

The Sphere Handbook

Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response



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What is new in the Sphere Handbook 2018
and how to get benefit from it

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From 12:00 – 12:45 pm

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Agenda

- Triggering factors for the Revision of Sphere handbook 2011
- Overall Reflection – New Version of Sphere Handbook 2018
- Comparative Analysis of Sphere handbook 2011 and 2018
- How to get benefit from Sphere

New realities



What is new in Sphere Handbook?

Overall Reflection

Focus on people



Sphere has always put people at the centre of humanitarian action, recognising that their active engagement is essential to ensure assistance meets people's needs and supports them in their recovery.

The 2018 Handbook focuses even more on strengthening community engagement and measuring the quality of a programme through this engagement.

Support to local action



Supporting and enhancing local ownership of response and recovery is a key approach in all four technical chapters. Successful interventions in health, nutrition, hygiene promotion, livelihoods support and shelter depend on working with, and through, national, local and community structures.



Context-sensitive programming



The 2018 Handbook is even more focused on contextualising the standards to apply them to their full potential. A new flow chart supports analysis and decision-making in context. [Page 11](#)



New standards and guidance



Humanitarian experience, learning and evidence have contributed new elements to this edition:

- A restructured Shelter and Settlement chapter, including security of tenure and explicitly considering long-term displacement.
- A new section on using cash-based assistance and supply chain management.
- A new standard on WASH in healthcare settings, highlighting the role of communities and facilities in disease outbreaks.
- A new standard on sexual violence and clinical management of rape, highlighting the critical role of prevention, treatment and support.
- A new standard on palliative care, reflecting changes in global demographics, protracted displacement, non-communicable disease prevalence and protracted settings.



Improved standards, indicators and guidance notes

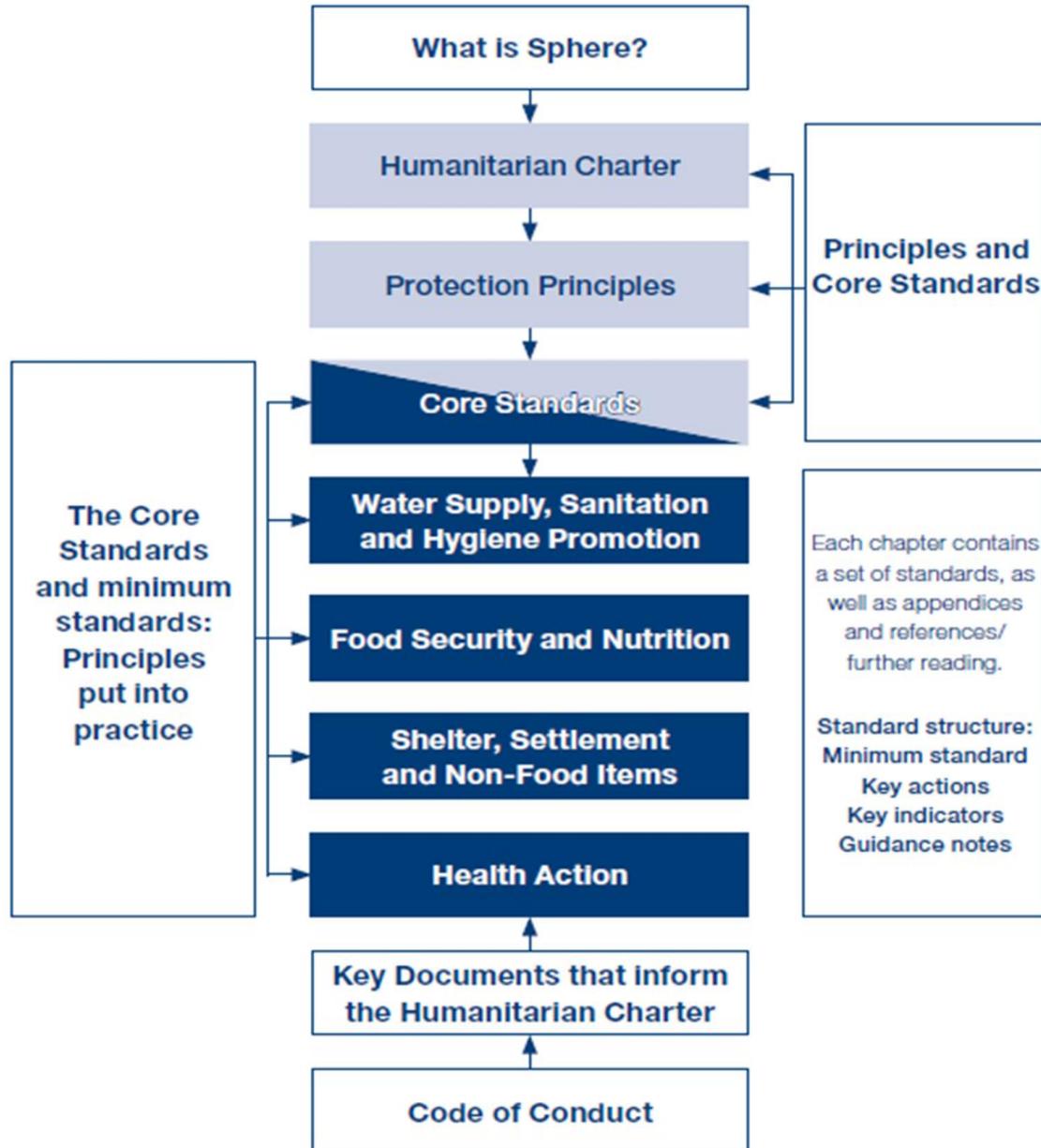


The standards are reformatted to better respond to users' needs and working in context.

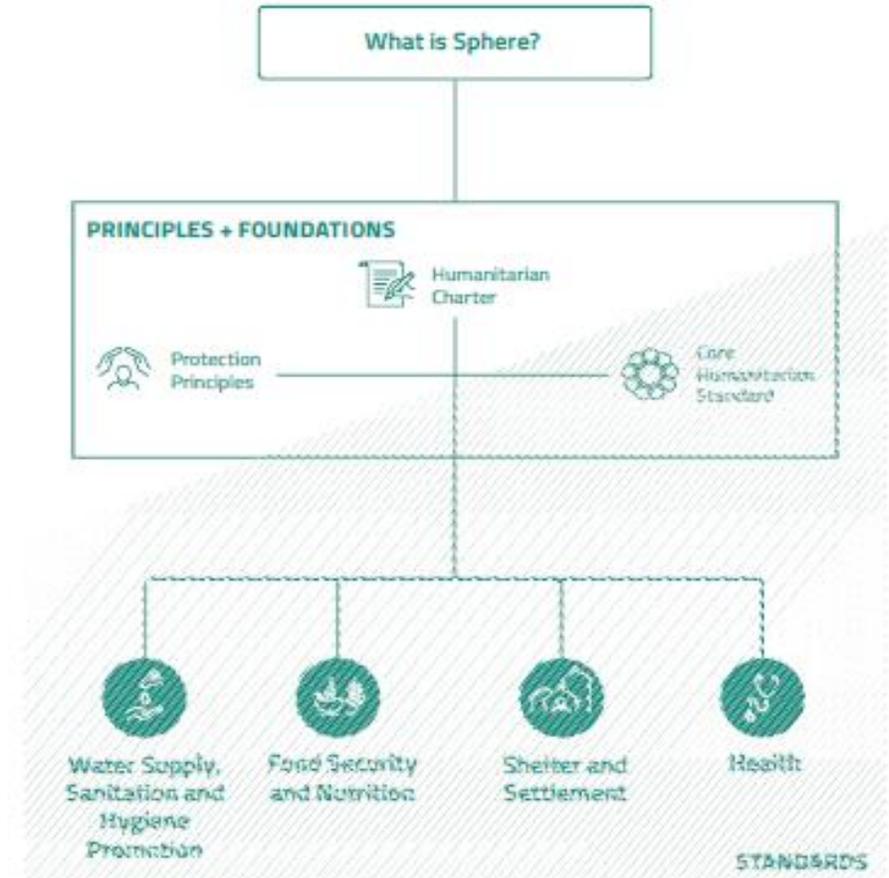
- **Standards** are more consistently outcome-oriented.
- **Key actions** now include sub-actions and examples.
- **Key indicators** now provide measurable aspects of progress to achieve the standard.
- **Guidance notes** support actions and indicators with more information and links to related standards.

Comparative Analysis of Sphere handbook 2011 and 2018

Content of the Sphere handbook 2011

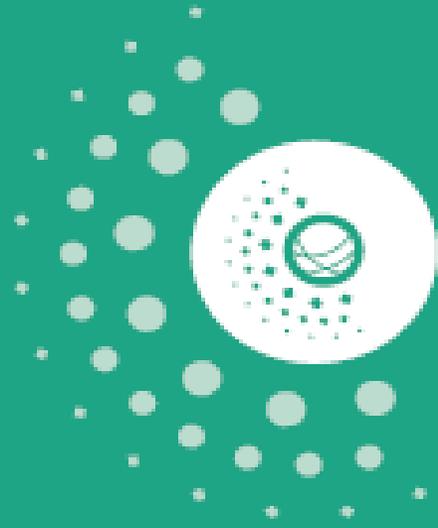


Content of the Sphere handbook 2018



- ANNEX 1 Legal foundation to Sphere
- ANNEX 2 Code of Conduct
- ANNEX 3 Acronyms and Abbreviations

Chapter



What is
Sphere?

Cross Cutting Theme

1. Children
2. Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Environment
4. Gender
5. HIV/AIDs
6. Older People
7. Persons with Disability
8. Psychosocial Support

Understanding vulnerabilities and capacities

1. Data Disaggregation
2. Children
3. Older people
4. Gender
5. Gender based violence
6. Person with disabilities
7. People living with and affected by HIV
8. LGBTQI(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or intersex) People
9. Mental Health and Psychosocial support

Addition in Chapter 1

- New Flow chart for analysis and decision making in Context
- Urban settings
- Appendix : Delivering assistance through markets
 - Market analysis as part of response analysis
 - Program and markets
 - Checklists
 - Checklist for Cash-based assistance (Program Design, Implementation, MEL)
 - Checklist for supply chain management and logistics (Program Design, Implementation, MEL)

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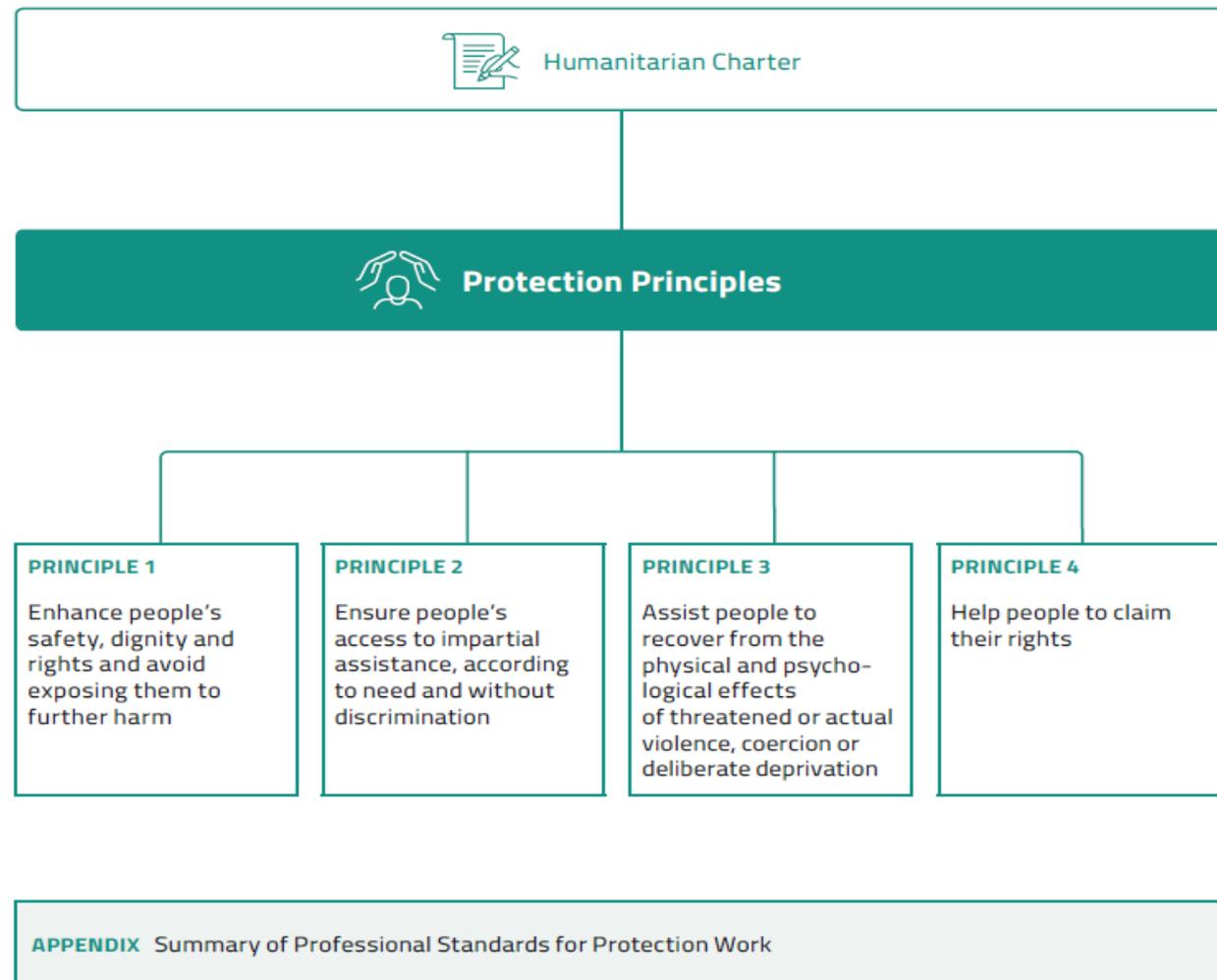
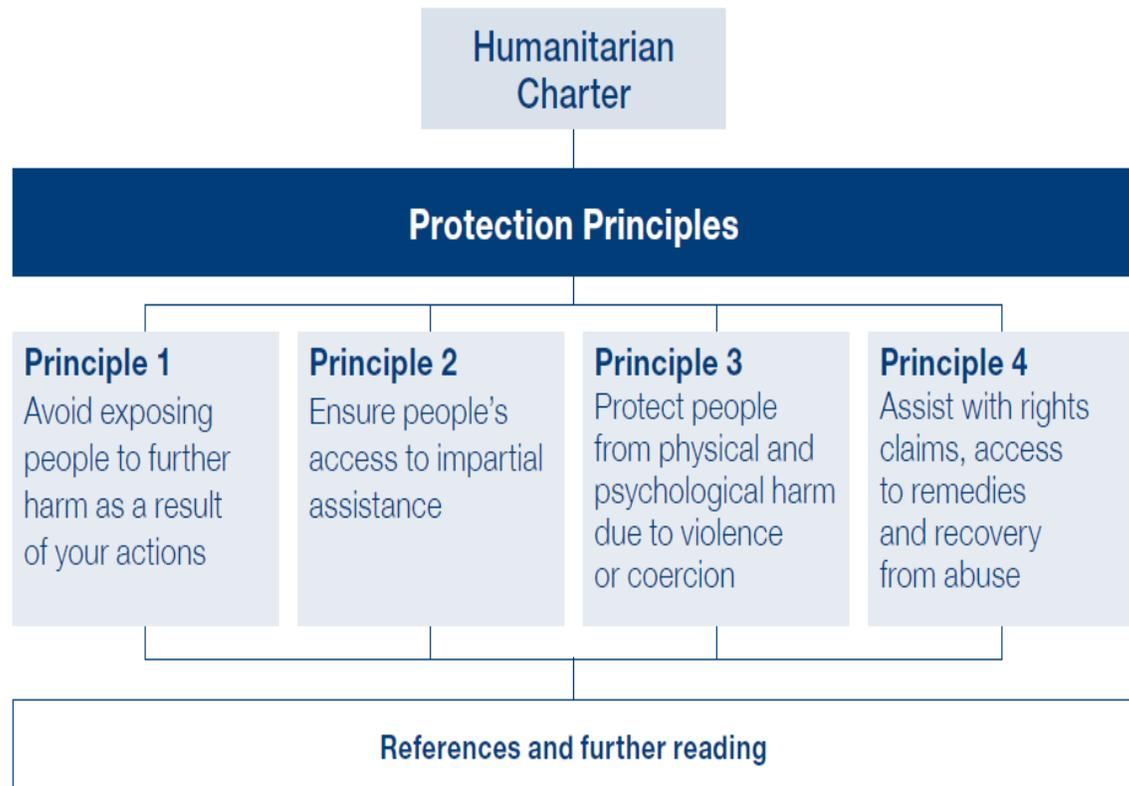


The
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Charter

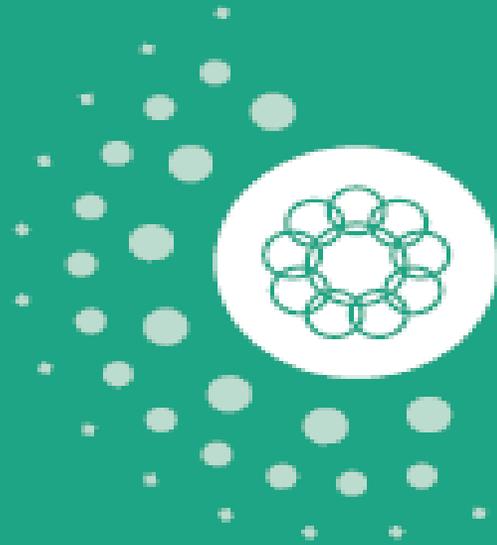
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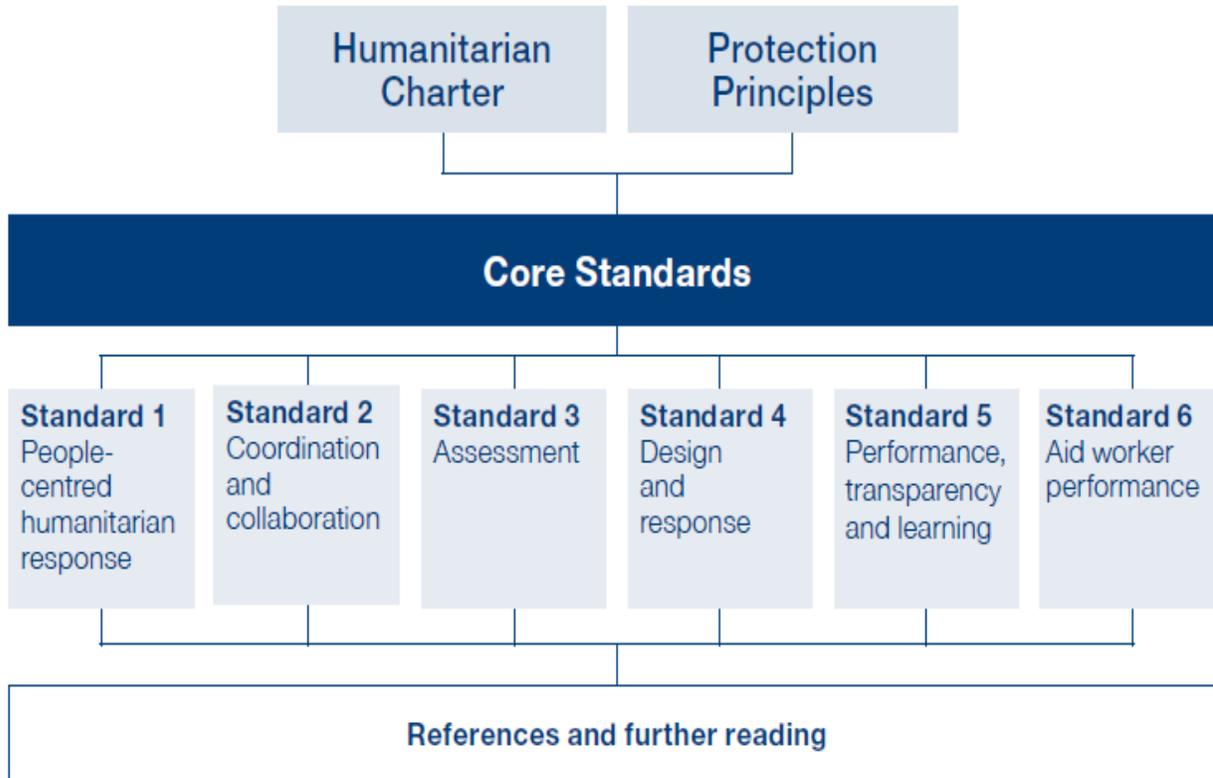
Protection
Principles



Chapter



Core
Humanitarian
Standard



The Humanitarian Charter and Protection Principles directly support the Core Humanitarian Standard. Together, these three chapters constitute the principles and foundations of the Sphere standards.



The Core Humanitarian Standard (Figure 2)

APPENDIX: Guiding questions for monitoring Key actions and Organisational requirements (online)

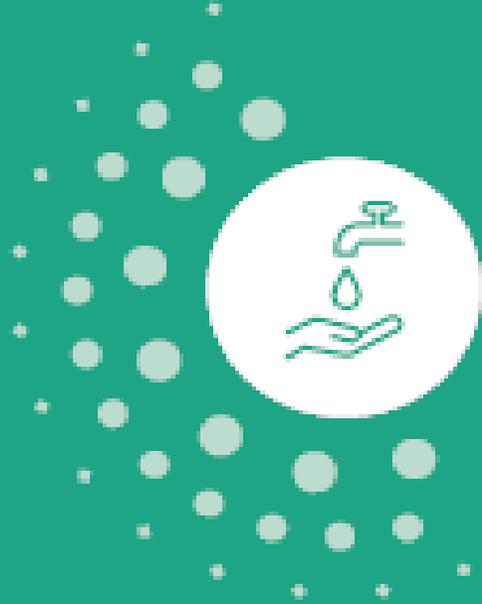
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- Standard
- Key Action
- Key Indicators
- Guidance Notes

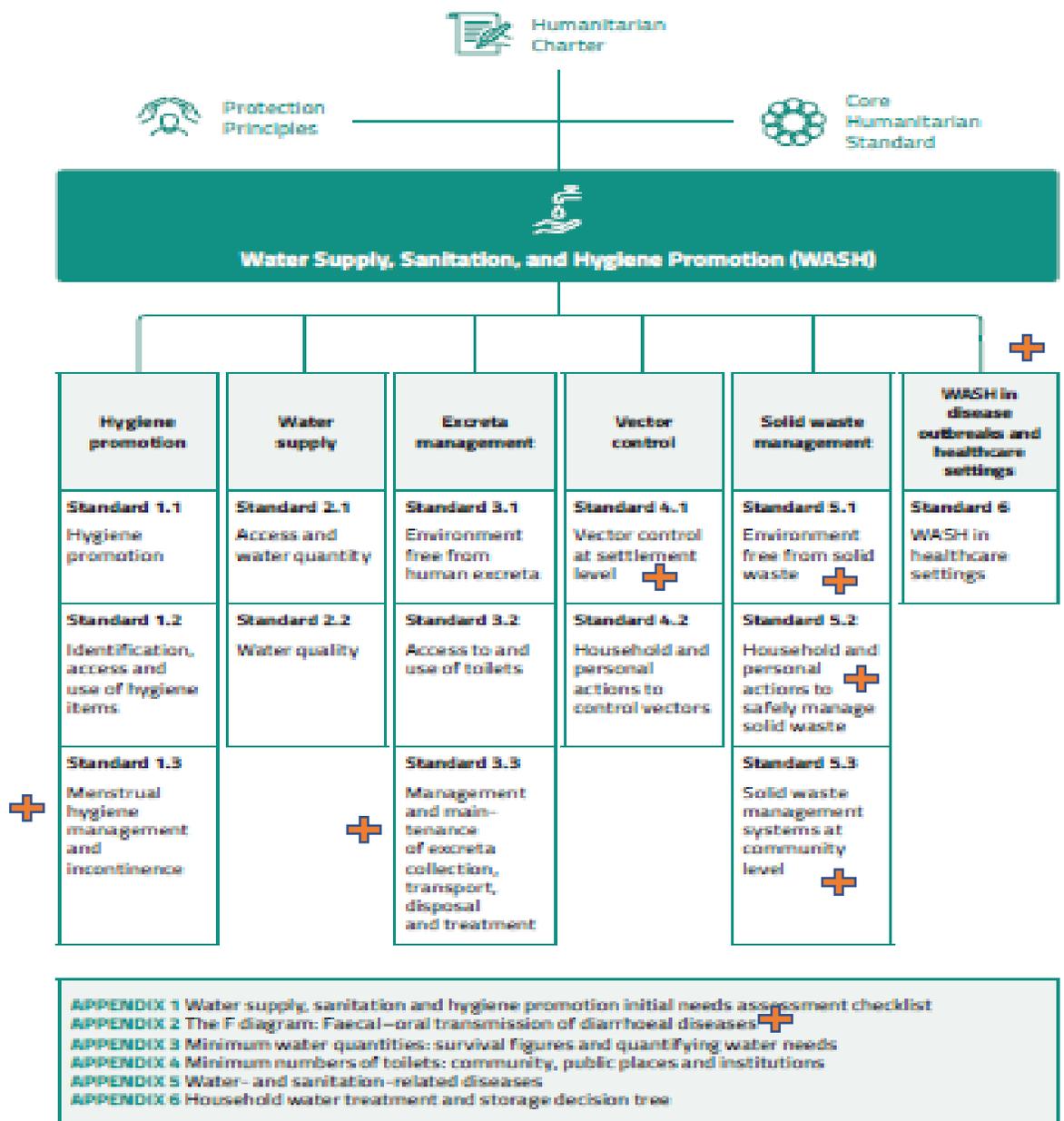
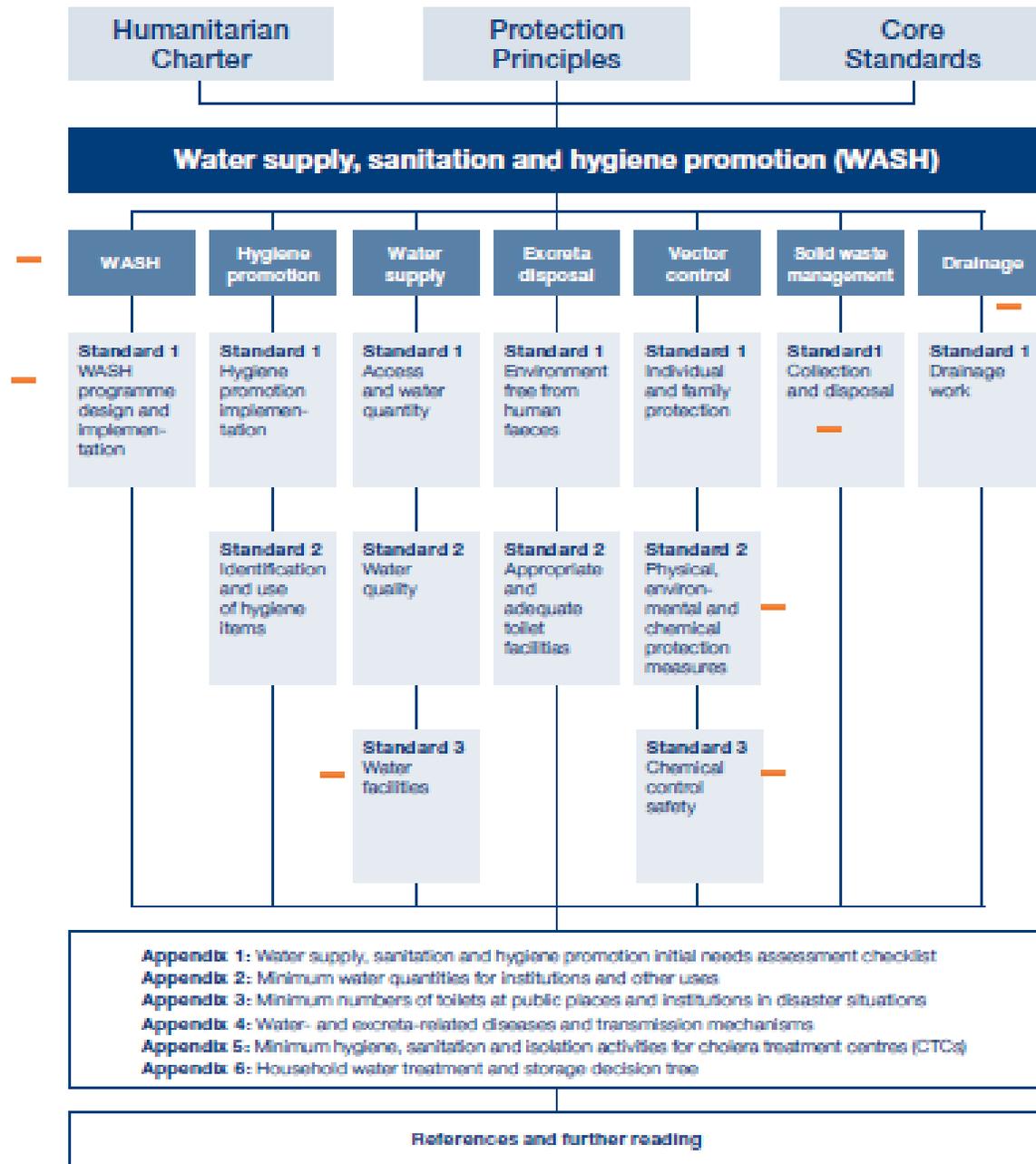
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- Commitment
- Quality Criteria
- Performance Indicators
- Key Actions with Sub Actions
- Guidance Note

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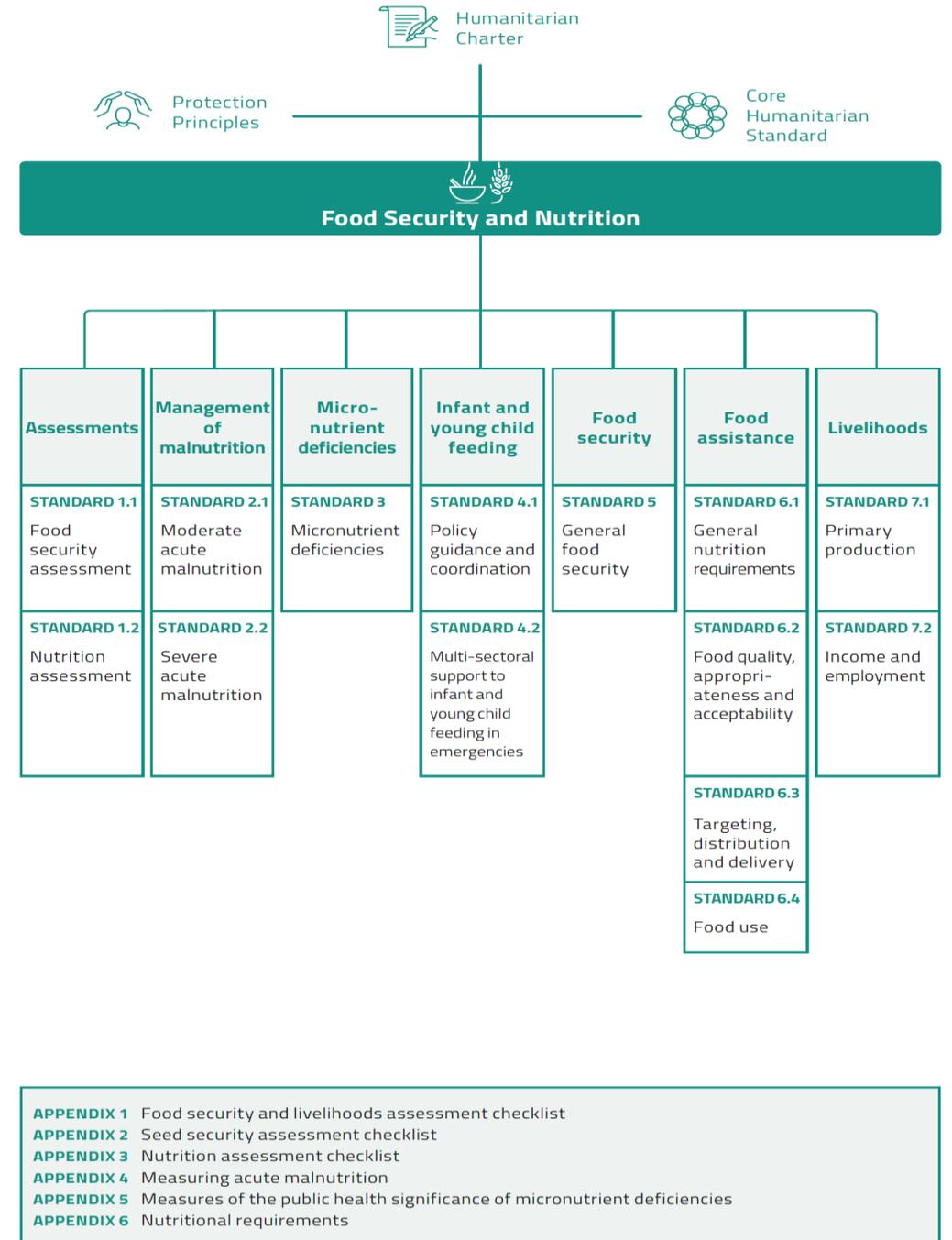
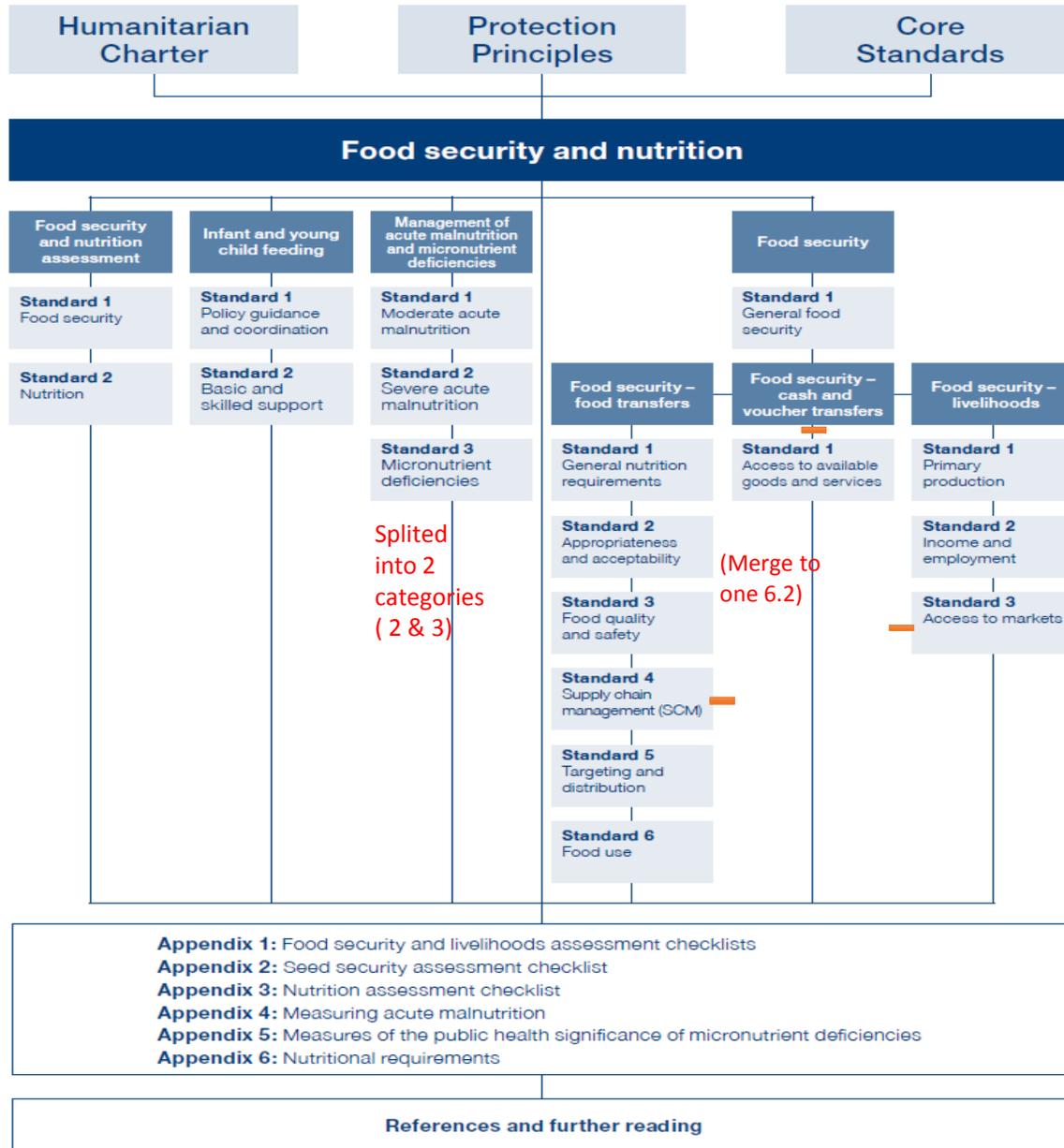
Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion



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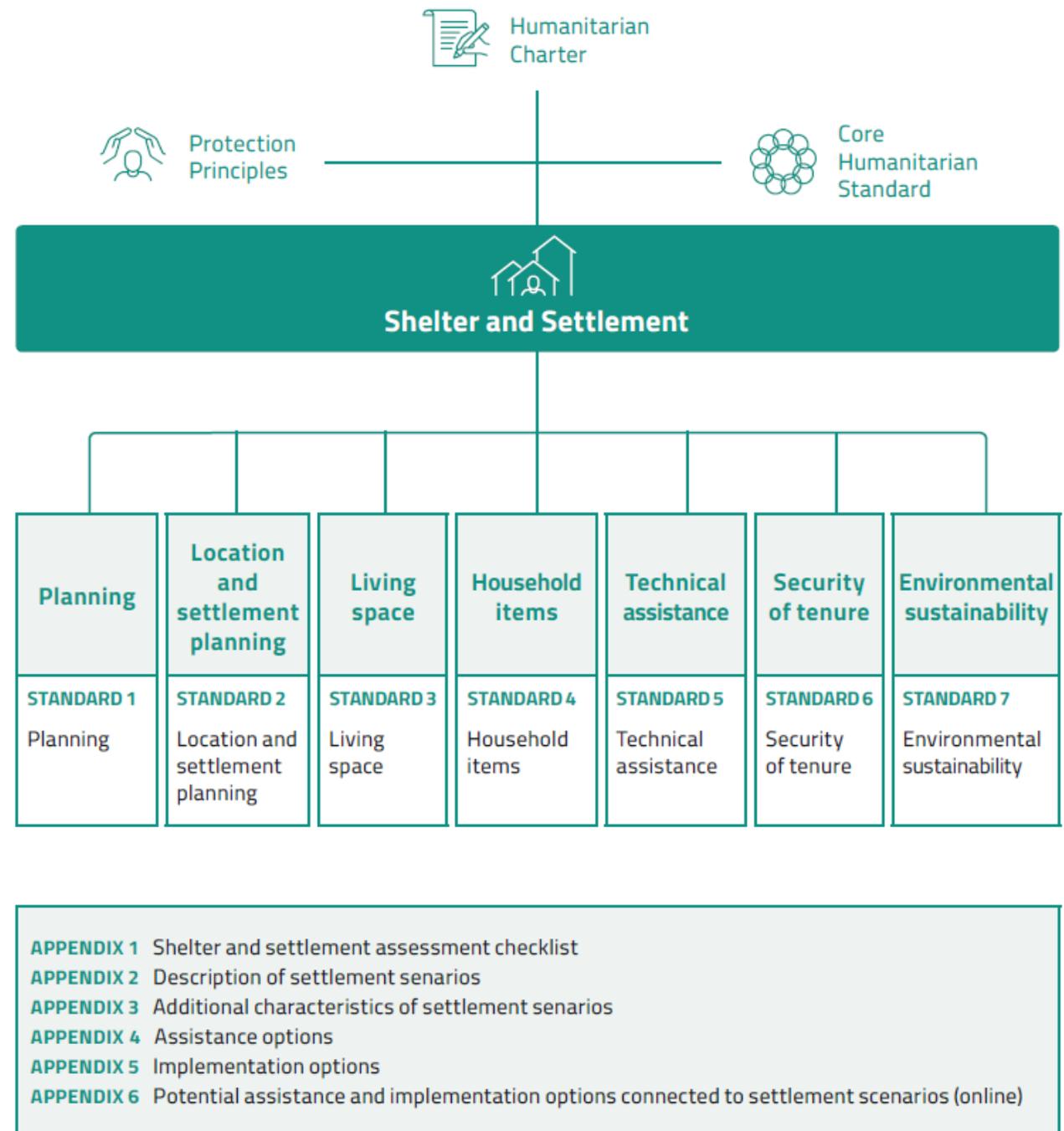
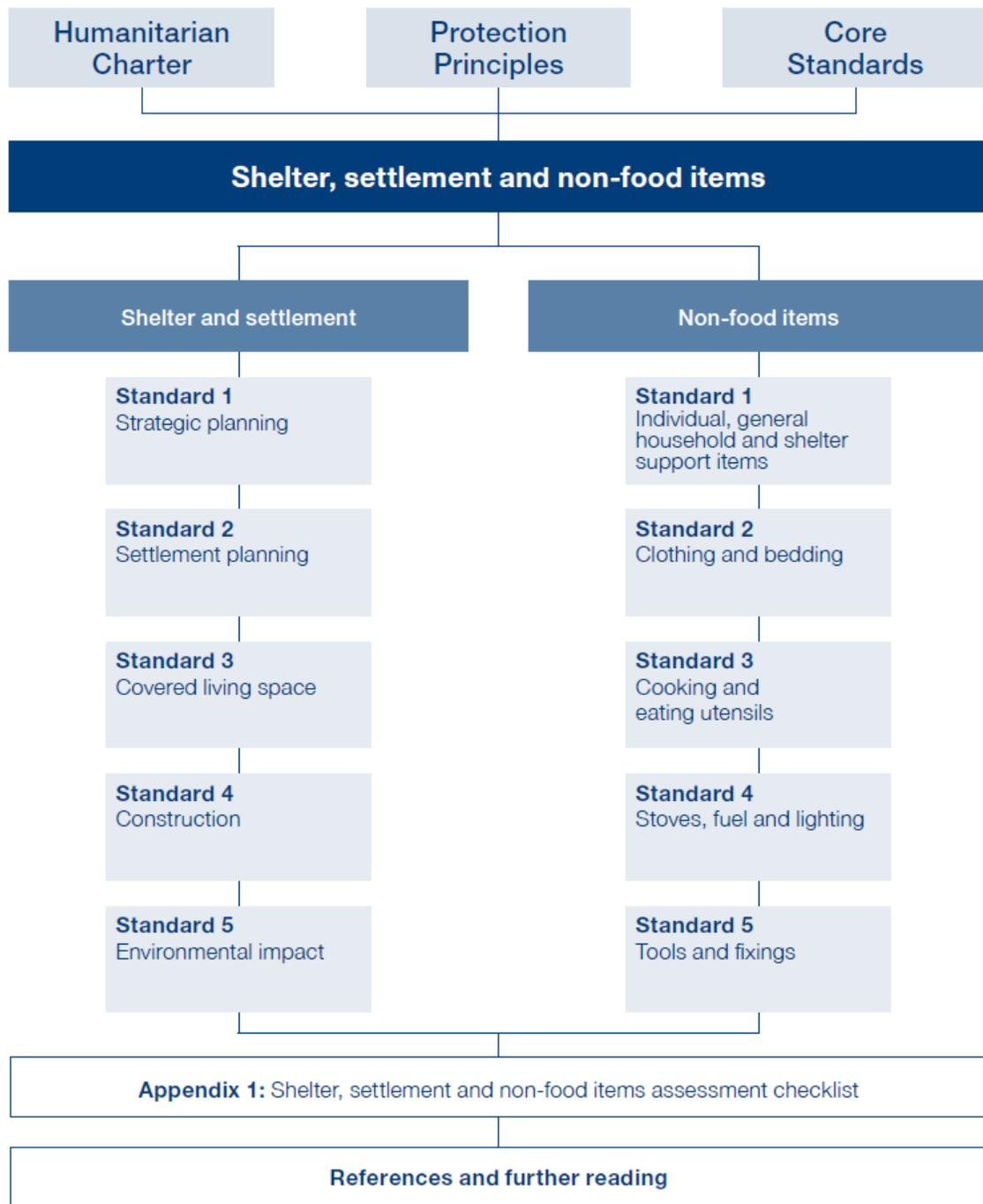
Food Security
and Nutrition



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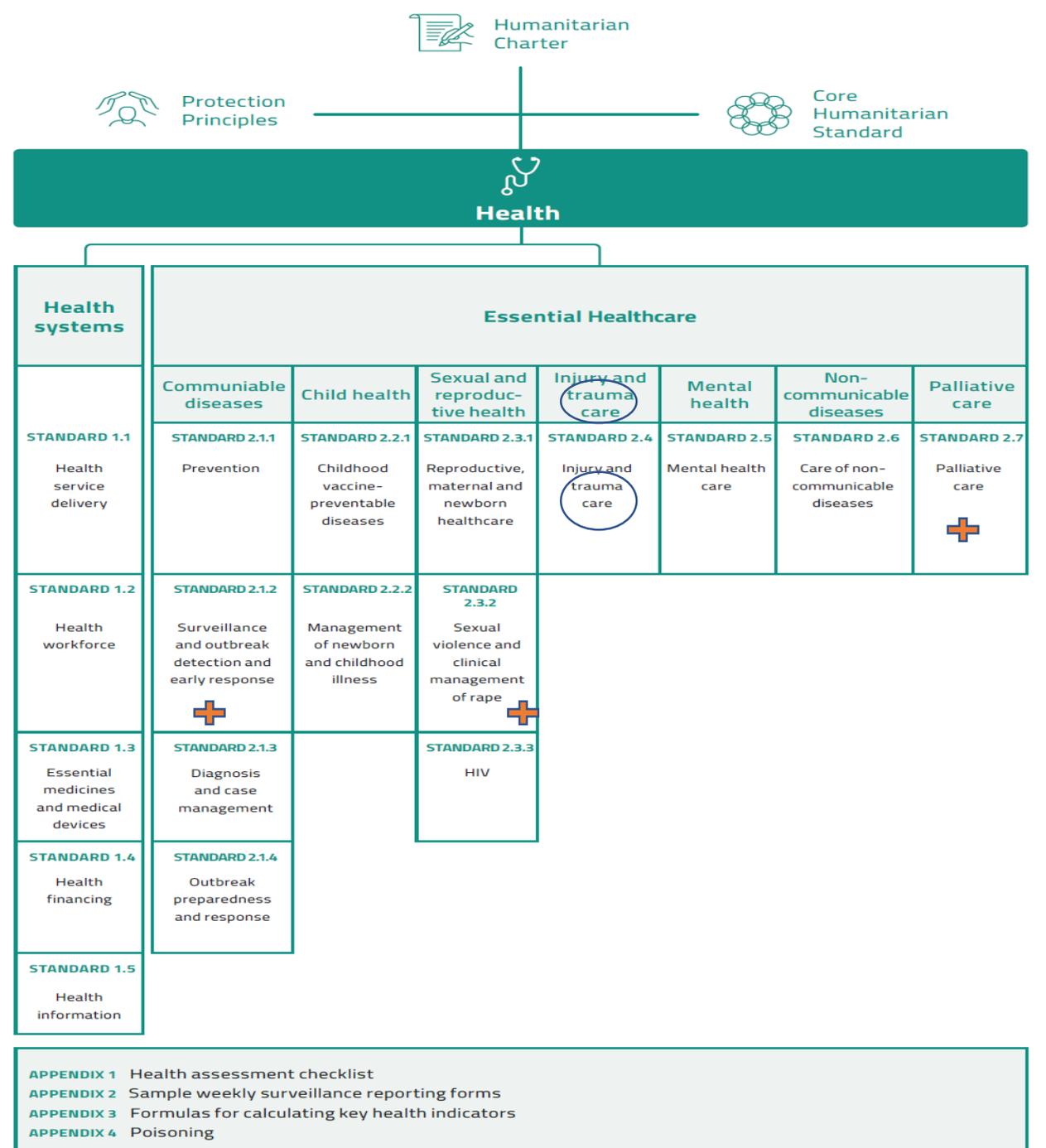
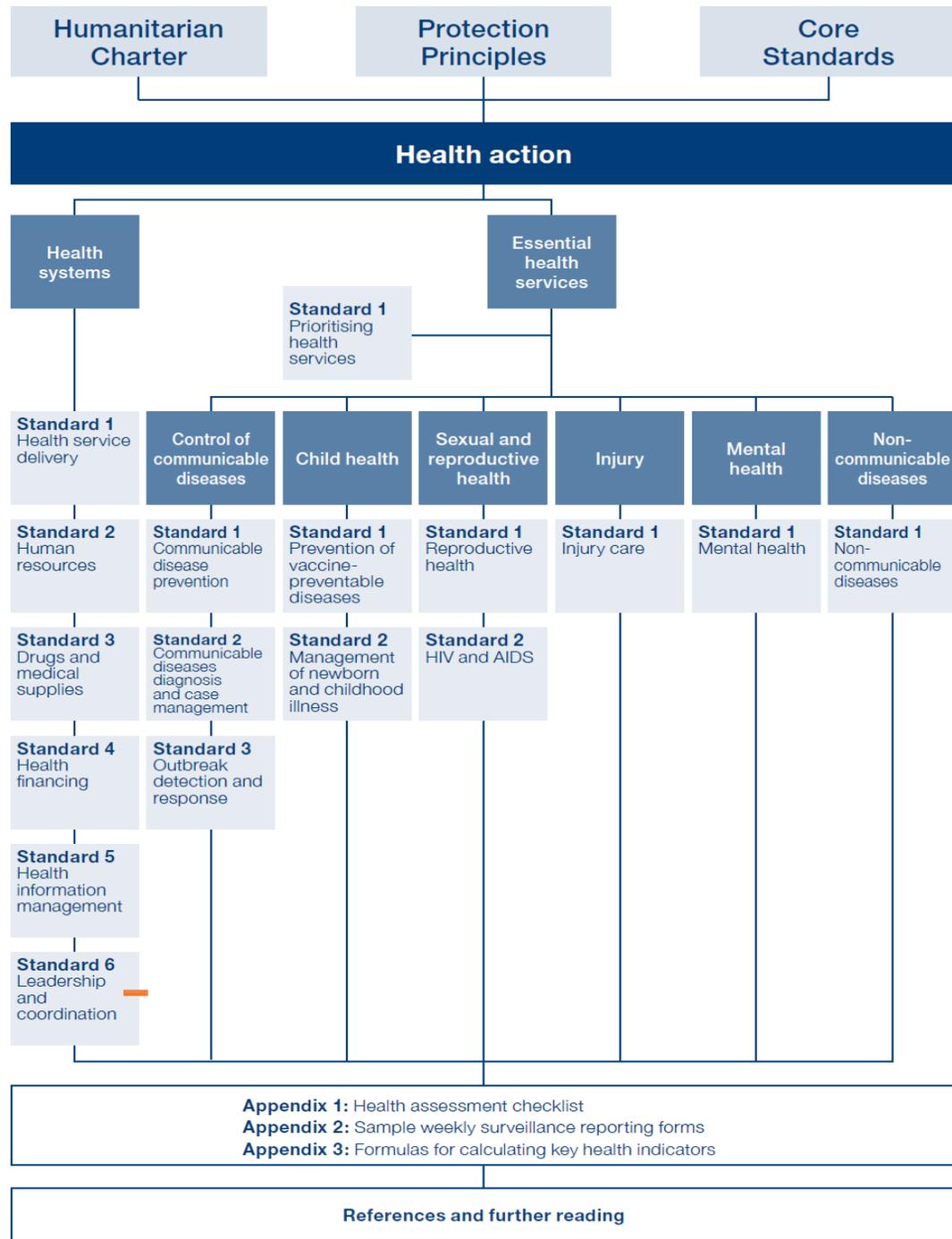


Shelter and
Settlement



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At Program Cycle Level

- **Assessment and Analysis**
 - Assessment checklist is available with each Technical Chapter
- **Strategy development and programme design**
 - The key actions and indicators provide a framework to identify priorities, determine planning figures and coordinate across sectors.
- **Implementation**
- **Monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning**
 - Conducting Q&A Audit of Projects/Program
 - Conducting Reviews
 - All of the Minimum Standards have indicators that can be monitored to determine whether they are being achieved, whether they are being achieved equitably for all segments of a population, or how much more needs to be done.

At Organization Level

- **Self-Assessment as per CHS**
- **Conducting Quality Audits**
- **Mainstreaming Quality and Accountability**



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