



# Government Responsibilities for the Realization of the Human Right to Sanitation and the Government/Business Interface

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## The Normative Content of the Human Right to Sanitation

Availability  
Accessibility  
Affordability  
Quality and  
Hygiene  
Acceptability





# Human Rights-Based Approach

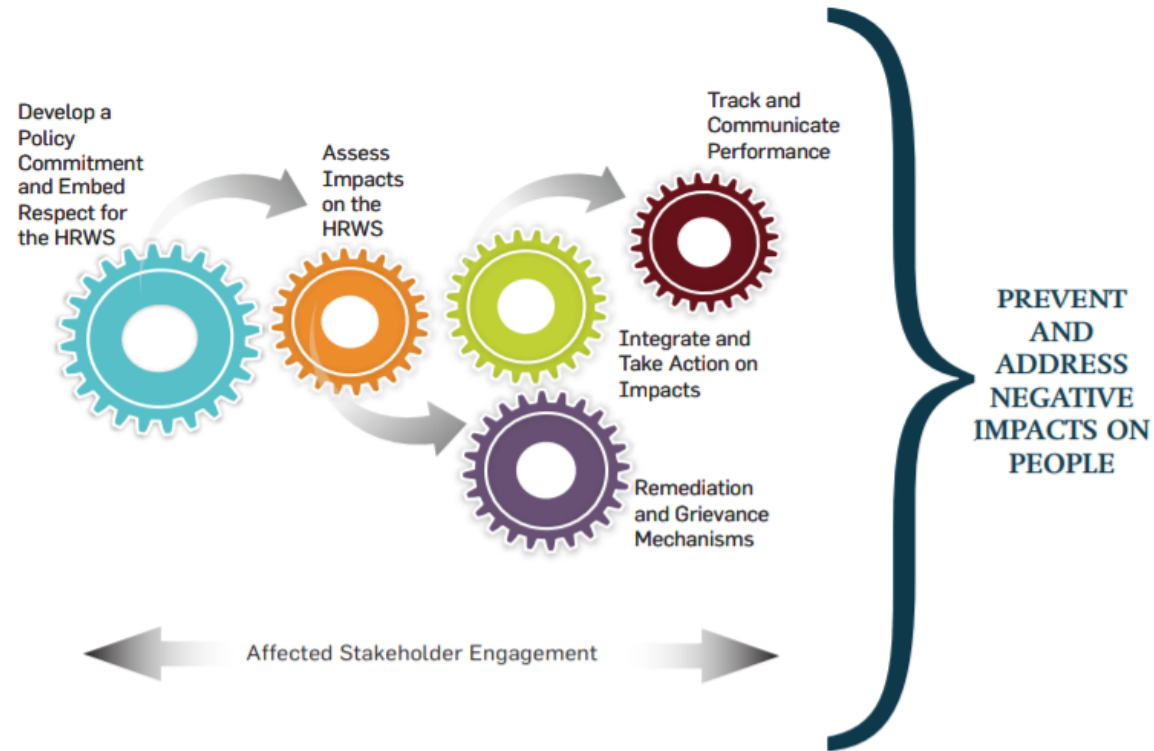
- **Participation** – everyone is entitled to active participation in decision-making processes which affect the enjoyment of their rights.
- **Accountability** – duty-bearers are held accountable for failing to fulfil their obligations towards rights-holders. There should be effective remedies in place when human rights breaches occur.
- **Non-discrimination and equality** – all individuals are entitled to their rights without discrimination of any kind. All types of discrimination should be prohibited, prevented and eliminated.
- **Empowerment** – everyone is entitled to claim and exercise their rights. Individuals and communities need to understand their rights and participate in the development of policies which affect their lives.
- **Legality** – approaches should be in line with the legal rights set out in domestic and international laws.

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# Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

The UN Framework rests on three pillars:

1. The state duty to protect against human rights abuses by third parties, including business, through appropriate policies, regulation, and adjudication;
2. The corporate responsibility to respect human rights, which means to avoid infringing on the rights of others and to address negative impacts with which a business may be involved;
3. The need for greater access by victims to effective remedy, both judicial and nonjudicial.



## Elements for Respecting the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation in Practice

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