

# Climate Change Working Group

- Established November 2023
- Led by IOM, Co-Led by German Toilet Organization (GTO)
- 20 organisations and 38 members
- Workstreams:
  1. Coordination – IOM & GTO
  2. Capacity Strengthening – PRO WASH & SCALE
  3. Knowledge Management – Oxfam
  4. Advocacy & Resource Mobilisation – IMC

# Other engagement

- SWA Climate Task Team
- Global Cluster Coordination Group (GCCG) Climate Group
- Joint Environment Unit (JEU)
- NEAT+ Technical Working Group
- Steering Committee for the Elrha-Oxfam research on WASH Adaptation Gaps for Research & Innovation
- Shelter Cluster's Green Team
- Nutrition Cluster
- Education Cluster (Anticipatory Action)
- CCCM Cluster
- Global Platform for Action 'Energy Cluster'
- UNDRR
- WREC Coalition
- UNRWA
- Réseau Environnement Humanitaire (REH)/ Group URD
- Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre
- Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)
- LSHTM
- And more....

# Challenges identified

1. No shared understanding between WASH actors of key concepts relating to Climate Change
2. The 'Missing Middle': there is a gap between new humanitarian sector policy on Climate Change (i.e. IASC Climate Crisis Roadmap, Climate & Environment Charter) and WASH practitioners in country who are already responding
3. Lack of time for frontline WASH staff, including Cluster Coordinators, to stop, step back, and think about Climate Change

# Solution: The Framework project (flyer)

## Objectives:

- **Redraw the boundaries of Humanitarian WASH:** Explore how climate change reshapes Humanitarian WASH priorities, roles, and the interface between Humanitarian and Development WASH.
- **Clarify Key Concepts:** Provide working definitions of essential terms and concepts to simplify the relationship between WASH and climate change for practitioners.
- **Promote Climate Literacy:** Equip WASH staff with the knowledge and tools needed to integrate climate action into their work effectively.

## Approach:

- Focus on creating change: Meet people and organizations where they are, and move them forward, don't aim for perfection.
- Utilise existing resources
- Clear, simple and concise

# Phase 1 (supported by RVO-DRRS and BHA)

September 2024 – January 2025

- Consultations with key stakeholders (mostly humanitarian WASH)
- Pilot of Climate Action Planning with the Ethiopia WASH Cluster
- Outline the Framework (see slide 9)

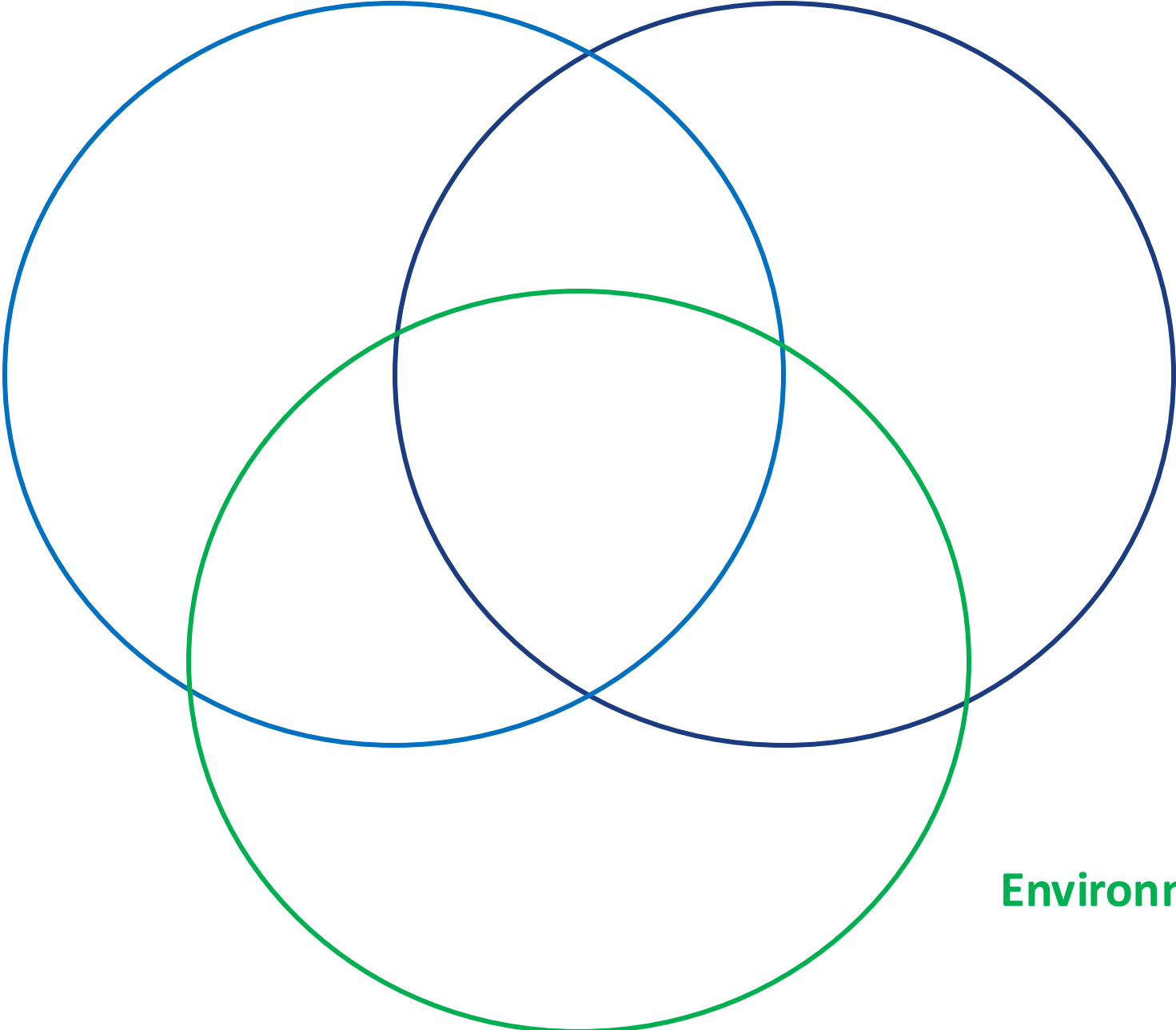
*Output – webinar recording available [here](#), which summarises our knowledge from Phase 1*

Next Steps, April 2025:

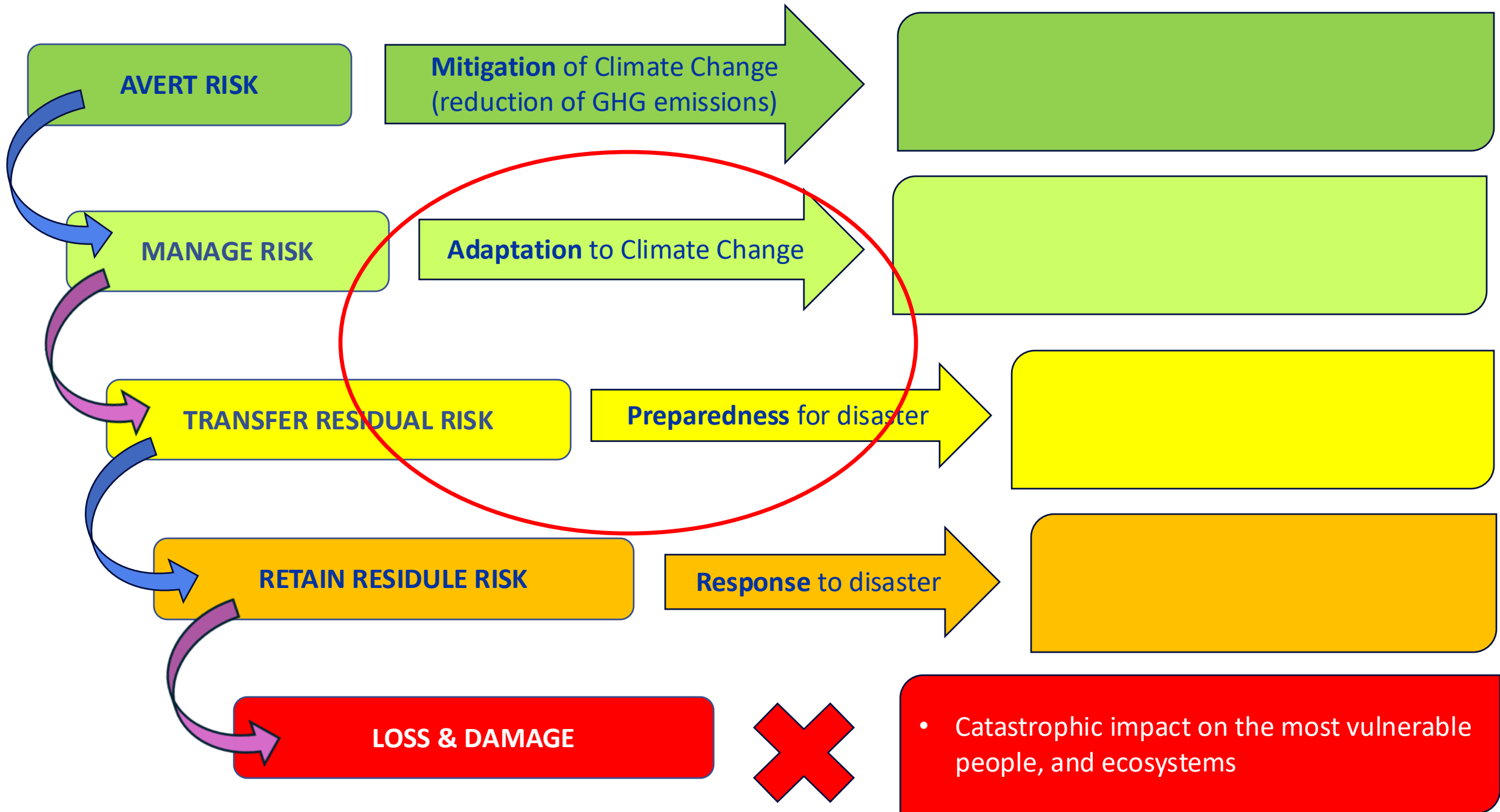
- Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) approve Project ToR and Steering Committee members

**Climate Change**

**Disaster Risk  
Reduction (DRR)**



**Environment**



# Framework for Humanitarian WASH & Climate Action

(The Framework Project)

## The Framework

Mitigation of GHG

Adaptation to Climate Change

Preparedness for Disaster

Emergency Response

Loss & Damage

## Climate Action Planning (CAP)

1. Understanding Risk

2. Linking Risk to Response

3. Climate Action Planning