



JOINT TOWN-LEVEL PLANNING APPROACH MBEYA CITY -TANZANIA

Mbeya City Council

Mbeya Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (Mbeya UWSA)

1. Starting Point

Challenges addressed by the joint town-level planning

- Urban development is not coordinated with investments in services provision
- Inequitable access to water supply and sanitation services
- Poor fecal sludge management threatening water quality
- Households connected to sewer system only 11.2%.
- Poor Solid waste management affecting sanitation infrastructure
- Water sources affected by Climate Change and encroachment of human activities
- High water losses, i.e. Non-Revenue Water of up to 33%.



Certain communities are more affected than others – A question of “Left behind”

- Citizens living in un-surveyed and peripheral (low income) areas suffer from poor access to water supply, fecal sludge management and solid waste management
- Especially women are affected
- Risk: Residents residing in unplanned settlements located around water sources and catchment areas



2. Institutional Setting

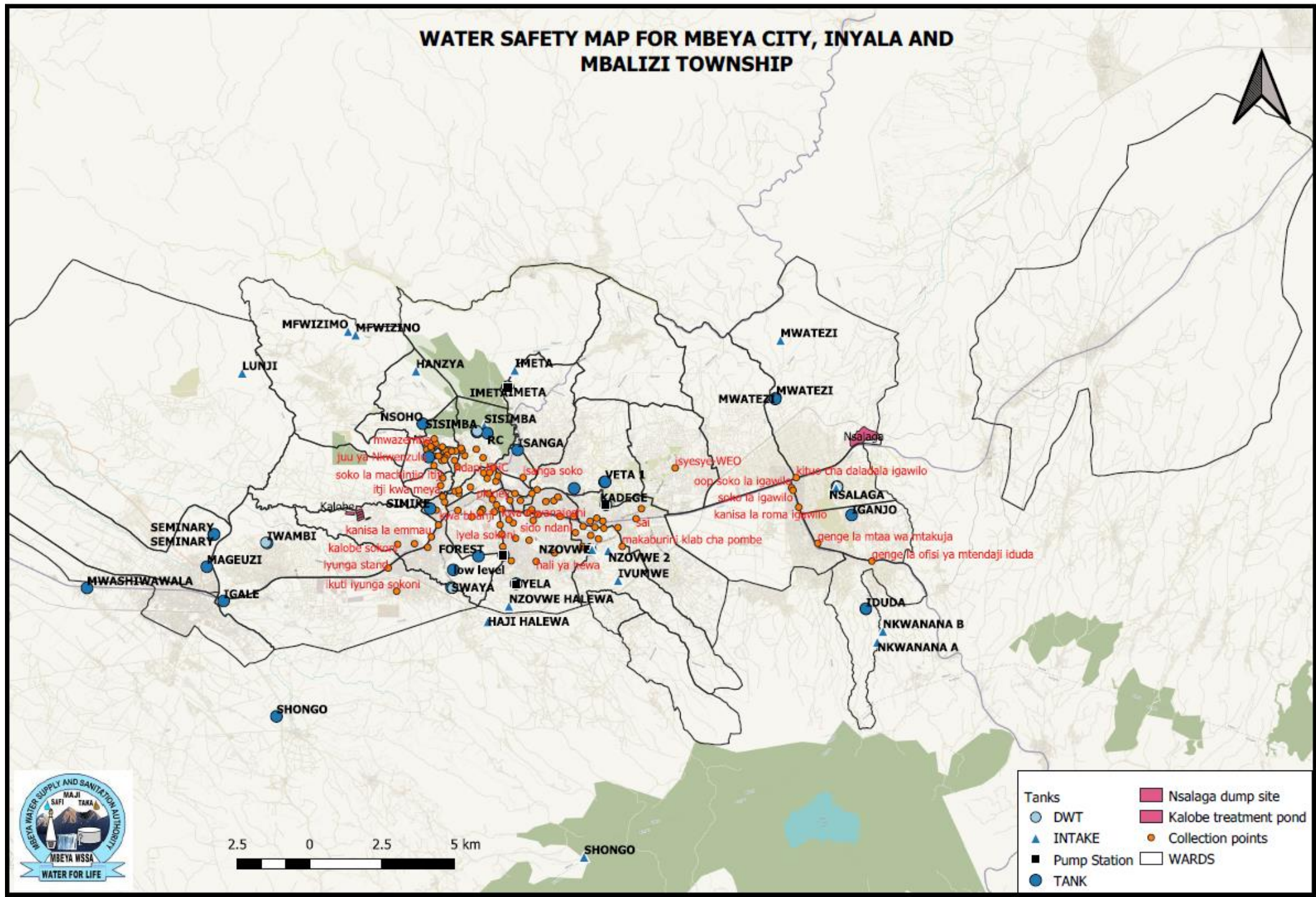


- **Stakeholders involved in the Mbeya JTP:**
 - Mbeya City Council,
 - Mbeya Water Supply and Sanitation Authority,
 - Lake Rukwa Basin Water Board
 - Facilitated by experts from Ministry of Water and GIZ
- **Institutional resources for JPT**
 - Policies and laws covering the key sectors involved: Urban development, public health, environment, water and sanitation
 - Mandates, regulations, guidelines from the key organizations
 - Planning and budgeting systems of the different organizations
 - Knowledge and expertise of staff from the organizations

3. The JPT Approach

- JPT carry out a joint assessment of the service situation in the entire town
- Review existing plans from the City Council and the WSSAs
- Develop **long term vision** in services provisions based on urban land use plans
- Jointly work out **short-term improvement proposals** and agree on **priority projects** ensuring equity and leaving no one or “no area” behind.
- Agree on resources mobilization and funding approaches to support implementation of priority projects
- Jointly implement projects and monitor improvements

WATER SAFETY MAP FOR MBEYA CITY, INYALA AND MBALIZI TOWNSHIP



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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Tanks | Nsalaga dump site |
| ● DWT | ■ Kalobe treatment pond |
| ▲ INTAKE | ● Collection points |
| ■ Pump Station | □ WARDS |
| ● TANK | |



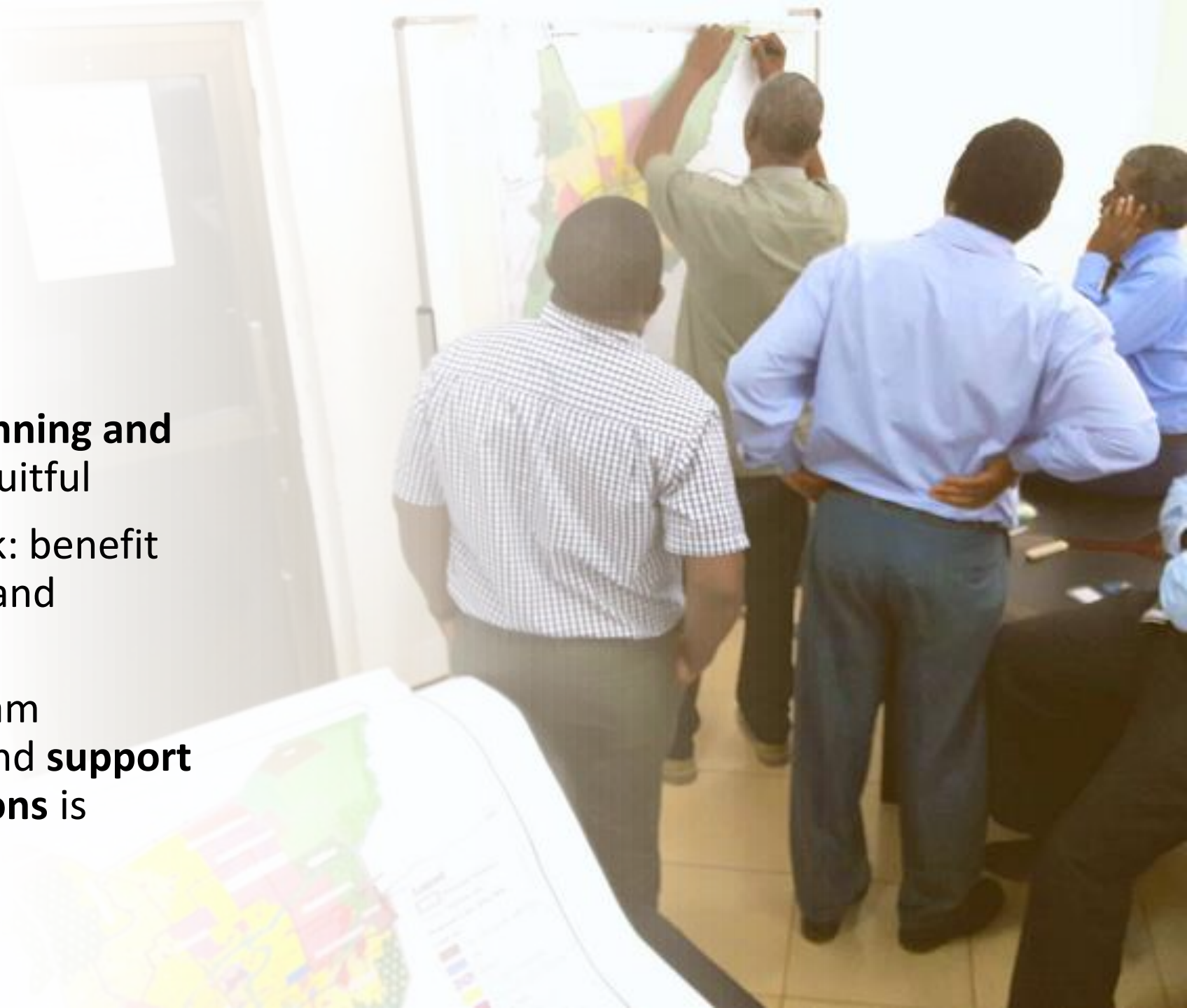
4. Outputs

Main achievements so far include:

- A Joint City-level Plan for Mbeya is in place
- **Priority Projects** have been identified:
 - Water supply improvement projects to benefit 600,000 people within the city and peri-urban areas
 - Sanitation service chain projects to benefit 540,000 people
 - Solid waste management projects to benefit 500,000 People
 - Water safety planning to contribute to sustainability of services
- Benefits: Priority projects target **marginalized, underserved areas and low-income population**, because here (basic) service provision has greatest impact in shortest time (“quick wins”)

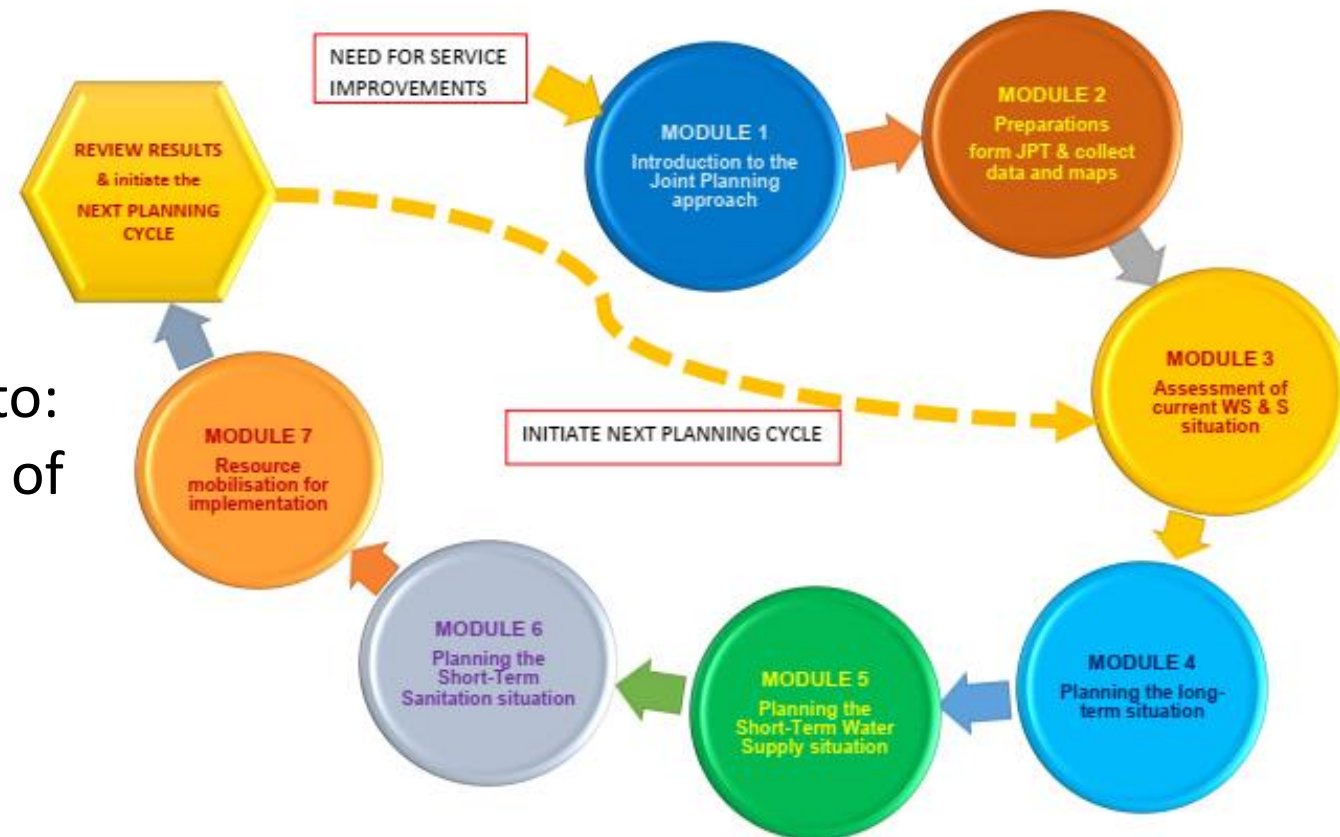
5. Lessons

- Nurturing the culture of **Planning and Implementing together** is fruitful
- cross-institutional team work: benefit from each others mandates and competences
- Patience, commitment of team members, Gender balance and **support by the head of the institutions** is needed throughout
- to be continued in the future



6. Transfer

- Joint town/city – level Planning can take place everywhere
- Depending on the needs or topic define the stakeholders that are involved
- Create a team consisting of representatives that have a mandate



Follow the (joint) planning flow if you want to:

- Accelerate the achievement of national/global targets
- Improve equity in resource allocation
- Improve efficiency in resource utilisation

Everything is possible

The Mbeya Joint city-level Planning Team at work:

Virtual facilitation during the COVID-19 Pandemic



END NOTE

There's an old African proverb that says:

“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

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