

## DIMENSION 1: WATER USE FOR RURAL WASH (FOCUS DRINKING WATER SUPPLY)

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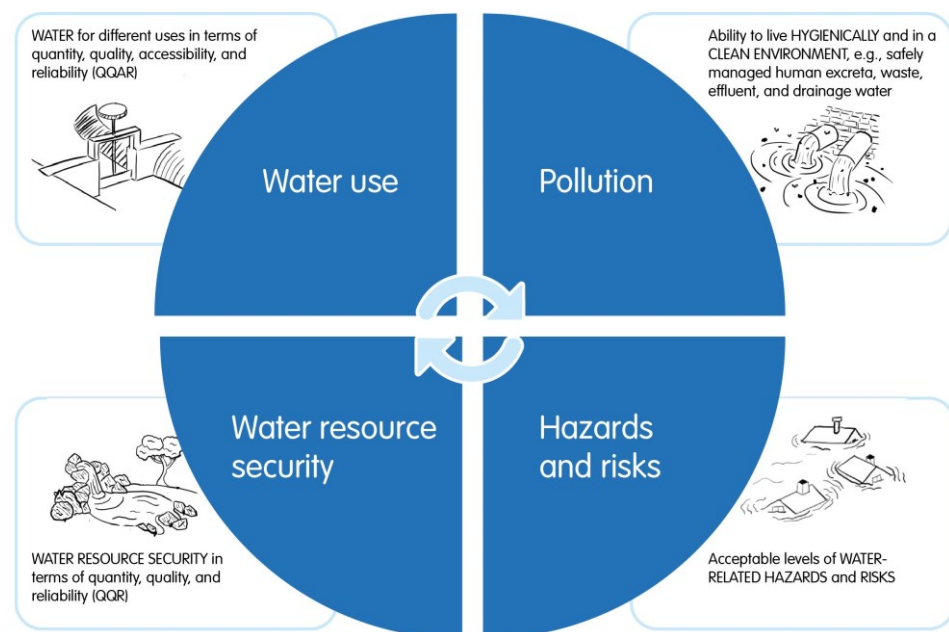
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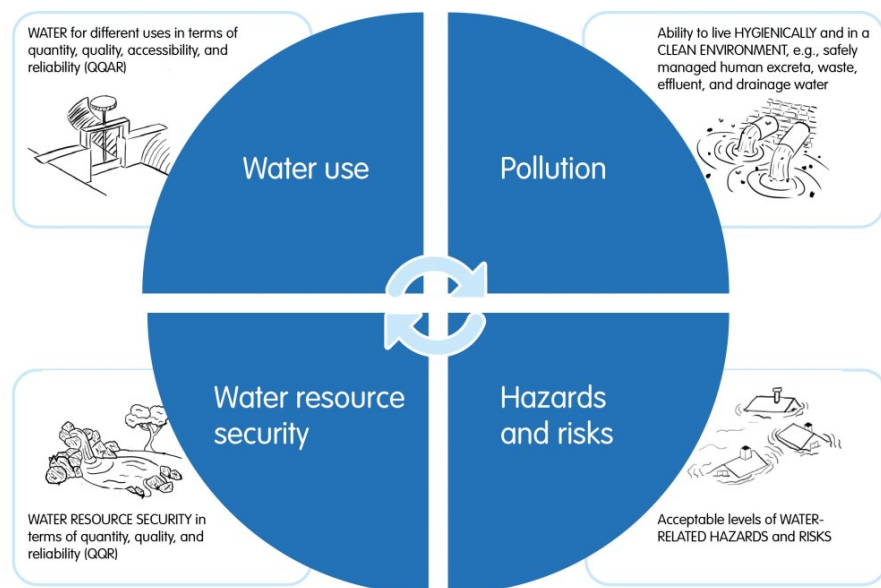
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- No current global standard for solid waste management at the household level.



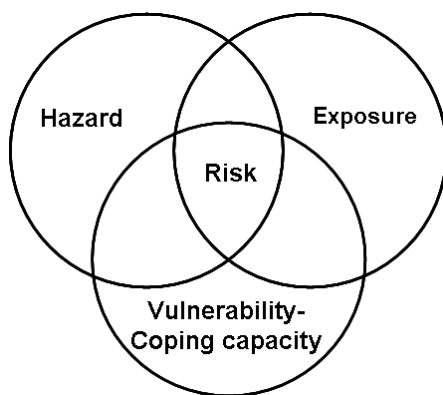
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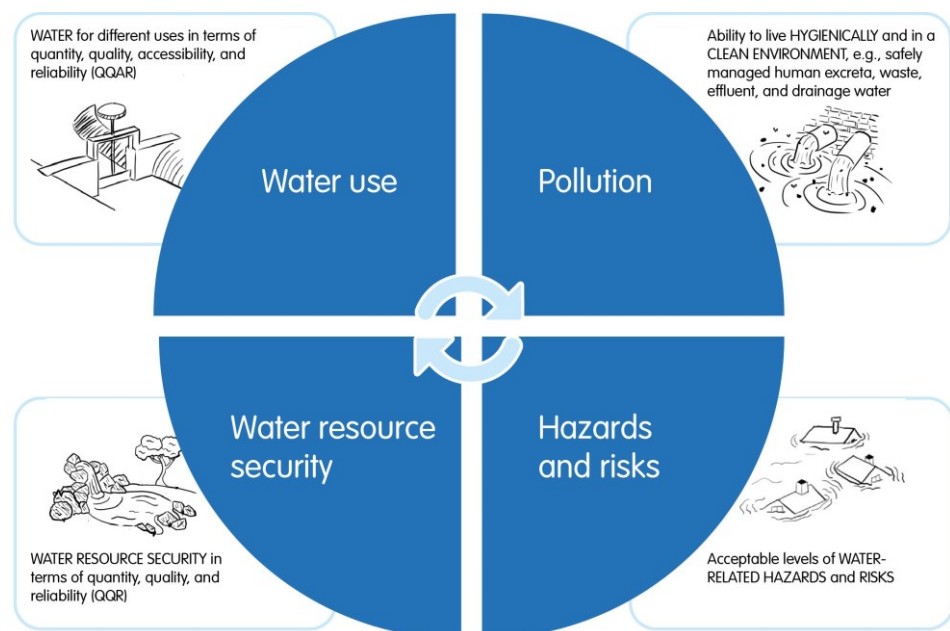


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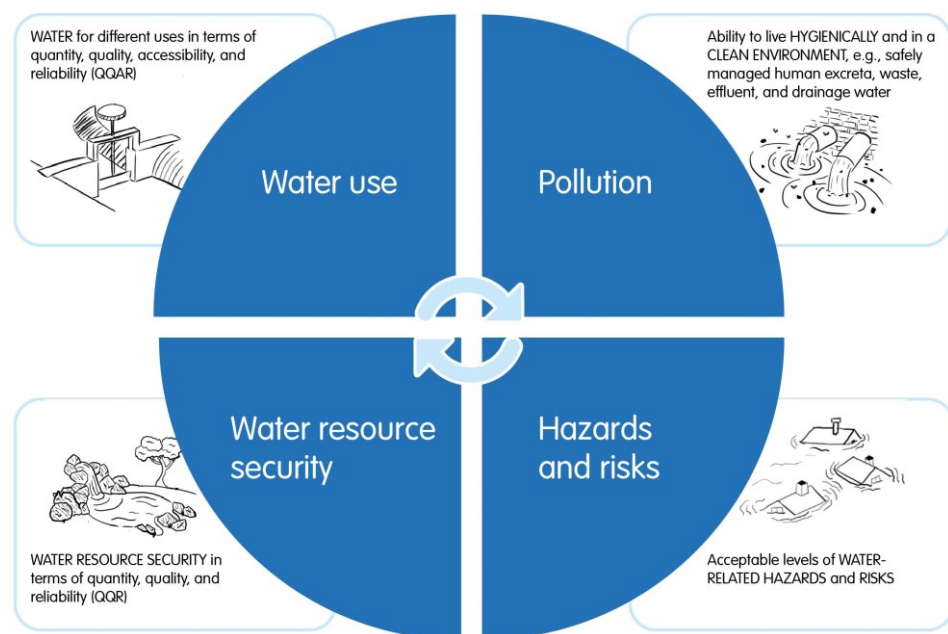
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**Unlike the JMP guidance for water, sanitation and hygiene access, there are no standardised measurements for the quality, quantity and reliability of the water source in WASH. However, we are not at zero either, see also below. Note that ideally we would want to measure the state of the resource today, not just a proxy like having protective measures in place like in water safety planning.**

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| <b>Quantity</b>    | <i>Water source provides sufficient water for all agreed (licensed or other) raw water intake AND Total volume of raw water intake by all major sectors does not jeopardise the environmental requirements of the waterbody (causing it to deplete) (see “water stress<sup>1</sup>”)</i> |
| <b>Quality</b>     | <i>Water source with good ambient water quality<sup>2</sup></i>  |
| <b>Reliability</b> | <i>Natural fluctuations in the water resource are not significantly altered<sup>3</sup> meaning permanent flow becoming seasonal, or reduced discharge (threshold based on river specific flow duration curves for example).</i>   |



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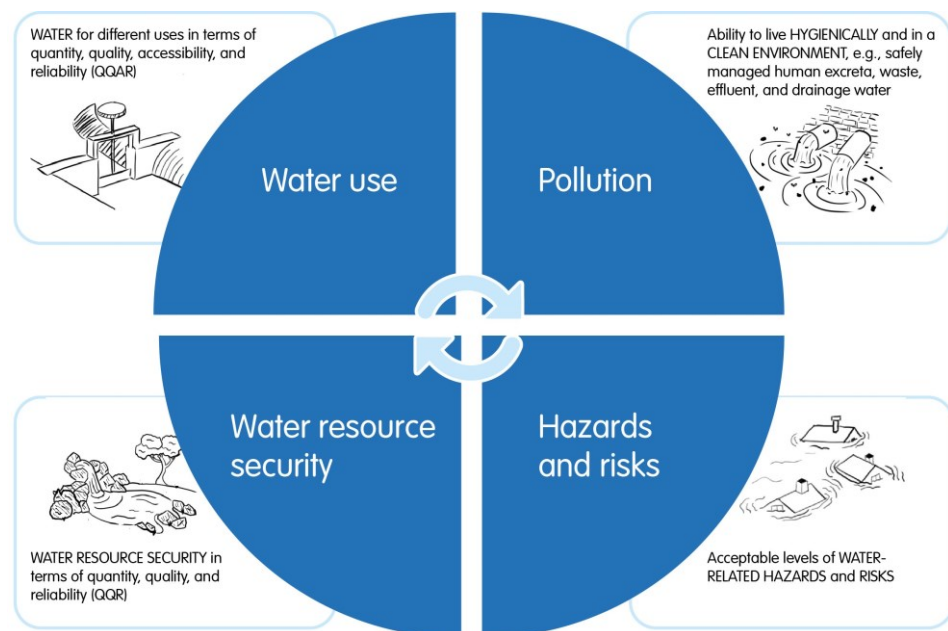
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**Quantity, quality, availability and reliability of water access is the responsibility of irrigation management, but metrics in irrigation tend to focus on productivity, number of hectares with a technology (e.g. drip irrigation) and of course farmer income.**

Please try to explore the following:

- Quantity of water for irrigation, this could be compared to the agreed planting schedule in the system, or to the crop water requirements.
- Quality of water, this could consider crop requirements, but also the salinity of the irrigation water or other elements affecting the soil, possible of pollutants in the irrigation water, turbidity, solid waste. It could be measured in the water or – perhaps easier- whether it affects the soil/ plants. Irrigation with waste water would be a special case here...
- Accessibility of water should look at the way it arrives and the effort the farmer needs to do to get it to the field.
- Reliability is measured considering the agreed turns (in case of collective, surface systems) or the reliability of the pumps (in the case of individual pumping).

Note that water draining from irrigation fields is addressed under dimension 2.



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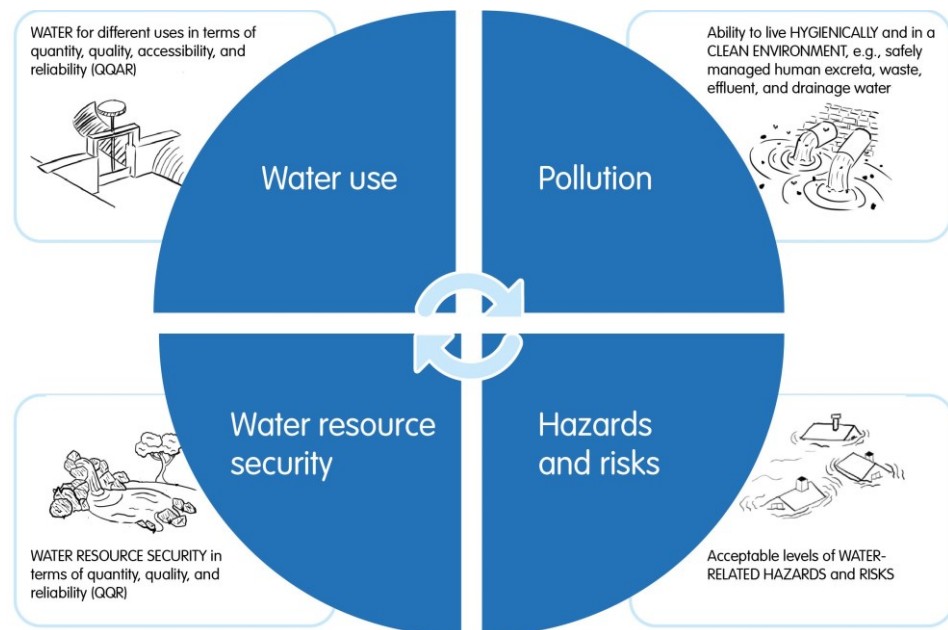
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**Measurement of quality of drainage water or return flows from irrigation is not common. This is a gap because agrochemicals are significant pollutants of surface water and in some cases even reaching ground water sources. To find a practical way to do this in low-income contexts, is a bit of a puzzle.**

You could consider the following:

- In theory, measurement of drainage water quality would link to each plot, but that will be unrealistic. Measurement downstream of channels carrying accumulated drainage would be an alternative.
- Measurement could take place in dry season, unless there is no cultivation in that season.
- We would want to be selective about the parameters to measure (N, P from fertilizer, selected pesticide residue). Parameters should be aligned with country norms.
- An alternative to measuring water quality could be to observe safe management practices at plot level, but this would be a proxy indicator.
- It is a point of discussion whether to include hygiene aspects of agro-chemical pollution, similar as for sanitation and hygiene...



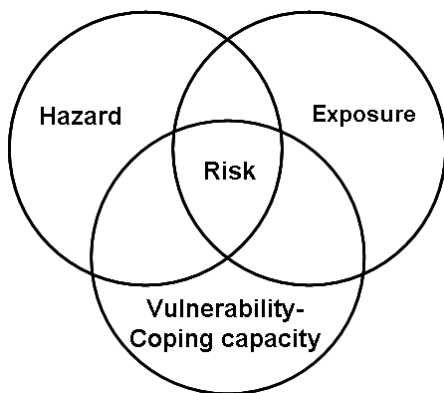
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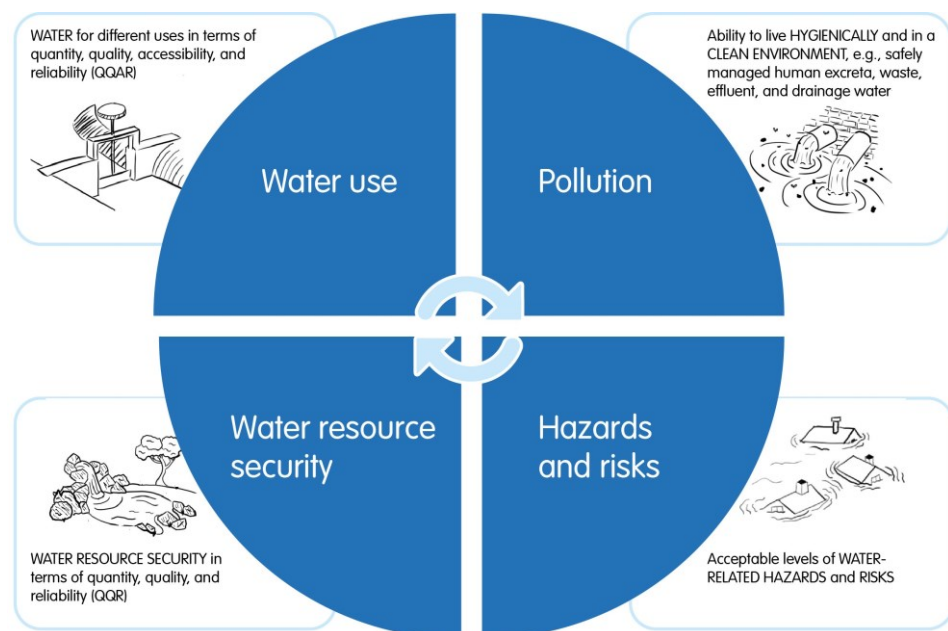


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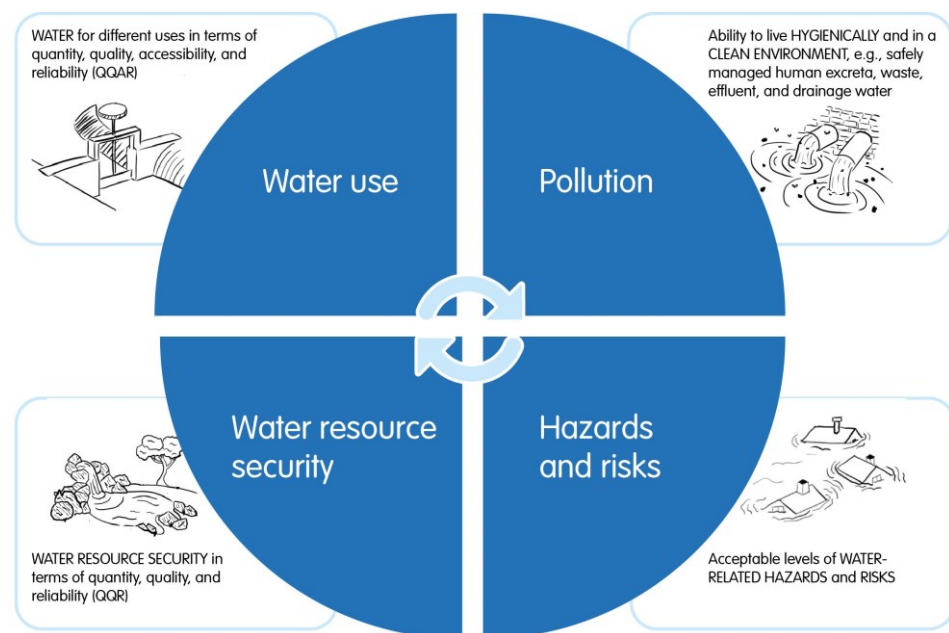
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To distinguish between dimension 2 (pollution caused by irrigation drainage water) and this dimension 4 (water resource security), we will focus this dimension 4 on the quantity, quality and reliability of intake water. We're interested in total water footprint, water stress and ambient water quality. See below. Water use efficiency (crop per drop), is not part of this dimension, but an outcome of field level irrigation improvements.

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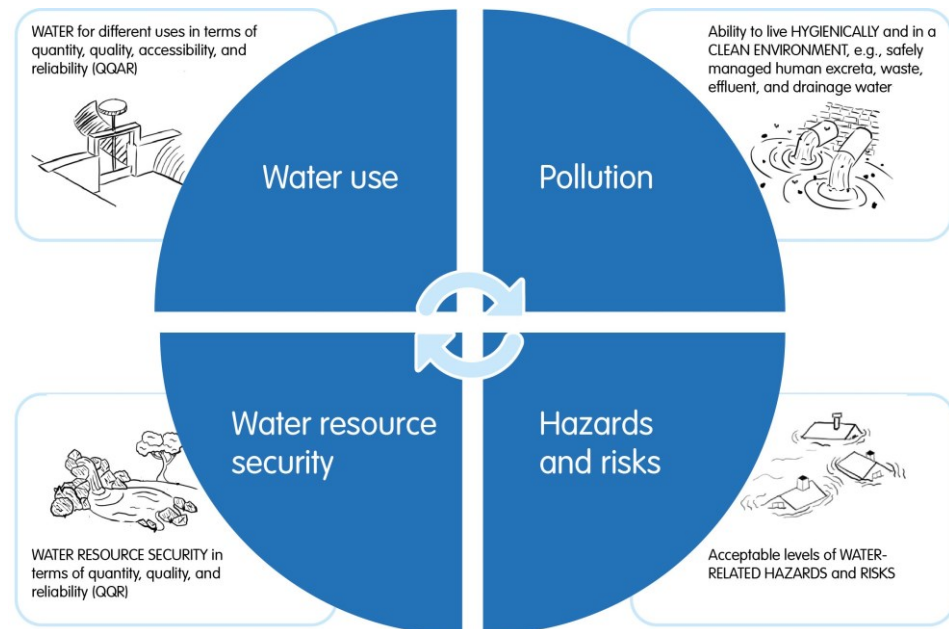
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You could consider the following:

- Quantity of water in volumes or shares of each use, this could refer to the license or permit.
- Quality of water linked to the quality required for that use
- Accessibility of water for water for different uses, depends on the infrastructure in place.
- Reliability is measured considering the interruptions of access for each use.

In theory, we could also include ecological use as one of the uses. But we are addressing this under dimension 4.



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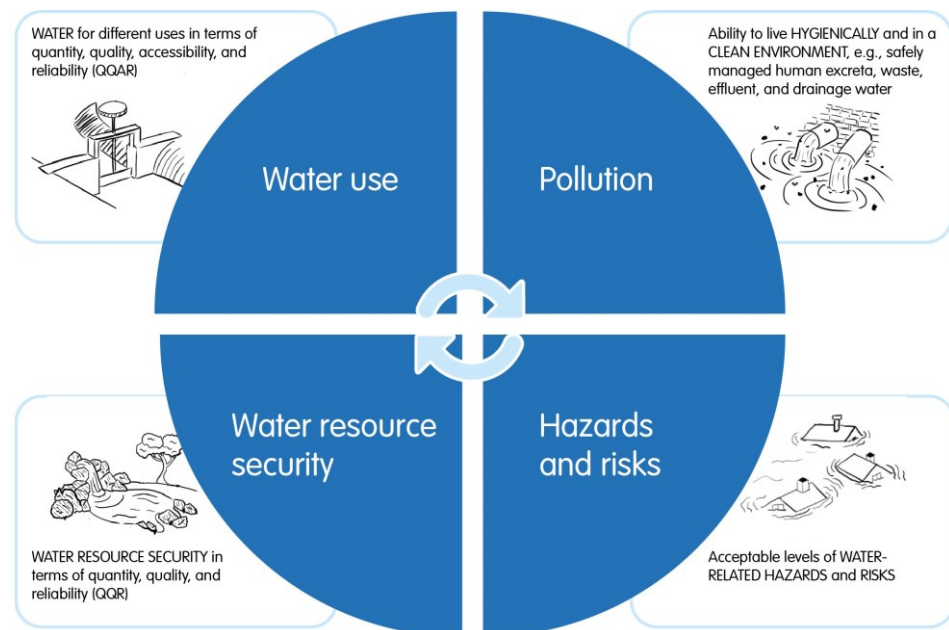
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You could consider the following:

- Quality of release waste or drainage water, relative to licences or environmental standards of the country
- The focus of quality of effluent/ discharge by bulk dischargers is on their regular practice. There may also be illegal discharge or incidental releases of highly contaminated effluent, but this is considered out of scope for now
- The most challenging to incorporate is non-point pollution, hence pollution coming from disperse sources. For now we can try to group these as “bulk dischargers” of a certain type.



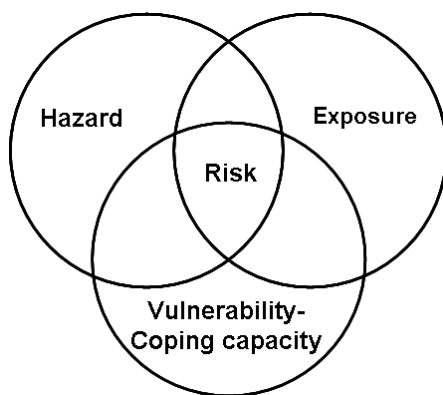
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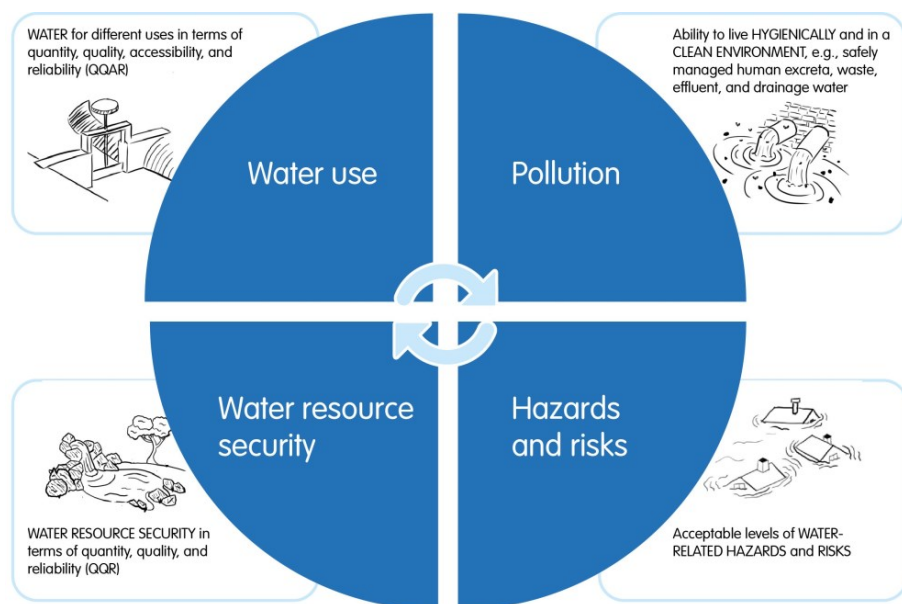


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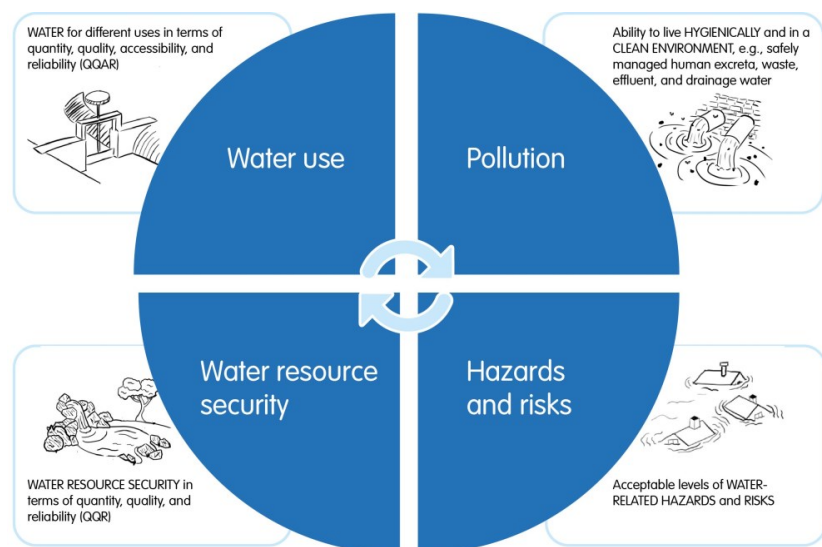
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**For Water Resource Management this will be the quality, quantity and reliability of key water bodies in a hydrologically defined area (e.g. watershed, micro-watershed). The key water bodies are those central for both human and natural uses, as well as for recharge, storage or natural water purification.**

Conservation practices in a hydrological area are aimed to contribute to the quality, quantity and reliability of key water bodies, but these would be proxy indicators. The aspiration is to find a metrics for the actual quality, quantity and reliability across the hydrological area. This could be done through secondary data -if available.

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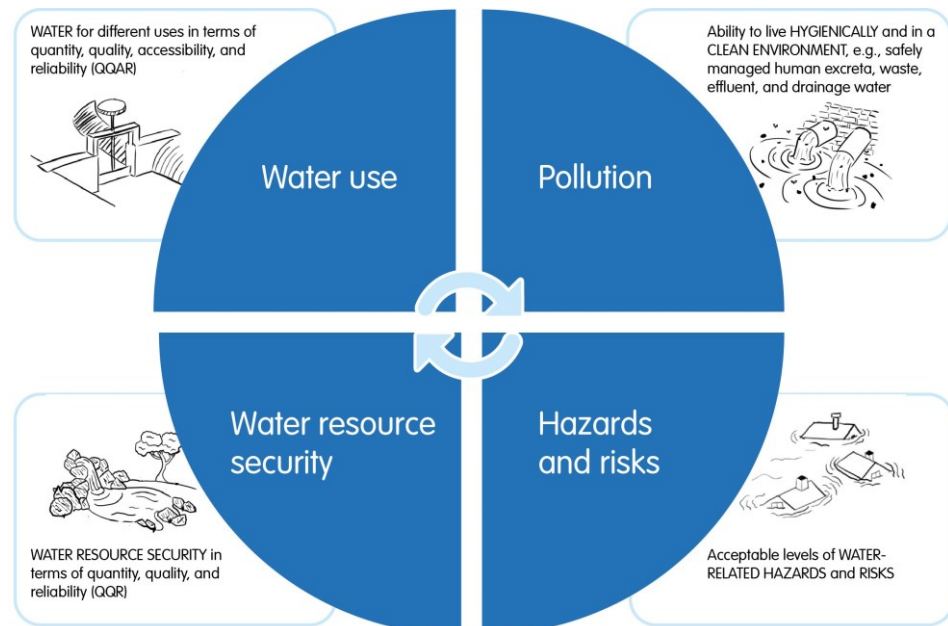
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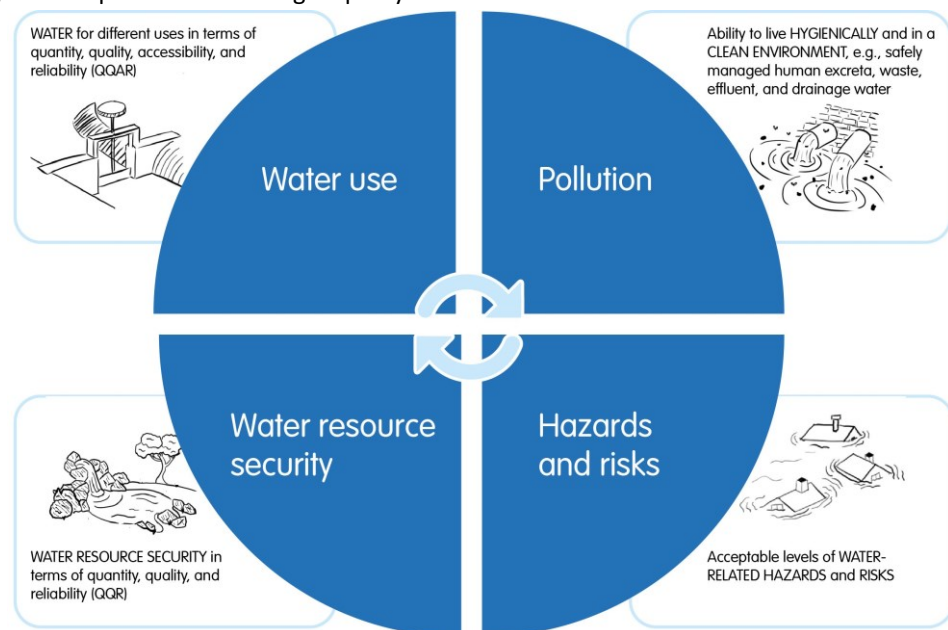
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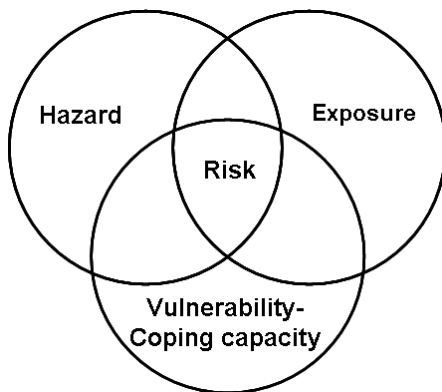
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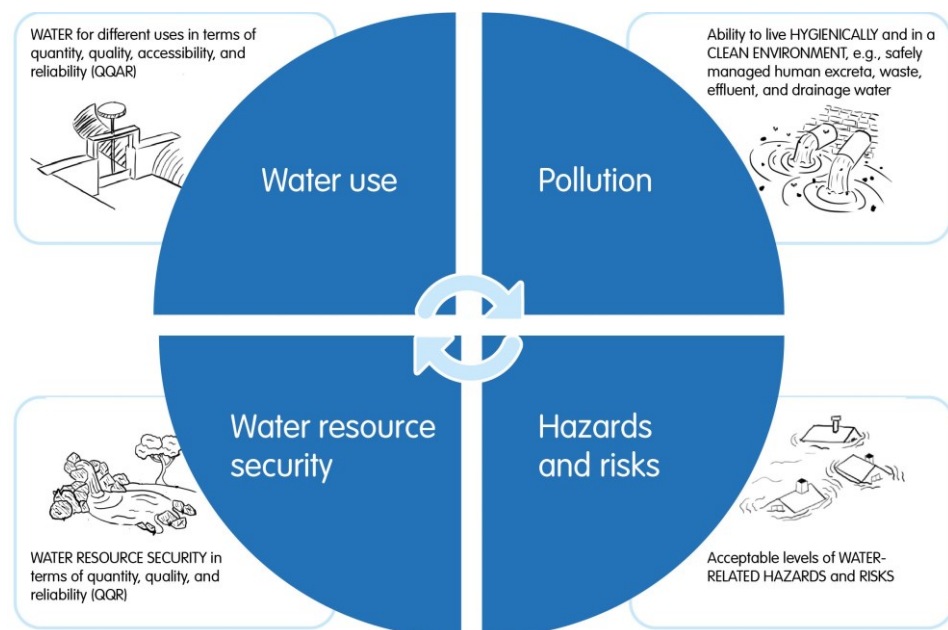


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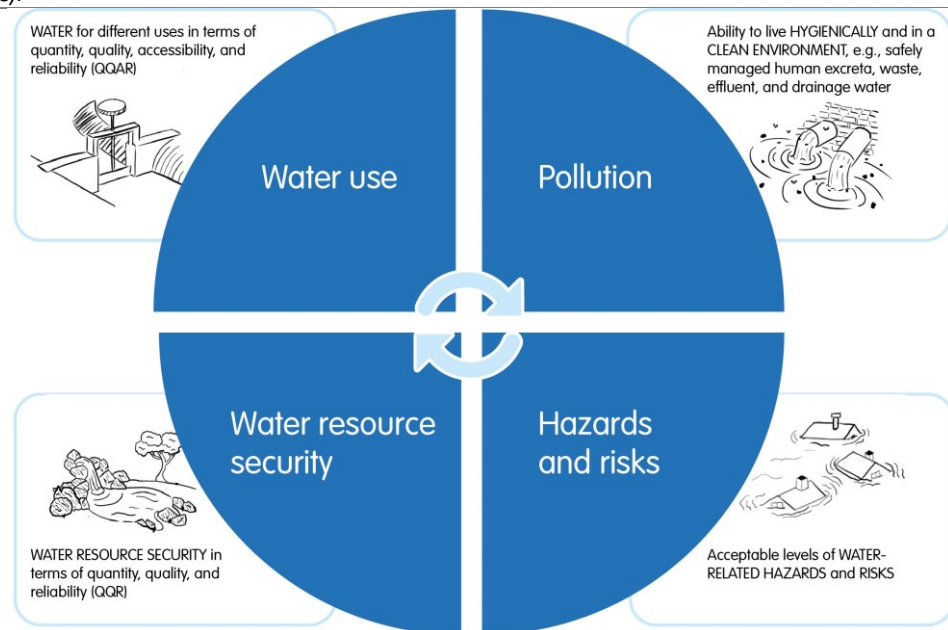
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- *the reliable availability of an acceptable quantity and quality of water for health, livelihoods, ecosystems and production, coupled with an acceptable level of water-related risks*

Water security has 4 dimensions (see figure). Your group will explore the fourth dimension of water security, namely: 4) have water resource security in terms of quantity, quality, reliability. For Urban Water Cycles, this links essentially to the sustainability and sanitary management of the drinking water source(s) (being ground water or surface water). Your metric should be expressed in numbers of people who rely on the water source(s).

**Unlike the JMP guidance for water, sanitation and hygiene access, there are no standardised measurements for the quality, quantity and reliability of the water source in WASH. However, we are not at zero either, see also below. Note that ideally we would want to measure the state of the resource today, not just a proxy like having protective measures in place like in water safety planning.**

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| <b>Quantity</b>    | <i>Water source provides sufficient water for all agreed (licensed or other) raw water intake AND Total volume of raw water intake by all major sectors does not jeopardise the environmental requirements of the waterbody (causing it to deplete) (see “water stress<sup>10</sup>”)</i> |
| <b>Quality</b>     | <i>Water source with good ambient water quality<sup>11</sup></i>  |
| <b>Reliability</b> | <i>Natural fluctuations in the water resource are not significantly altered<sup>12</sup> meaning permanent flow becoming seasonal, or reduced discharge (threshold based on river specific flow duration curves for example).</i>   |



<sup>10</sup> SDG indicator 6.4.2 “Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources”

<sup>11</sup> SDG indicator 6.3.2 “Proportion of bodies of water with good ambient water quality”, including 5 parameters: oxygen (surface water); salinity (surface water and groundwater); nitrogen (surface water and groundwater); phosphorus (surface water); acidification (surface water and groundwater). <https://www.unwater.org/our-work/integrated-monitoring-initiative-sdg-6/indicator-632-proportion-bodies-water-good-ambient>

<sup>12</sup> See also <https://www.sdg661.app/products/methods>