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**WATER
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Coping with the Floods

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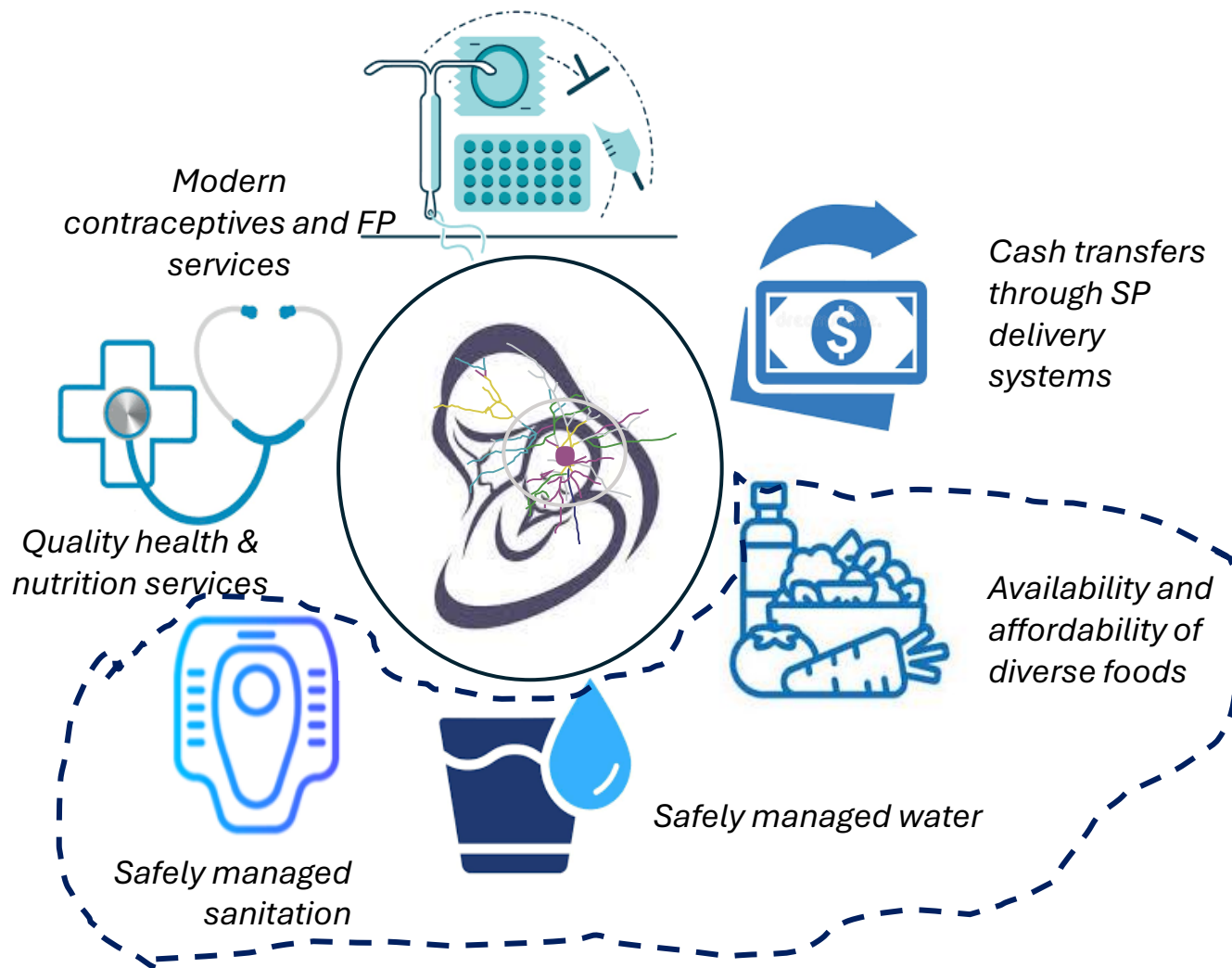
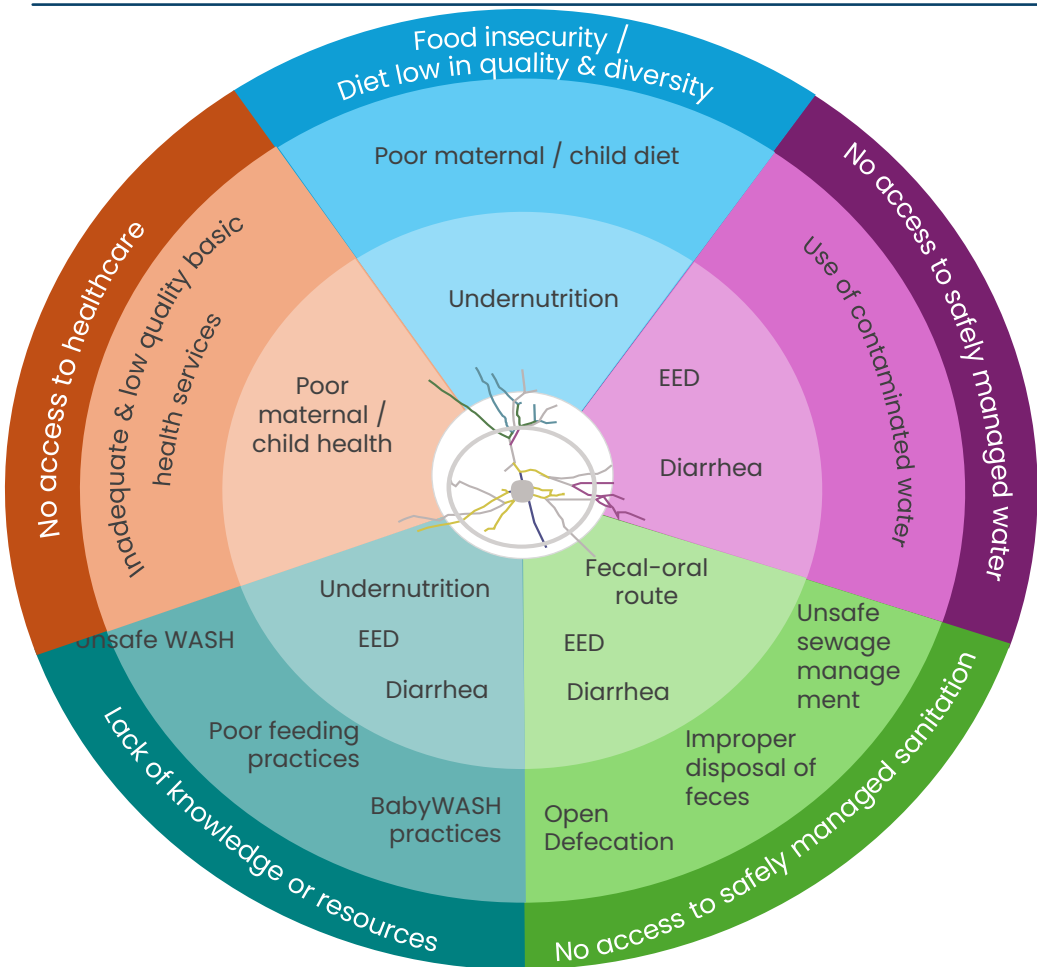
Water & Health: Child Stunting - Why Is It Not Addressed?

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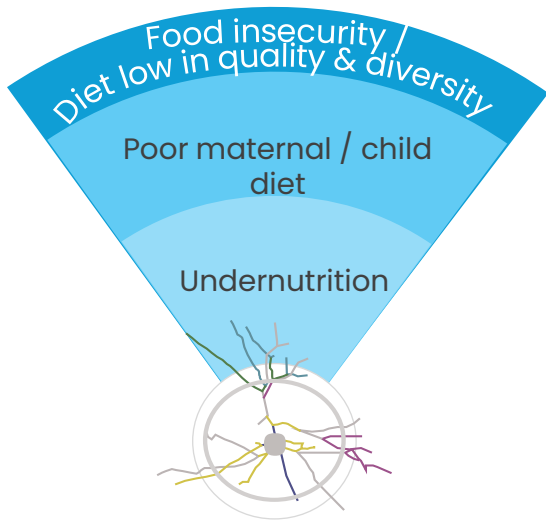
Sectoral Convergence for Stunting Reduction

Put the woman and child at the center of critical interventions and services



Bring together **transformative WASH** investments with health and social protection interventions, and **enhance focus on dietary quality and diversity**, in the same locations and with a focus on the most disadvantaged areas with the highest stunting rates.

Agri-Food and WASH Transformations to Reduce Stunting



Agri-Food System Issues:

Conventional on-farm practices + public sector focus = Diversity crises (focus on 4-5 major crops) + **Nutritional quality crises** (soils, seeds, storage, food preparation)

Diversity in urban food markets is largely supported by imports or with considerable physical and economic barriers to access for the rural poor.

Agri-Food Stunting-focused approach:

Supply-side focus on diverse, nutrient-rich foods for year-round consumption

Bottom-up approaches that give households and communities the tools and knowledge for enhancing dietary diversity and quality

WASH Stunting-focused approach:

P-P-C PARTNERSHIP for O&M with financial and environmental sustainability as performance metrics = disrupt pattern of CAPEX-dysfunction-CAPEX

Outcome oriented progress tracking: # of people receiving safely managed WASH, % of people satisfied with services, etc. (NOT km of pipes or number of tubewells) = automatically puts the burden of WQ monitoring and service orientation on the agency, disrupts CAPEX-obsession

Disrupt ALL fecal-oral transmission pathways, not just fluids
– FINGERS, FLIES, FIELDS, FOOD

