

How do we talk about sanitation?



I am so worried about the next diarrhoeal outbreak

Sanitation is a human right!



	Narrative	Decision- making
Engineering	Problem-solving: Need to deliver sanitation services in the most efficient manner given a particular problem and context.	Long-term decisions are made based on geography, accessibility and standards set by legislation and policies. Accountability is to the authorities, rather than to the residents
Public Health	Management of risk of disease through construction of toilets / latrines and the management of removal of waste, and the improvement of hygiene practices	Public health decisions are often made for the health of the entire population, sometimes in an emergency, and include people living in informal settlements.
Finance	Financing for sanitation is often limited by the requirement for solutions to be 'market-driven'. Governments may be unwilling to invest heavily in projects where there is no return envisaged, particularly if using private sector investment	Decisions are made according to costs, particularly of capital expenditure, and according to whether there will be a future return on short- and medium term investments, rather than on universality of access. Investor's accountability is often limited.
Social Justice	Focus on the marginalised people, addressing stigma and discrimination, accountability, participation, access to information	Decisions are made according to human rights legislation, which demands non-discrimination and equality. These are the standards to which governments are held accountable.

We need to put the pipe through here!
Can you move the home?



How much will it cost - and when can we expect a return on the investment?

Where do you want me to go?
I am just trying to live my life!

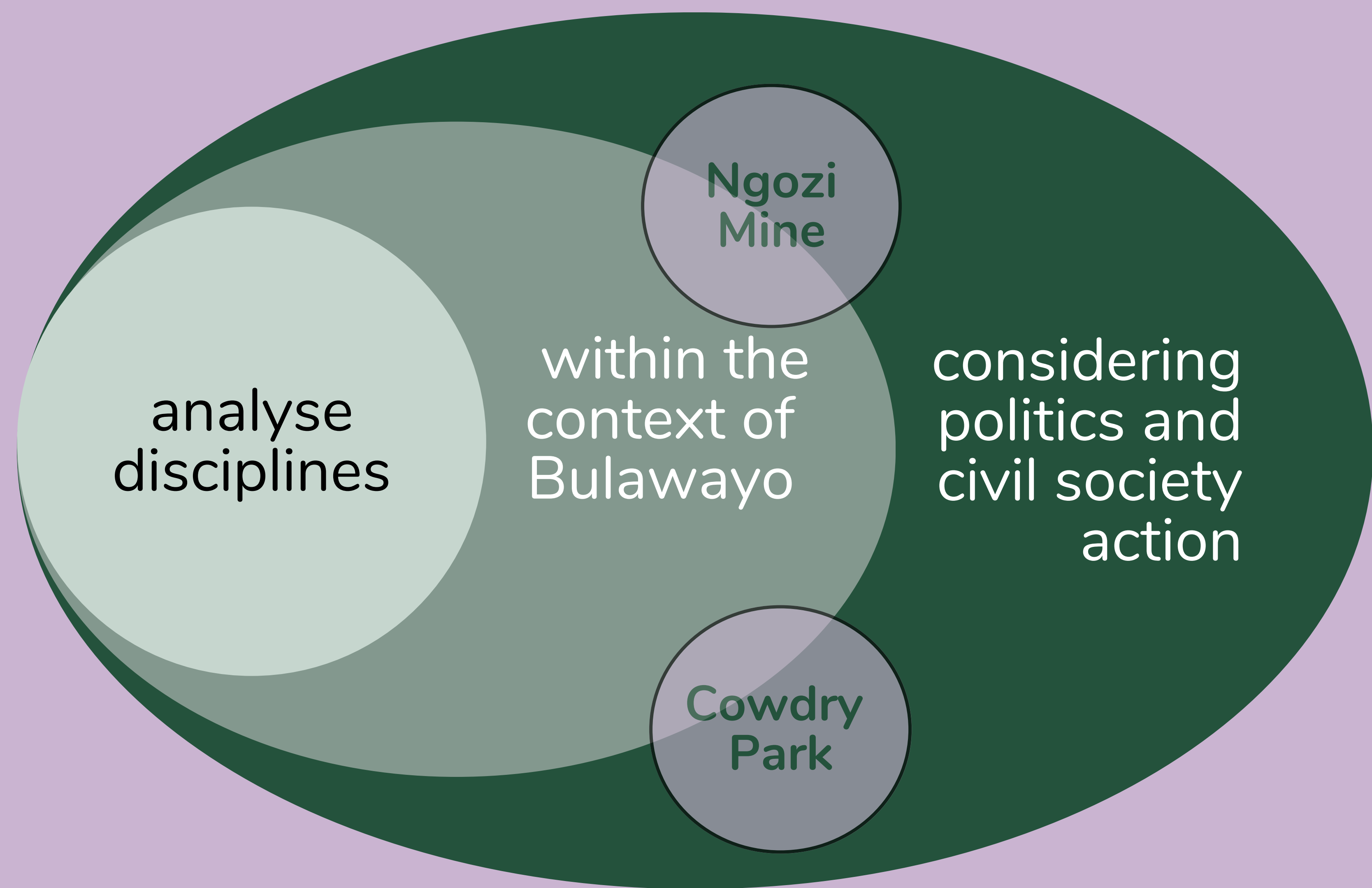
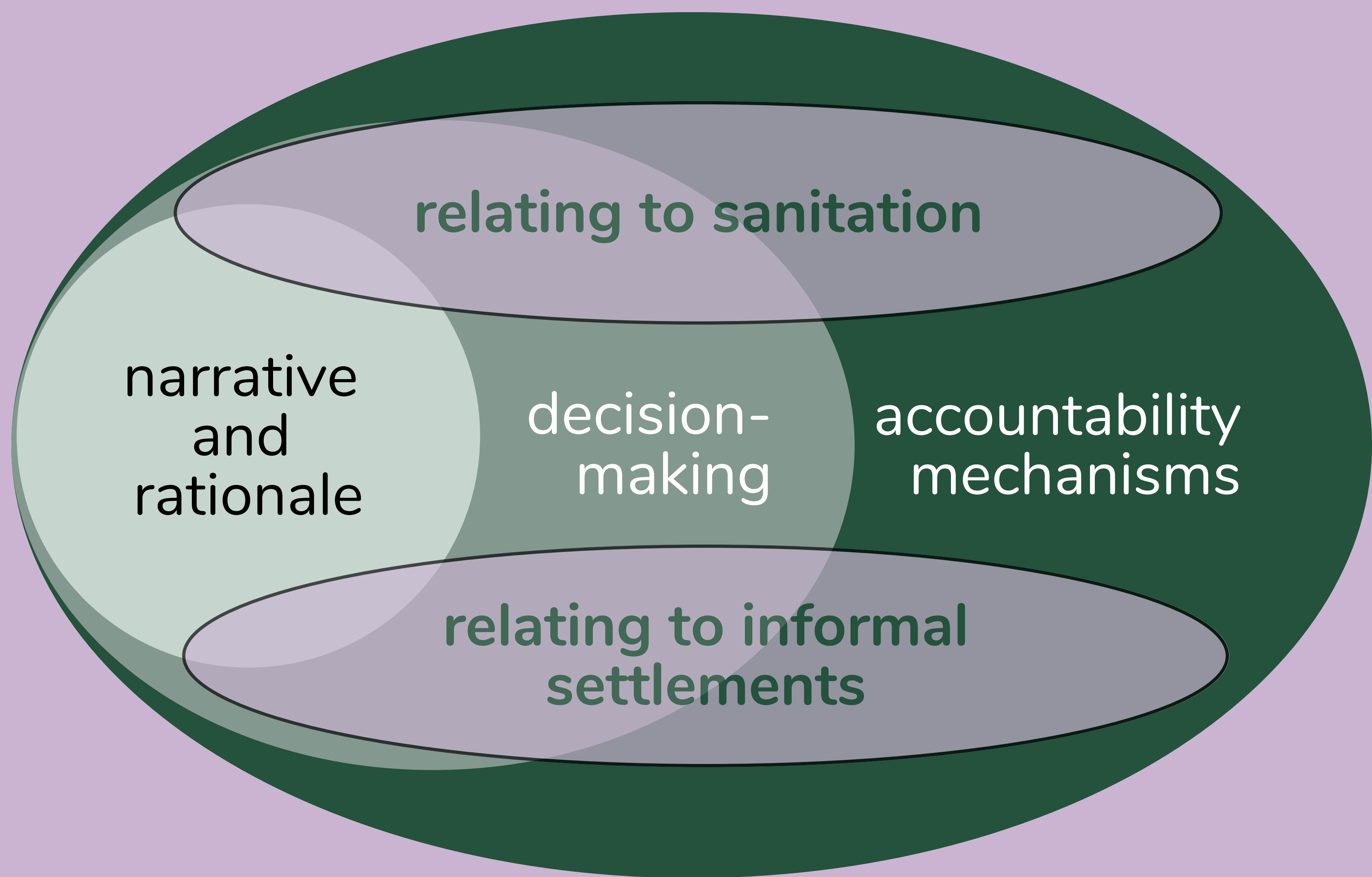


THE PROMISE OF SANITATION

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Analysis of disciplines...

...and application



Of course the financialisation of sanitation negates the political imaginary!



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