



Sub-national government leadership for sanitation: lessons from ongoing participatory research

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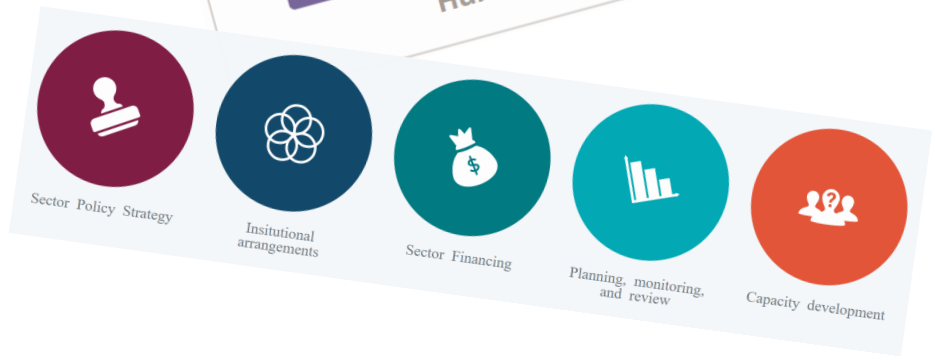
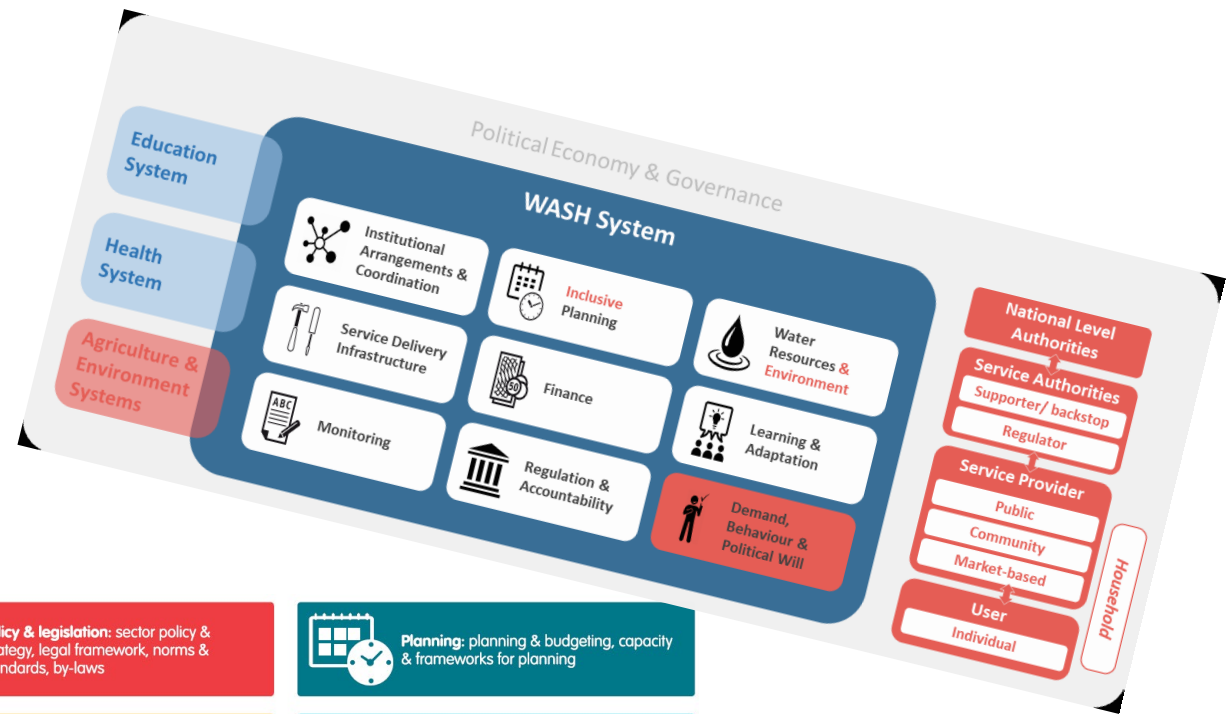
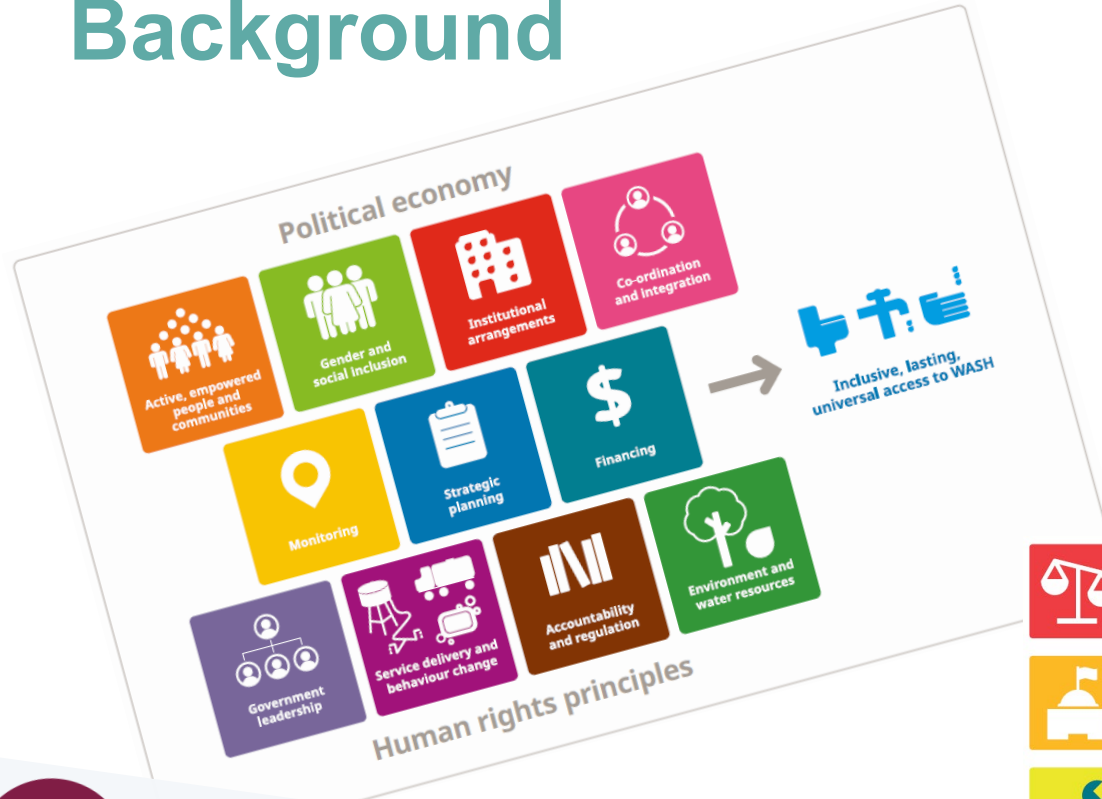
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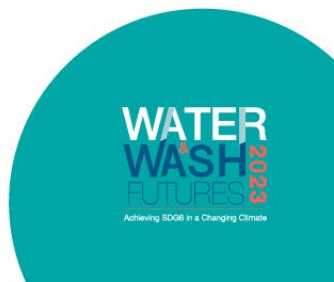
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Background



Policy & legislation: sector policy & strategy, legal framework, norms & standards, by-laws	Planning: planning & budgeting, capacity & frameworks for planning
Institutions: coordination, roles, responsibilities, capacity, sector mechanisms	Finance: flows & responsibilities, clear frameworks including life-cycle costs & source identification
Infrastructure: development & maintenance, project cycles, asset management, roles	Regulation & accountability: accountability mechanisms, regulatory framework & capacity
Monitoring: framework & routine implementation, service levels, use of data	Water resources management: allocation & management of resource abstraction, water quality, coordinated efforts
Learning & adaptation: capacity & frameworks to capture and feedback lessons learned, update & adapt various building blocks	

- [SWA: https://www.sanitationandwaterforall.org/about/our-work/priority-areas/building-blocks](https://www.sanitationandwaterforall.org/about/our-work/priority-areas/building-blocks)
- [Agenda for Change: https://www.aguaconsult.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/ssi_SH-discussion-paper_final-1.pdf](https://www.aguaconsult.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/ssi_SH-discussion-paper_final-1.pdf)
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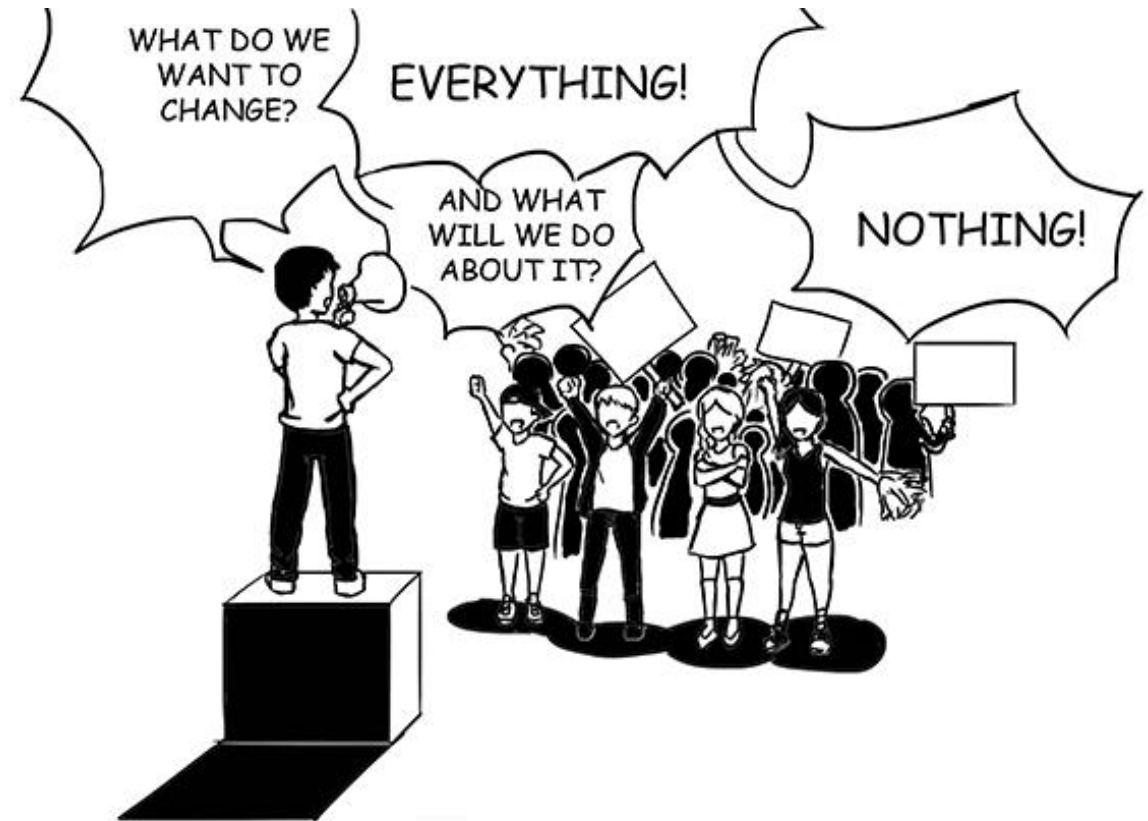
Methodology



- Map: <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/how-many-countries-are-in-africa.html>
- Case study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kynoEFQNEq8>
- Online workshops: <https://www.computerworld.com/article/3540259/review-6-top-videoconferencing-services-put-to-the-test.html>
- Dissemination: <https://www.nicepng.com/maxp/u2t4r5a9e6r5y3e6/>, <https://www.istockphoto.com/illustrations/disseminate>

Findings: building and maintaining political will

- Enablers
 - Having a supportive national policy environment
 - Engaging elected officials and technical staff
 - Using data strategically
 - Including sanitation standing agenda items in meetings
- Barriers
 - Navigating political transitions/staff rotation



Findings: use of data

- Using data strategically to:
 - Foster political will
 - Inform programme design
 - Advocate for resources
- Using learning activities to:
 - Support implementation quality
 - Motivate staff and officials



Findings: resourcing commitments

- Enablers
 - Including specific sanitation lines in budgets
 - Mandating spending on sanitation
 - Using results based financing
 - Developing policies allowing sanitation funds to be drawn from a range of budget lines/sources
- Barriers
 - Funds committed but released late
 - Funding redirected
 - Not enough funding available



Findings: Leaving no one behind

- A big gap!
- Ideas to test:
 - Fostering LNOB champions
 - Developing better methods to identify people who may be left behind
 - Allocating budget for LNOB initiatives



Conclusions and next steps

- Lots of common themes emerged across countries and regions
- Participatory process had value as both a research and learning opportunity
- Practical ideas for supporting sub-national government leadership and prioritisation of sanitation, particularly around fostering political will
- More evidence on ways to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable is needed
- Planning to expand the research to Cambodia and Pakistan

Thank you. Any questions?

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