

BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE FOR SHARING AND LEARNING IN WASH

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?

Communities of practice are groups of people who **share a concern** for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.

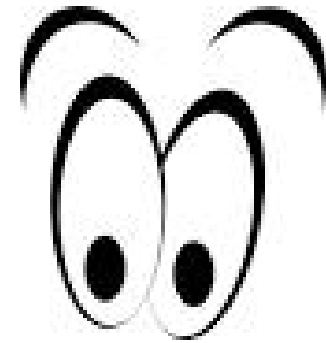
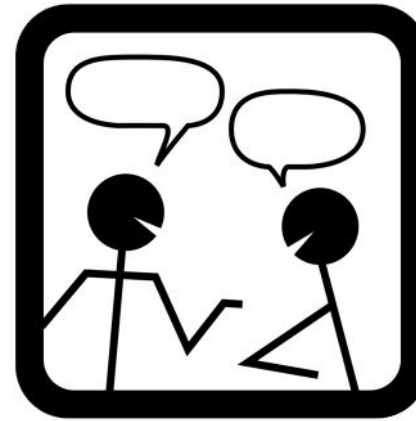
The practice of a community is **dynamic** and involves **learning on the part of everyone.**

Wenger, E. (2011)

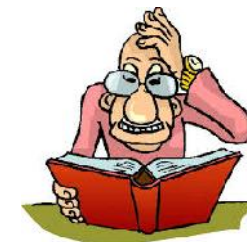
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?



WASH PRACTITIONERS

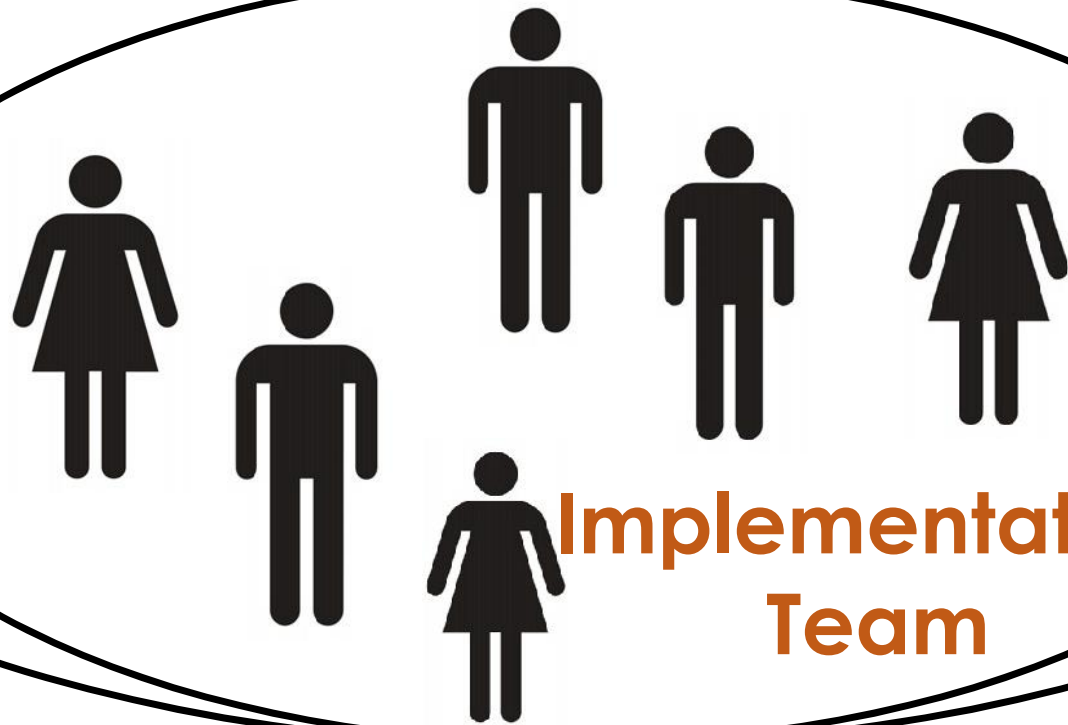


HOW DO WE LEARN?



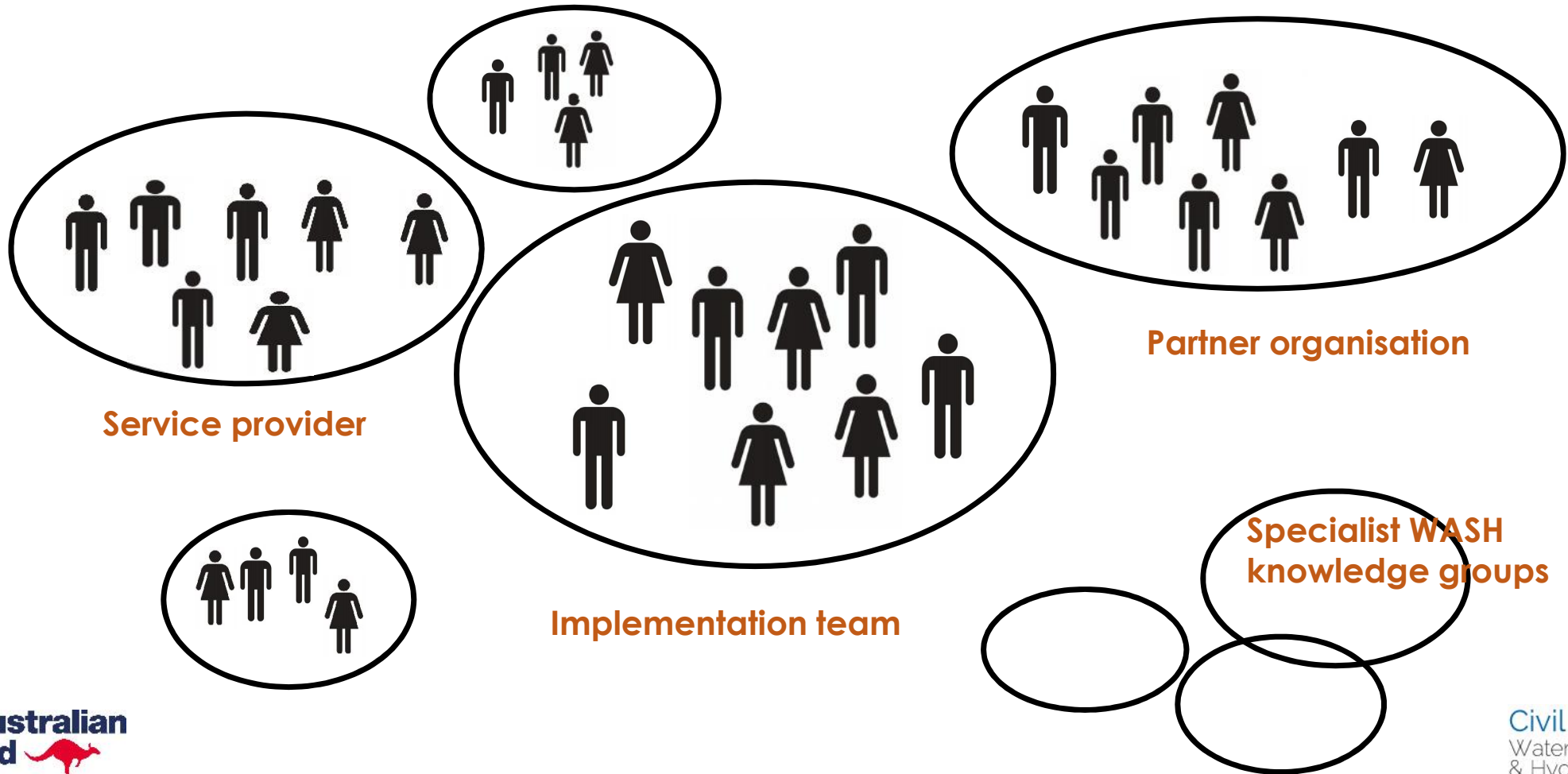
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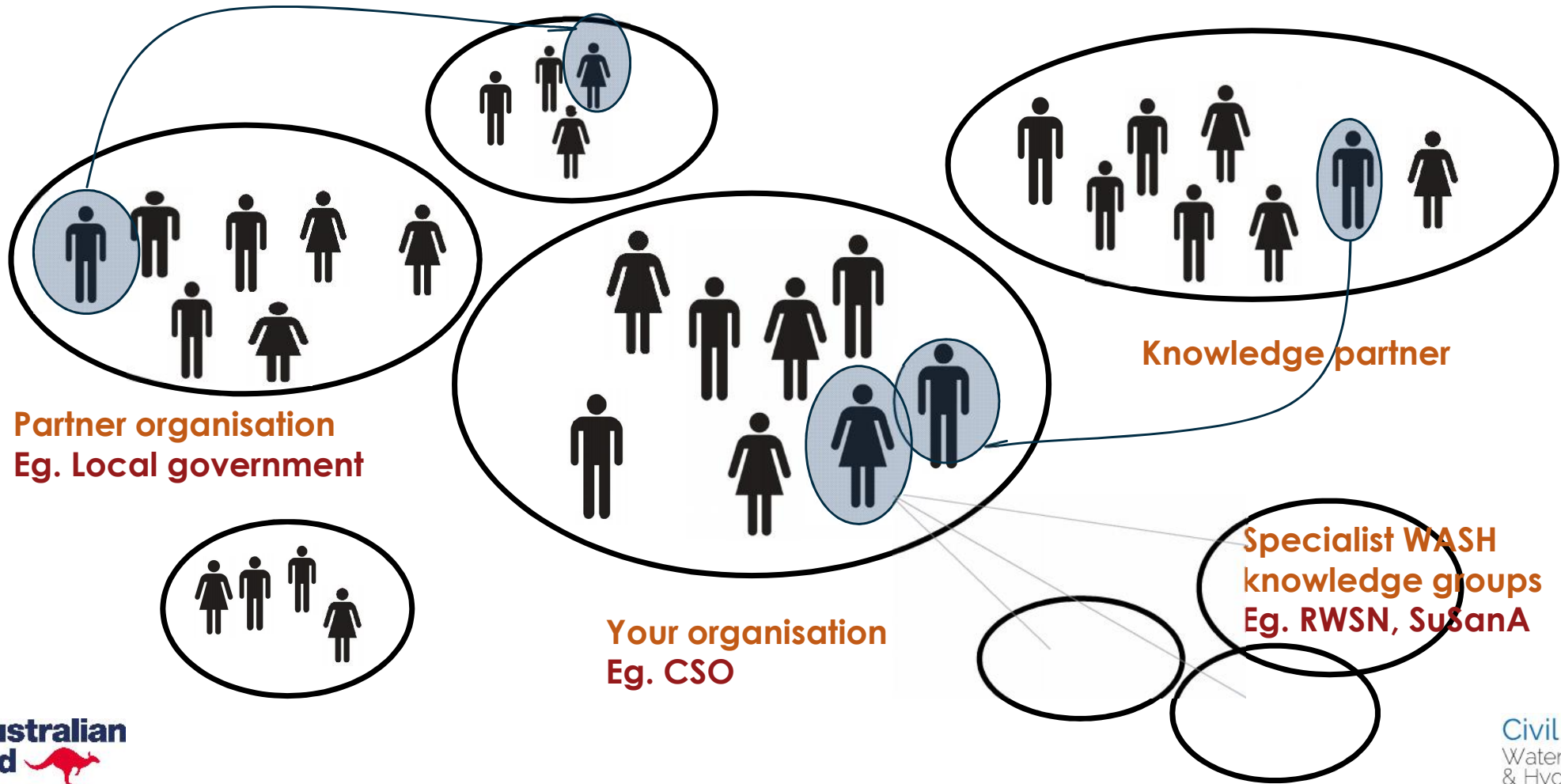


**Implementation
Team**

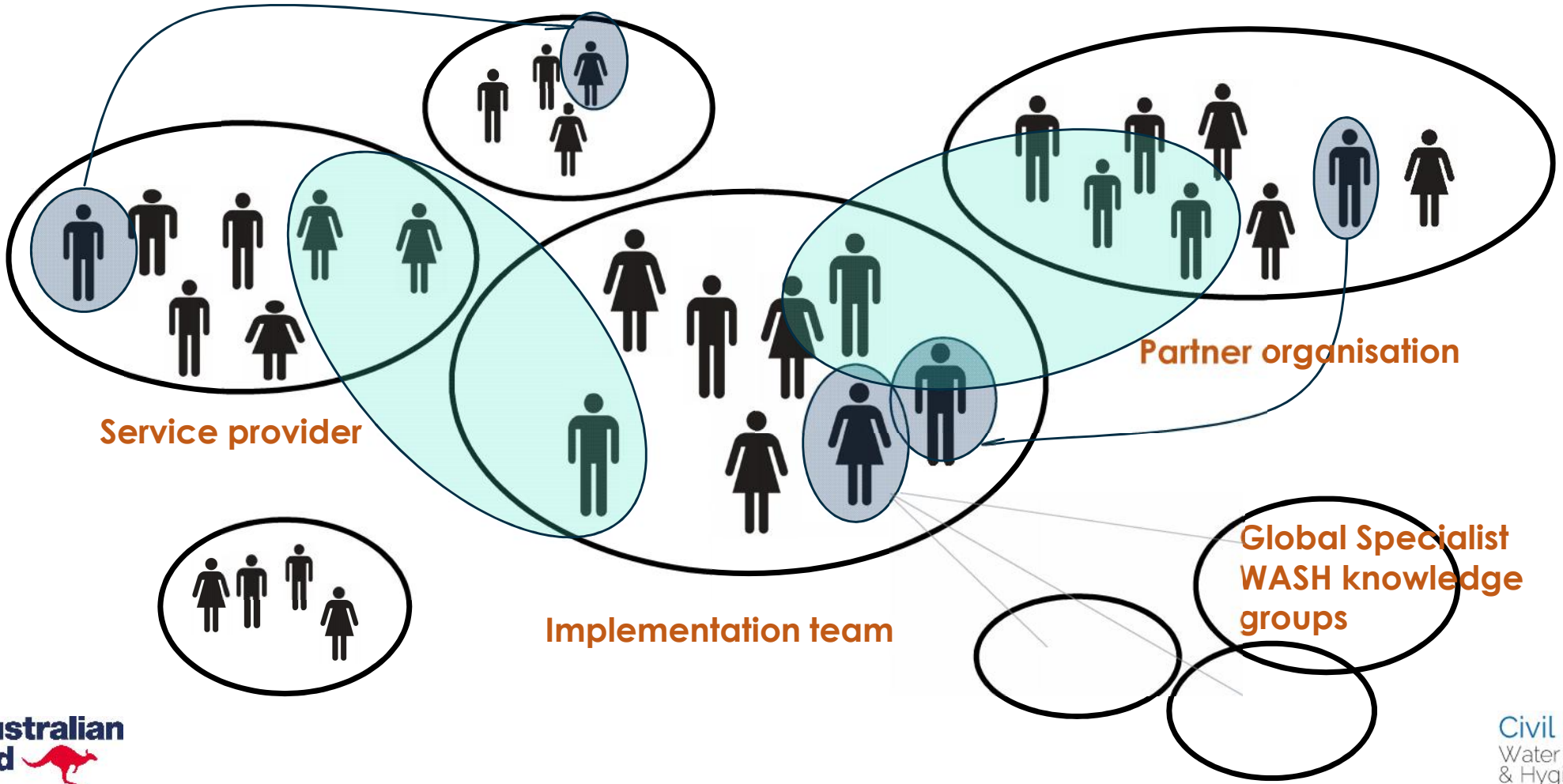
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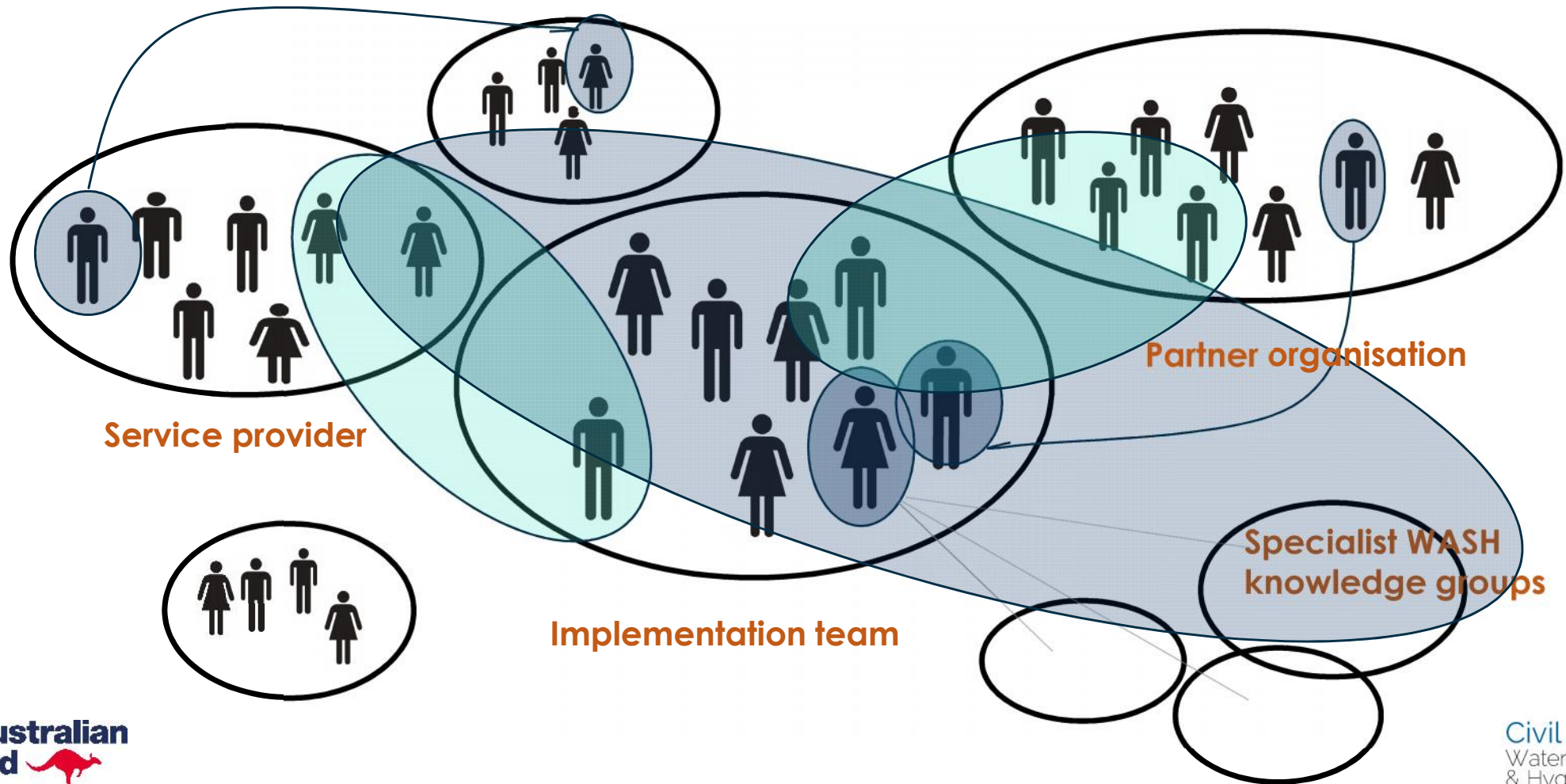
CONNECTIONS



PARTNERSHIPS



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR COLLECTIVE LEARNING



THERE ARE MANY COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Water
Operator
Partnerships
Networks

Local
Government
Associations

Water
Association
Networks

CS WASH
Fund

WASH
Reference
Groups

LinkedIn
groups

National
WASH
Clusters

Sustainable
Sanitation
Alliance

Rural Water
Supply
Network

Discussion
Groups

WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

- People work and learn within complex settings
- There is no point re-inventing the wheel and there are no dumb questions
- Rigour needs to be applied to capturing lessons for continuous improvement and sharing

WHAT IS THE CS WASH FUND DOING TO HELP?

Improving WASH Sector Evidence Base

- Innovations and Impact Fund
 1. Business models for mobile desludging units in small urban centres – WHH Zimbabwe
 2. Simple smartphone technology for WASH lifecycle monitoring – WaterAid Timor Leste, PNG
 3. Optimizing smart subsidies to drive towards 100% market-led rural sanitation – iDE Cambodia

WHAT IS THE FUND DOING TO HELP?

- Supporting CSOs in your K&L work
- Connecting people and stimulating debate
 - Website
 - Webinars
 - eDiscussions
 - Access leading resources
 - Newsletters

THANK YOU

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