



The Human Rights Based Approach

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A practical guide on how to implement the human rights to water and sanitation at each stage of the project cycle

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A practical guide for the realisation of the human rights to water and sanitation through programming

By Human Right 2 Water



Welcome and Introductions



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 - ▶ Rio Hada, Louisa Gosling, Jonathan Grabinsky
- ▶ **Host:** Amanda Loeffen, CEO HR2W

Dhesigen Naidoo

President of Human Right 2 Water

- ▶ Climate Commissioner in the Presidential Climate Change Coordinating Commission in South Africa
- ▶ CEO of the Water Research Commission



Overview

- ▶ Based on the Common Understanding
- ▶ Through all steps of programming
- ▶ Cross-cutting principles

Aspires to support rights-holders to claim rights and duty-bearers to fulfil obligations



Stages of implementing HRBA



1. Identify issues and causes, stakeholder mapping, emphasis on vulnerable



2. Define objectives based on situation, align with HR protection mechanisms



3. Include HR standards and principles

4. M&E aligned with HR standards to uphold sustainability



Benefits of HRBA

- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Charity → rights-based
- ▶ Individuals
- ▶ Engagement
- ▶ Inequalities
- ▶ Interlinked rights
- ▶ Political commitment



Session 1: The HRBA in Practice



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A photograph of two women in a lush green forest. The woman in the foreground is wearing a bright pink traditional blouse with ruffled sleeves and a wide-brimmed straw hat. She is carrying a large, round, woven basket on her back. The woman in the background is wearing a dark, long-sleeved traditional garment and is also carrying a similar woven basket. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

CASE STUDY 1:

Empowering marginalised groups in Panama



Community-empowered programme

IRAP Tool to assist planning agencies

Ethnographic studies and consultations with indigenous groups

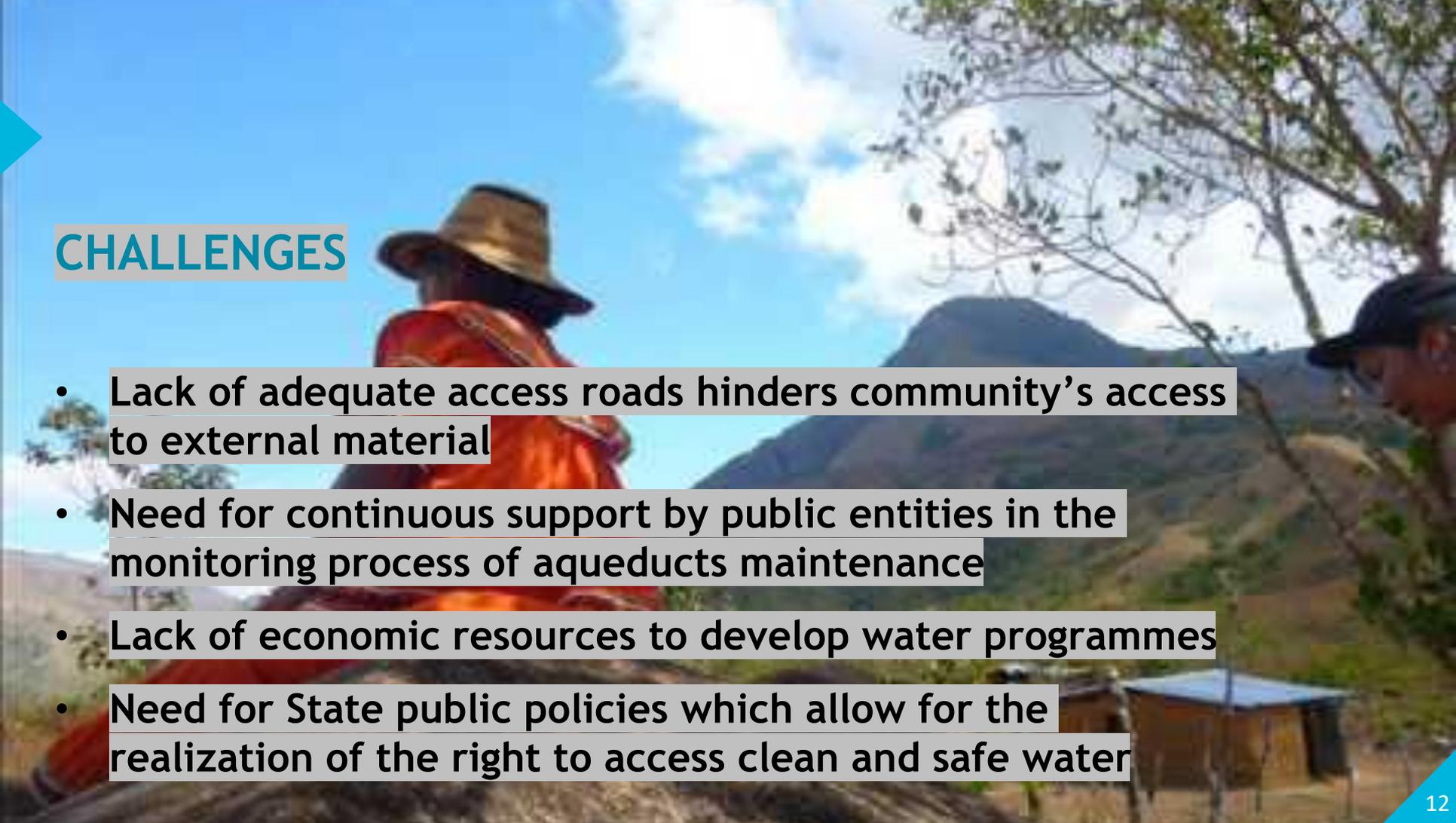
New facilities; monitoring programme; and promotion of women and youth

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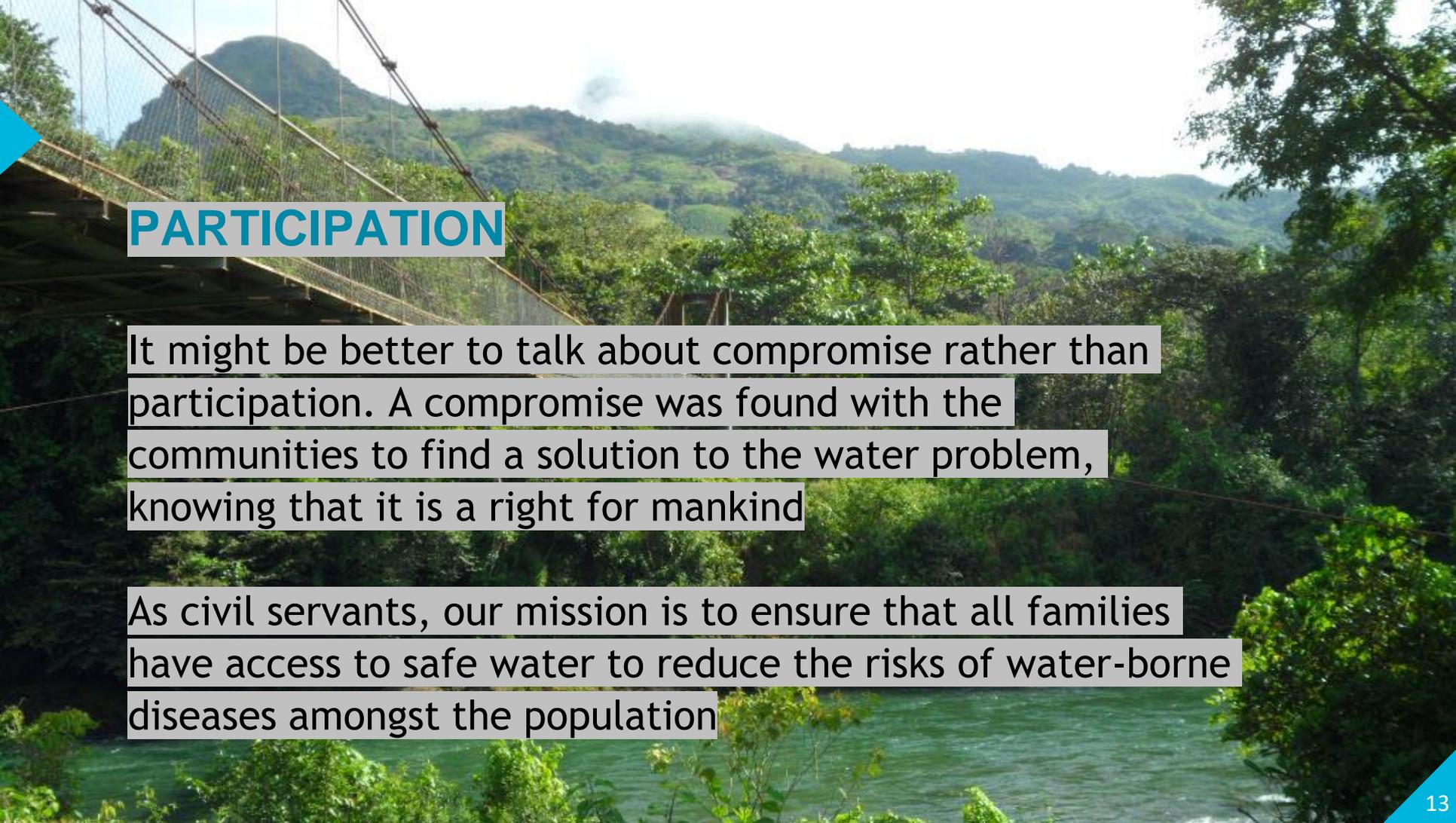
- Technician in environmental sanitation
- Primary school teacher
- Civil servant (ministry of health in the Ngäbe district)



A person wearing a red poncho and a wide-brimmed hat is seen from the back, looking out over a mountainous landscape under a blue sky with scattered clouds. In the foreground, the back of another person's head wearing a dark cap is visible on the right. The background shows rolling hills and some sparse vegetation.

CHALLENGES

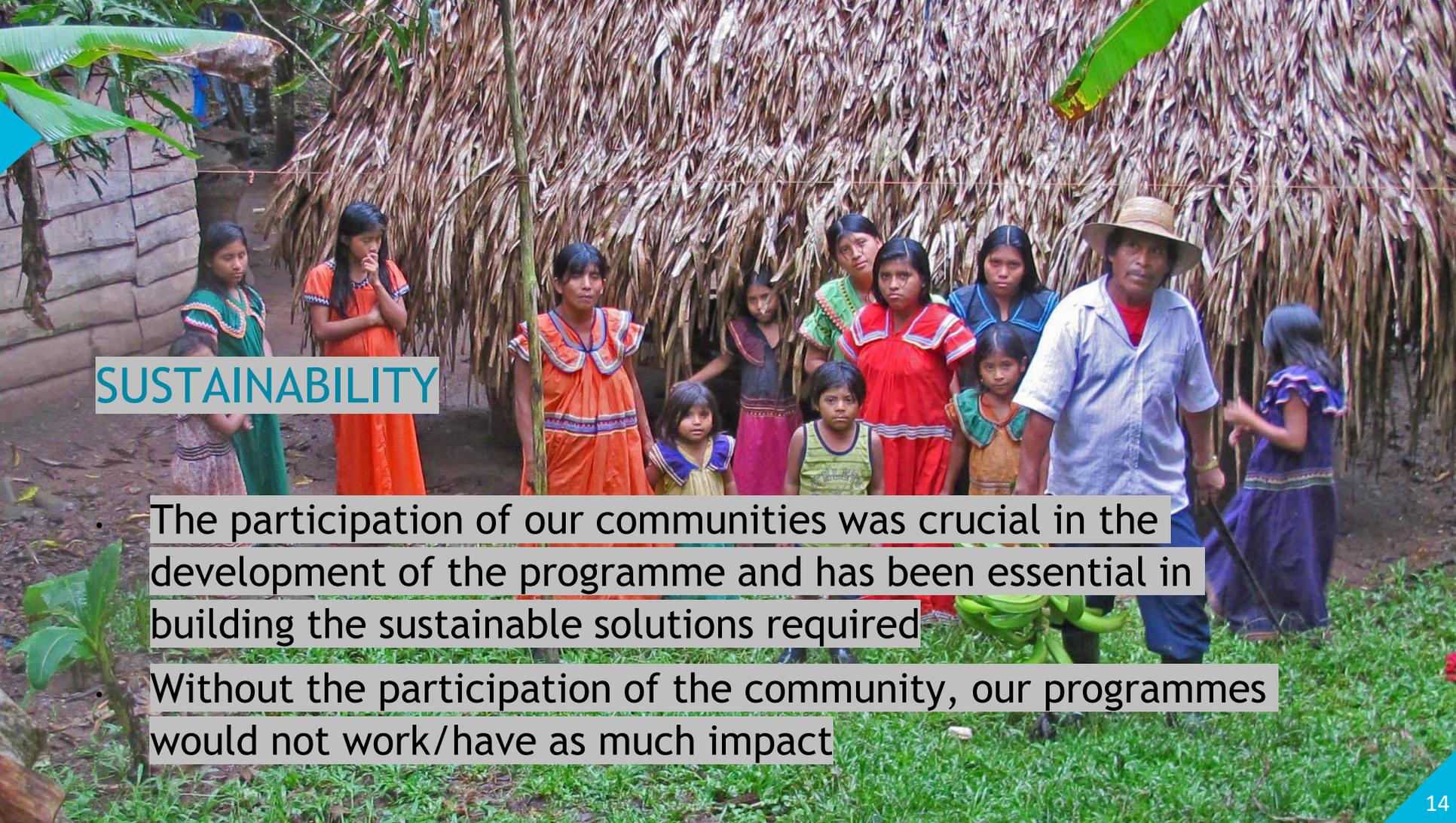
- Lack of adequate access roads hinders community's access to external material
- Need for continuous support by public entities in the monitoring process of aqueducts maintenance
- Lack of economic resources to develop water programmes
- Need for State public policies which allow for the realization of the right to access clean and safe water



PARTICIPATION

It might be better to talk about compromise rather than participation. A compromise was found with the communities to find a solution to the water problem, knowing that it is a right for mankind

As civil servants, our mission is to ensure that all families have access to safe water to reduce the risks of water-borne diseases amongst the population



SUSTAINABILITY

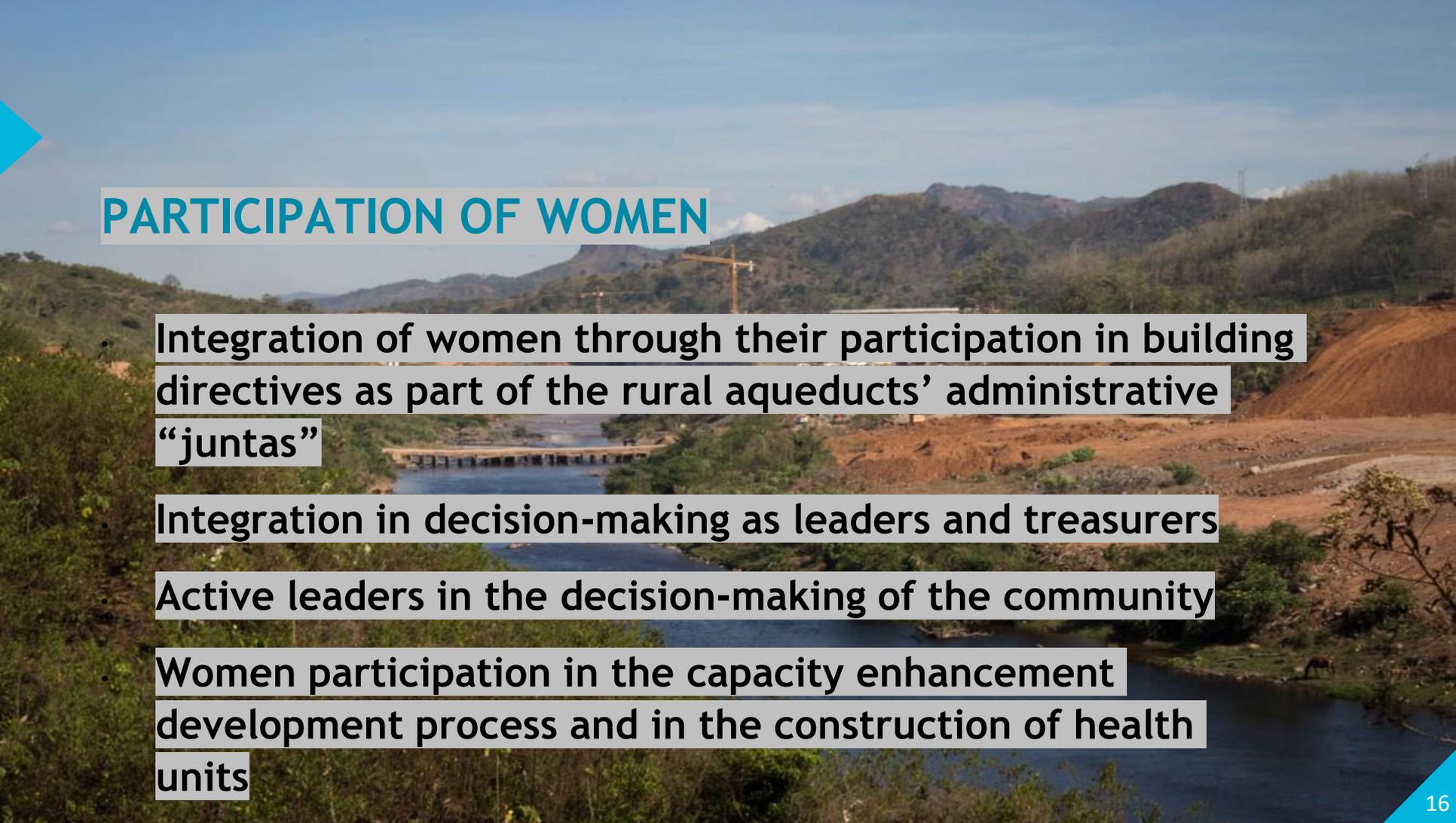
- The participation of our communities was crucial in the development of the programme and has been essential in building the sustainable solutions required
- Without the participation of the community, our programmes would not work/have as much impact



INCLUSIVENESS

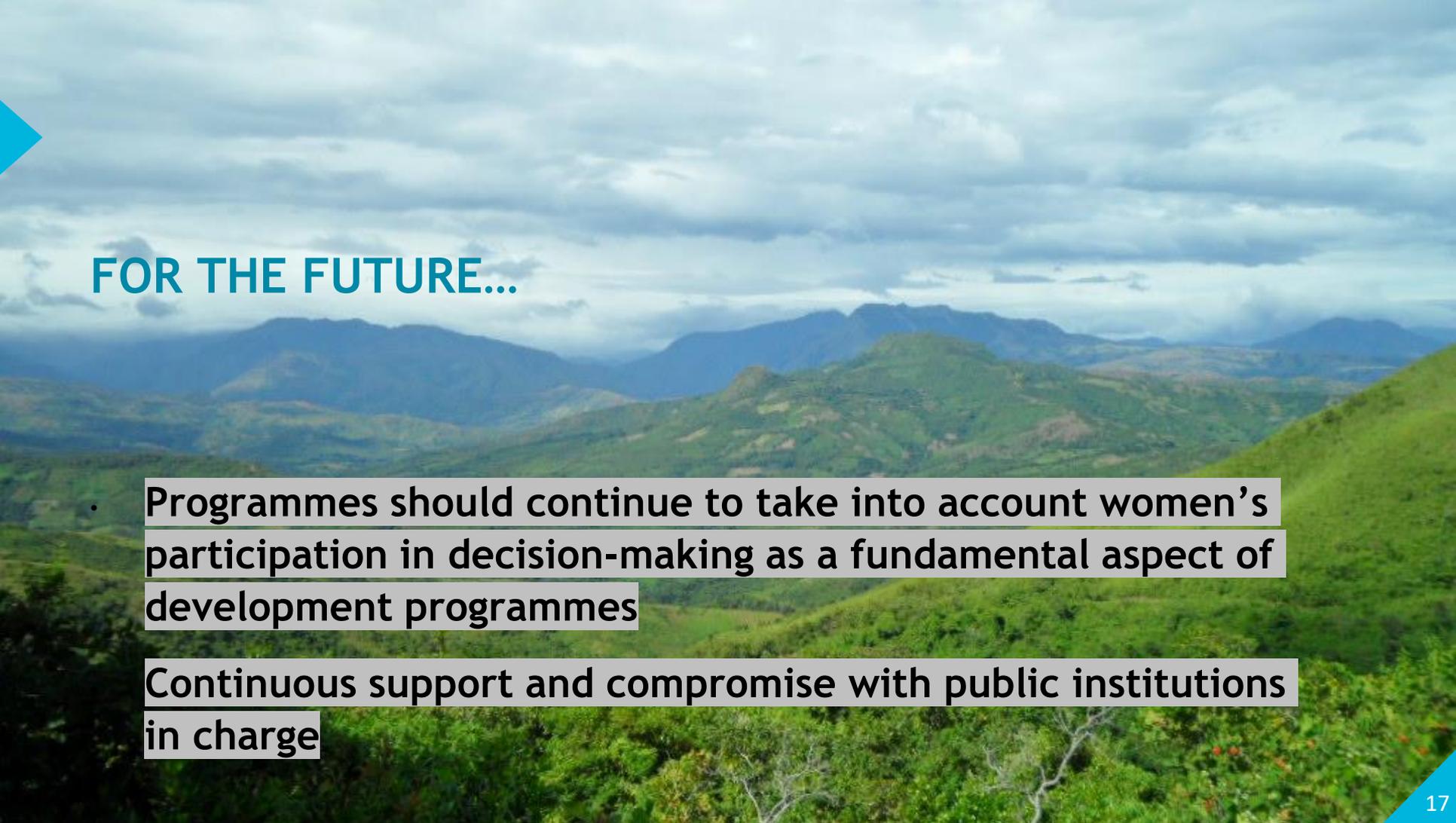
Active participation of women and youth in the programme

Participation of local authorities

A scenic landscape featuring a river flowing through a valley. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. A construction crane is visible on the left side of the image. The foreground shows lush green vegetation and a dirt embankment on the right.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN

- Integration of women through their participation in building directives as part of the rural aqueducts' administrative “juntas”
- Integration in decision-making as leaders and treasurers
- Active leaders in the decision-making of the community
- Women participation in the capacity enhancement development process and in the construction of health units



FOR THE FUTURE...

- Programmes should continue to take into account women's participation in decision-making as a fundamental aspect of development programmes

Continuous support and compromise with public institutions in charge



CASE STUDY 2:

Water and Jobs for Kesra, Tunisia



EIIP Irrigation Project in rural town of Kesra

- Crucial involvement of women in the community

- Planting of fig trees, improved irrigation, more productive harvests and fruit production

- Sustainable project through adoption of local technology in a gender-inclusive manner

Saiida Zouioui

President of Thuburnica Agricultural Group, Municipality of Galaa, Tunisia

- Inherited father's trade and farm
- Represents farmer beneficiaries of the project (29 in total)
- Married mother of 5 children

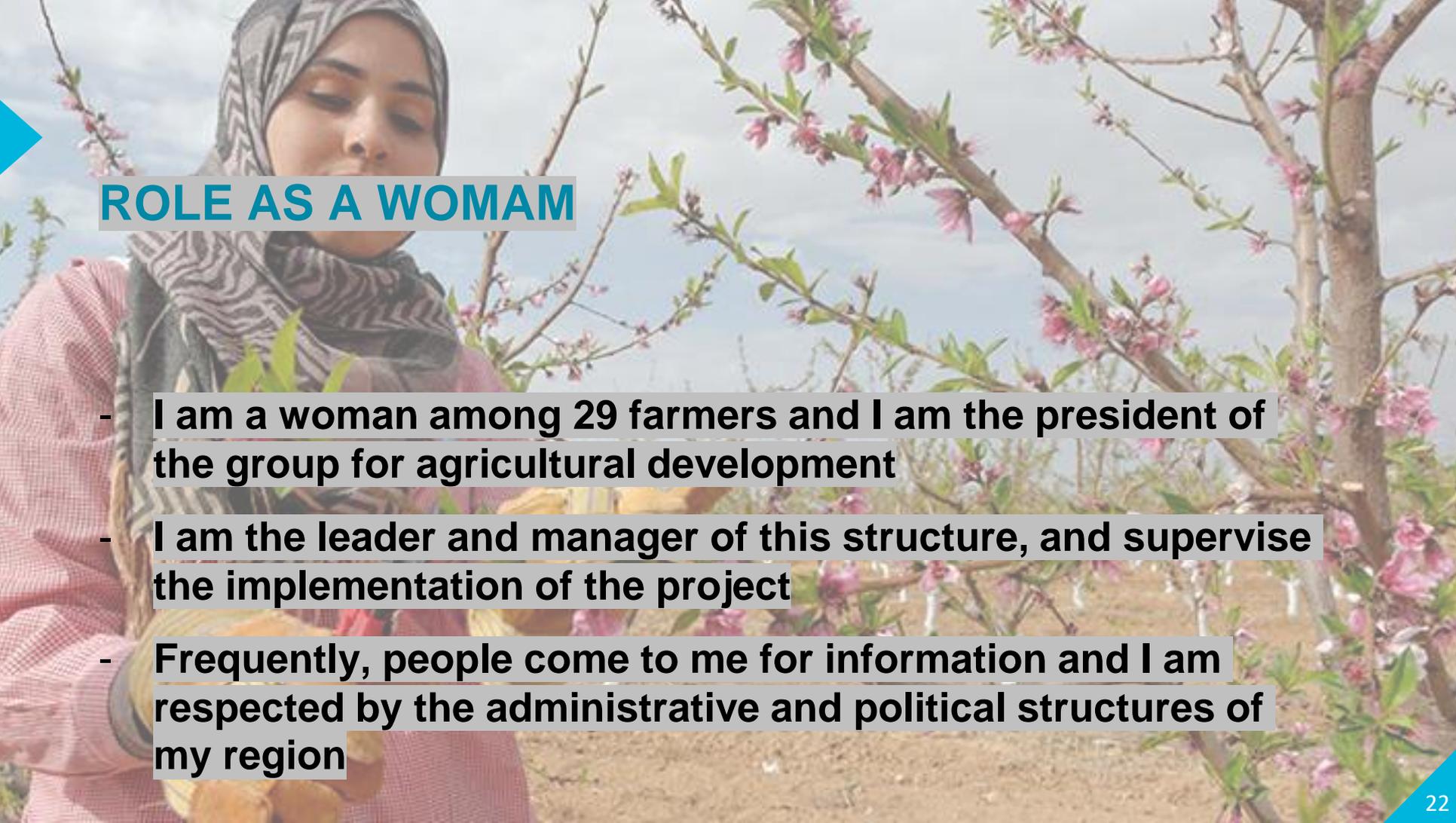




INITIAL GOALS OF THE PROJECT

We aimed to:

- **Broaden the irrigated area and the areas cultivated by the farmers, knowing that 70 Ha are under-utilized**
- **Increase the quantity of water for irrigation, especially during summer.**



ROLE AS A WOMAM

- I am a woman among 29 farmers and I am the president of the group for agricultural development
- I am the leader and manager of this structure, and supervise the implementation of the project
- Frequently, people come to me for information and I am respected by the administrative and political structures of my region



PARTICIPATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Regarding the main beneficiaries of the project, 29 farmers, the project has allowed to increase the flow of water for irrigation and has allowed to minimise the waiting time to access water
- Most importantly, we have developed a project that is sustainable to improve and ensure the continuity of our farming activities.



IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVENESS

- If the programme had not been inclusive, we would not have such immediate results
- All the participants benefitted from the project following their contribution, either directly or indirectly

A photograph of two women in a market stall. The woman in the background is wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt and a colorful patterned headscarf. The woman in the foreground is wearing a pink headscarf and a patterned top. They are standing in front of a stall with various goods, including boxes of instant noodles and a box of 'DOLCE' brand items. A white plastic sheet is draped over the stall's structure. The background shows a brick wall and a pink and white striped cloth hanging from a line.

FOR THE FUTURE...

- Future programmes should keep on focusing on the well-being of farmers
- While this project has offered solutions for the water problem, much work is still needed on raising awareness to modernise our agriculture and our socio-professional practices, as well as to embrace the benefits offered to farmers by the state



ANY QUESTIONS?

Session 2: The global imperative to include an HRBA



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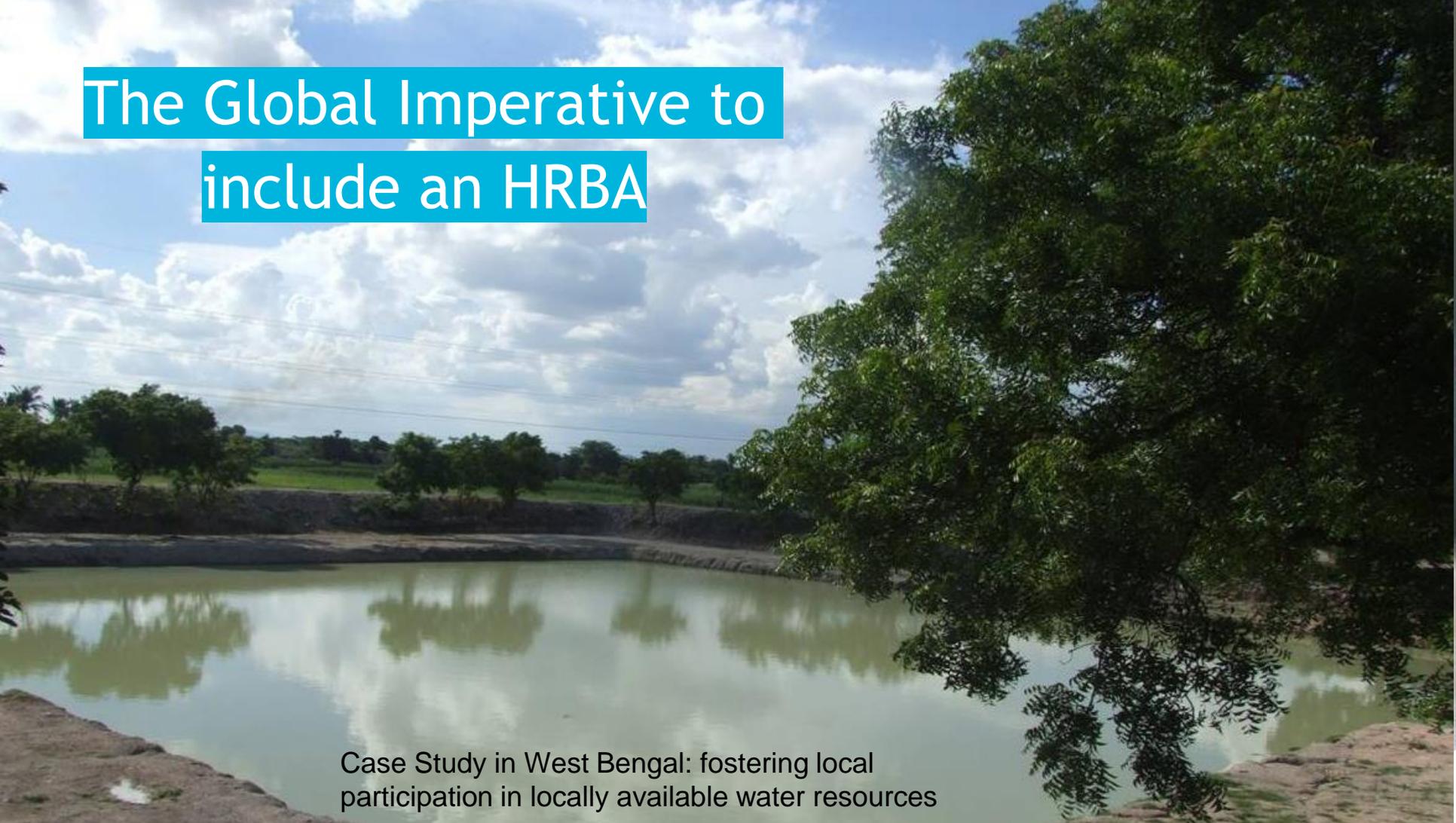


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The Global Imperative to include an HRBA

A scenic view of a pond or reservoir with a stone wall, trees, and a cloudy sky. The water is calm and reflects the sky and surrounding greenery. A large tree is on the right side, and a stone wall runs along the edge of the pond. The sky is blue with white clouds.

Case Study in West Bengal: fostering local participation in locally available water resources