

Palestinian Water Authority and Exchanging Water Information with other NGOs

How Coordination Should be

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Institutional Framework for Water Sector

Decision Making Level

Cabinet of ministers

National Water Council

Regulatory level

Palestinian Water Authority

Operational level

Bulk Water Utility

Board of regional water utilities

South

Coastal

Central

North

Water Users
Associations

The Importance of NGOs

- Held responsibilities before the establishment of PA
- Having national perspectives in addition of its developmental role
- Directly linked with civil society's needs and requirements
- Assimilating a big numbers of Palestinian skills
- Its dynamicity and mobility with the potential donors

Importance of NGOs

- Its significant role in the decision making process (reflecting community needs)
- Its advocacy role (the impact of the separation wall on the Water Resources)
- Its capability on Working under emergency situation and under complex political circumstances
- Its high potentiality in making alliances with other international NGOs with the same approaches

Main Elements on Perfect Water Development's Strategy

- Long term planning
- Sustainability sound of every project
- Comprehensive assessment
- Integrity in management
- Cooperation in holding responsibilities
- Effectiveness in coordination amongst relevant key players
- Constituency and credibility in performance
- Dialecticism in objectives

Problems and Reasons Behind

- Effective communication amongst different key players Many NGOs (PS / Int)
- Different regulations
- Water sector comes under different programs (Job creation, Sanitation, food security, environment, infrastructure's developmentetc)
- Different approaches (covering community's needs, emergency , and sustainable development)
(With whom the NGO should coordinate??)

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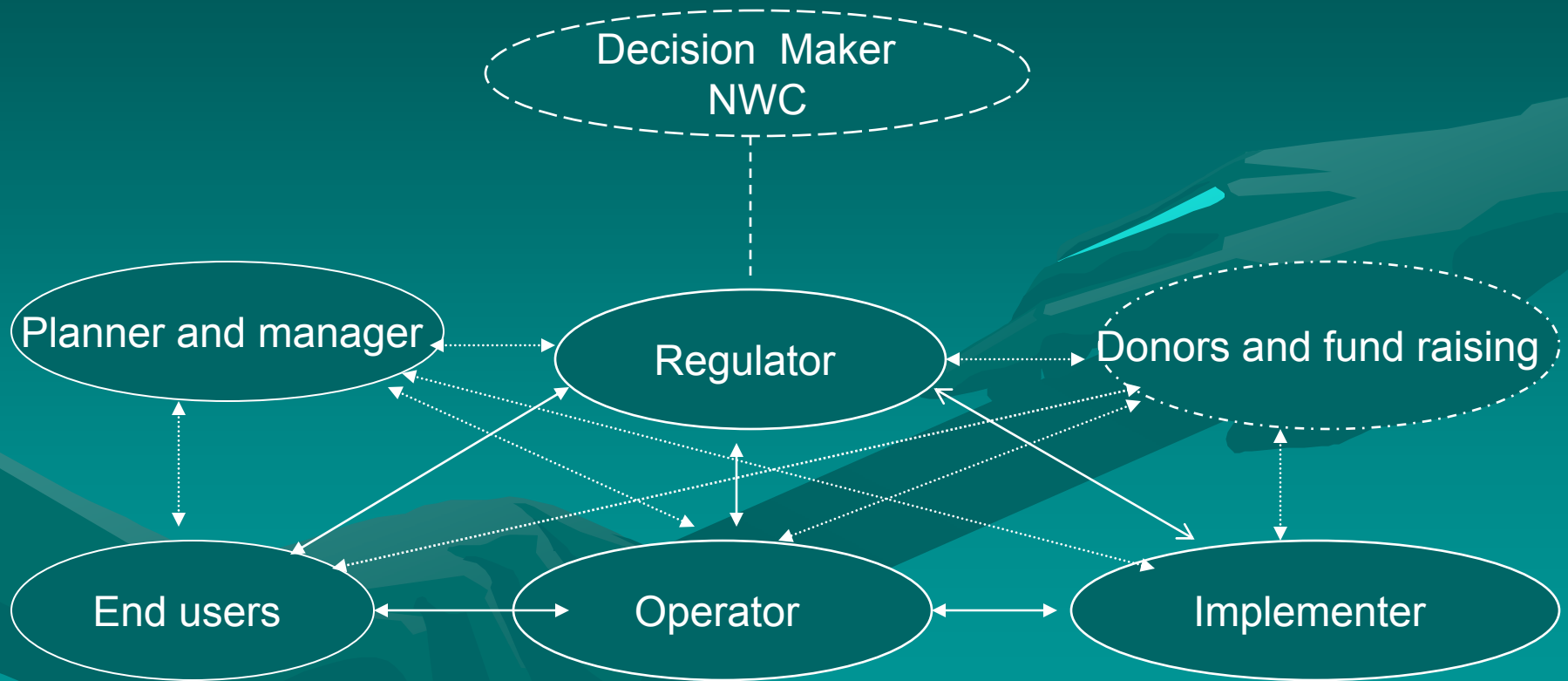
- Limited fund while the water infrastructure require a lot of money
- Different sources of funding for the same proposal.
- Researches and pilot projects
- Complex political situation (lack of full control, following up ...etc)

Key Players

- Decision makers
- Regulator
- Implementer
- Operator
- Donor and fund raiser
- End users



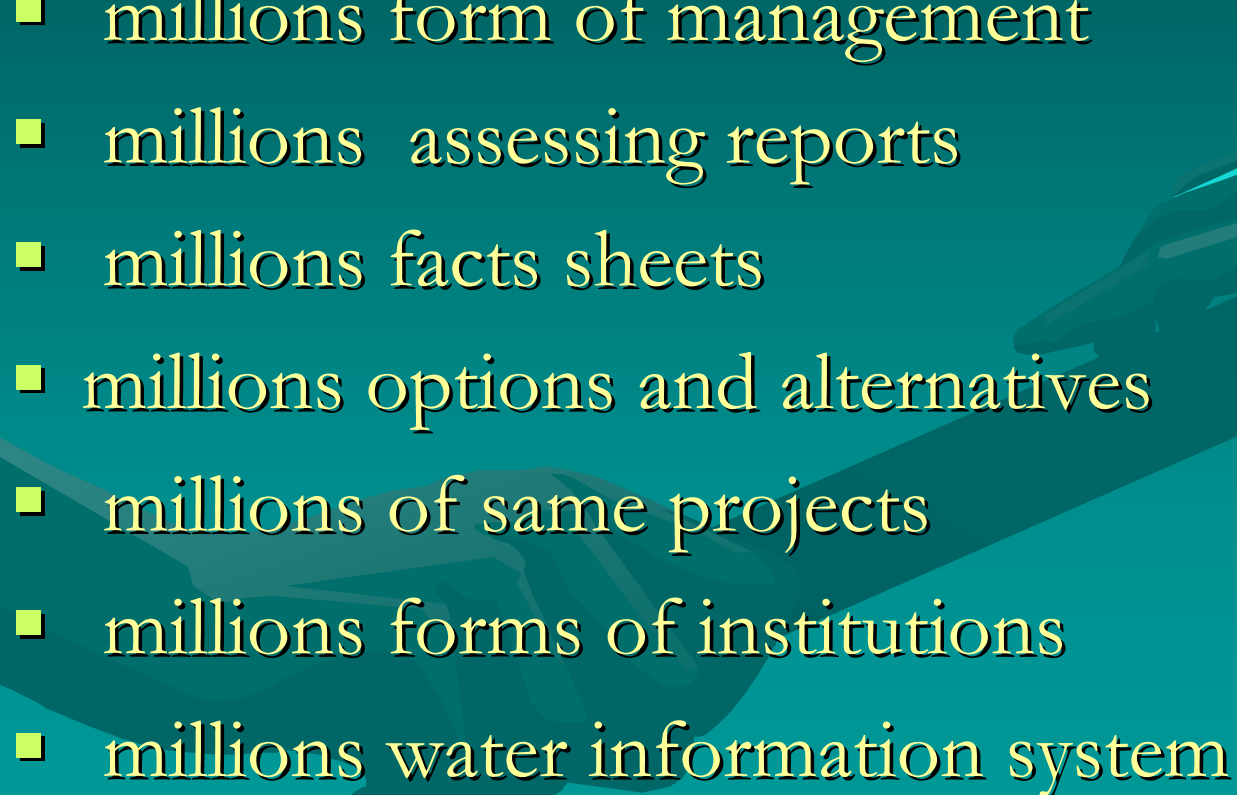
Previous Situation for Project's Implementation



What they are doing

- Planning (all institutions)
- Managing (all institutions)
- Assessing (all institutions)
- Controlling (all institutions)
- Proposing (all institutions)
- Acting (all institutions)
- Deciding (all institutions)
- Implementing (all institutions)
- Fund raising (all institutions)
- Research(all institutions)

What we have ?

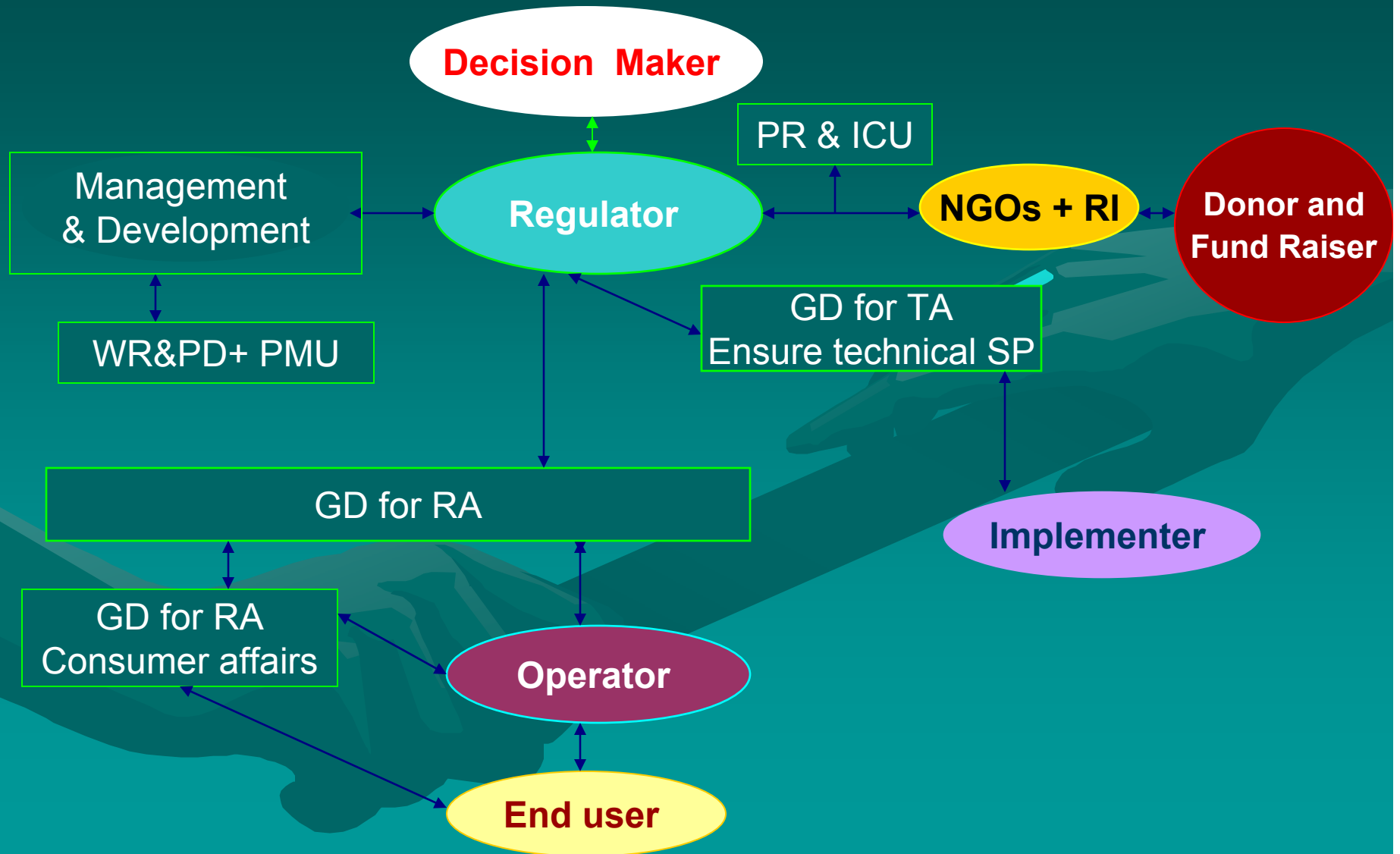
- millions plan
 - millions form of management
 - millions assessing reports
 - millions facts sheets
 - millions options and alternatives
 - millions of same projects
 - millions forms of institutions
 - millions water information system
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PWA vision for the coordination

let us think in one **head**,
acting in million **hands**

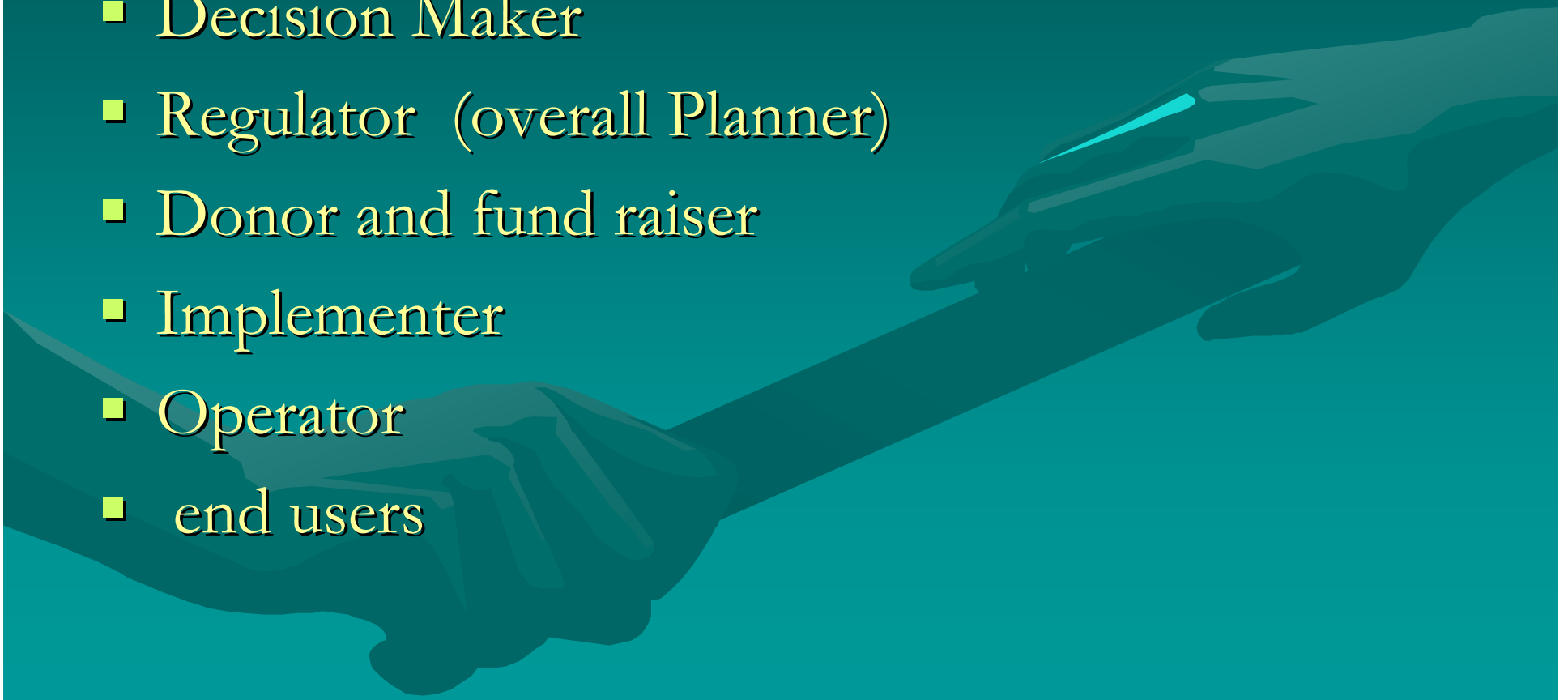


Ideal / Logical Relation for Project's Implementation



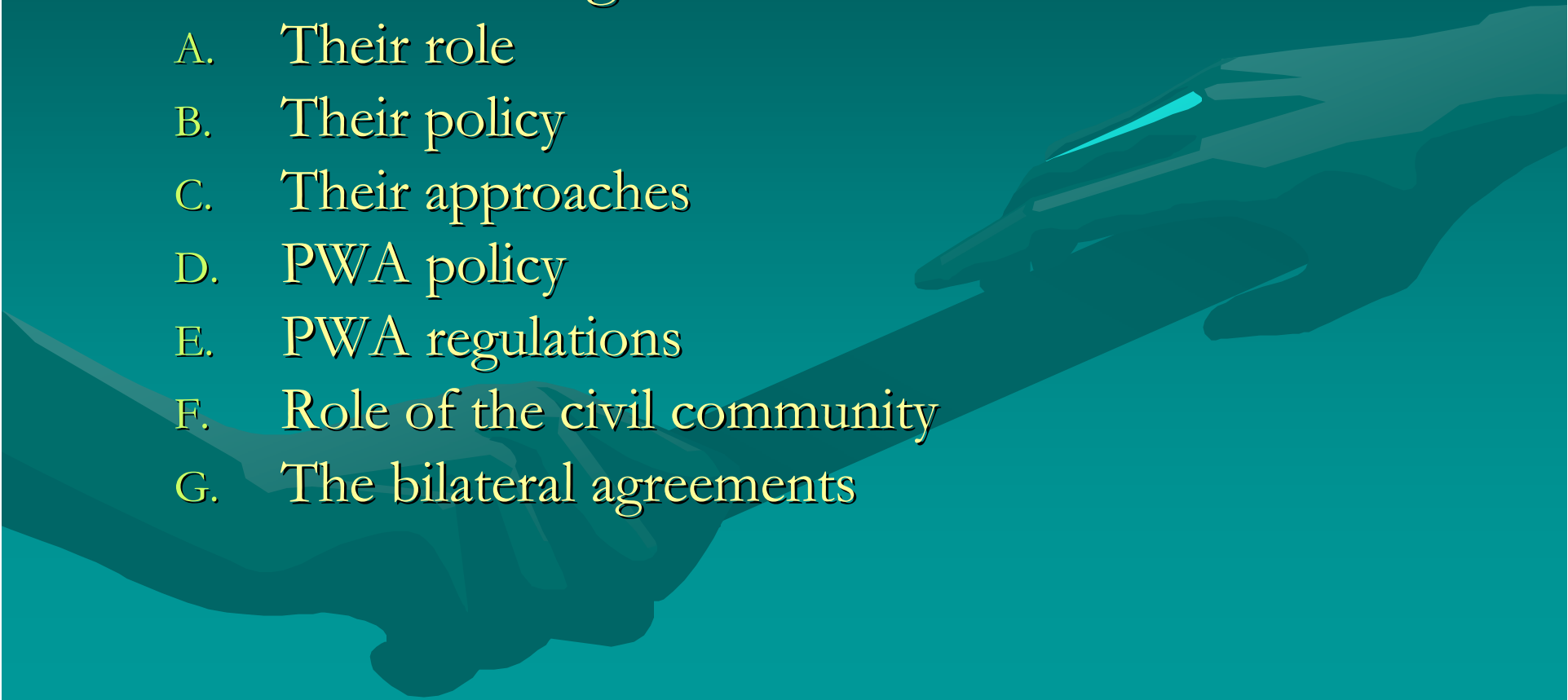
Coordination

- Main key players
- Decision Maker
- Regulator (overall Planner)
- Donor and fund raiser
- Implementer
- Operator
- end users

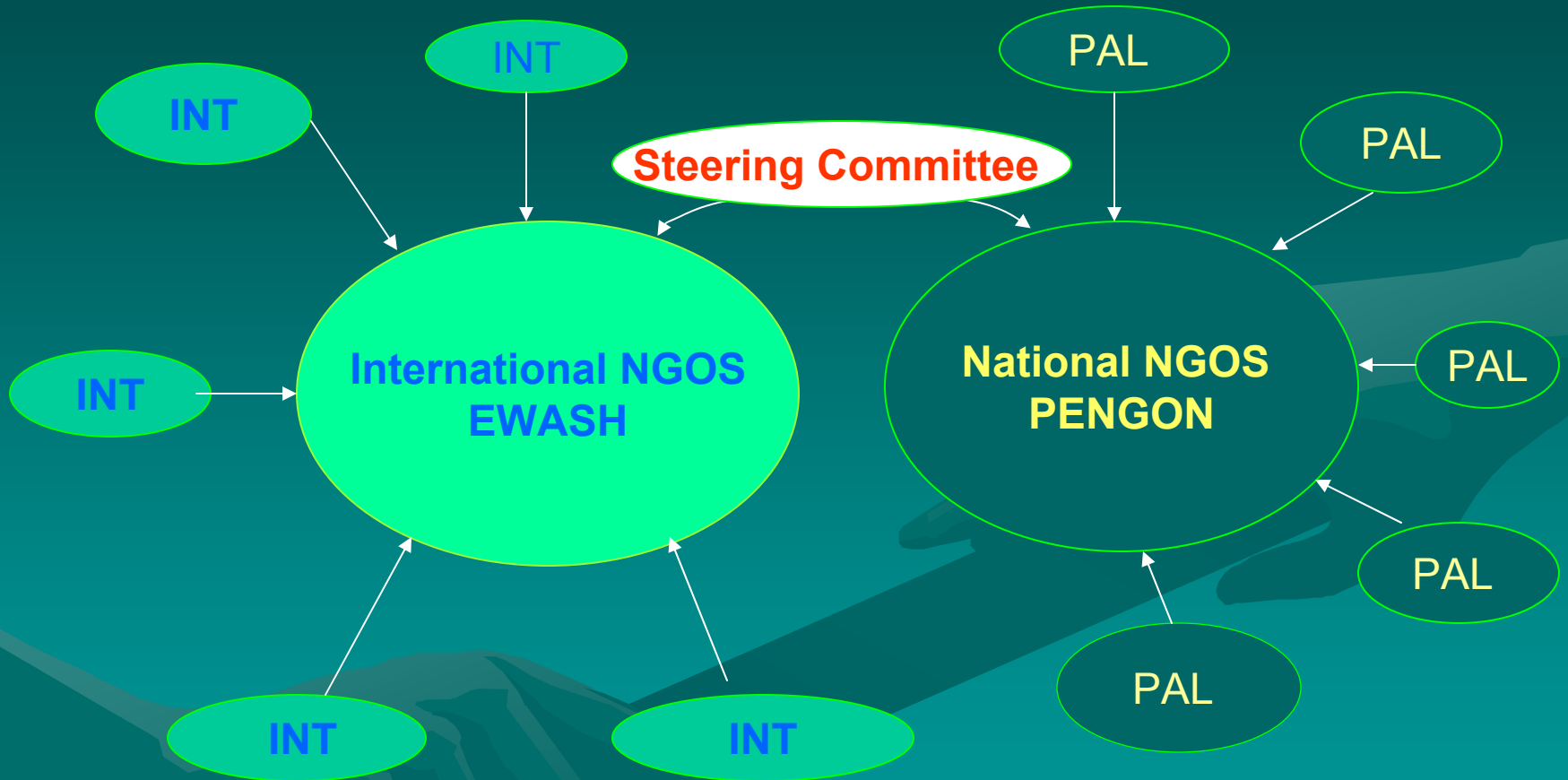


Challenges

- How to gather relevant NGOs under one umbrella taking into consideration
 - A. Their role
 - B. Their policy
 - C. Their approaches
 - D. PWA policy
 - E. PWA regulations
 - F. Role of the civil community
 - G. The bilateral agreements



Coordination Structure



Final approach


**PWA
Coordination Unit**

NGOs SC



Encouraging

- Actually the donor could be the main key player
- Each water project should have a supporting letter from PWA as a condition of acceptance to any proposal that to be submitted to the donor
- Every NGO should refer to PWA in order to have the above-mentioned supporting letter, which will has a PWAs' comments and recommendations
- PWA will not issue ay supporting letter if the Ngo is not a member on EWASH or PENGON

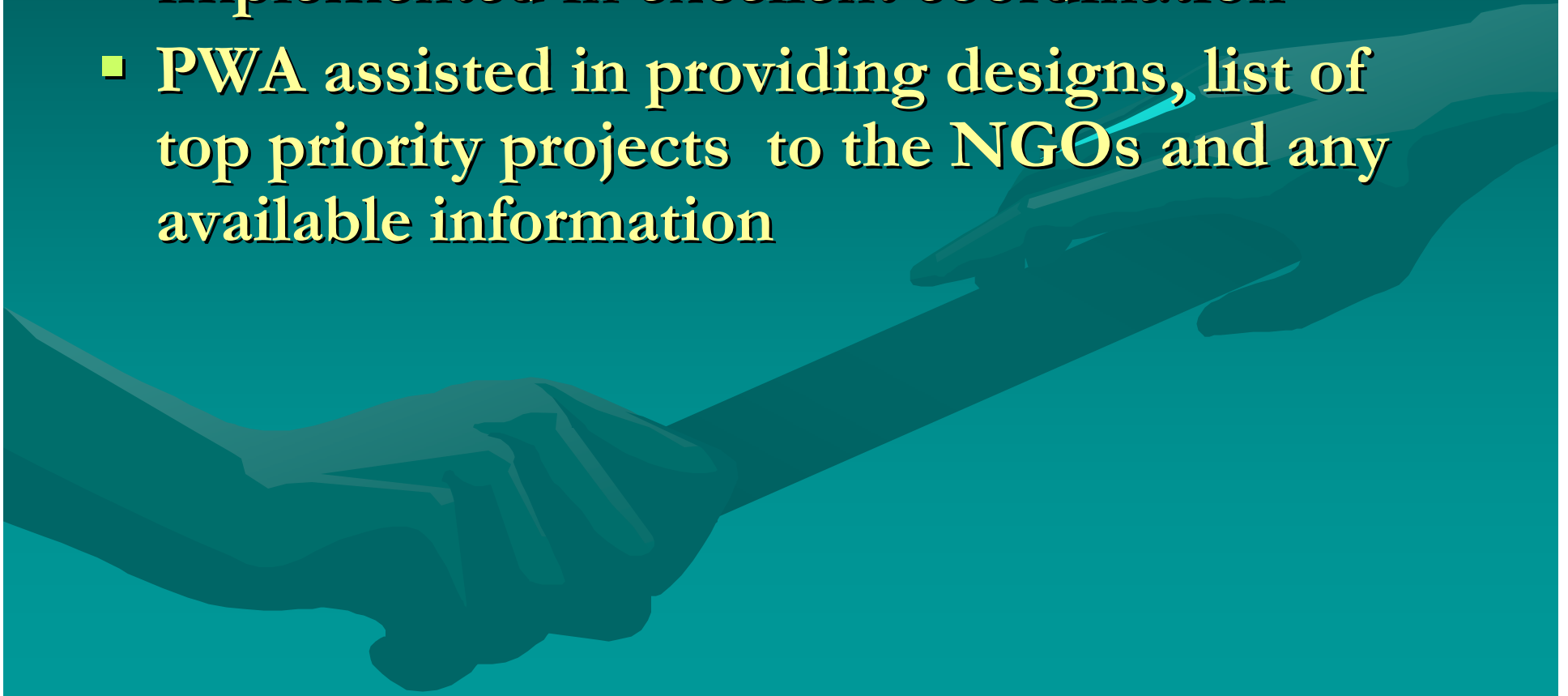
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- The NGO should inform PWA, when the proposal is approved by the main donor
 - An MoU should be signed between PWA and the relevant NGO, defining, roles, responsibilities, data sharing, supervisions , project's outcomes assessment Etc.
 - The international NGO is free to implement the project through any qualified local partner

Achievements

- Four year of continuous coordination meetings.
- Emergency meetings
- Many NGOs asked/ asking for supporting letters
- Cooperation in terms of data and using PWA facilities (LAB)
- Cooperation in capacity building programs

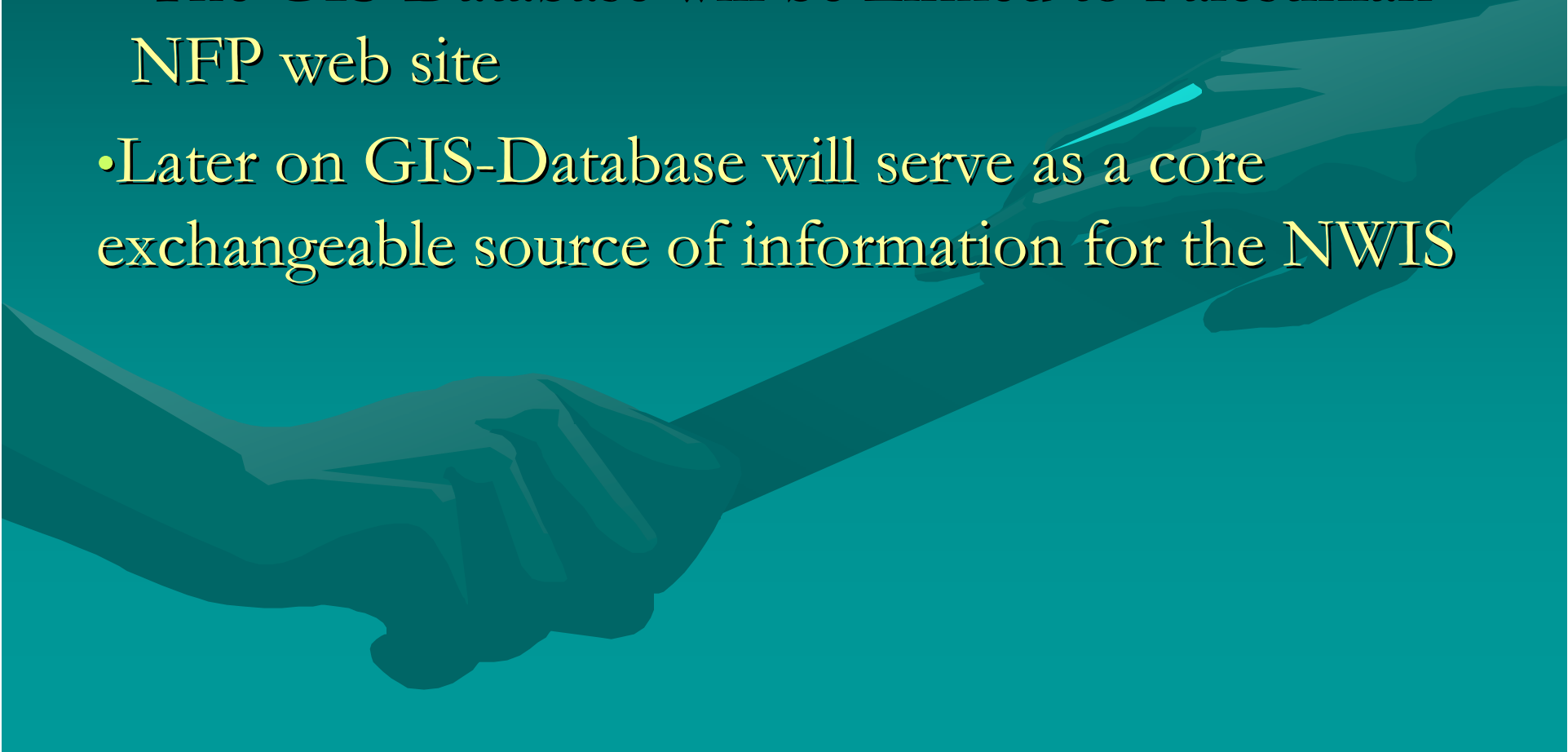
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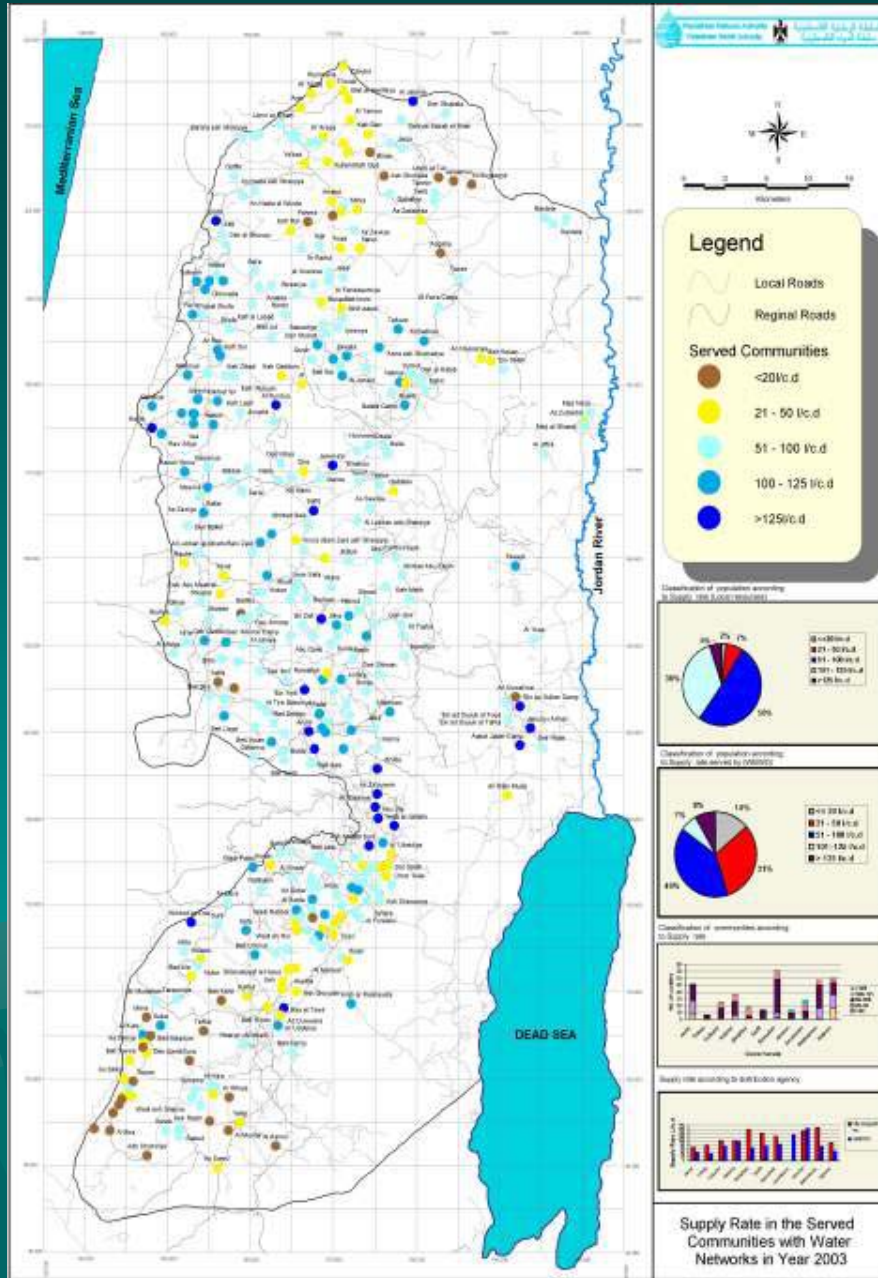
- Many water and wastewater projects were implemented in excellent coordination
- PWA assisted in providing designs, list of top priority projects to the NGOs and any available information



Expected Outcomes

- PWA in cooperation with NGOs look for building a national GIS-Database for Water and Wastewater
- Will Includes
 1. Palestinian National Master plan for water and wastewater
 2. All water and wastewater implemented projects
 3. Yearly projected Investment plan
 4. Top priorities for water and wastewater

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5. **Emergency action plan**
 6. **Water quality database**
 7. **Monitoring database**
- The GIS-Database will be Linked to Palestinian NFP web site
 - Later on GIS-Database will serve as a core exchangeable source of information for the NWIS



Conclusions

- Implementation of IWRM strategy depends on the level of Coordination amongst the key players.
- Everybody has the right to think, but not the right to decide or to act over some thing which is shared by others.
- Although the Palestinians NGOs were acting before the PA, but this does not give them the right to act, whenever, wherever and however

Conclusions

- PWA is still facing several coordination problems with Pal NGOs
- Palestinian NGOs are still facing coordination problems amongst themselves
- As much as the relevant key players could succeed on achieving a perfect coordination mechanisms , more closers we would be to achieve the IWRM principles

Thank You

