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Using network analysis to map alignment of priorities toward collective action

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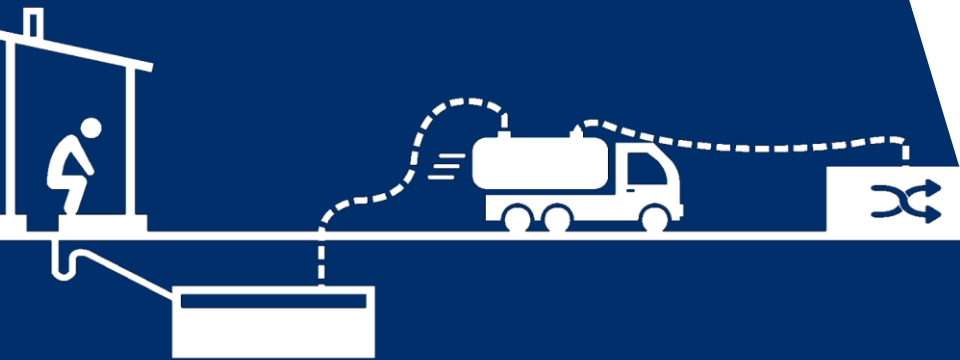


Sustaining
WASH services
is complex



Complex
problems require
diverse actors

Diverse actors
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In the USAID Sustainable WASH Systems learning partnership, partners are:

- Strengthening coordination, information sharing, and leadership within existing and new platforms.
- Bringing that group toward consensus on an agreed-upon set of actions and end goal.



We needed a method to:

- Map what already exists
i.e. does the network already have informal working groups?
- Understand how facilitation and process can lead to alignment/consensus.
- Analyze how the network aligns priorities toward collective action(s).



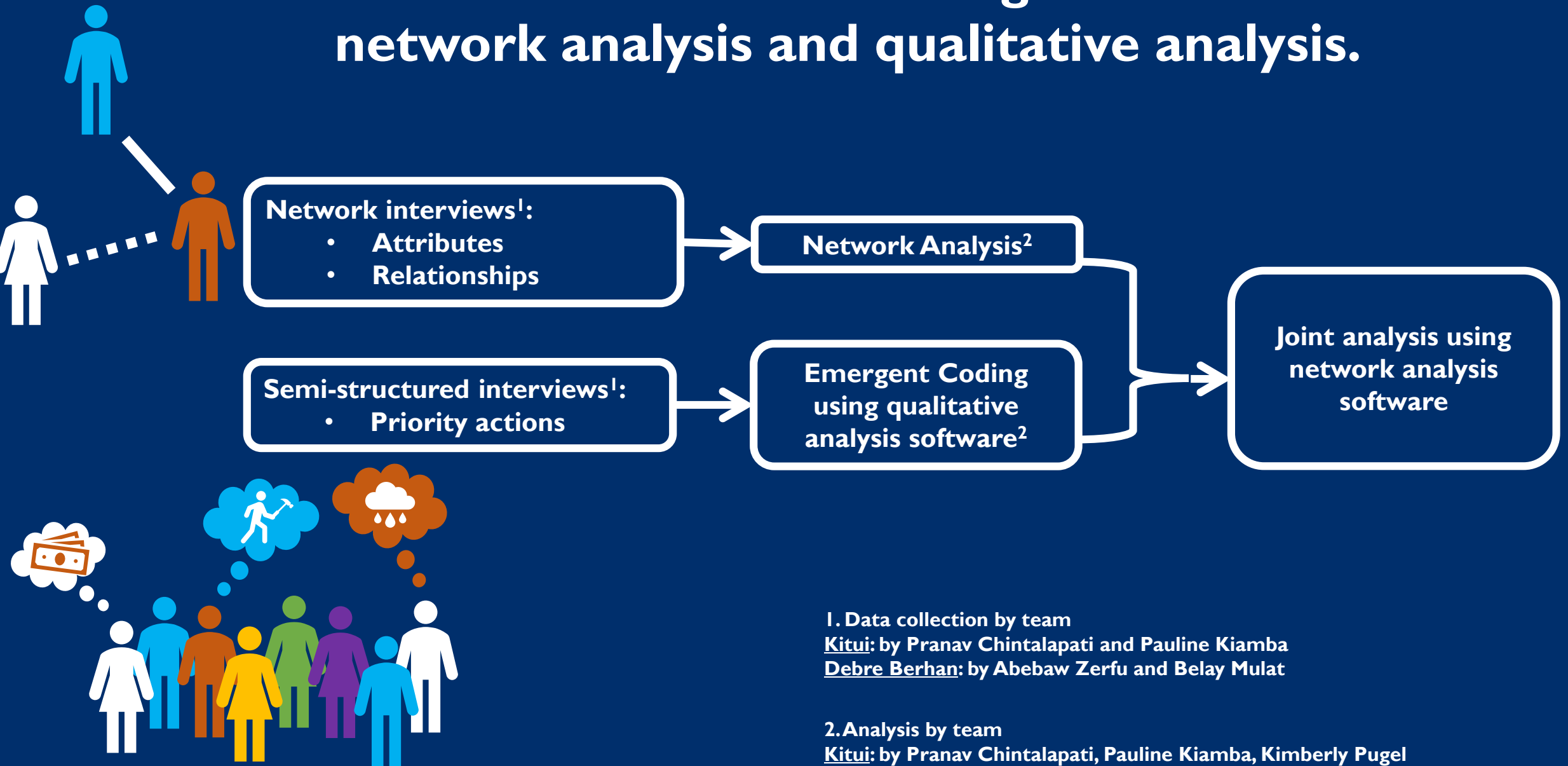
Today's presentation:

Method to map priorities over a network

Case 1: Using method to inform actions of the network (Kitui, Kenya)

Case 2: Using method to track changes over time (Debre Berhan, Ethiopia)

The method to understand alignment combines network analysis and qualitative analysis.



1. Data collection by team

Kitui: by Pranav Chintalapati and Pauline Kiamba

Debre Berhan: by Abebaw Zerfu and Belay Mulat

2. Analysis by team

Kitui: by Pranav Chintalapati, Pauline Kiamba, Kimberly Pugel

Debre Berhan: by LINC and Kimberly Pugel



Gathering data: interviews about relationships and priorities

- Actor type
 - Government agency
 - Service provider
 - NGO
 - Private sector
- Administrative level (national, county)



Attribute A

Attribute B

Attribute C

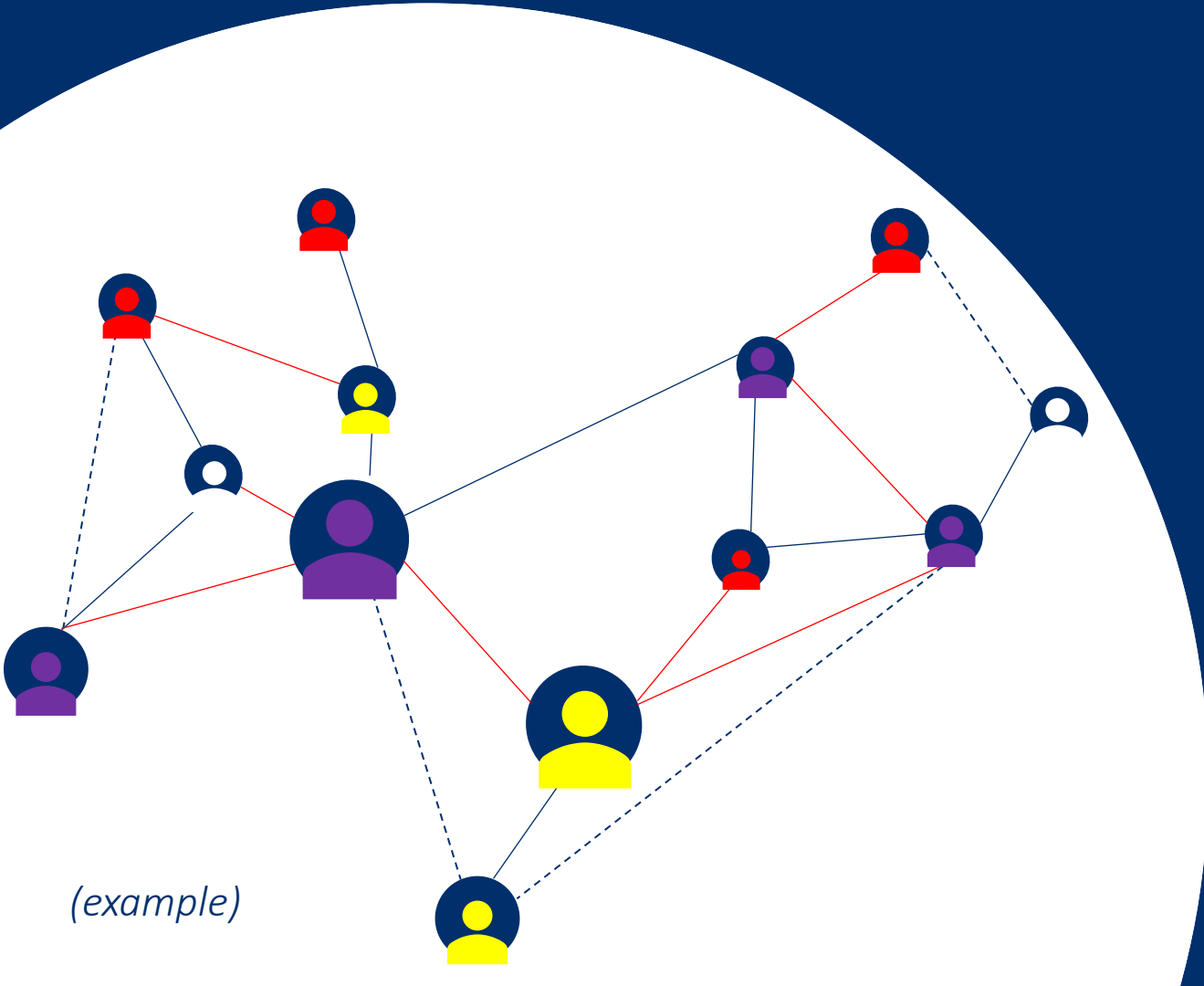
(example)



*“With whom did your organization directly coordinate
planning or activities in the past six months?”*



Network Analysis



(example)

The method was first documented in a conference paper we published in June 2018, see paper available open source here:

<https://bit.ly/2PwLOR4>

Pugel, K., Javernick-Will, A., Walters, J., Linden, K. (2018). “Factor and Actor Networks: Alignment of Collective Action Groups for Water Sustainability in Ethiopia”. *Proc, Engineering Projects and Organizations Conference*. Brijuni, Croatia.

“What is the most important solution to increase the sustainability of sanitation services in your district?”

Qualitative Analysis

Priority A

Priority B

Priority C

Enter
priorities as
attributes to
network

(example)



CASES

Case 1 will focus on how the method can be used to **inform action**

Kitui County WASH forum in Kenya






Debre Berhan sanitation Learning alliance in Ethiopia






Case 2 will focus on how the method can be used to **track changes over time**

Case 1: Forum for sustainable water services in Kitui, Kenya

- Water in a rural district 
- Convened quarterly by Kitui County Ministry of Agriculture, supported by UNICEF/Kenya and SWS
- Questionnaire conducted 
- Priority area is understanding why actors prioritize different actions 

Focus: Informing action

Case 2: Learning alliance for sustainable sanitation services in Debre Berhan, Ethiopia

-  - Fecal sludge management in a small town
- Convened quarterly by Tetra Tech, supported by SWS, with guidance from IRC
- Key Informant Interviews conducted 
-  - Priority area is consensus on dumping site management

Focus: Tracking changes over time

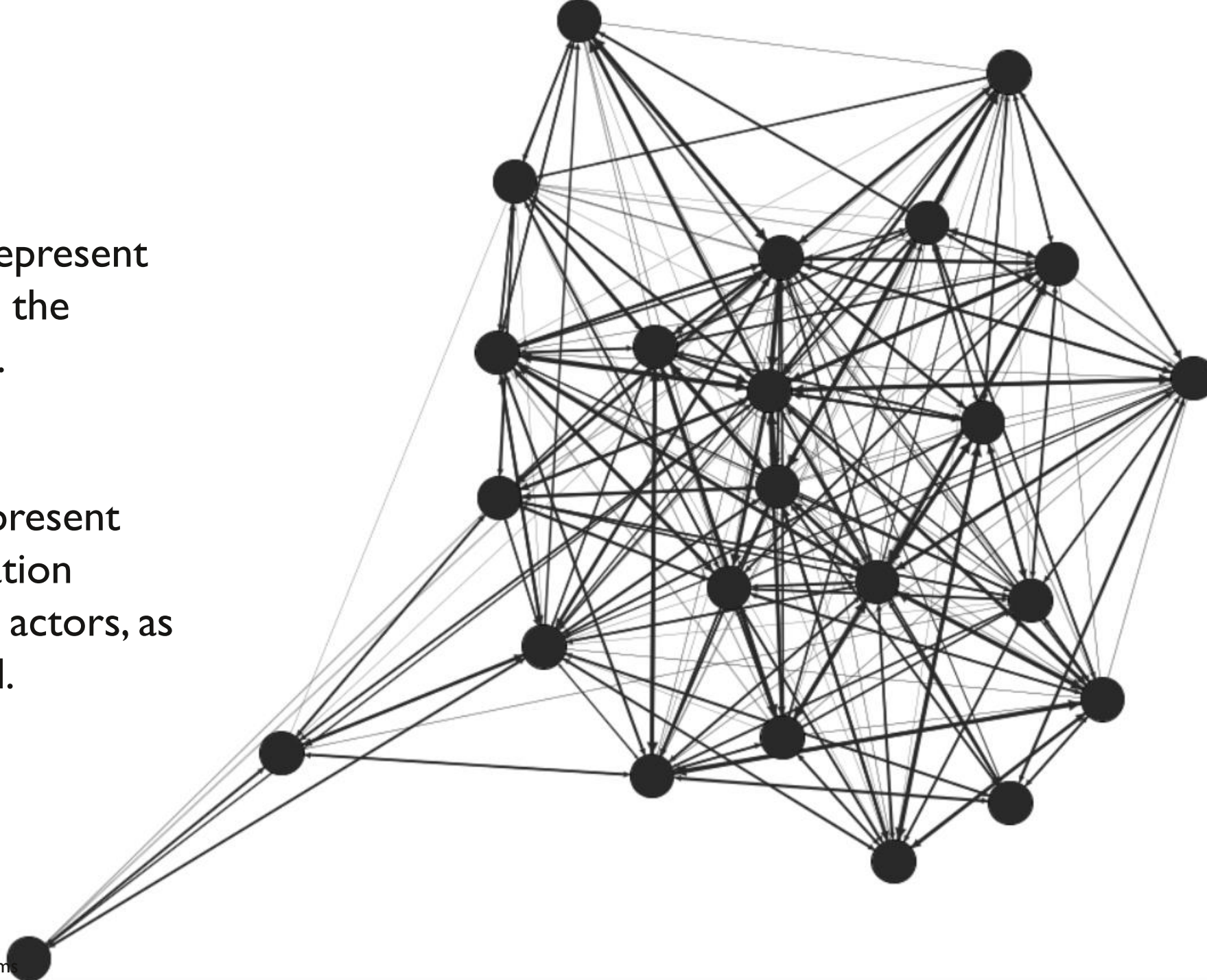


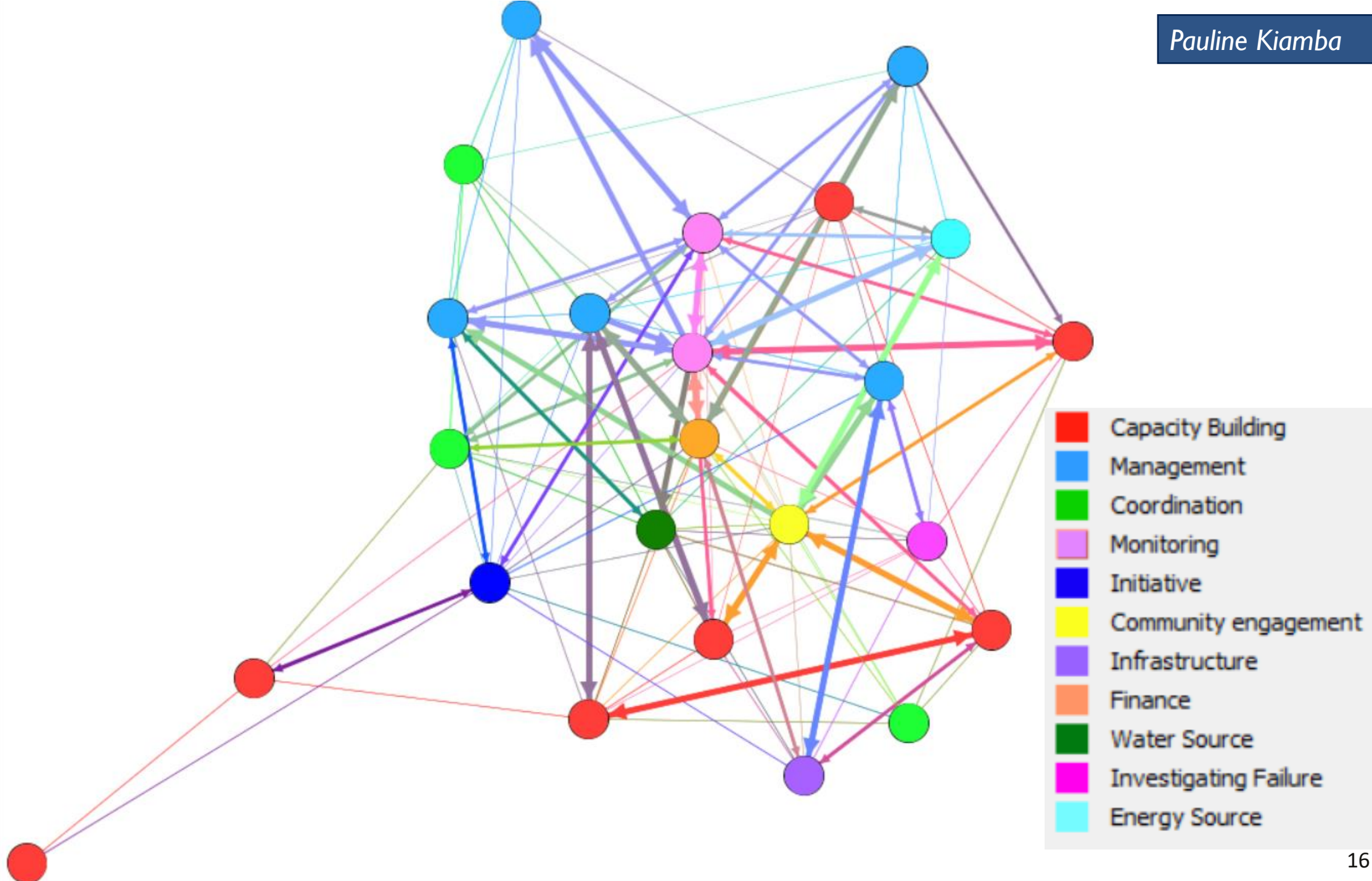
CASE STUDY 1: Understanding priorities for water sustainability in Kitui County, Kenya



Nodes represent actors in the network.

Lines represent coordination between actors, as reported.

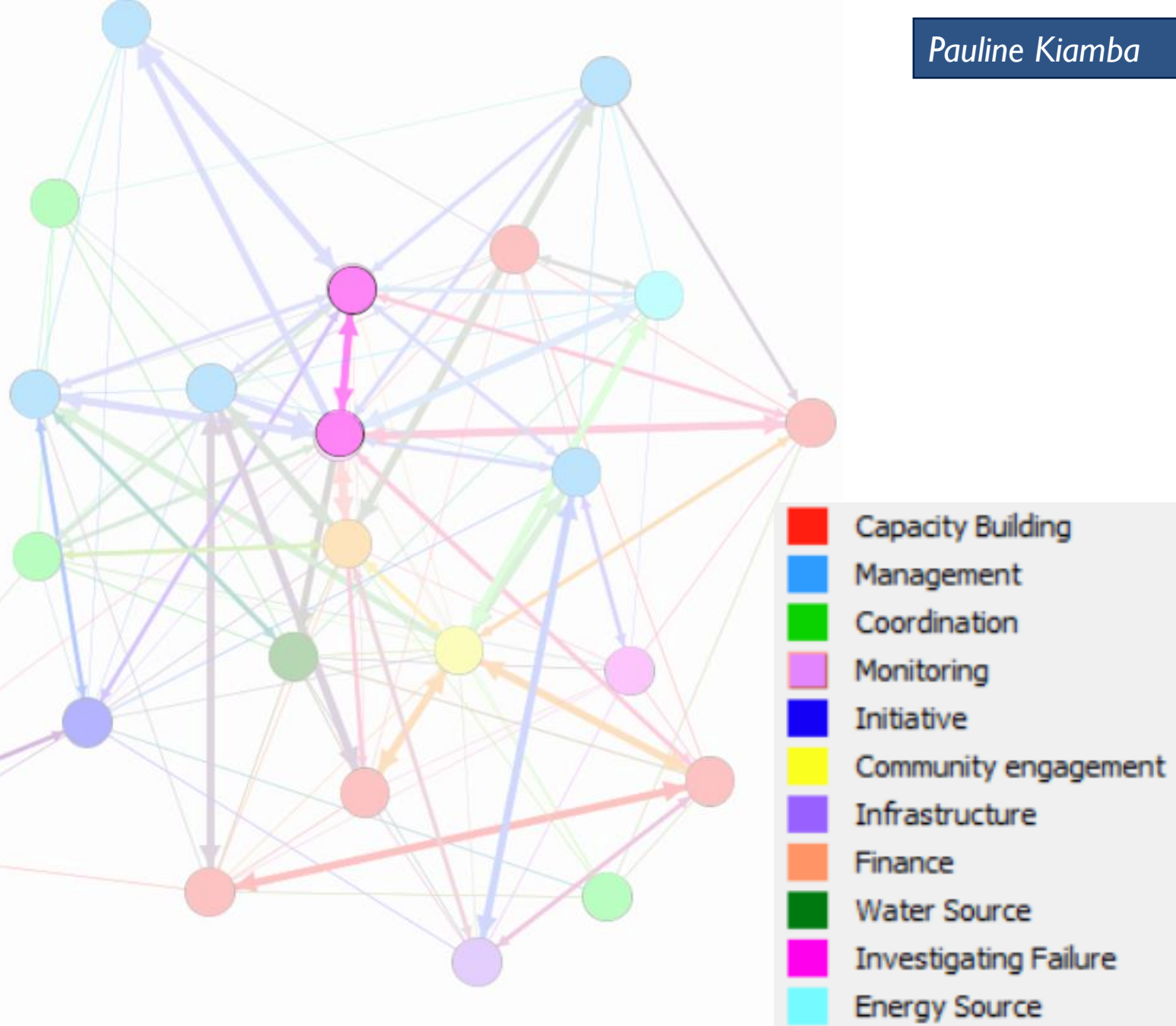




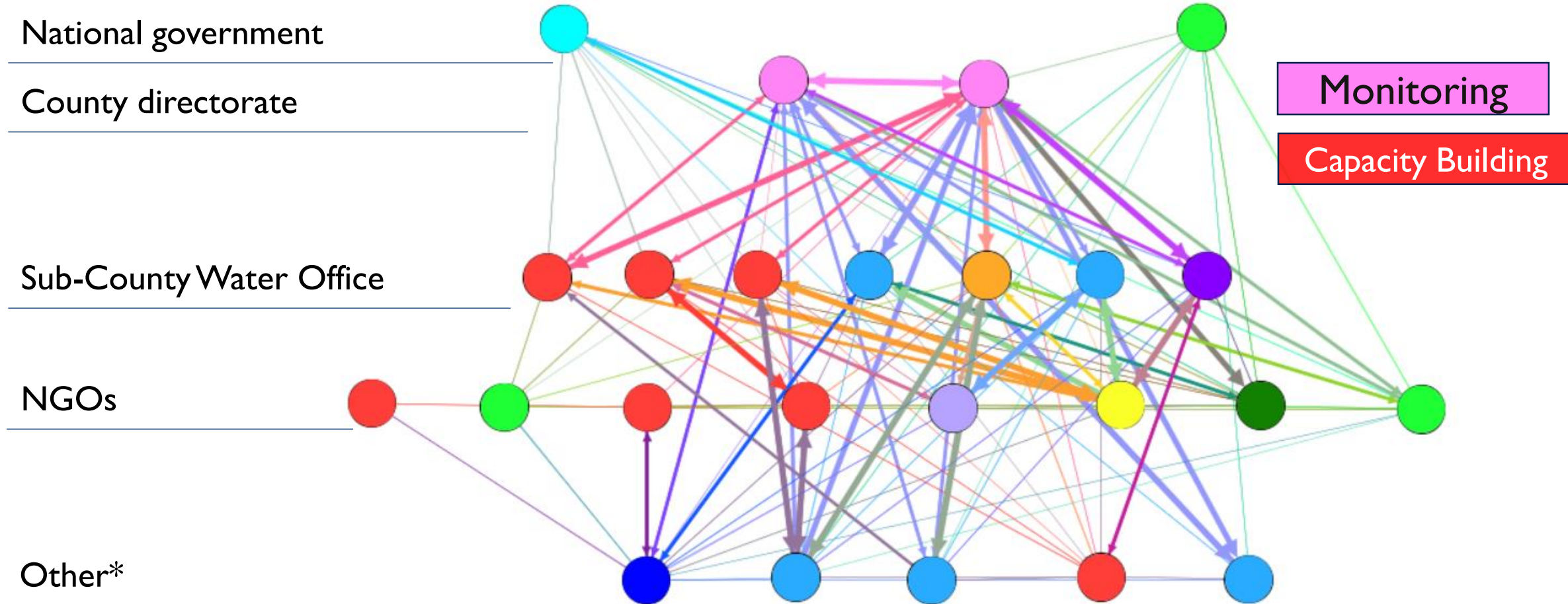
Capacity Building

Management

Monitoring



Ideally, the County directorate's agenda can cascade to the sub-county level, but no sub-county offices prioritize monitoring.

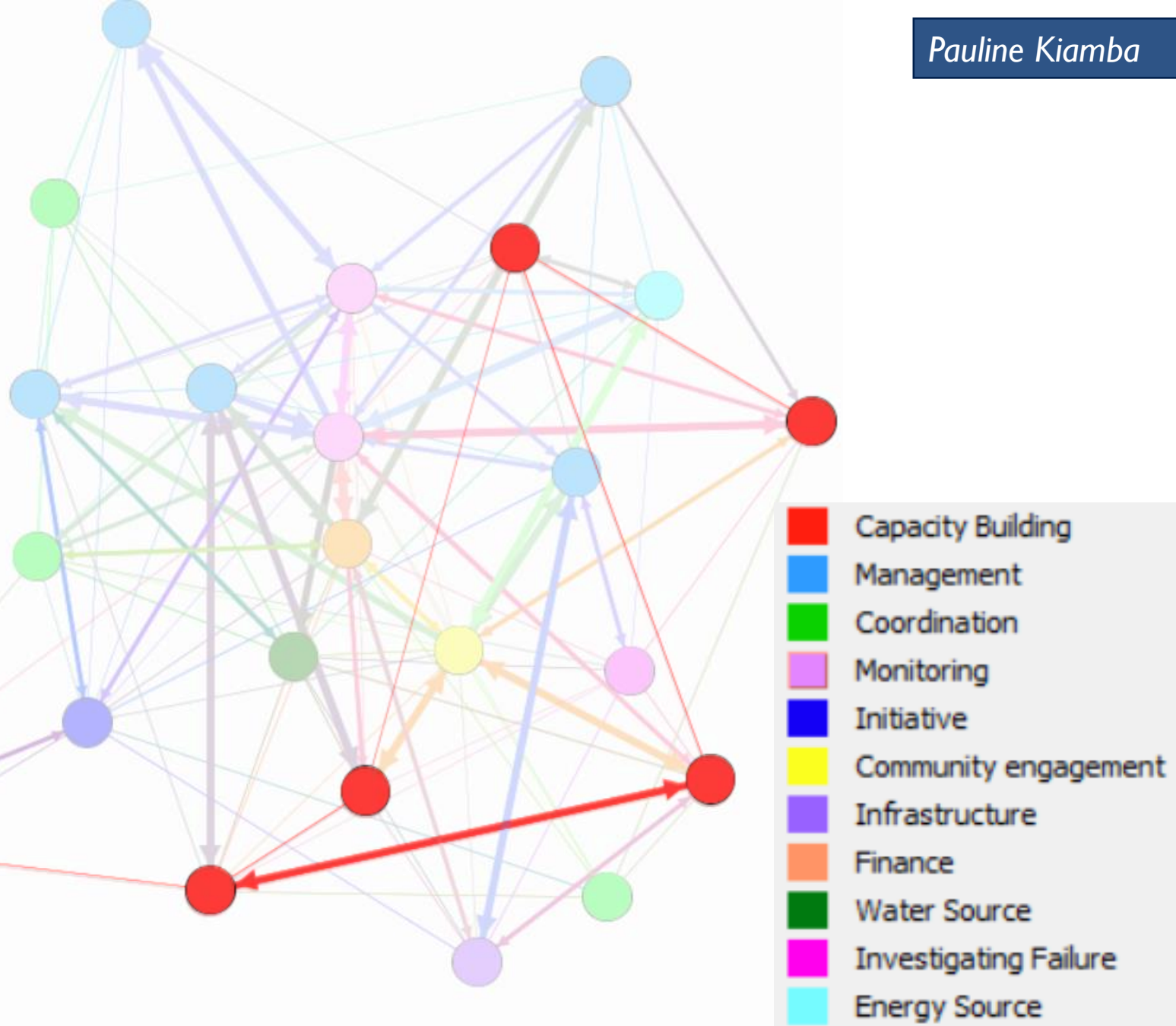


*Service providers, Private sector, academic institutions, social enterprises

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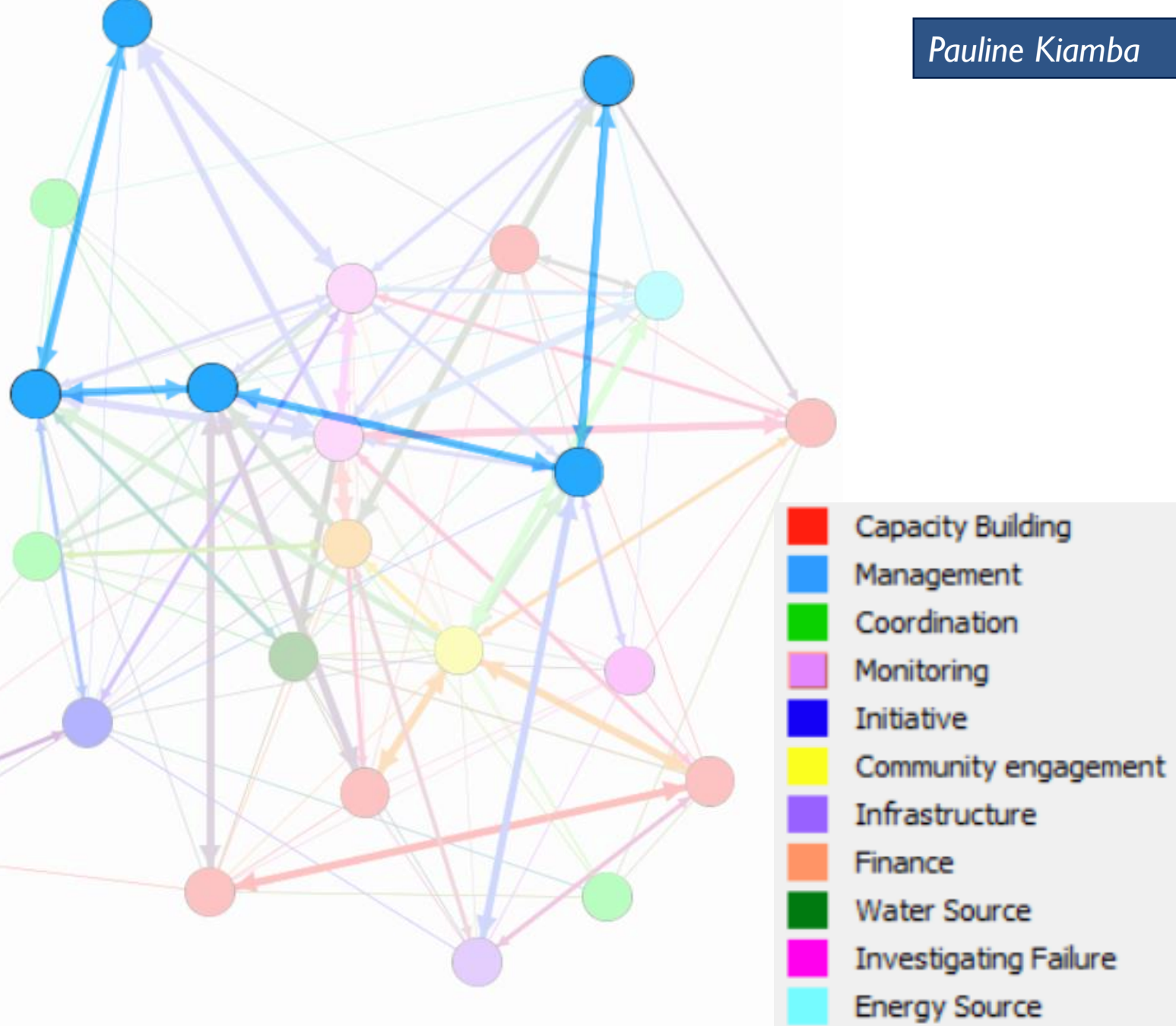
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What is Oxford & Rural Focus Ltd's plan for using this analysis?

Informing action:

- Forum will hold a validation meeting in November, to further interpret results of this analysis.
- Forum members will discuss what should be done to progress alignment and reach the group's goal of service sustainability.
 - What can be done to strengthen ties between those that share priorities?
 - What can be done to ensure agendas/interests are communicated between levels?



CASE STUDY 2: Understanding stakeholder consensus toward dumping site management in Debre Berhan



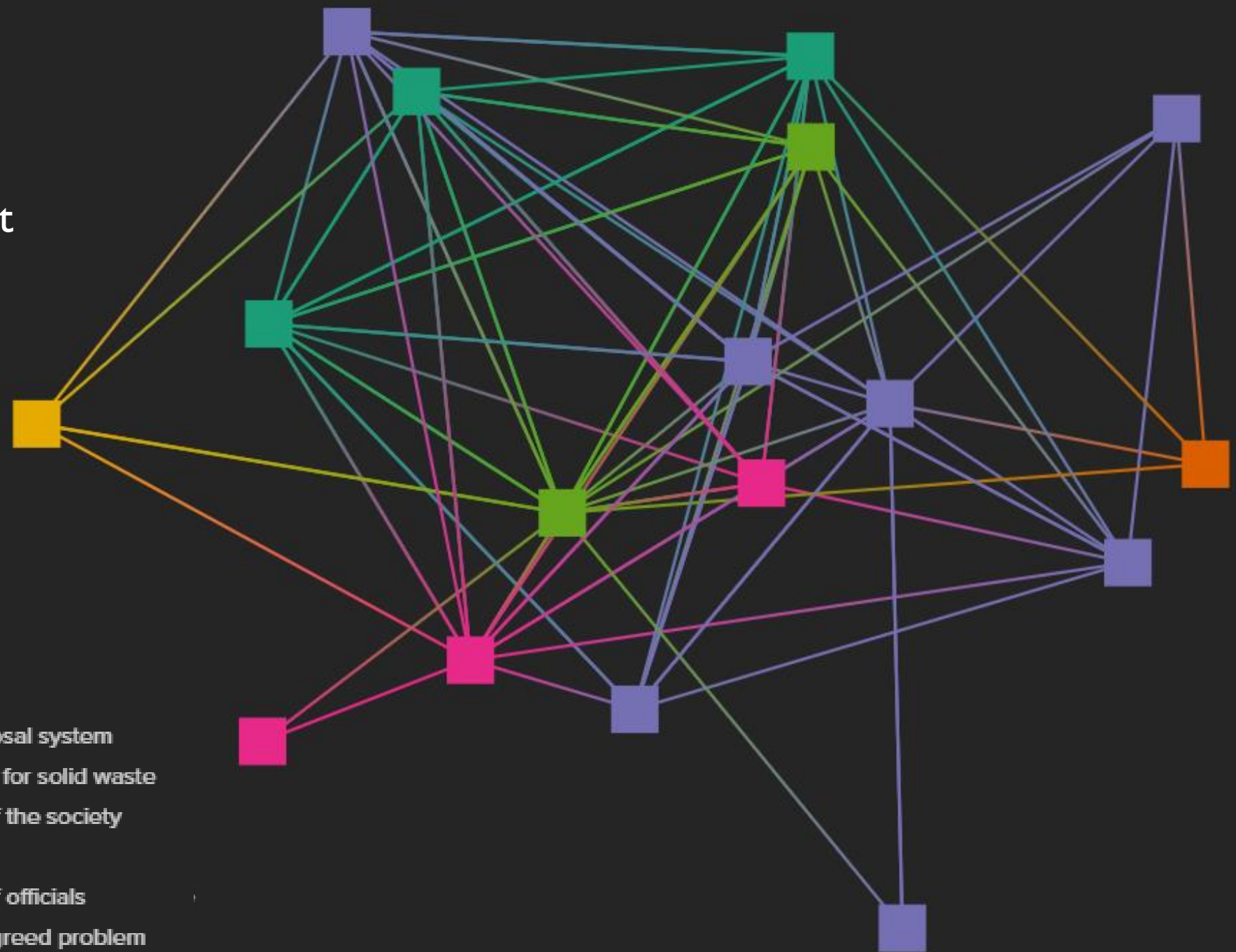
What is Tetra Tech's plan for using this analysis?

Tracking change over time:

- Actors in the group will select a working group to focus on consensus on the dump site, led by the Water Supply and Sewerage Association.
- Tetra Tech expects this working group to become more connected and to agree on a priority action over time.



Colors represent priorities for each actor, as reported.

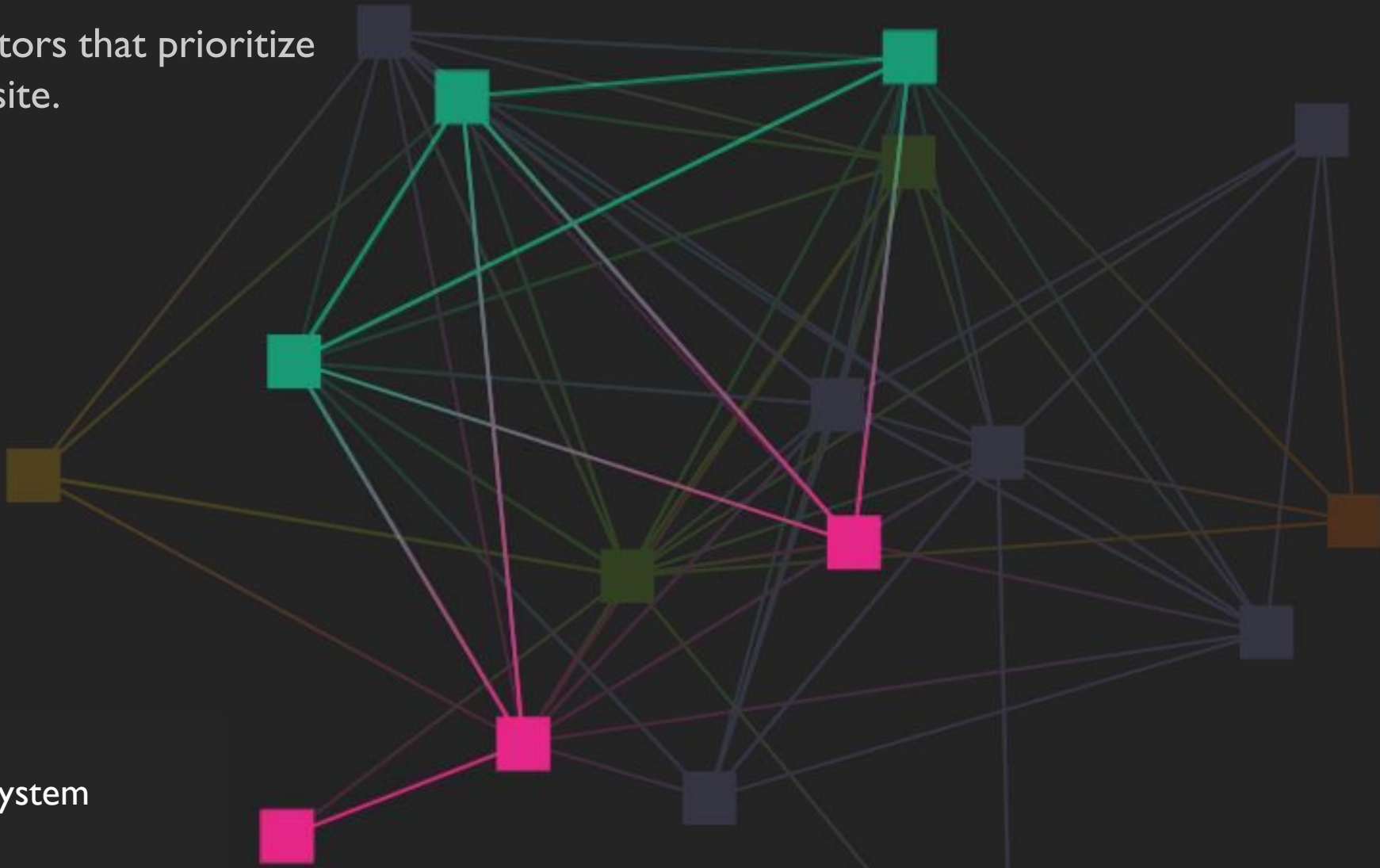




Legend

- Modern disposal system
- Infrastructure for solid waste
- Awareness of the society
- Dump site
- Awareness of officials
- Commonly agreed problem



Filtered by actors that prioritize the dumping site.



-  Modern disposal system
-  Dump site

Do more actors prioritize the dump site over time?
Do they become more connected over time?
Do they keep connections to those with other priorities?



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