

UNICEF'S Experience: *WASH Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) in Outbreak Settings*

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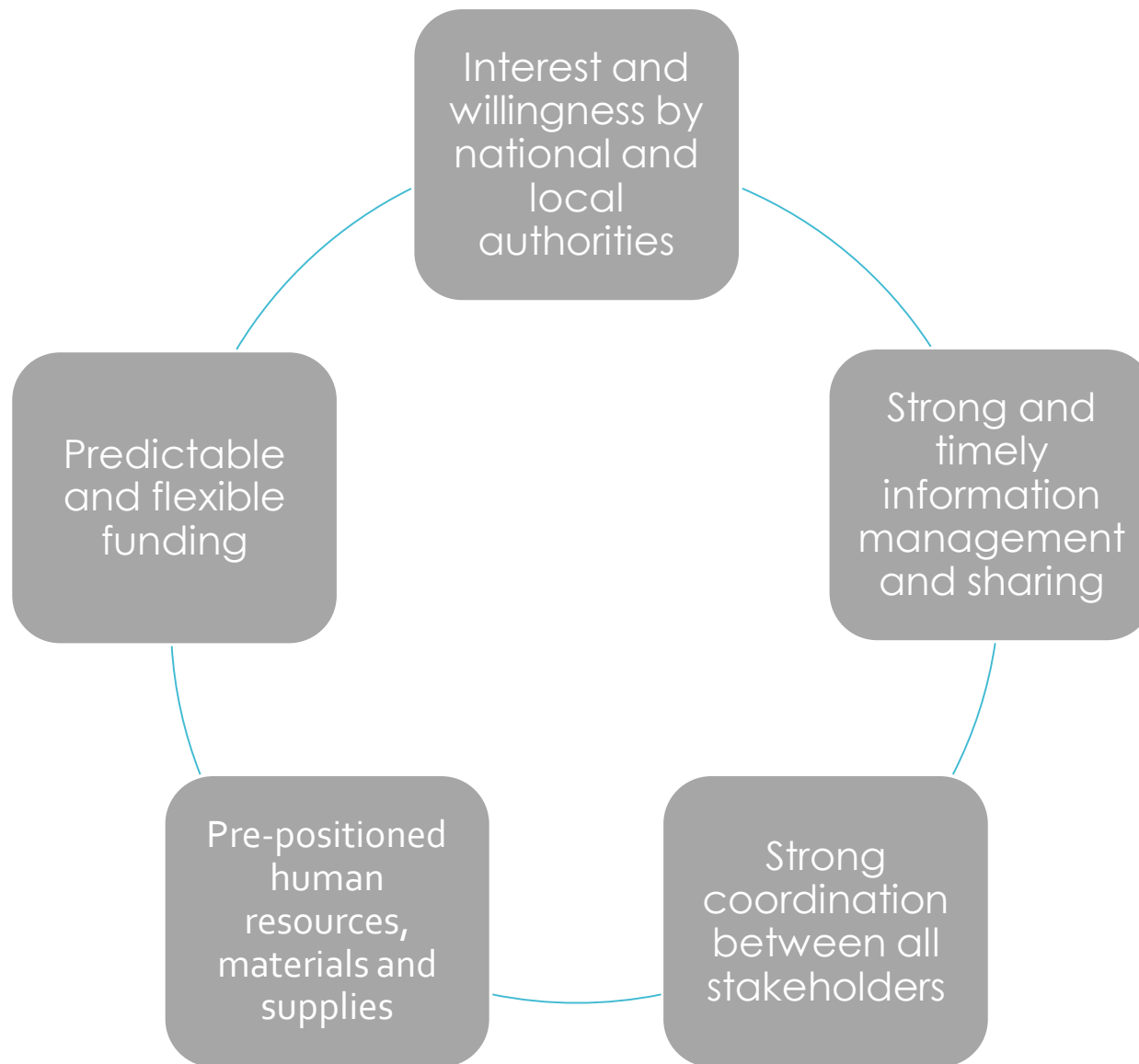


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What are the RRTs?

- Established and trained teams of 2 – 5 people from government and/or NGOs
- Targeted WASH intervention (24 – 48 hours, perimeter of 50m - 100m affected household)
- Response triggered by an alert from line lists and community reporting (confirmed/suspected)
- Within 24 hours: 88%; (Haiti) within 48 hours: 68% and 95% (Haiti and Zimbabwe)
- Costs vary but range from 180 USD – 1,700 USD per team per month (Haiti and

What is needed for the RRT model?



What can we conclude about RRTs?

- Early establishment is key
- Comprehensive alert response strategy
- Reliable epi data needed
- Optimisation of available resources and capacities
- Critical role in ‘slowing down’ cholera transmission
- Sustainable when incorporated into national level public health programmes

What comes next for RRTs?

- Optimal model
- WASH package
- Response criteria and indicators
- Monitoring and reporting
- Cost efficiency
- Effectiveness and impact



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Any questions?

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