

Translating the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation into operational terms

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Implementing the Human Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation

Governments to provide progressively

Water that is

- Safe
- Acceptable
- Accessible
- Available
- Affordable
- In sufficient quantity
- Without discrimination, etc

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Operational & Organisational challenges

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The dimensions of the Right to safe drinking water

Right ↔ *Professionals*

- safe* → Compliance to standards
- acceptable* → Colour, odour
- accessible, available* → 24/7, distance of source
- affordable* → Tariffs, subsidies
- in sufficient quantity* → Minimum pressure, etc
- without discrimination* → Equitable access

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Ensuring progressively a multi-dimensional right at home, at workplace, in schools, etc

Success requires a precise organisation

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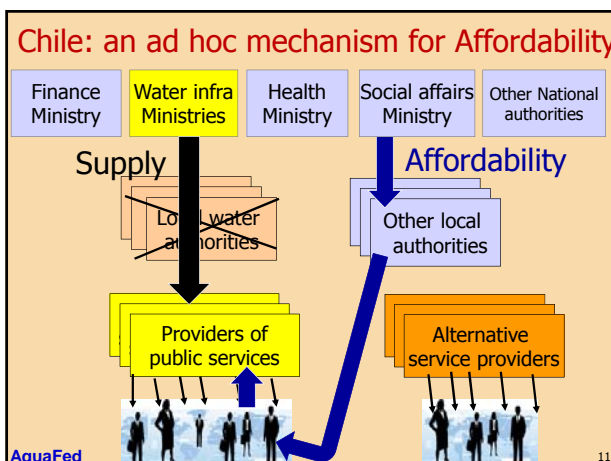
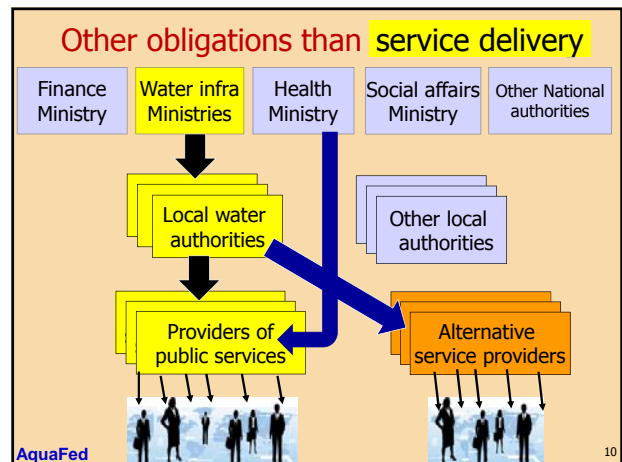
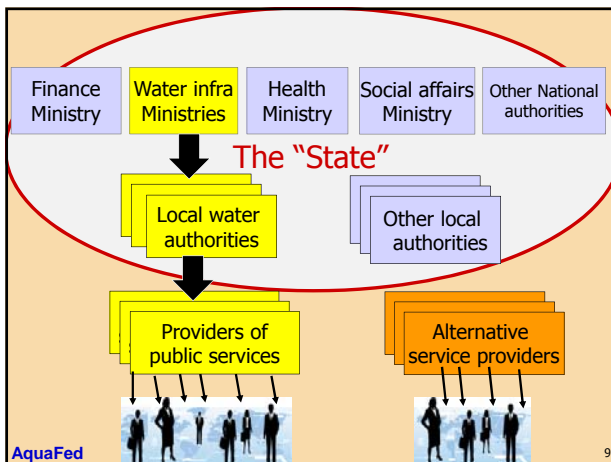
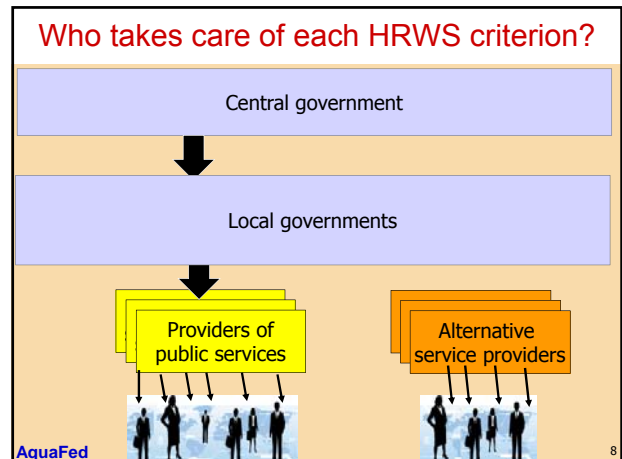
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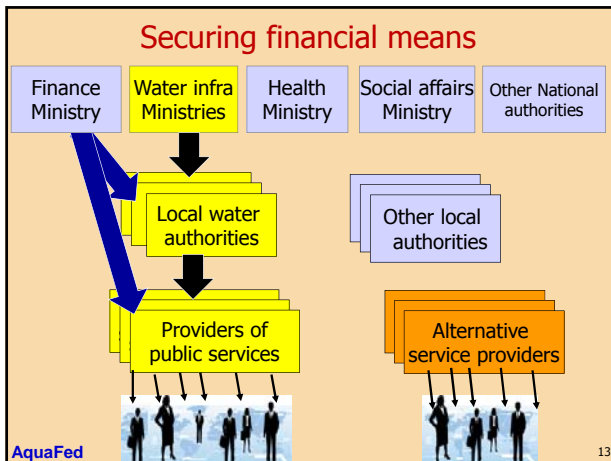
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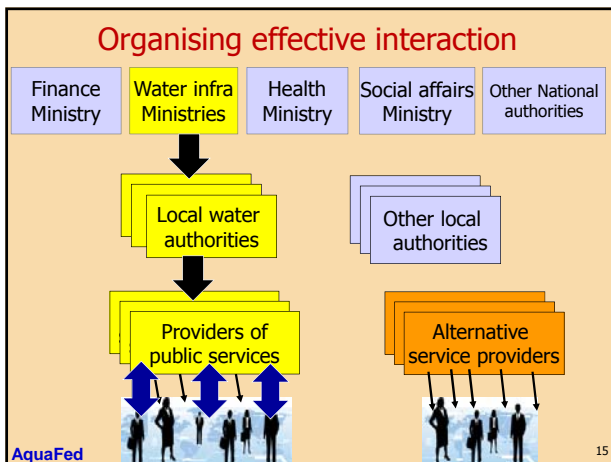
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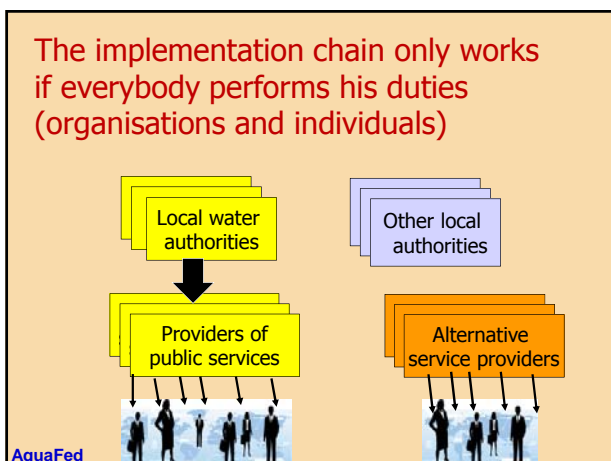
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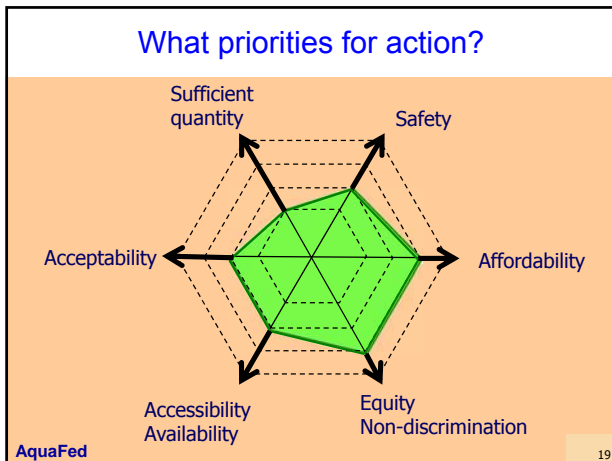
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Planning action and setting priorities

The HRWS legal framework does not prescribe the rules governing priority setting.

Setting Priorities is a political decision

- Improving water quality or reducing leaks?
- In which areas should the network be expanded first?
- Investing to upgrade existing networks or to expand coverage?

Progress is non-linear and cannot be uniformed, equally balanced between all criteria and all parts of the population. Non-retrogression should be ensured

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