innovators and producers of evidence.
- Influence practical, relational and normative systems changes.
- Context is key!
- Program flexibility, reflection and adaptation.
- Demonstrate inclusive and participatory development and research practice.
- Build diverse collaborations and Do No Harm.



Participants at a WASH workshop in Dagana, Bhutan. Photo credit: SNV/Adrian Dockery

Recommendations for funders for effective systems strengthening

- Context is key!
- Provide and expect longer project time horizons.
- Enable flexibility and adaptation.
- Expect and request non-traditional WASH outcomes.
- Explore non-traditional approaches to financing.



Maria Angelina Deme, the chief of the Water Committee in Panderi, Timor-Leste, fixes a water tap. Photo Credit: WaterAid/Jerry Galea

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<https://www.waterforwomenfund.org/en/news/stronger-systems-for-inclusive-and-sustainable-wash.aspx>

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