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“WOMEN AND RESILIENCE IN THE WATER SECTOR” IWRA

*Interfacing Core Issues of Resilience in the Water
Sector with the situation of Women.*

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Policies and Systems to support Women and Resilience in the water sector

What is the Problem?

- Do we have such Policies at national Levels?
- Are there Systems in Place to support implementation of such Policies?
- Do we have Political Will to Ensure implementation?
- Do we Have Women Who qualify to fit in?

Policies and Systems to support Women and Resilience in the water sector

What Do we Know?

- ✓ That there are Policies in place at National Level in many countries
- ✓ Yes we do have strong multilateral organizations BUT not enough support and no resources and platforms to monitor.
- ✓ There is no obligatory Systems in Place to support implementation of such Policies.
- ✓ Yes many countries Do have Political Will to Ensure implementation? E.g. South Africa
- ✓ Yes we DO Have many Women Who qualify to fit in?

The BIG QUESTION!

WHAT IS THE MISSING LINK?

IS IT

WOMEN's Power

OR

*POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LANDSCAPE IN OUR
COUNTRIES?*

*Do we know what Policies and Legislation should do for
Women in the Water Sector?*

The key Objectives in the Policies and Legislation of Water and Sanitation Sector Sectors in South Africa.

Key Deliverables of Water & Sanitation Sectors in RSA in line with Policy & Legislative Mandate

If These are the Objectives, what else is required?

1. Using water for **promoting socio-economic** developmental agenda .
- 2.Reducing inequality** through access to water and job creation .
- 3.Leveraging additional investments for **infrastructure development**
- 4.Enabling rural communities** to use water for **rural livelihoods**.
- 5.Promoting greater citizen participation in decision making**
- 6.Allowing for innovation and knowledge** generation.

WOMEN IN THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WASH is said to be the first line of DEFENSE in the absence of a vaccine



Women Carry most responsibility for Hygiene



In the Households



In the Health Frontline as NURSES



Health Services including the UNPAID Care work



Carry Water for Households In Rural Communities

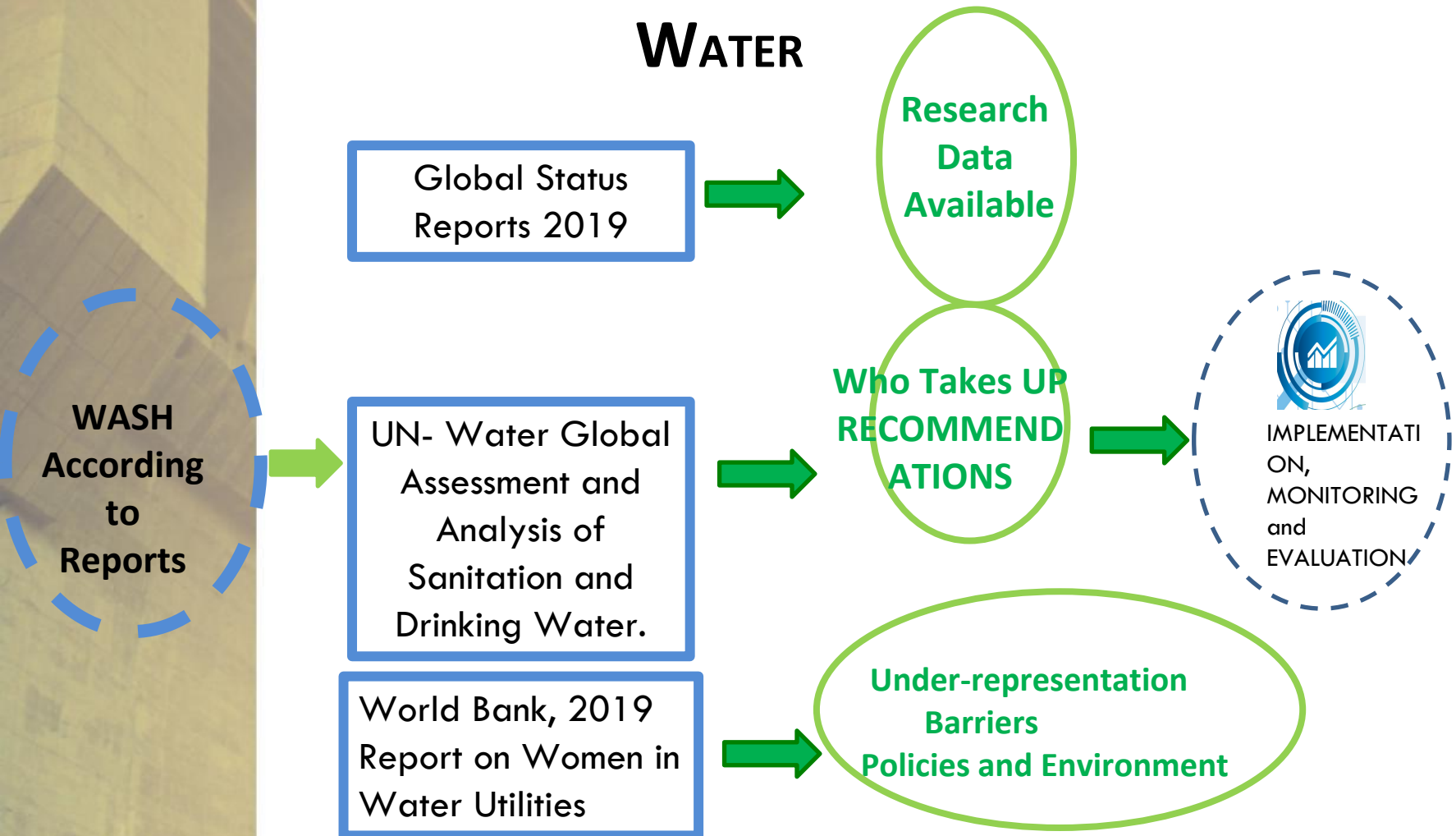


Participate in Change Management Information and counselling



Women should Inform Policy and decision Making based on Lessons of the Pandemic

WOMEN AND THE STATE OF WATER



Reflections

WOMEN'S SCORE CARD

Ensure effective Women and Resilience in the Water Sector,
How are we doing at all Levels?
What should we do next?

Stakeholder
Perspective

Revisit Women's Engagements with Governments, Politicians and Multilateral Organizations and all relevant stakeholders .

Financial
Perspective

Ensure funding for Women's Empowerment and Gender Budgeting, as one of the interventions.

Developmental &
Environmental

Water Resource Planning , MUST have Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement elements to support Policy,

Learning &
Growth

Allow Women to Participate in River Systems Operations and management, (improvement of river water quality) like RSA Adopt a River, Encourage women greater participation in the water business (Incubation Programmes and Water Business Mentorships and Networks) Developing women's human Resources , Women's participation in water governance)

Sharing knowledge & creating partnerships .

Women

Thank you ...

