

Step 1

Defining peacebuilding as a primary or secondary objective for your WASH intervention

The findings of the CPA or Scan should give WASH teams the necessary information to determine in the first instance whether a primary focus on peacebuilding is required or relevant. If water/WASH is a critical dimension of conflict (e.g. water user conflict, exclusion from WASH) then peacebuilding as a primary objective should be considered; if there are relevant interactions between broader conflict and WASH (conflict impacts on WASH, WASH intervention in conflict-affected context) then a peacebuilding secondary objective should be considered - see Programming Tool 4 – Peacebuilding WASH Programming Tool for guiding questions to determine whether the operational environment is conducive to pursuing a peacebuilding primary objective through WASH interventions – whether stand-alone or embedded within multisectoral approaches and programmes. The same questions can help to determine how explicitly or implicitly such an approach should be integrated, and whether potential sensitivities should be considered to frame the intervention using a different language or approach.

Figure 9: Peacebuilding as Primary or Secondary Objective⁹

