



# Understanding & Operationalizing the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDP)

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# AGENDA

Introduction on the HDP Nexus

Action Against Hunger link to HDP Nexus

Best Practices of WASH HDP interventions

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# 1 - INTRODUCTION ON HDP NEXUS

## RATIONALE OF HDP NEXUS: THE DOUBLE BURDEN

2,2 billion lack  
SAFE WATER (JMP, 2023)

3,4 billion lack  
SAFE SANITATION (JMP, 2023)

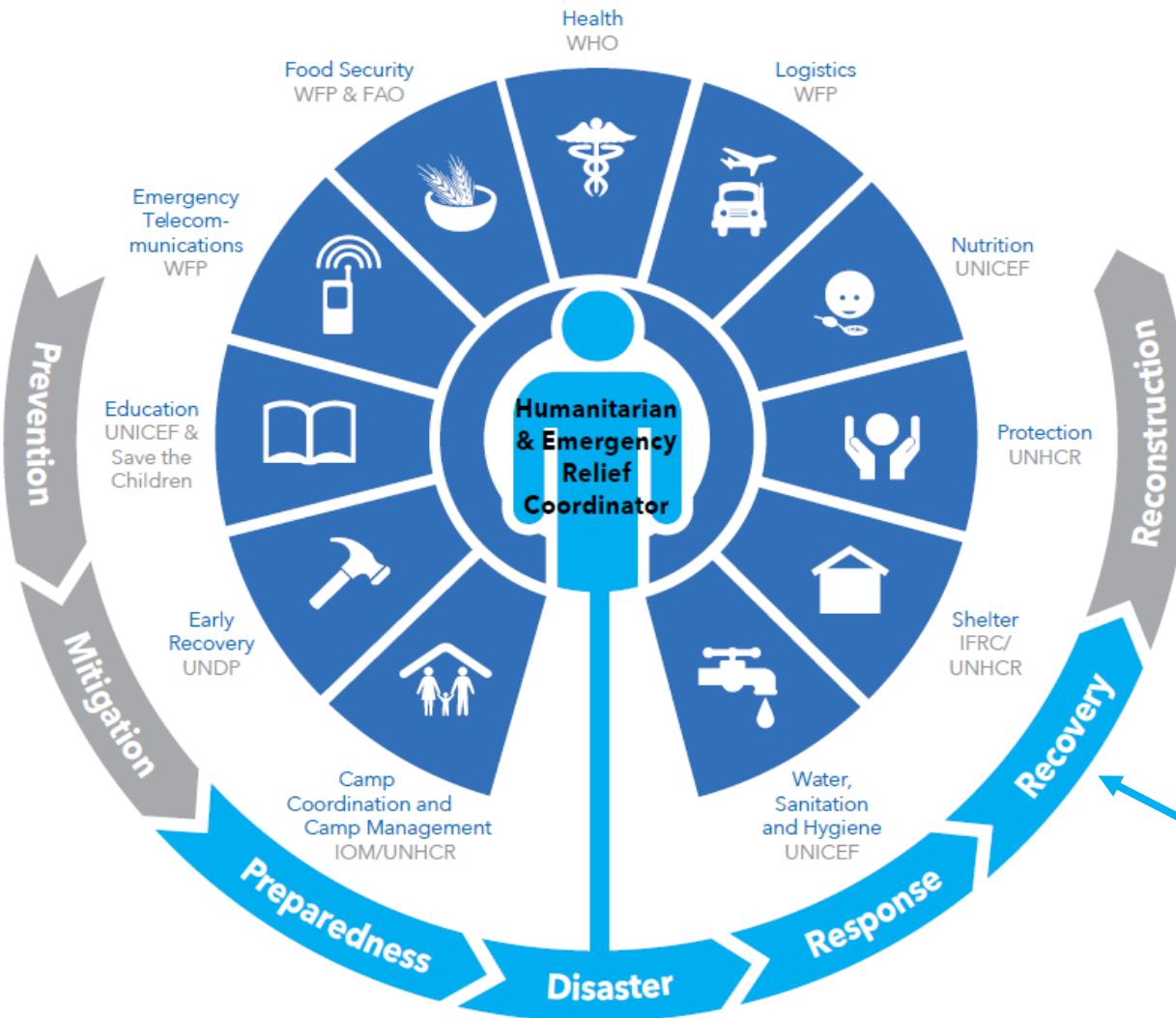


In fragile states,  
people are **4 times** as  
likely to lack basic  
drinking water

In fragile states,  
people are **2 times** as  
likely to lack basic  
sanitation

There is a **87% overlap** between  
vulnerable environment, Fragile  
contexts & extrema poverty  
(UNOCHA, 2022)

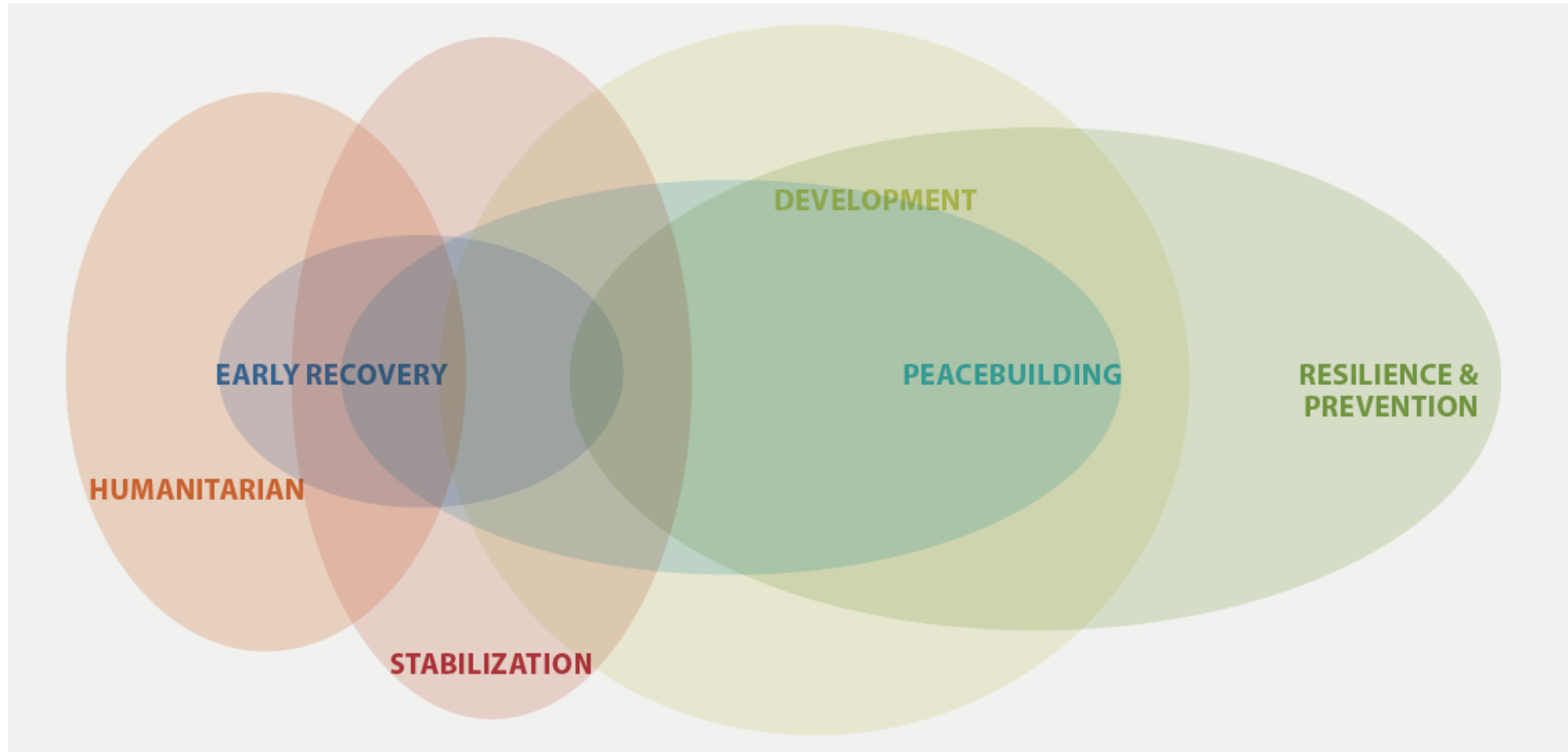
# CONTEXTS OF APPLICATION (UNOCHA TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA, 2012)



Transition to Development

Humanitarian context

# CONTEXTS OF APPLICATION (CONTINUUM & CONTIGUUM) by UNDP



## HDP CONCEPT : INTEGRATION & OBJECTIVES

It refers to the integration of **humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding** efforts to address the complex and interconnected challenges faced by communities in crisis-affected areas.

This approach recognizes that humanitarian needs, development goals, and peacebuilding **objectives are interdependent** and that a comprehensive response is required to achieve sustainable and lasting impact.

The approach aims to **bridge the divide between humanitarian and development** streams in protracted emergencies, using comparative advantages of humanitarian and development partners to transition smoothly from humanitarian action to development, **fostering peace**.



## HDP CONCEPT : APPROACHES TO PEACE (UNDP)

Activities aimed at sustaining peace adopt different approaches, depending on the context and objectives.

**'Big P'** interventions directly target political solutions or securitized responses to violent conflict, often supported by a United Nations Security Council mandate. They may involve peace agreements.

**'Little p'** actions are focused on empowering individuals and transforming social dynamics, building the capacity for peace and for conflict prevention and management within institutions and broader society. This includes building trust and social cohesion.

**'Negative peace'** signifies the absence of direct violence, like a ceasefire.

**'Positive peace'** involves resolving conflicts constructively, restoring positive relationships, and establishing a social system that meets everyone's needs.

UN &  
Multi-  
lateral  
actors

NGOs

## AT RISK CONTEXTS & HUMANITARIAN CASELOAD (IRL 2024)

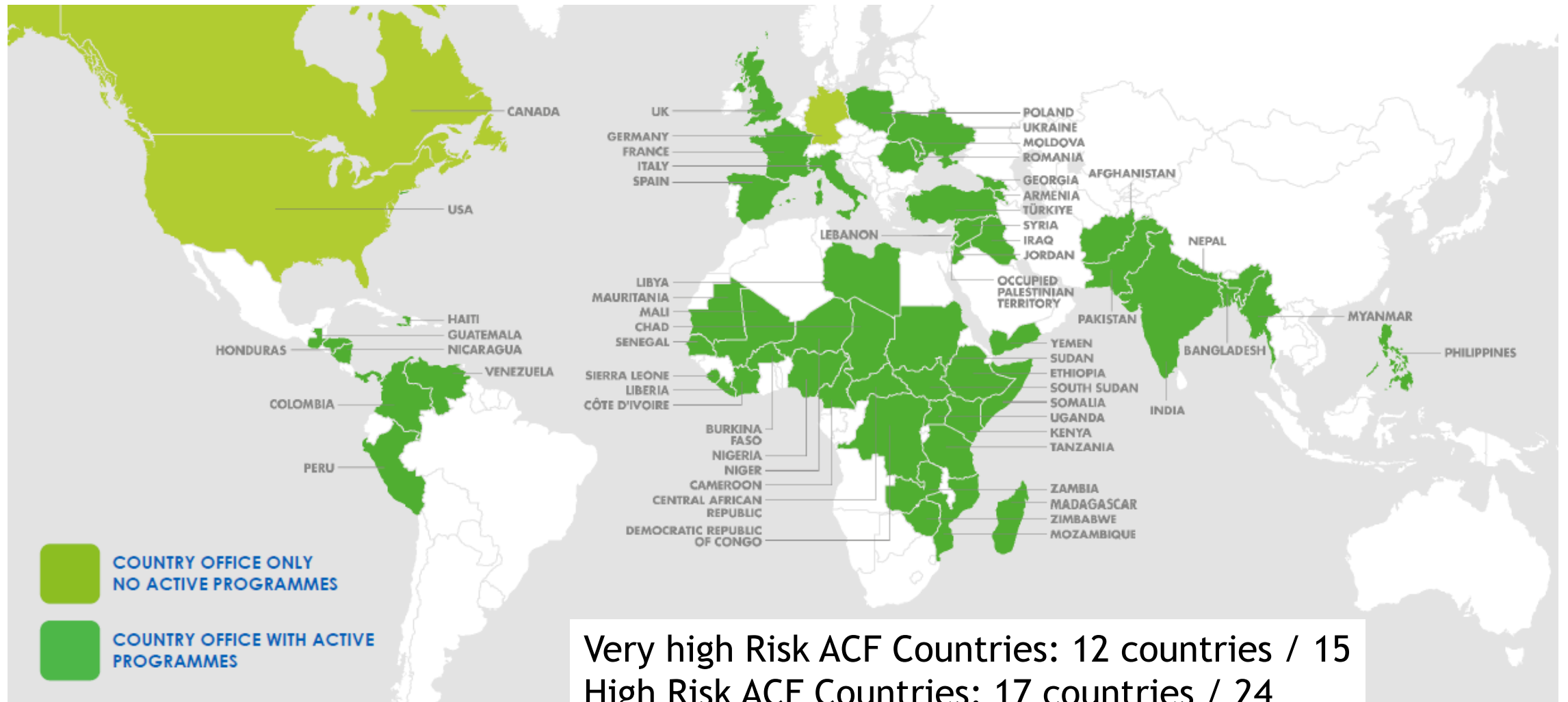
39 Fragile, Conflict & Violent (FCV) contexts (15 **very high** & 24 **high risk**)  
make WASH Response critical for 2024



(2023 December - UNOCHA)

## 2 - ACTION AGAINST HUNGER LINK TO HDP NEXUS

# OPERATIONAL PRESENCE & OPERATIONAL COUNTRIES 2024



Very high Risk ACF Countries: 12 countries / 15  
High Risk ACF Countries: 17 countries / 24

# ACTION AGAINST HUNGER COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN TRANSITION CONTEXTS



Less actors, less funds, less interest, less leadership

MENA Region (e.g. Yemen, Irak, Syria, Palestine)



Other Regions (e.g. DRC, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, CAR, Madagascar)

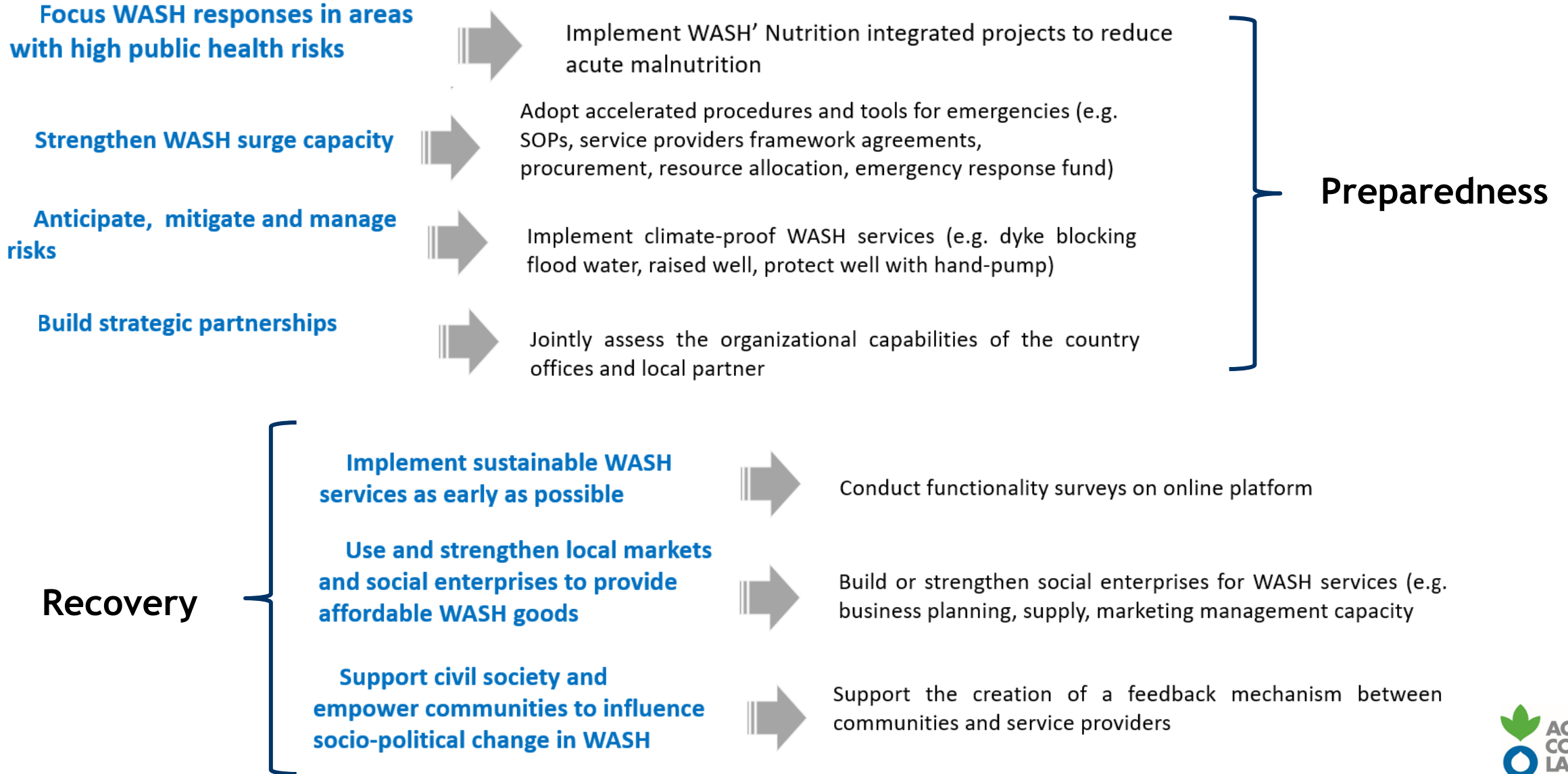


Programmatic Context (%)		
Humanitaria <input type="checkbox"/>	Transition <input type="checkbox"/>	Developme <input type="checkbox"/>
75%	10%	15%
69%	8%	23%



HDP Context

# HDP RELATED OBJECTIVES IN ACF WASH STRATEGY 2021-2025



## 3 - BEST PRACTICES OF WASH HDP INTERVENTIONS

## EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICES TO ACHIEVE HDP NEXUS

Addressing the root causes of women's and minorities exclusion from conflict resolution.

Supporting the legal approach (water governance, basic services) to address the root causes of community tensions.

Learn on International Humanitarian Law

IWRM approaches & control of conflict over water resource access are a basis on HDP.

HDP approach presents challenges about neutrality and impartiality principles. It needs conflict analysis, the identification of entry points is essential.

Embedding livelihoods into humanitarian and peacebuilding programmes, and using multisectorial strategy to address root causes of crisis.

HDP benefits from multi-actors approach such as PPPs

HDP nexus benefits from localization leveraging local institutions, territorial presence and insights developed through bottom-up approaches



## 4 - CASE STUDIES OF ACF WASH HDPs

# EXAMPLE OF JORDAN CASE STUDY ABOUT LONG TERM TRANSITION



[10-year anniversary of the Azraq refugee camp in Jordan: | The Water Diplomat](#)

## Azrak Camp (Syrian Refugees):

- 41,000 People (61% children)
- 12 years
- Strong focus on humanitarian WASH
- Financial issues (donors fatigue)
- Promoting **Behaviour Change Communication** programs
- Addressing **multi-sectoral approaches for social peace**
- Working more broadly on water access in Irbid Governorate (**contiguum & complementarity**)
- **Advocating** on long term displacement funding issues

## 5 - POLITICAL & INSTITUTIONAL FACILITATING FRAMEWORKS

# HDP INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

It was defined as one of the 17 **SDGs** goals (**SDG 16**) in UNGA 2015.

It was defined as one of the 10 **Grand Bargain** goals (**Goal 10**, World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, May 2016).

**European Union** adopted the Nexus approach, recognizing the importance of building resilience and addressing the root causes of crises.

It is endorsed by the **Global WASH Cluster** as one of the 5 humanitarian outcomes of the Grand Bargain: “Mainstreaming the Humanitarian Agenda in SWA building blocks.

Other sectors, e.g. WHO, developed a for health in the HDP Nexus, which guides countries on the topic. **specific HDP framework**

Those frameworks implementation at country level are imbedded into **Humanitarian Response Plans** in FCV Contexts (see next slide)

# EXAMPLE OF HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN

## Strategic Objectives

**S01**

Save lives and alleviate suffering – i.e. emergency

That said, much more needs to be done. We need to recognize that humanitarian action only provides a palliative. It does not provide solutions. That can only come if combined with development and peacebuilding efforts.

 **S02**

Provide or facilitate protection for people affected by conflict and natural disasters in line with humanitarian and human rights law.

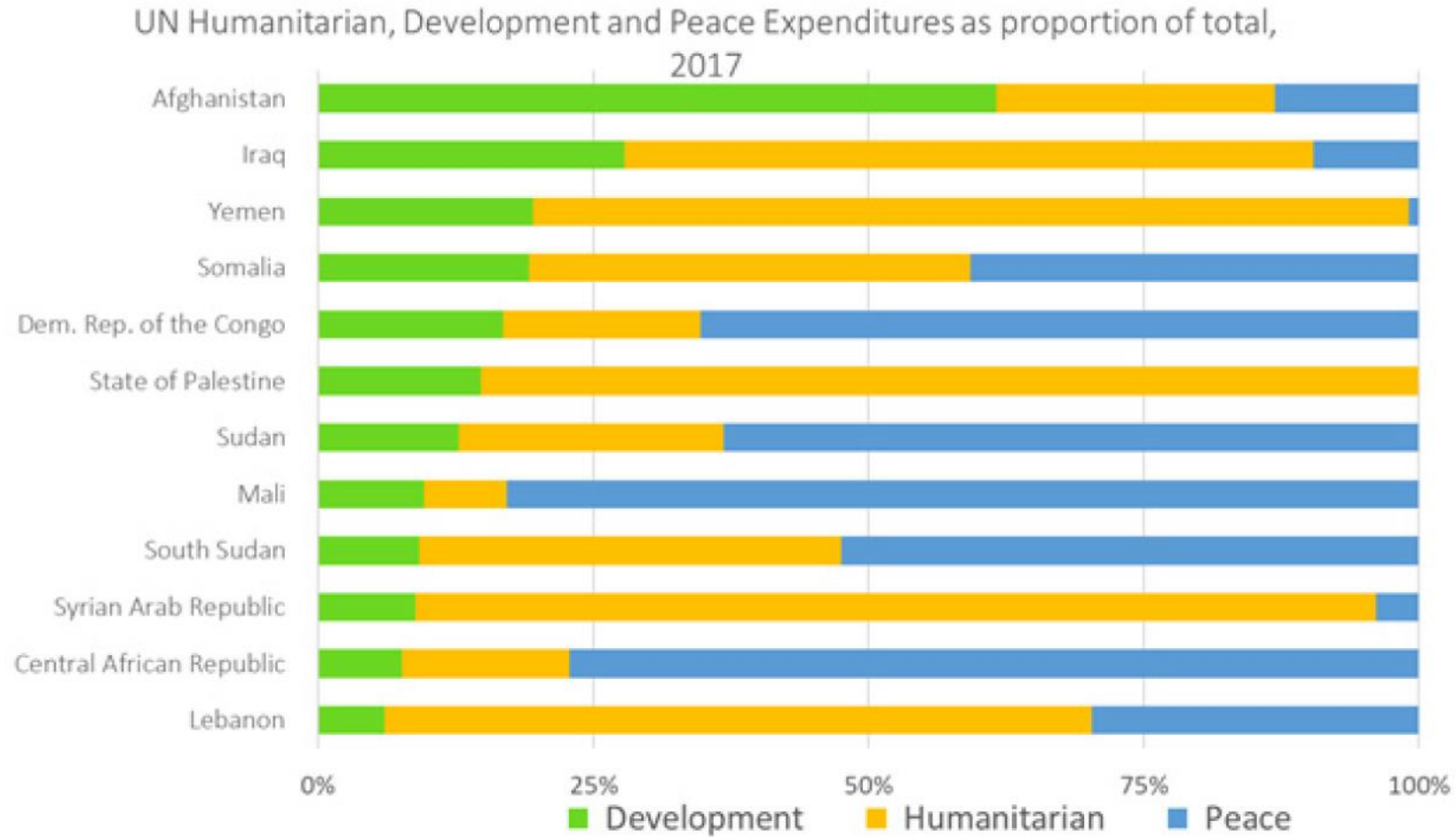
**S03**

Transform affected people's lives so they become less dependent on humanitarian aid and have their basic needs met in a dignified way

HDP Nexus often appears in Country Strategic Objectives of the FCV Humanitarian Response Plans (e. g. HRP Nigeria 2025).

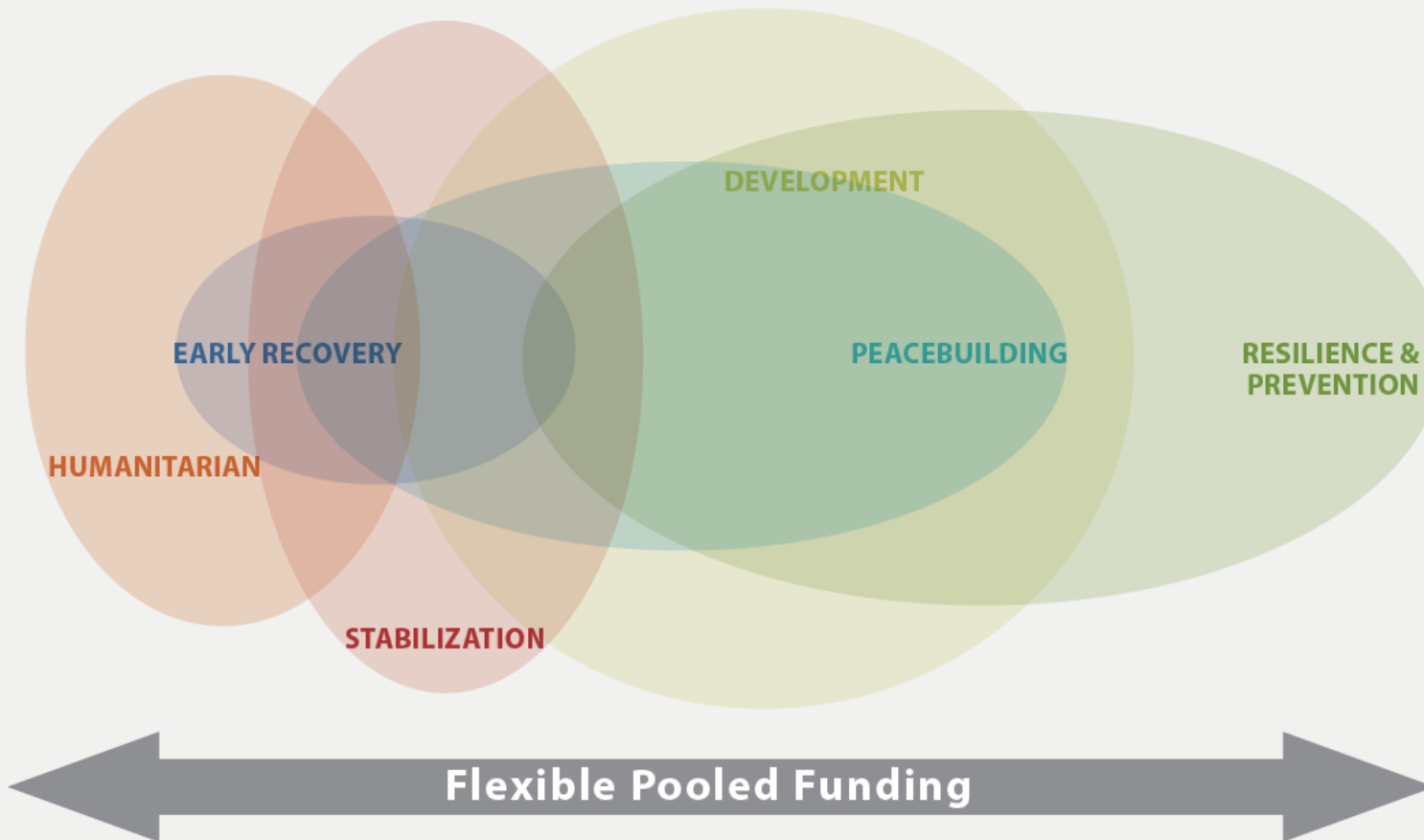
## 6 - NEXUS FINANCING FACILITATING MECHANISMS FOR WASH

# EXAMPLE OF FUNDING VARIABILITY FROM A CONTEXT TO ANOTHER



# ADVANTAGE OF POOL FUNDED MECHANISMS TO FUND HDP NEXUS

## Combining and Sequencing Funding Mechanisms



## Advantages of MPTF (UNDP):

- Flexibility (continuum, contiguum)
- Coherence (coordination of the various partners)
- Collective outcomes
- Managing risks (pool funds share the financial risk among actors)

## MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND OFFICE

The UN center of expertise on pooled financing mechanisms for the Sustainable Development Goals

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## 7 - CAPACITY BUILDING APPROACHES ON HDPs

## EXAMPLE

# Global Alliance to Spare Water from Armed Conflicts

The Global Alliance to Spare Water from Armed Conflicts galvanises efforts to protect the human dignity of the population affected from armed conflicts. The alliance will disseminate existing legal and technical tools for the protection of freshwater and related installations from armed conflicts.



[E-learning Course on Water Diplomacy and Integration of Water Norms in Peacebuilding | Geneva Water Hub](#)

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