

Integrated Community Based Projects through Community Health Clubs

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Rapid Hygiene Promotion & Sanitation through **Community Health Clubs** in Northern Uganda



Cost-Effective Disease Prevention

in
Sierra Leone

through
CHCs





6 months of weekly (2hr) health sessions



Shared
Understanding

Shared norms
and values

Common Unity

Community Health Clubs in Zimbabwe

A Community Health Club

is an active group of members in an area

dedicated to developing a Culture of Health
in their community

by providing a regular forum for learning
about disease prevention

encouraging safe hygiene practices

thereby addressing the determinants of health
and providing social support to the vulnerable.

HABITUAL BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS

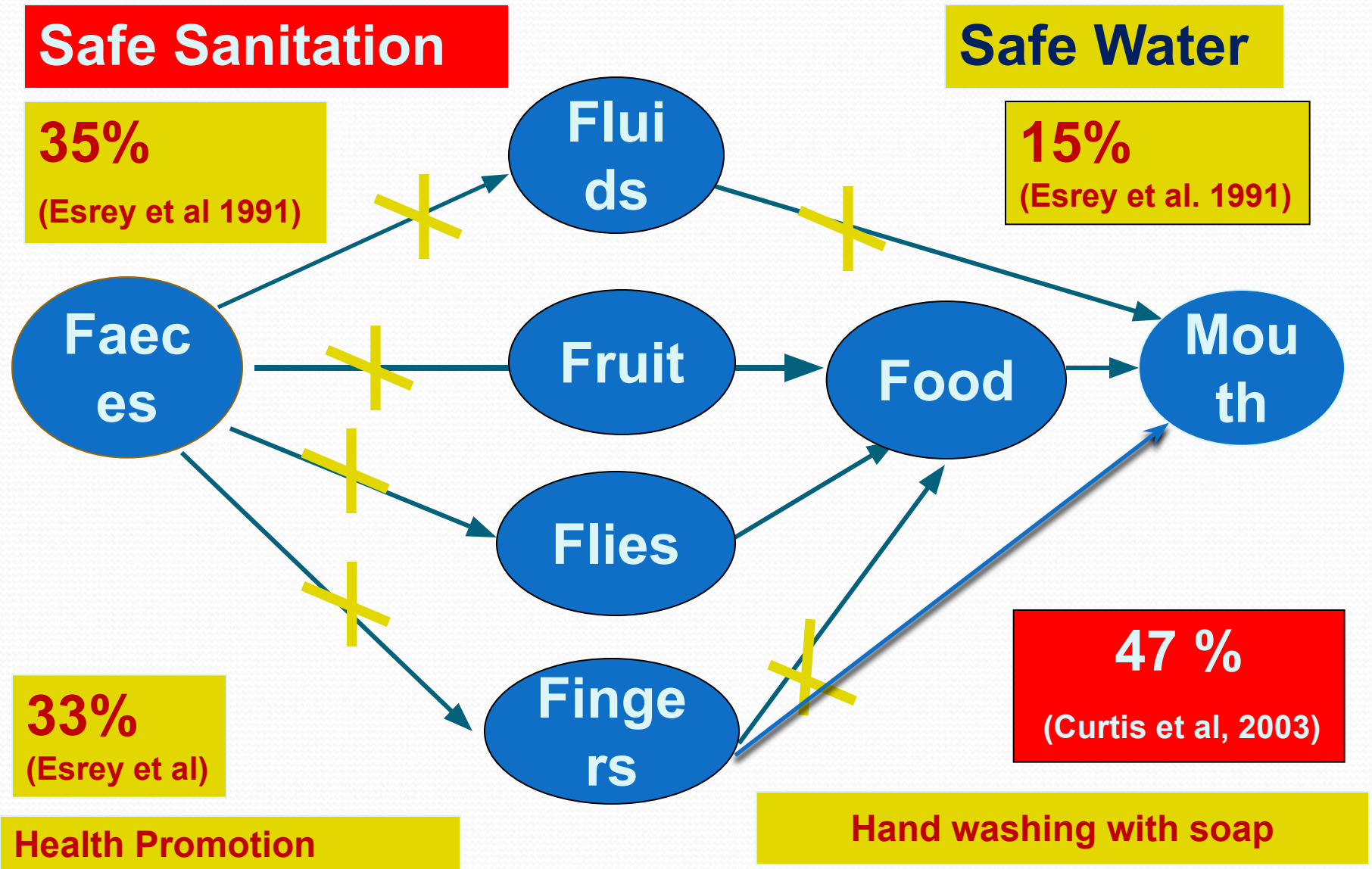
Focus on the prevention of Diarrhoea

Objective : to break Faecal-Oral disease transmission

High risk behaviour :-

- Poor home hygiene
- Contaminated food and water
- Open defecation
- Lack of hand-washing with soap

Faecal-Oral Disease Transmission Routes



Difference in behaviour (Tsholotsho District)

between health club members & control group



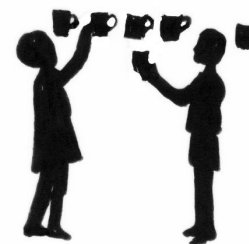
76%

individual
plates



75%

use of
a ladle



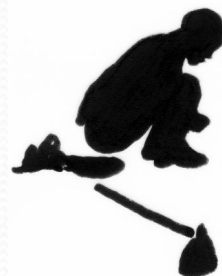
75%

use of
Individual
cups



40%

more VIP
Latrines
were built



57%

Cat Sanitation
(covered faeces)



62%

more pouring
of water for
hand washing



41%

more
Nutrition
Gardens
were made

A Raft of diseases and over 50 Messages

Diarrhoea

Scabies

Cholera

Shistosomiasis

Dysentery

Intestinal parasites

Tuberculosis

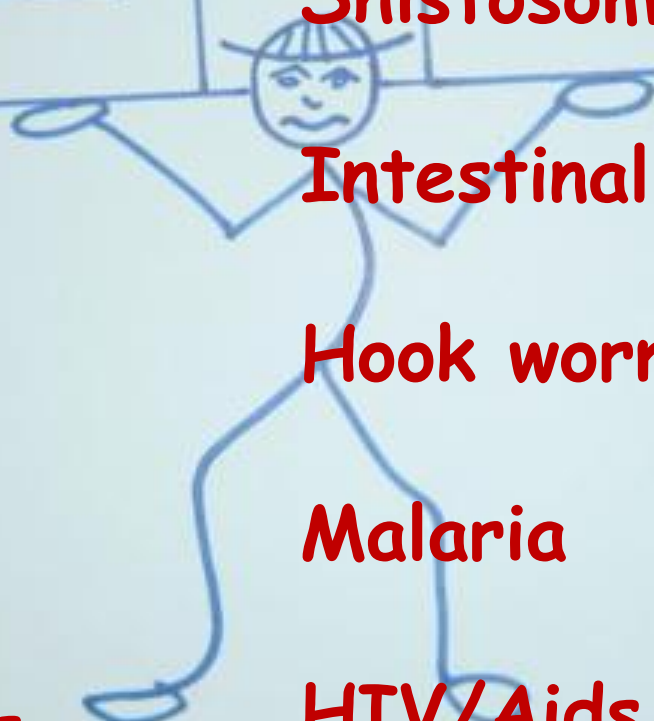
Hook worm

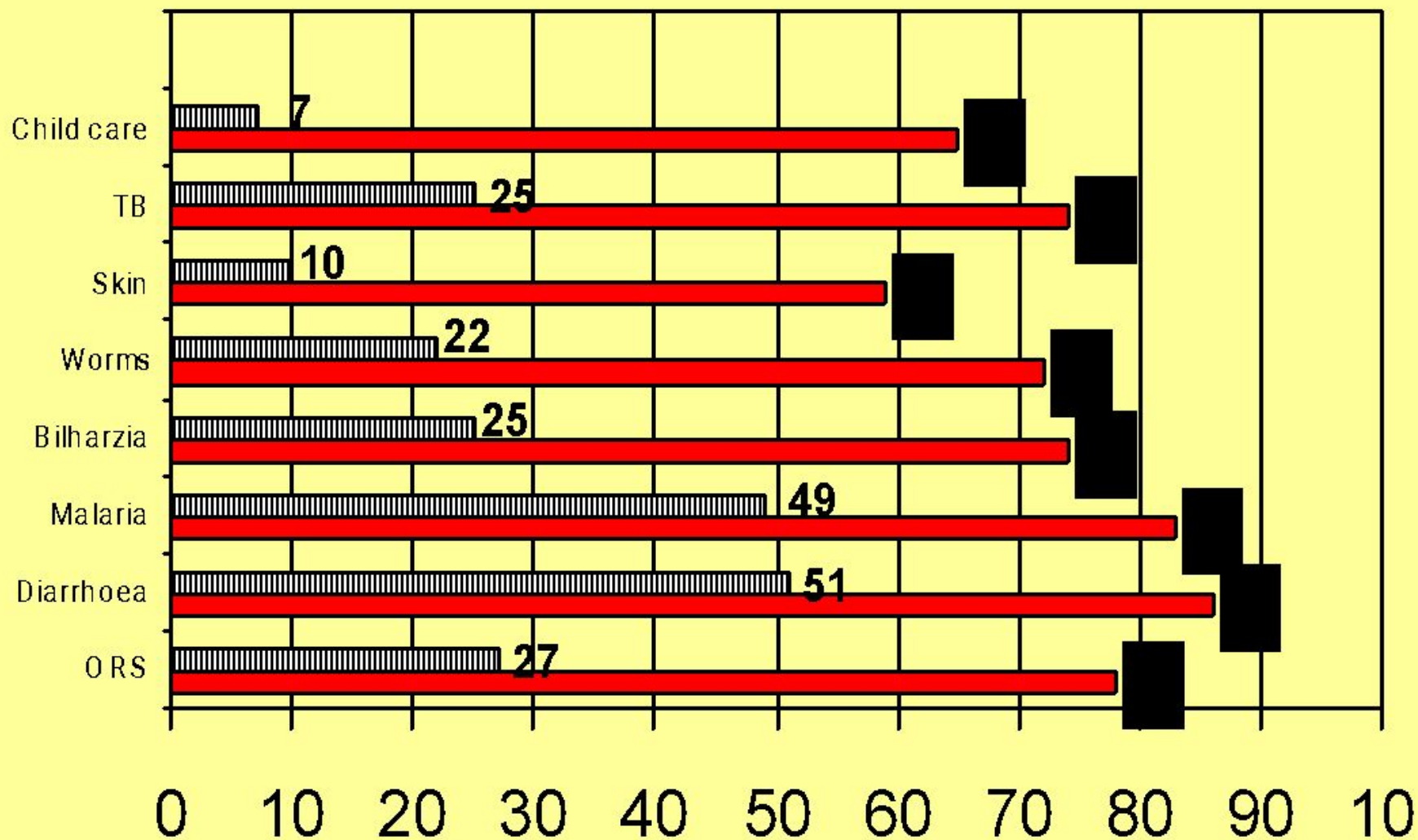
Trachoma

Malaria

Conjunctivitis

HIV/Aids





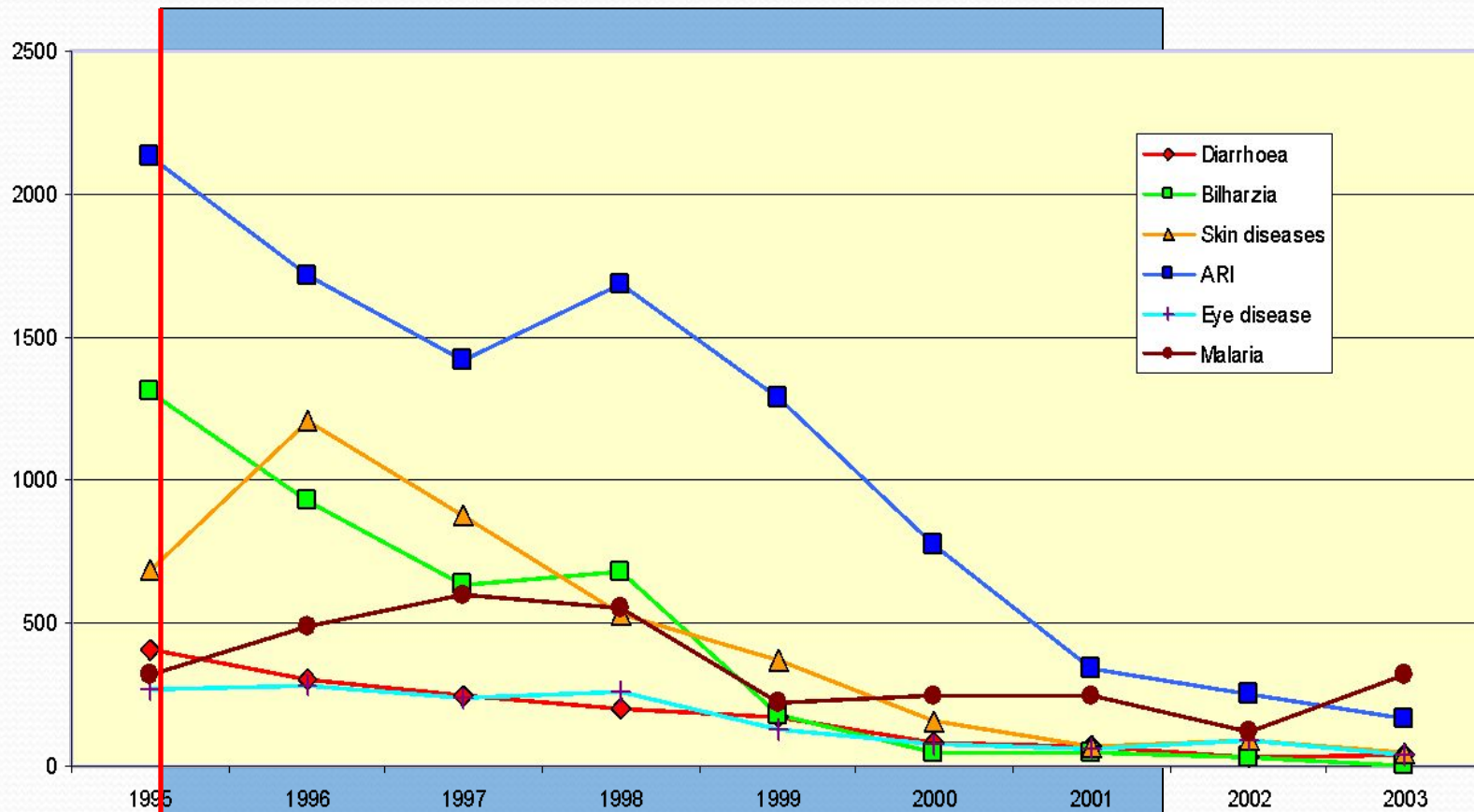
 **non members**
 **members**

Difference between health club and non
 health club members in health knowledge
 of preventable diseases (Tsholotsho, 2001)

Ruombwe Ward. 1995-2003.

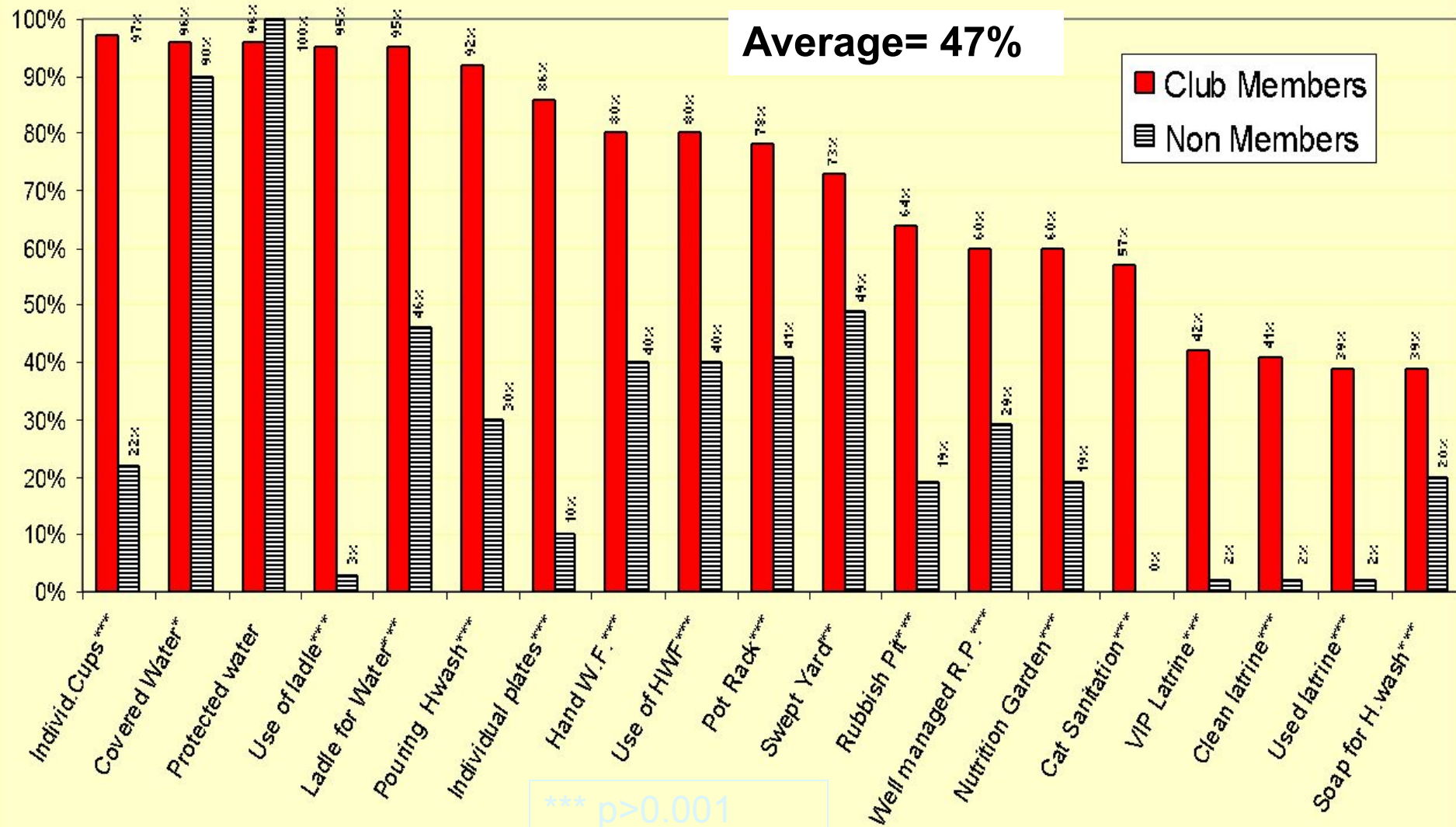
Reported cases of communicable diseases

Number	Period of Health Promotion	h/hlds	coverage
18 health clubs	1995 - 2001	1,777	80 %



Source: Ministry of Health, Makoni District Hospital, Zimbabwe

Difference of Prevalence of Observed Hygiene Indicators between Community Health Club Members and non Members in Tsholotsho District, Zimbabwe. 2001



Weekly participatory sessions deal with health and good hygiene

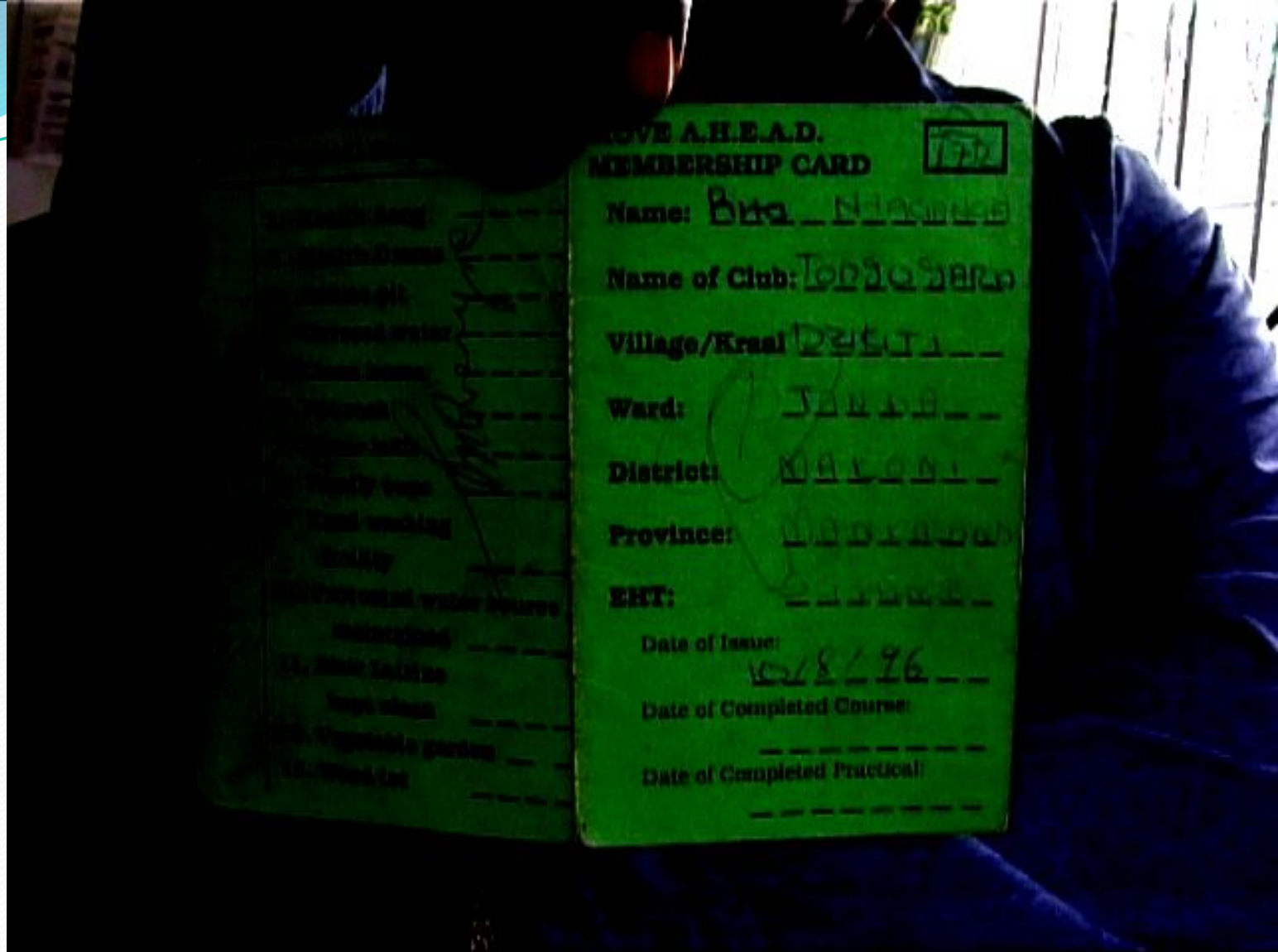




A time for mothers to relax and have fun while learning.

Health Promotion Drama





Everyone gets a membership card which gives them the outline of the course of sessions. Each time they come it is signed by the facilitator

No.	Topic	Homework
1.	Safe Water Chain	Cover water; 2 cups
2.	Safe Food Chain	Pot rack; hanging basket
3.	Sanitation Ladder	Clean latrine; cat sanitation
4.	Sanitation Planning	Dig pits
5.	Diarrhoea ORS	Build latrines
6.	Hand washing	Tippy Tap
7.	Cholera/ typhoid	Water Source Cleanup
8.	Skin/eye disease	Bedroom Cleanup
9.	Worms	De-worming
10.	Nutrition	Food processing
11.	Good kitchen	Lorena Stove
12.	Drama and songs	Practice drama
13.	Environment	Hay basket
14.	Malaria	Drainage & clearing
15.	Coughs and colds	Mats and ventilation
16.	Bilharzia	Bathing Shelter
17.	TB	Community Project
18.	HIV/AIDS	Community Project
19.	Home based Care	Community Project
20.	Family Planning	Community Project



In IDP camps of Northern Uganda 18,844 people had been registered as active CHC members within just 4 months.



Quantifying Health Promotion



87% completed
all 20 sessions

Cards were signed each time a member attended a session



Soap Making



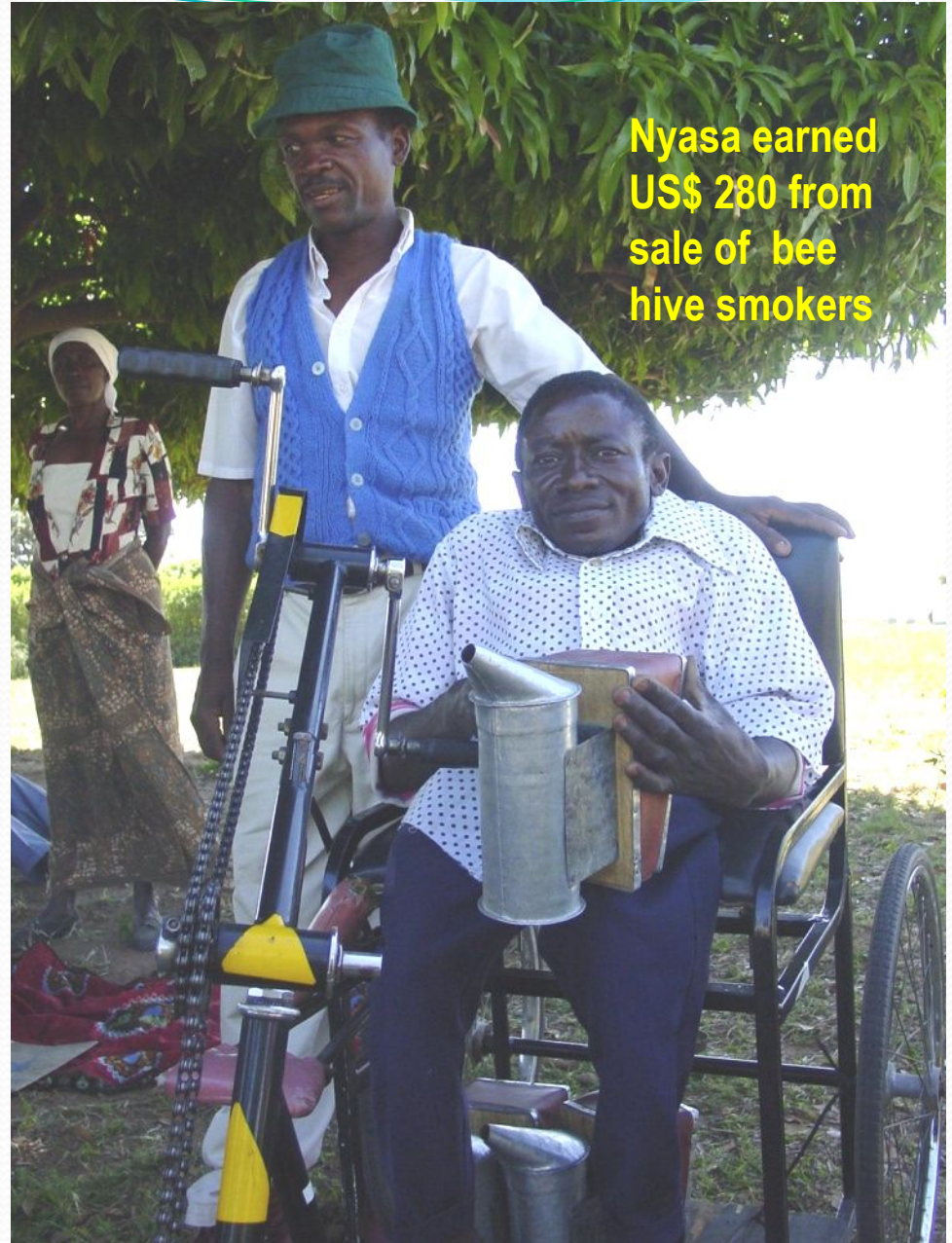
Peanut butter making



Beekeeping

In Makoni:-

- 300 CHCs
- 6,000 bee-keepers
- Reforestation
- Employment



Nyasa earned
US\$ 280 from
sale of bee
hive smokers



Oil Pressing

Herbs & Vegetables





**Improved
Kitchens**

10 Health Clubs combined to build a Training Centre & Play School



COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUBS IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS



A Training Manual for health workers
using participatory activities

Community Health Clubs starting in Khayelitsha



Pre-testing the visual
aids for CHC activities

Module 1.

Background to the Community Health Club Approach

- 1.1. WHAT MAKES PEOPLE CHANGE?**
- 1.2. 2015 : THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
- 1.3. STRUCTURED PARTICIPATION**
- 1.4. COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUBS OR WOMENS GROUPS?**
- 1.4. THE LANGUAGE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUBS**
- 1.5. CREATING A CULTURE OF HEALTH**
- 1.7. A GOOD COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUB MEMBER**
- 1.8. WHAT HAPPENS IN A COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUB?**
- 1.9. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**
- 1.10. THE PRO'S AND CONS OF CHCS**

TARGET GROUP:

- Programme planners from NGOs or government**
- Government or NGO health personnel**
- Stakeholders & opinion leaders in the community where CHCs may be started**
- Education level: Tertiary with Advanced English comprehension**

OBJECTIVE:

- To describe what health clubs are and how they work.**
- To provide a rationale for the Community Health Club Approach**
- To give simplified reasons why Community Health Clubs are popular**

Module 2

Starting Community Health Clubs

- 2.1. MAPPING YOUR AREA AND SEASONAL PLANNING
- 2.2. IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS IN YOUR AREA
- 2.3. PREPARING TO START A COMMUNITY HEALTH CLUB
- 2.4. OBJECTIVES OF YOUR PROJECT
- 2.5. PLANNING: STAKEHOLDERS COMMITMENTS
- 2.6. TRAINING: MAIN HEALTH ISSUES IN YOUR AREA
- 2.7. DESIGNING THE MEMBERSHIP CARD
- 2.8. DESIGNING A HOUSEHOLD INVENTORY
- 2.9. COMMUNITY MONITORING OF HEALTH CLUBS
- 2.10. EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT

TARGET GROUP:

- Programme planners in NGOs or government
- Government or NGO health personnel,
- Stakeholders and opinion leaders in the community where health club may be started
- Education level: English speaking; Secondary school education

OBJECTIVE:

- To identify priority issues and how to adapt the CHC methodology to fit your area
- To plan how Health Clubs can be started in each area
- To design / adapt the Membership card for the particular needs of the project
- To provide a monitoring and evaluation tool to ensure hygiene behaviour is quantified

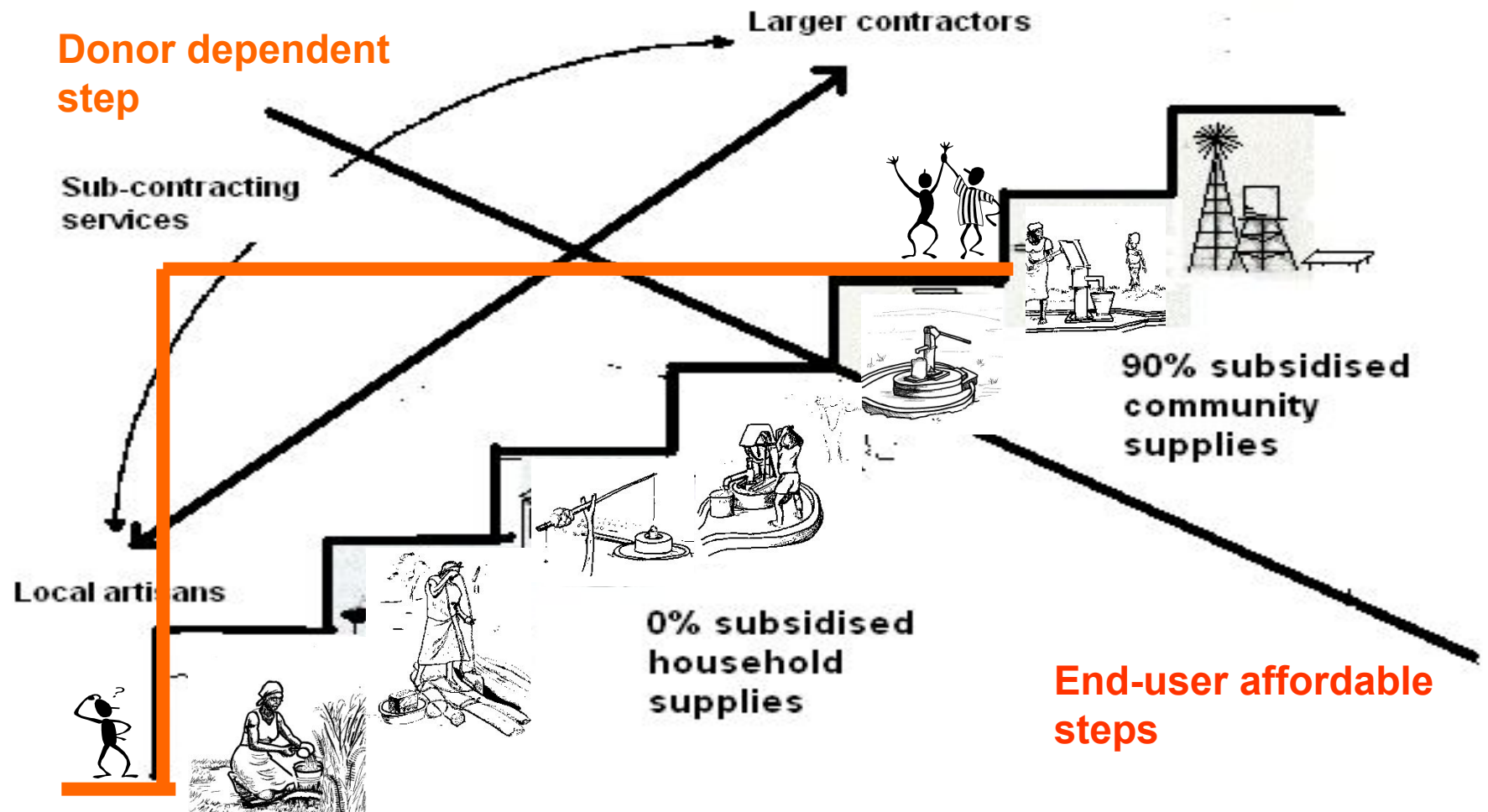
Module 3.

Participatory Activities for Informal Settlements

USEFUL PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES

- 3.1. DIARRHOEA TRANSMISSION**
- 3.2. DIARRHOEA: FINGERS**
- 3.3. HAND WASHING METHODS**
- 3.4. HOW AND WHEN TO WASH HANDS**
- 3.5. COLLECTING AND STORING WATER**
- 3.6. DIARRHOEA : WATER**
- 3.7. DRINKING PRACTICES**
- 3.8. DIARRHOEA : FLIES**
- 3.9. DIARRHOEA : FOOD**
- 3.10. DIARRHOEA : FRUIT**
- 3.11. THE GOOD FOOD CHAIN**
- 3.12. DEFECATION PRACTICES**
- 3.13. SANITATION COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**
- 3.14. WATER COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**
- 3.15.SOLID WASTE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**
- 3.16.HOME HYGIENE COMPETITIONS**
- 3.17.PERSONAL HYGIENE**
- 3.18.COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**
- 3.19.PARASITES**
- 3.20.SANITATION LADDER**

Water supply ladder, well up-grading



Early family wells

- Family owned wells are common across most of Africa.
- Most are unsafe for children and produce water of poor quality



Zimbabwe

- Between 1993 and 2006 over **150,000 Upgraded Family Wells** have been built in Zimbabwe
- Serving over **three million** people



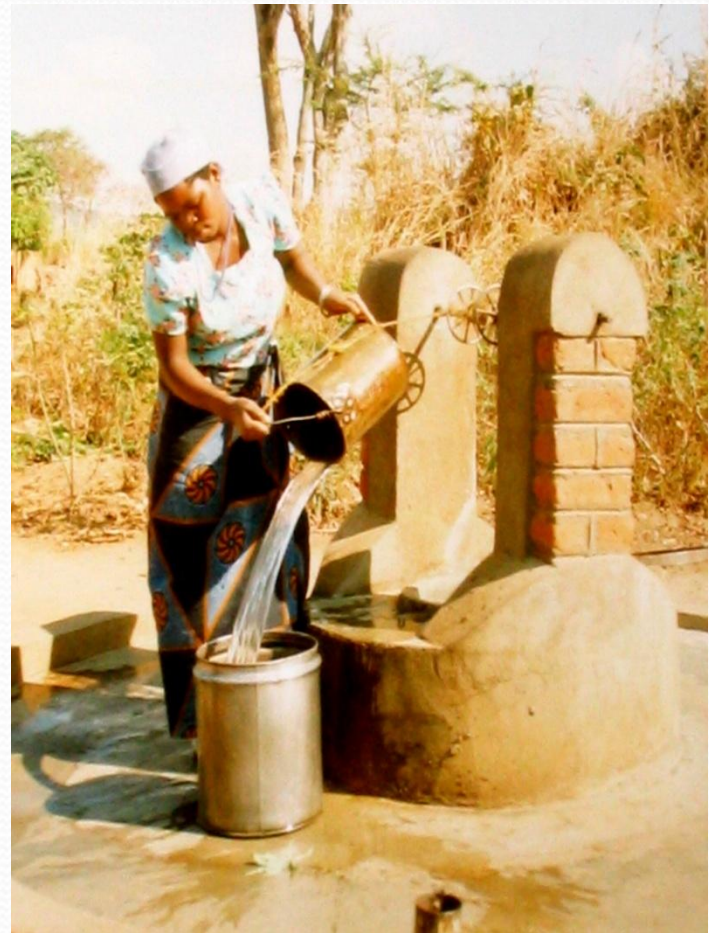
The Upgraded Family well – simple & dependable



Sierra Leone & Ethiopia



Mozambique & Uganda



Training & Extension

Income earning opportunities for women



Lessons learned:-

- Build on traditional methods
- Families are the strongest social units
- **Community Health Clubs** facilitate implementation
- Small material incentives do work
- Cost sharing is important
- Water for Production & sustainable livelihoods



Benefits of the family approach

- Water close at hand
- No dispute over ownership
- Self help in maintenance accepted
- More water means improved hygiene
- Method simple and manageable
- More water available for the home garden



The Family vegetable garden

Upgraded Family Wells stimulate home-based vegetable & herb production

- Such gardens have many benefits:
 - Better nutrition and health
 - Income generation
 - Self sufficiency
 - Sustainable livelihoods





Employment & Rehabilitation Opportunities





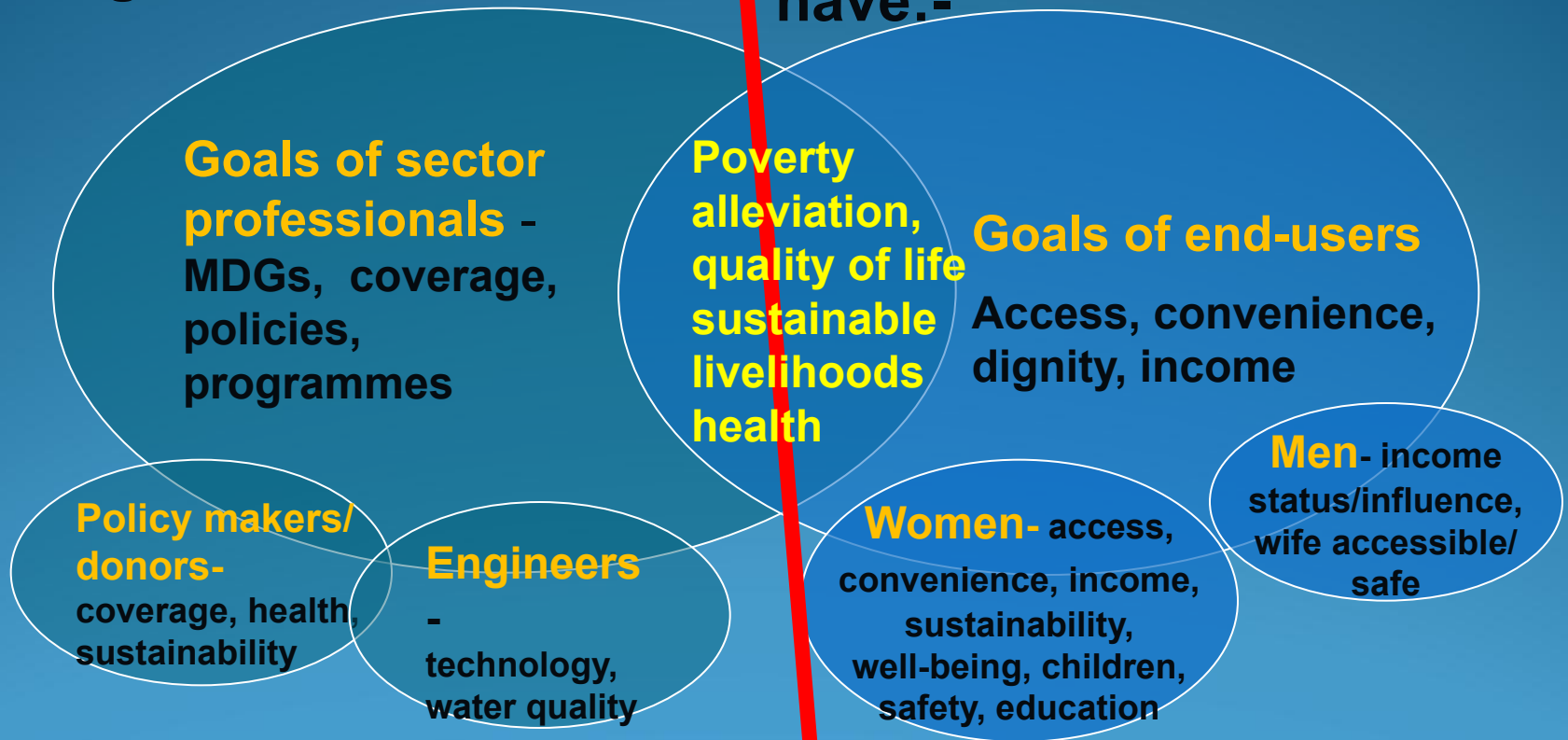
employment & Rehabilitation

The disconnect?

If there is not a shared goal for users and sector professionals then sustainability is at risk

What **sector professionals** want to give:-

What **end-users** want to have:-



Sector professionals need a better understanding of what users want & need