

Every drop counts!



Rainwater Harvesting
Implementation Network



*MUS through rainwater
harvesting in Ethiopia*

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Ethiopian context

GENERAL ASPECTS

MACRO LEVEL

MESO LEVEL

MICRO LEVEL

Agricultural economy
47% GDP, 60% export, 80% employment

Vulnerable to drought

General lack of capacity

Need for integrated approach

Policies in place, implementation weak

Top-down central government

NGO Bill; restrictions human rights, advocacy

Lack of budget allocation

84% rural population

Gender inequality

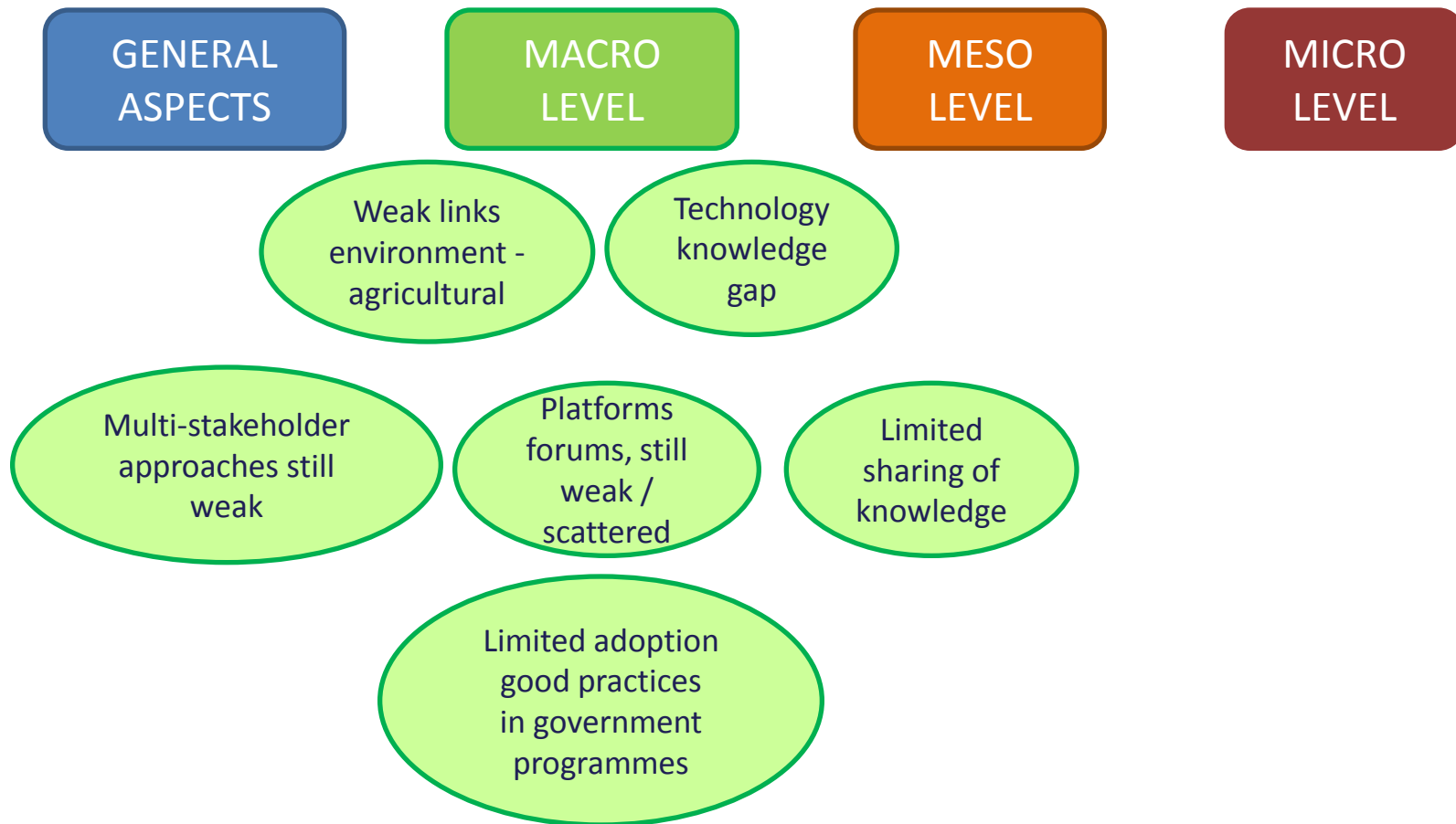
Very high under 5 Mortality

Lack of access infrastructure / services

Development of water sector by government: **Universal Access Program**.
Includes MUS, concentrating on low cost /community levels.



Ethiopian context



Context of RAIN case and Ethiopian context

RAIN objectives in Ethiopia in general

- Demonstrate the high potential of rainwater harvesting (RWH)
- Demonstrate the high potential of various RWH technologies in combination with MUS
- Build capacities, promote inter-institutional cooperation around RWH,
- Put RWH for MuS solidly on the agenda, into policies and budgets.



GENERAL
ASPECTS

MACRO
LEVEL

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Disconnect
between the
national and
the community
level

Woredas lack
funds &
capacity

Weak
monitoring

Few
business
development
services

lack of secure
markets and
access to
finance



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MACRO
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Dryland farming,
herding cattle,
pastoralist
systems

Dependent on
collection of
runoff in
surface water
ponds

Insufficient
human capital
for technical
support

Absence of
reliable water
supply: travel
long distances

Insecure water
supply hampering
intensified farming
& livestock



Needs and demands for MUS

Needs & Demands on Macro level

- More models on implementation of MUS in combination with RWH
- Access to practical guidelines
- Access to information and financial means to guide implementation

Governmental implementation program lacks behind:

- Inadequate capacity, promotion, lobby and participation
- Insufficient attention for low cost technologies.

Needs & Demands on Meso level

- Adequate allocation of funds (central → regional)
- Planning, implementation, M&E of MuS
- Stronger link between different sectors
- Knowledge & awareness: low cost technologies / “MuS capacities”
- MuS guidelines for decision-makers / managers

Needs & Demands on Micro level

- Capacities: O&M of MuS technologies, efficient use, re-use, AT
- Financial mechanisms: investments / repairs, upgrading to MuS
- Post construction support functions ensured



RAIN in Ethiopia in general

- Put RWH solidly on the agenda, into policies, planning, budgets, different sectors.

Current RAIN projects on RWH & MUS

1. “MUSRAIN in Ethiopia” project

- To further test and adjust RWH technologies, to supply water for MUS purposes in rural areas of Ethiopia.
- Details MUSRAIN in Ethiopia” project under “approach followed”

2. Dutch WASH Alliance

- WASH for (semi) pastoralist communities in Afar and Oromiya
- Economic and environmental WASH innovation; linking WASH to private sector and innovative financing options
- Mainstreaming MuS concept in wider alliance (9 countries, 5 year)

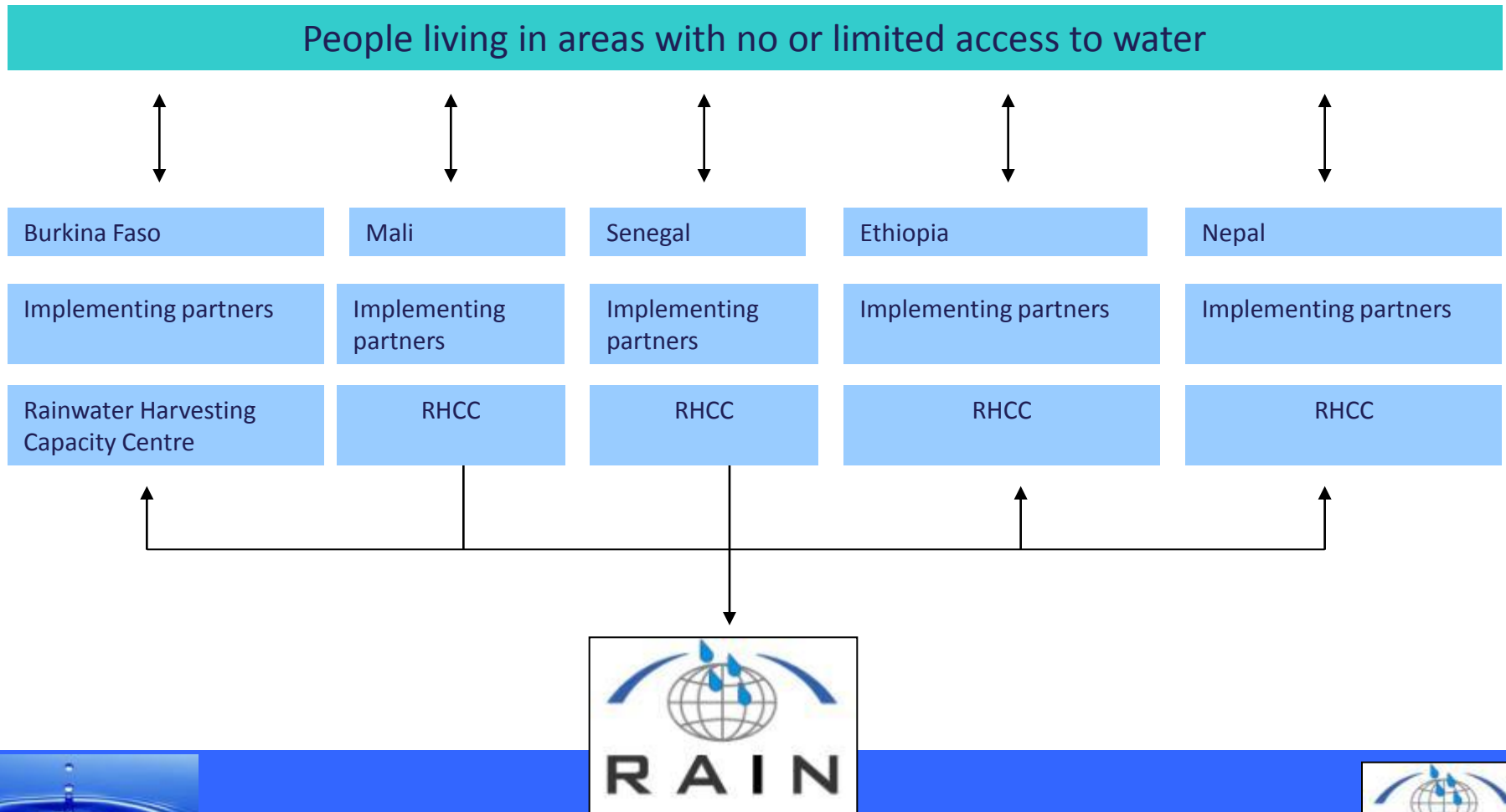
3. Dutch Waterboards

- From single-use to multiple use water schemes (upgrading to MuS in existing schemes)
- Improve water management of RWH systems by efficient use, improved maintenance and operation of RWH systems, enhanced water quality and quantity

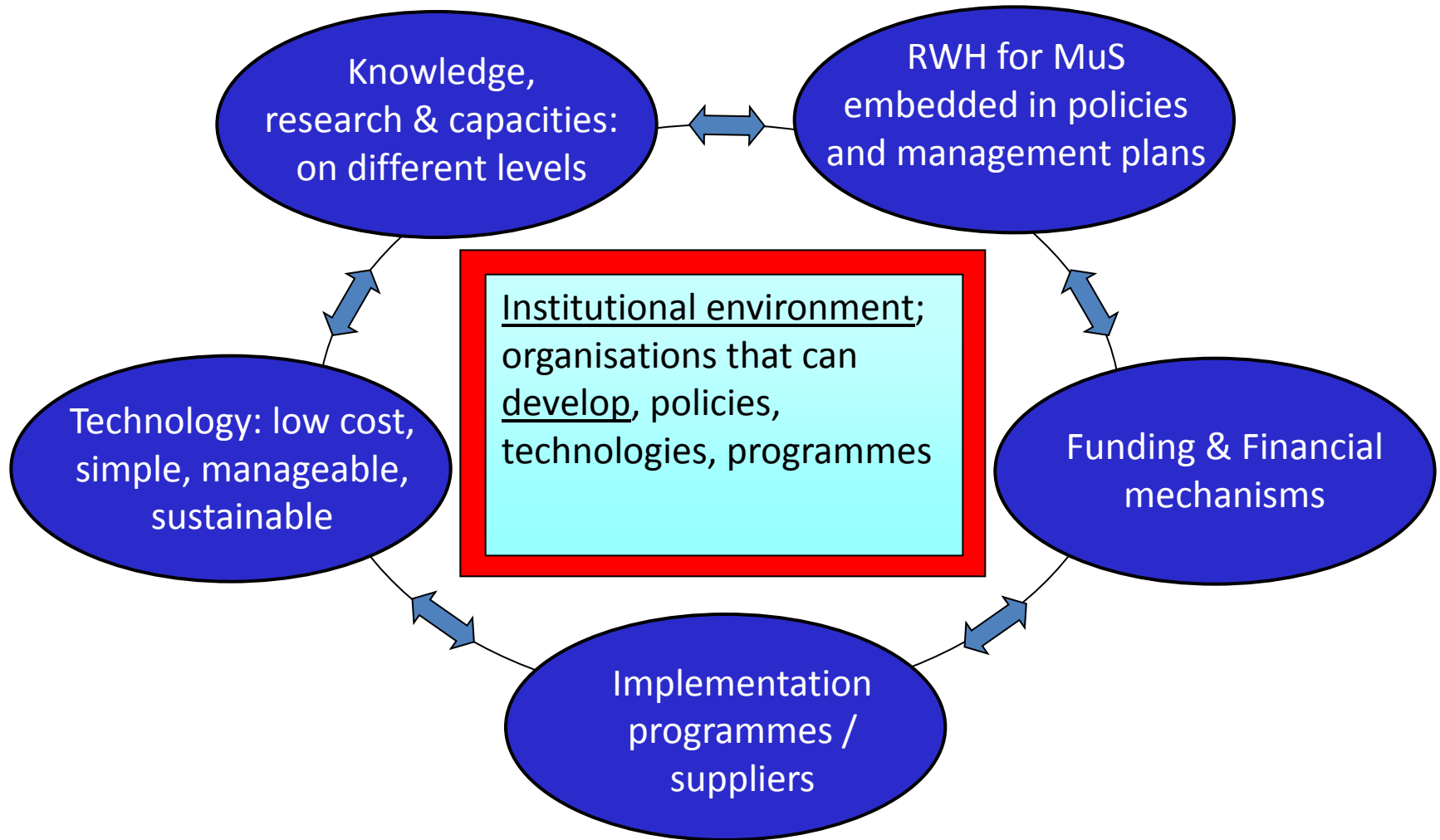


Approach followed

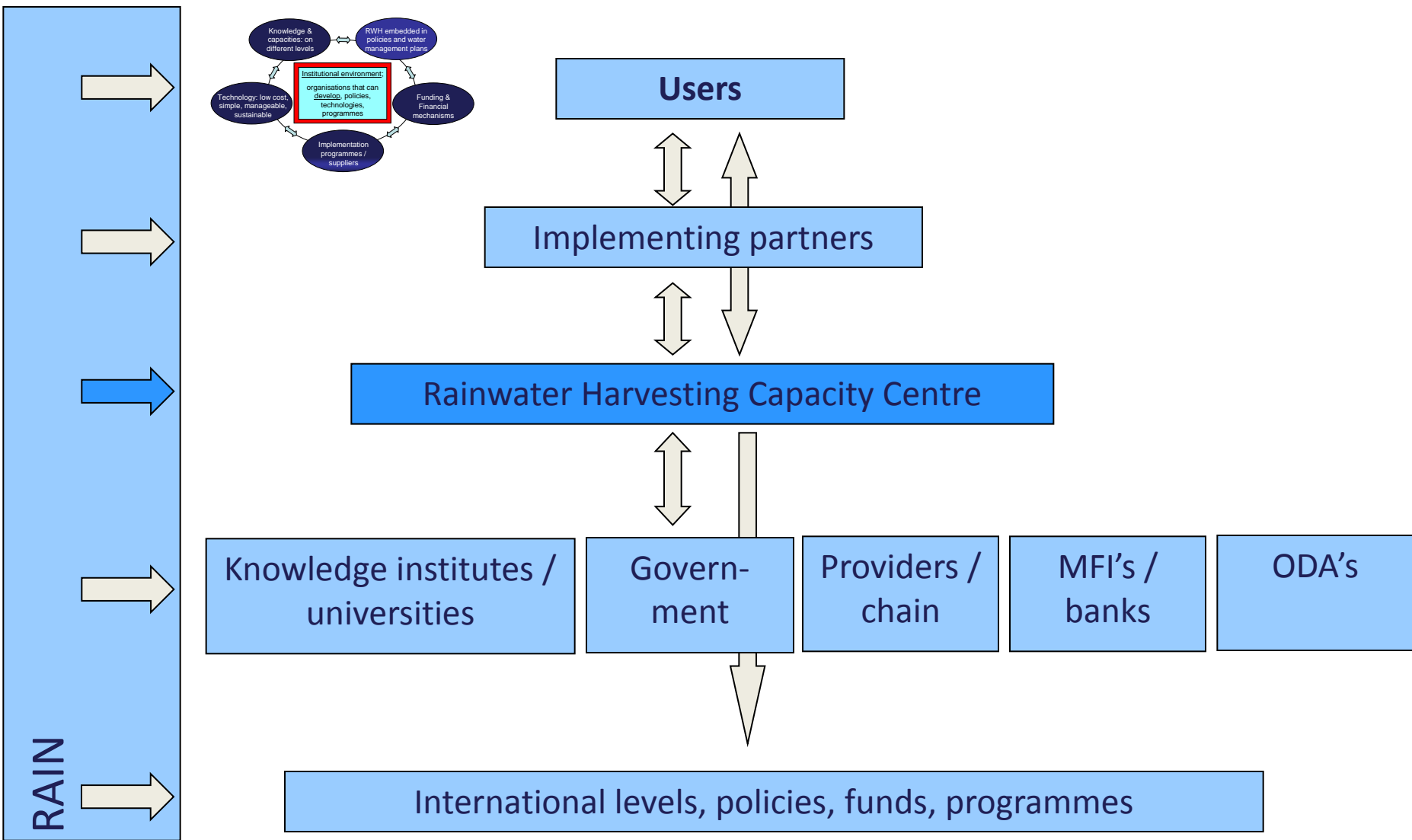
RAIN works through the “RHCC model”, based on pilot implementation



An enabling environment for upscaling RWH for MuS



An enabling environment for upscaling RWH (practical implementation)



“MUSRAIN in Ethiopia” project (2011-12)

Further test and adjust RWH technologies, to supply water for MUS purposes

Specific objectives

1. Strengthening collaboration between partners
2. Demonstrate the high potential of various RWH technologies in combination with MUS;
3. Lay basis for income generating projects enable upscaling;
4. Building capacities (technicians / local politicians)
5. Publicity and knowledge exchange amongst national stakeholders in RWH/MUS and develop guidelines for RWH/MUS-methods

Some of the Key activities

- Water demand analysis, MuS based
- Selection of the potential techniques
- Efficient water use
- Finetune RWH-models to MUS
- Applying a ‘Learning and Practice Alliance Approach’, platforms to exchange knowledge amongst all stakeholders



“MUSStRAIN in Ethiopia” project (2011-12)

Main themes:

Food and ecosystems: e.g. water buffering, and use in an integrated ecosystem

Climate: RWH-technologies can retain large volumes and increase aquifer levels

Drinkwater and sanitation next to hygiene, wastewater, kitchen gardening and cattle

Capacity generation of stakeholders at governmental levels.

Partners:

- IRC, RAIN and Ripple / HCS
- Ministry of Water Resources Development
- Oromia Region Water Resource Development Bureau



Guidelines for RWH for MUS:

- Explore demand and supply and evaluate potential demand
- Gender disaggregated data required
- Explore different RWH technologies, rooftop, sand ponds, infiltration galleries etc. and evaluate (FIET)
- Explore how water extraction can be compensated
- Base all experiences on (learning) projects, capacity influencing (so not only implementation focused)
- Integrate the RWH concept into IWRM, in a practical way
- General policies
- Guidelines under development in the MUStRAIN project

RAIN SAND DAM MANUAL, (guidelines / practical)

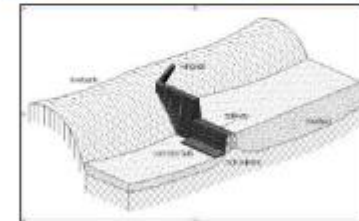
- **3R consortium;** Water Recharge, Retention and Reuse.
(RAIN, Acacia Water, Meta Meta, BGR)



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A practical guide to sand dam implementation

Water supply through local structures as adaptation to climate change



- HOW TO DESIGN ?

- HOW TO CONSTRUCT ?

- HOW TO MANAGE & MONITOR ?

A guideline based on the Swiss Re 2007 award winning pilot project "Water harvesting to improve livelihoods in southern Ethiopia: from pilots to mainstream" and large-scale implementation of sand dams in Kenya.



- Interinstitutional intersectorial approach required,
- Involve all stakeholders
- Knowledge sharing, learning agendas important elements, need for collaboration

- Alternative financial models needed – shortage
- Analysis of financial aspects of integrated systems is essential (C-B analysis)

- Analysis of demand / supply (including potential of RWH) essential
- Existing RWH systems can be upgraded to MuS
- Optimize the storage systems and volumes for integrating RWH for MUS

- Identify capacity needs on all levels and interventions focused at all levels (MMM)
- Ensure Post construction support functions

- Combi research and implementation is necessary, still lots to be learned



Conclusions and recommendations

Communication around MUS group and guidelines is essential:

How to promote and achieve wider and effective outreach

Review: “What is the adequate balance between”:

- further development and testing of guidelines
- Promotion
- Implementation (upscaling)

Collaborate!

Now is the time

Use the MuS group also as a practical group,

Interinstitutional collaboration, implementation and learning

Example of MustRAIN, West Africa Wash Program (wa-wash / Winrock)

Who’s next (amongst us)?

Collectively develop project proposals, invitation to joint initiatives

