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Climate Resilience Pathways:

Water Security and WASH in Asia Pacific

Tools for Transformation - pathways towards equity and accountability for climate resilience

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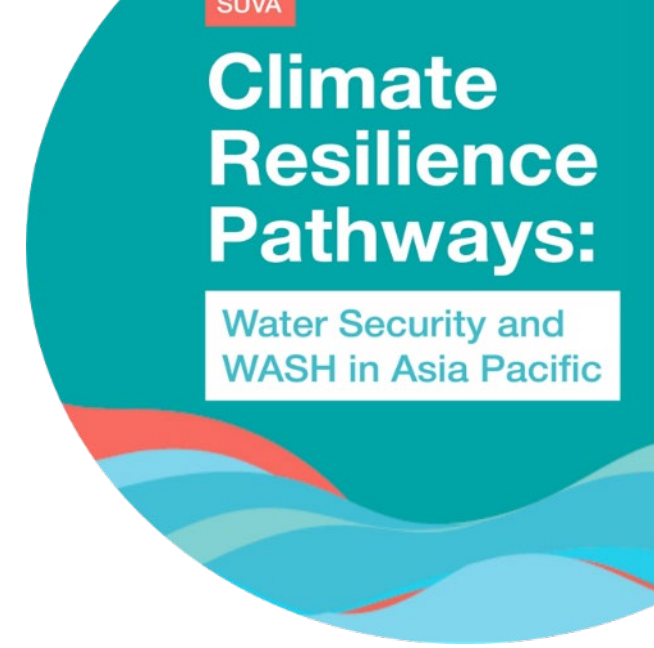
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Tools for Transformation - pathways towards equity and accountability for climate resilience

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Session outcomes



This session aims to support:

- **Greater understanding** of ways to build trust and accountability mechanisms to strengthen cohesion and cooperation for equitable water and WASH use and access in a changing climate.
- Increased **motivation and competency** for applying practical tools and approaches to advance trust and accountability in their work practice.
- A **broader network** of practitioners around the world committed to using tools and approaches to drive equity and inclusion, and to build transformative relationships.

Agenda

- 1** Setting the scene – overview and key takeaways
- 2** Espresso presentations - three inclusive processes/tools
- 3** ‘Tool Taster’ Marketplace
- 4** Reflecting on the tools – ‘Reflections’ circle
- 5** Wrap-up and closing remarks

What have we found out?

In *Water for Women*, the role that **equity** and **inclusion** play for strengthened community and climate resilience cannot be underestimated.

- The importance of **inclusive processes** to enable **diverse voices**, including women and people from traditionally marginalised communities, to be meaningfully involved in decision-making for climate resilient solutions
- Embedding inclusive processes and approaches in Water and WASH systems and structures requires transformative change and requires us all **think and act differently**
- Having a **Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) lens** is integral for this to happen – household, community, institutional and systems level change

Key learnings

The impacts of **climate change** are **universal** – they affect all of us, but how we experience them is **different and disproportionate**.

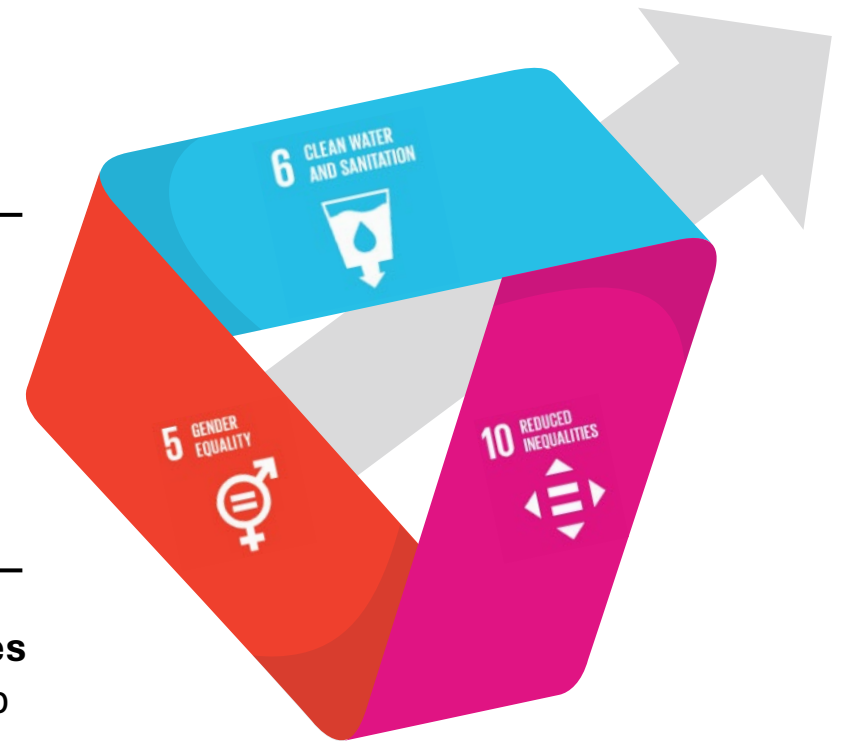
Inclusive **multi-stakeholder approaches** are essential to meaningfully support **diverse voices in decision-making**

Gender equitable and socially inclusive approaches and solutions need to be **context specific and locally led**, especially by those most affected and traditionally most excluded.

Climate resilience is not possible without a strong focus on inclusive WASH, which includes access to safe sanitation as part of the climate action agenda.

Advocacy on the interconnectedness between **SD5, SDG10 and SDG6** needs to not only be sustained, but ramped up

Inclusive processes and approaches with a focus on supporting leadership that addresses harmful exclusionary norms is paramount - when considering social norms, we must always ask **who benefits from these practices and who is excluded?**



Marketplace



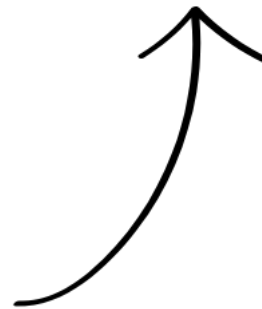
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WASH-GEM
(WASH – Gender
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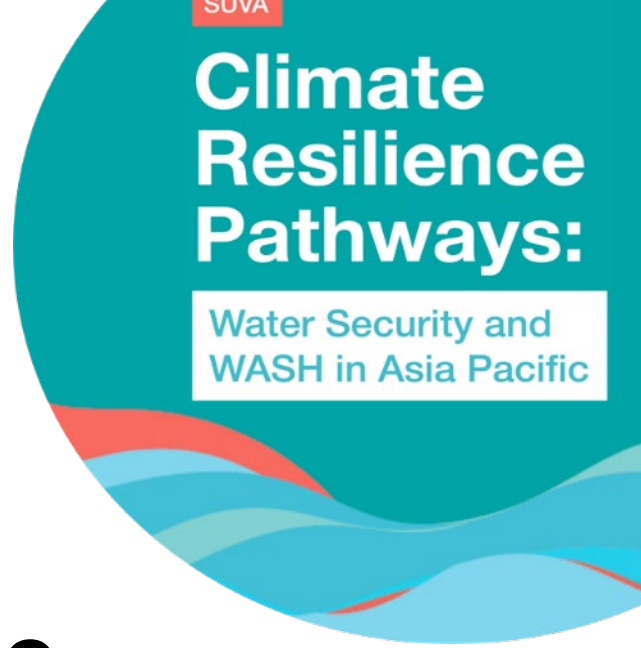


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**GEDSI Towards
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The WASH-GEM + Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – Gender Equality Measure and Climate Module

Inga Mepham, Water for Women and Dibyashree Datta, SPC



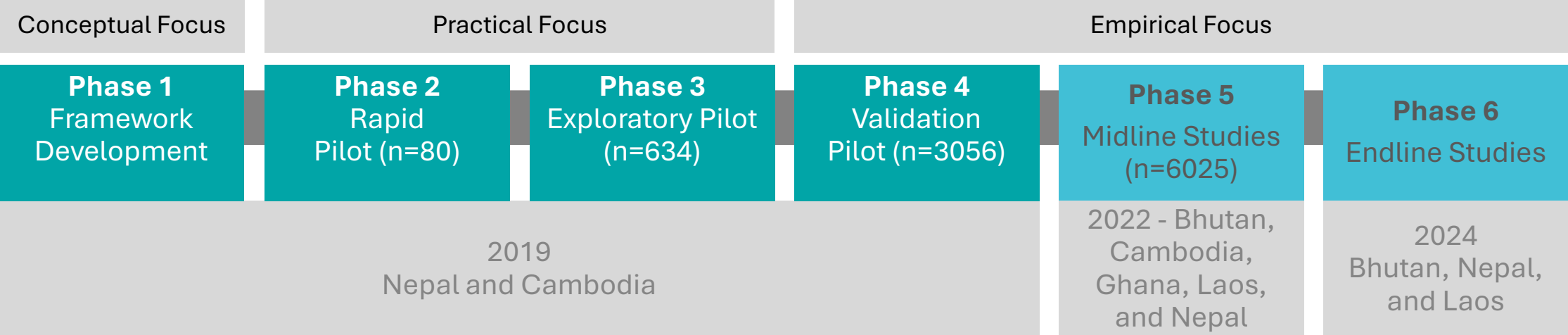
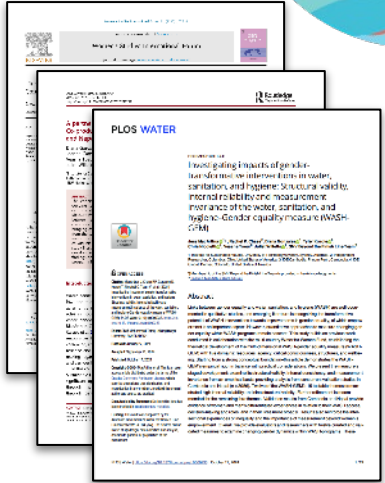
What is the WASH-GEM?

- The WASH-GEM+ is a multi-dimensional monitoring tool to help explore quantitative outcomes in gender-transformative WASH programming.
- The WASH-GEM goes beyond women's empowerment to explore the experiences, perceptions and beliefs of both women and men.
- It includes themes directly related to WASH and themes related to gender equality more broadly (beyond WASH).



Development of the WASH-GEM

- The WASH-GEM+ has been developed in partnership with SNV and iDE. We are currently on Version 4.
- The tool has used conceptual, practical and empirical validation procedures. It has also been published in gender, development and health journals.



WASH-GEM Themes

- The WASH-GEM has six domains and 17 themes.
- Each theme is a set of standardized questions.

	RESOURCES “I have access to...”	AGENCY “I feel able to...”	CRITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS “I believe...”	STRUCTURES “The norm in my community is...”	WELLBEING “I feel...”	RESILIENCE “My experience of climate events is...”
WASH	WASH Access ++ access to and use of water, sanitation and hygiene	WASH Decisions ++ participating in WASH related decision-making		WASH Norms ++ perception of who should play different WASH roles	WASH Wellbeing ++ feelings of safety, privacy and non-stress related to WASH	
Beyond WASH	Control over Resources - control over one’s own time and financial resources	Household Influence + ability to shape goals for the entire household	Equality Awareness +++ personal beliefs about gender equality	Gender Norms +++ perception of who should play different societal roles	Life Satisfaction + subjective feelings of satisfaction with one’s own life	Climate Resilience +++ subjective perceptions of resilience to climatic events
	Social Capital + non-financial benefits of personal networks	Household Autonomy +++ motivations to action are voluntary and authentic		Mobility +++ freedom to move and travel due to societal norms	Physical Health - absence of injury or illness that prevents daily activities	The resilience theme/domain was added in 2022.
		Self-efficacy +++ belief in one’s own capacity to set goals and act on them			Mental Health - subjective feelings of happiness and low anxiety	
		Collective Action ++ opportunities to work together for positive change				

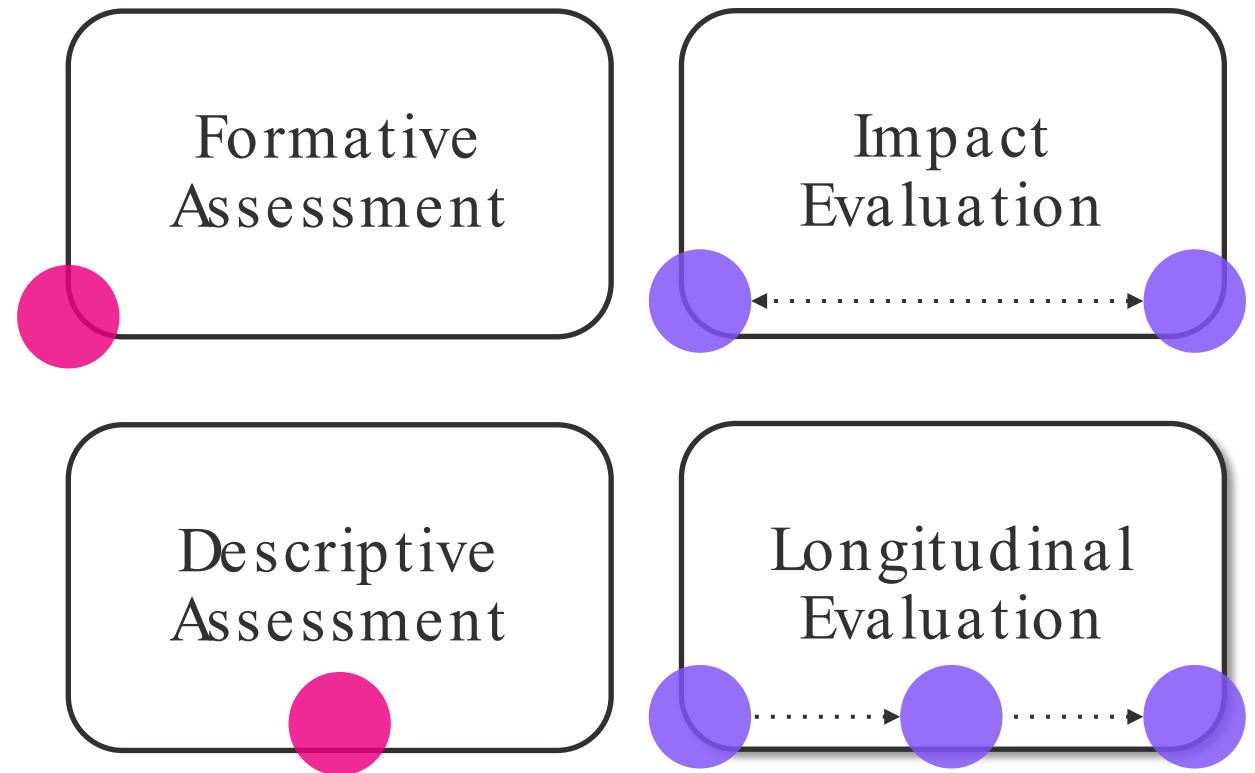
Measure quality (robustness): +++ very strong, ++ strong, + moderate, - fair

Using the WASH-GEM

Use the tool in full, in part or adapted to your context.

- **Approximate time:** 60 minutes for the full tool, very adaptable!
- **Modality:** Dyad Pairs
- **Enumeration:** Women and men matched to gender of respondent
- **Ethics:** Embedded informed consent and distress protocols
- **Analysis:** Draft R-code provided

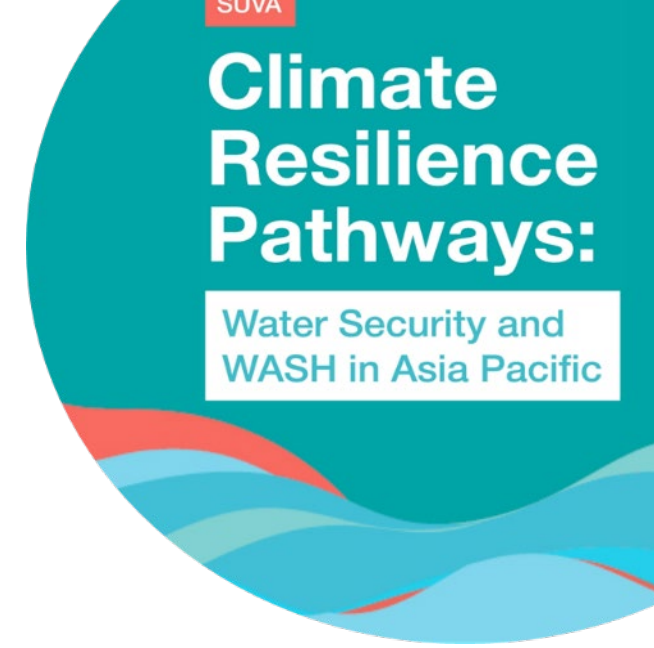
Four ways to use the WASH-GEM:



Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Self-Assessment Tool

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Purpose of the self-assessment tool

- **Self-monitoring and reflection tool** – opportunity to reflect on current strengths and how to improve processes to better influence and drive positive changes in **GEDSI and climate resilient solutions** through the program and organisation
 - measure progress towards GEDSI and climate transformative outcomes
 - identify strategies to strengthen GEDSI, and integrate climate resilience solutions
 - consider strategies to drive change, and identify opportunities for improvement

What is it?



A participatory tool with a focus on measuring five Domains of change:

1. **System Strengthening:** Strengthened national and subnational sector systems with greater emphasis on GEDSI and climate resilience
2. **Leave No One Behind:** Increased equitable, universal access to and use of sector services and facilities, supporting climate resilience, particularly for marginalised communities and community members
3. **Transformative Change:** Strengthened GEDSI and climate resilience in households, communities and institutions
4. **Knowledge and Learning:** Strengthened and use of new evidence, innovation and practice in GEDSI and climate resilience as it relates to the sector by other civil society organisations (CSOs), national and international sector actors
5. **Organisational Culture and Practice:** Promotion of GEDSI through strengthened organisational policies, practices and workplace culture





- Self-reflection and gaining insight
- The value of GEDSI Continuum
- Equal engagement 50-50 approach

The Power of Participation



“ A mighty river is so, because of the quiet rock spring that once bubbled out from the earth ”



Involvement of GEDSI lead for WV PNG in the GEDSI SAT Tool planted the seed for action and undertaking of the WVPNG GEDSI Self Assessment Activity.

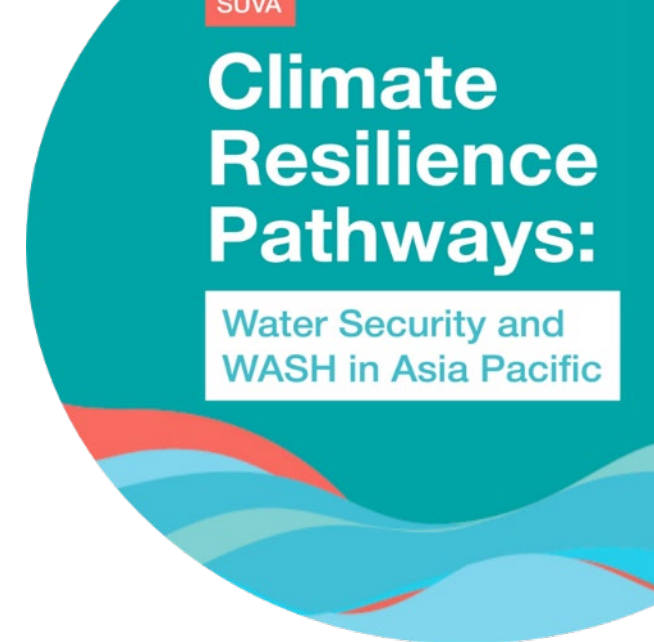
How to use it?

Come to our stall to find out!!



Partnerships for Transformation: Guidance for WASH and Rights Holder Organisations

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Provincial Health Authority



Why this tool ? Partnerships for transformation



Offers practical insights into effective partnerships

- Target users: WASH Organizations - Beginners, need to build and those who want to strengthen.
- Resource Tool for WASH practitioners, researchers and RHOs.

Key reasons for WASH organisations and RHO partnerships

- Strengthen WASH systems
- improve suitability
- Advance rights
- Inclusion and leaving no one behind
- Do No Harm
- For access, network and reach
- Achieving mutual outcomes

Sharing experience and learnings from WaterAid PNG Partnership with DWCB in Wewak, ESP



WEWAK DISTRICT WASH COORDINATION BODY

Our Wewak District WASH Coordination Body Partnership.....



Winnie Sagiu
Co-Chair
District WASH Coordination Body



EmpowerMe Puzzle

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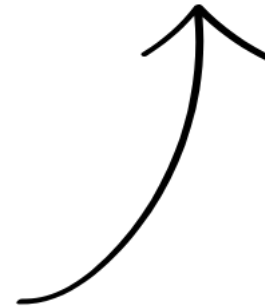
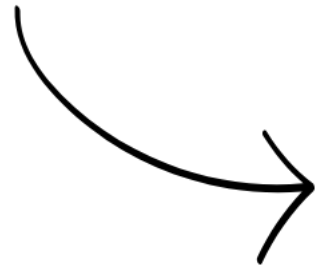
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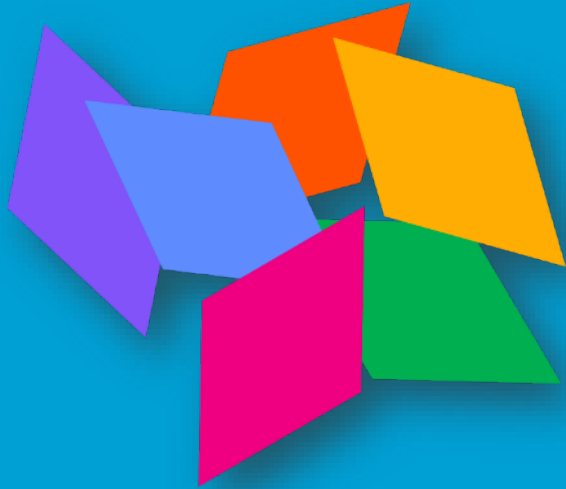
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Reflections Circle

Reflect, share and discuss the following questions:

Would any of the tools/approaches be useful in your organization? Team?
Program?

In what ways?

How would you like to use the tool?



“Standards are universal, while solutions are context specific”

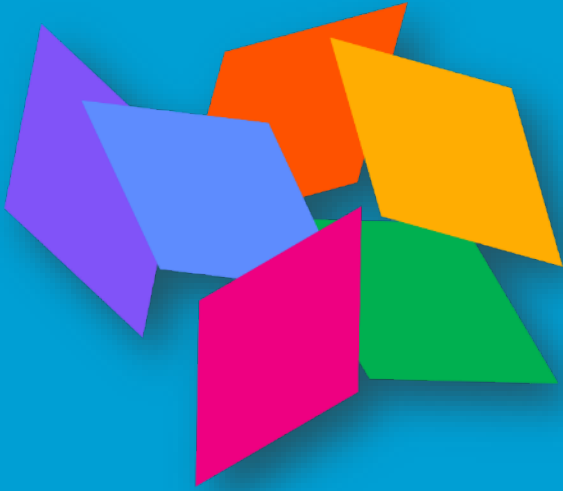
- Akhila Silvas, CFAR India

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