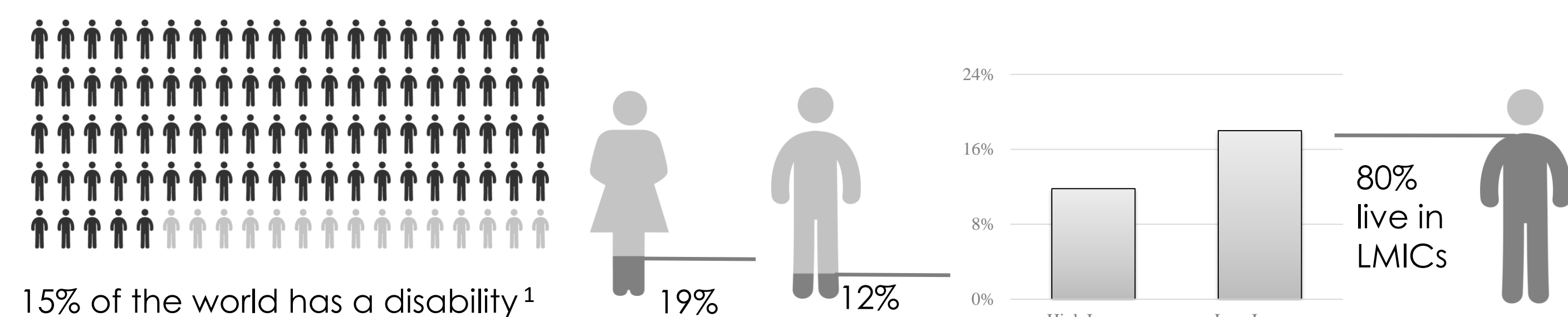


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Background



- Across 34 countries: people with disabilities are more likely to live in households without access to basic water and sanitation than people without disabilities²
- Progress has been made in tackling discriminatory WASH legal frameworks, but implementation remains a challenge³
- Few efforts to evaluate or document national policies on disability inclusive WASH
- No systematic learning to draw together experience from different countries, derive elements of best practice and identify gaps in provision

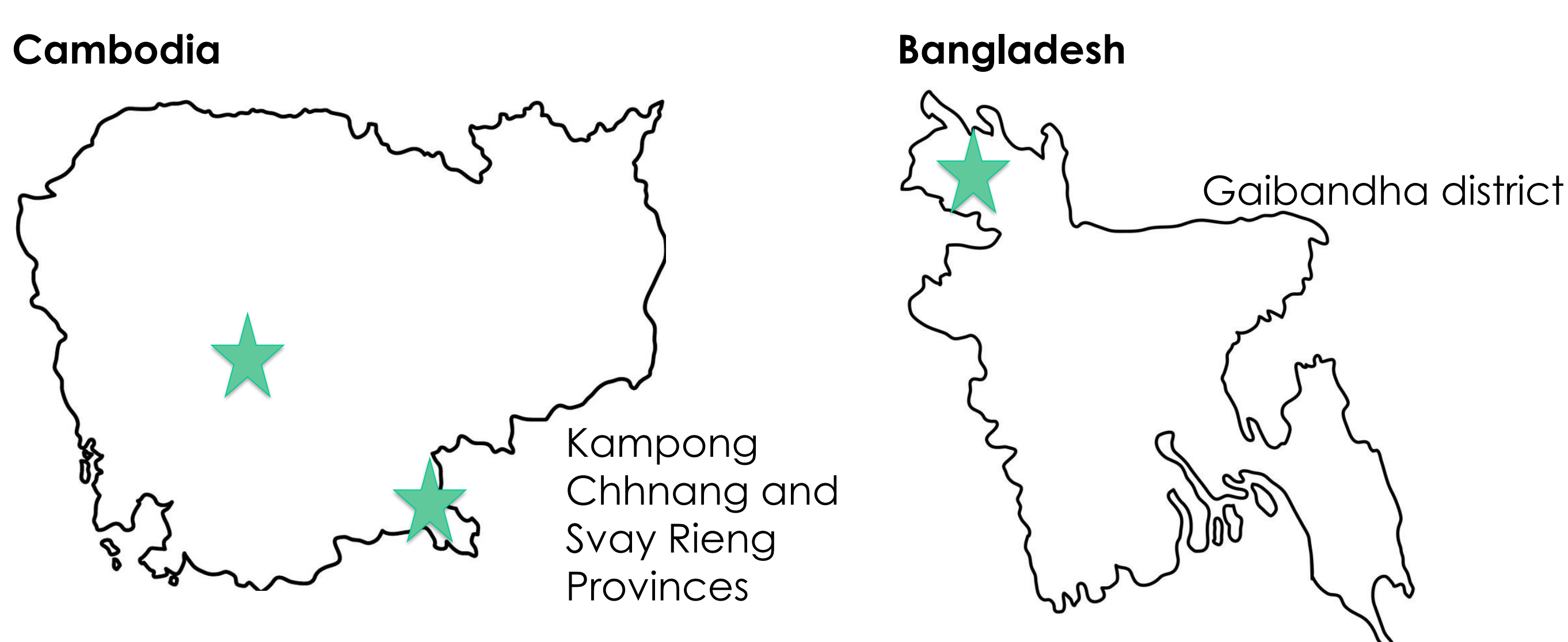
Research aim, objectives

Research aim: To help improve disability inclusive, gender sensitive WASH policy making in LMICs through policy and practice guidance for governments

Objectives across Cambodia and Bangladesh:

1. Document what WASH policies are in place, and which of these are disability inclusive
2. What are the desired outcomes for women and girls with a disability and female carers within the policies?
3. How are these disability inclusive WASH policies implemented?
4. What are the gendered outcomes for people with a disability and their female carers?
5. Identify and document key enablers and bottlenecks for implementing disability inclusive WASH
6. Draw out lessons for best practice and synthesise as draft guidelines

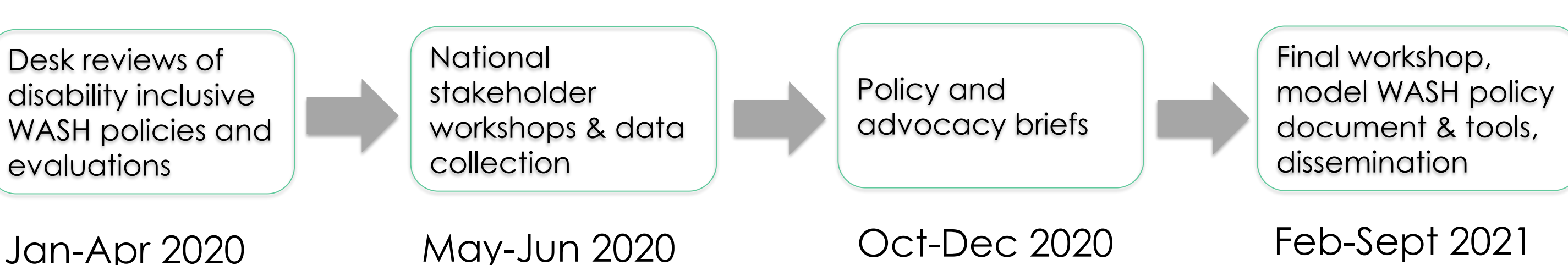
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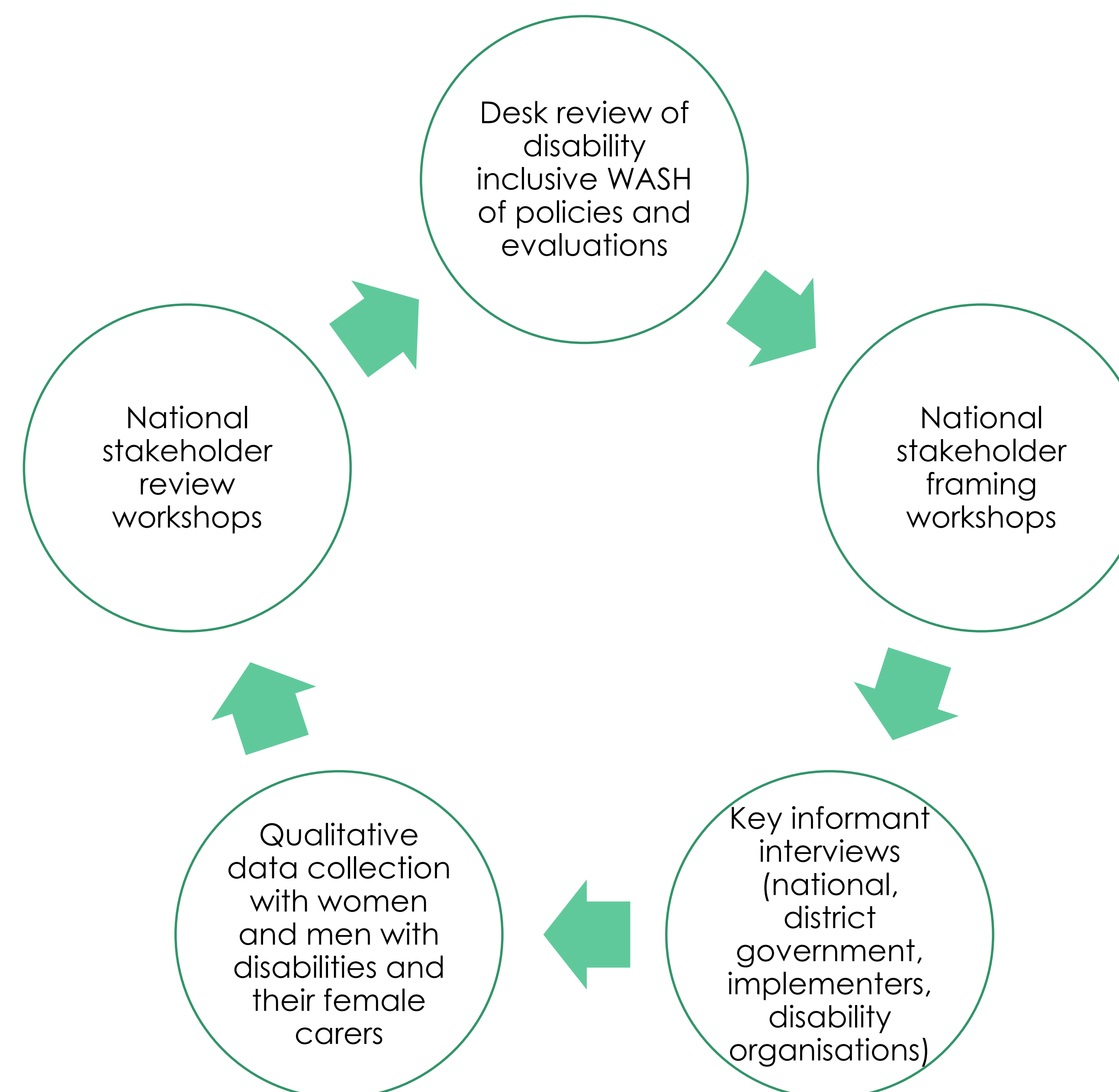
Reasons for selecting Cambodia and Bangladesh as the case studies:

- Governments are committed to disability inclusive WASH, and there are promising examples of attempts to mainstreaming it in policies and practice exist, but gaps remain⁴
- WaterAid also has excellent relationships with national policy makers these countries and are advising them on how to mainstream disability inclusive WASH services
- The government's experiences of putting disability inclusive policies into practice reflects those of other LMICs⁵

Timeframe



Methods



Research team

- Research team includes people with disabilities, LSHTM, WaterAid
- LSHTM will train and coach the team to conduct ethical research with people who have a disability

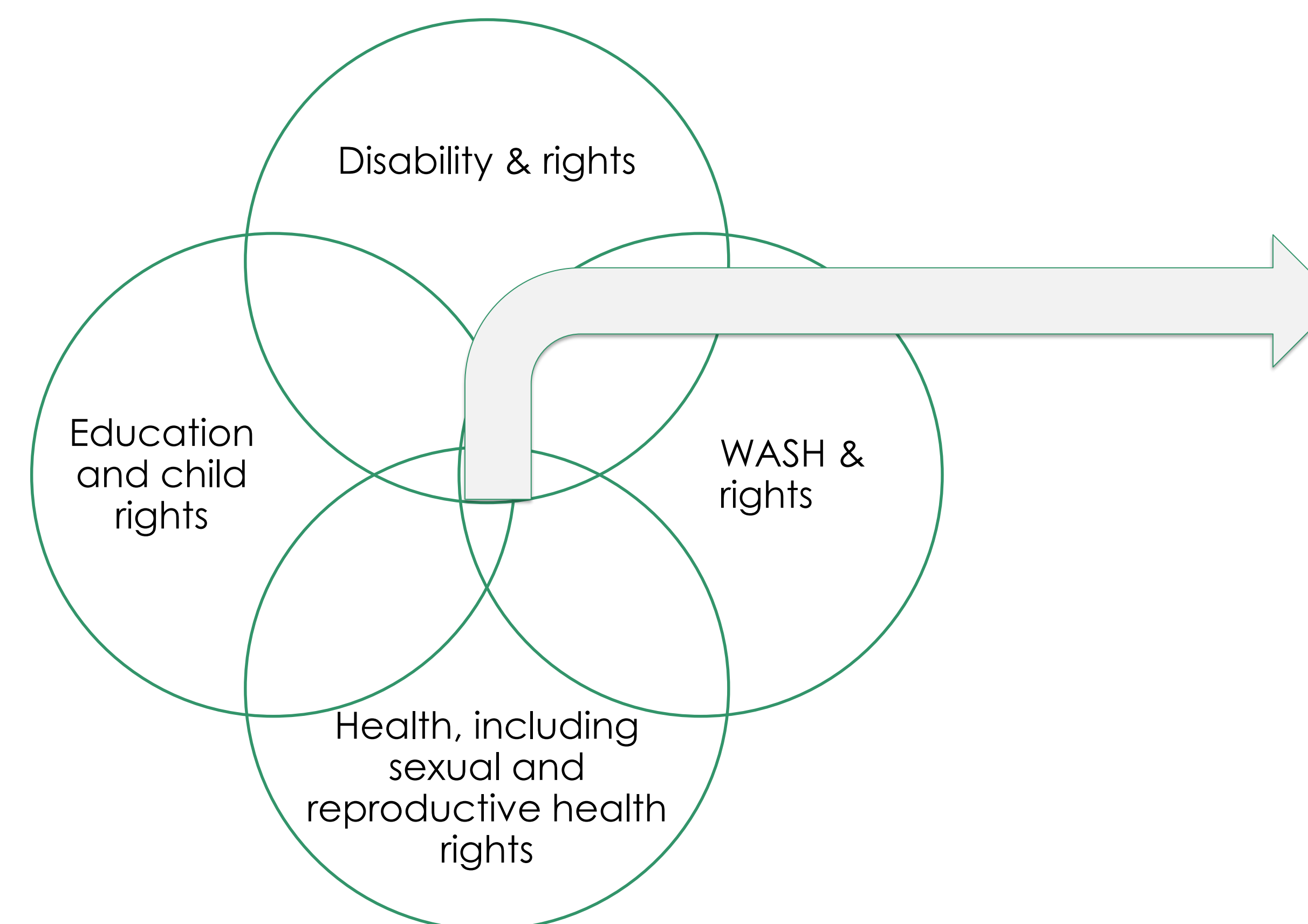
Partnerships

- Disability Persons Organisations, service providers and networks
- WASH implementing organisations
- Local and national governments

Key deliverables

- Literature review for Cambodia and Bangladesh
- WASH related experiences of women and men with disabilities and their female carers captured visually
- Disability inclusive WASH policy and advocacy brief for Cambodia and Bangladesh
- Peer reviewed publications of fieldwork findings
- Model WASH policy document, guidance, and practical tools on how to mainstream gender sensitive disability inclusive WASH in practice

Sector strengthening approach



Cross sectoral but disability centred

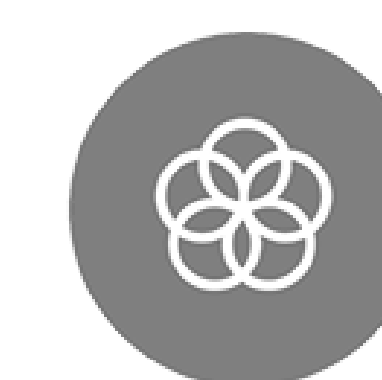
- Research team includes people with disabilities
- Disability Persons Organisations, service providers and networks are core partners
- People with disabilities and carers will be supported to present evidence directly to key policy makers and implementers
- Systems will be analysed in relation to the principles within the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:
 - Respect
 - Non-discrimination
 - Participation
 - Equality of opportunity
 - Accessibility
 - Gender equality

Creating change within the SWA Building Blocks⁶



Sector Policy / Strategy

- An assessment of the extent to which sector policies and strategies are disability inclusive in Cambodia and Bangladesh



Institutional arrangements

- An assessment of meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in dialogue around service delivery and sector learning



Planning, monitoring, and review

- A multi-stakeholder platform for sector dialogue and learning on disability inclusive WASH



Capacity development

- Supporting people with disabilities as researchers, advocates and influencers
- A review of the capacity of institutions to fulfil sector roles and responsibilities for disability inclusive WASH services at scale
- Development of guidance and tools to facilitate disability inclusive WASH services
- Contribute learning to the UNRPD's global community of practice on supporting policy change and systems strengthening for disability inclusive development

Sector financing: A full assessment of sector financing for disability inclusive WASH services is outside the realms of this research

Progress made (September – December 2019)

- Research designed collaboratively
- Ethics approval granted by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Application for ethics approval submitted to Bangladesh Medical Research Council and Cambodia's National Ethics Committee for Health Research