

**HRBA in Practice:
Strengths, Limits and Prospects**

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Silver Springs Hotel, Bugoloobi**

Political Context on which HRBA sits

Ideological Contest

An economic paradigm that insubordinates Human Dignity to private material and other benefits for a few - thus:

- Poverty amidst plenty
- Economic growth and development
- Extreme inequalities
- Capital versus labour, etc

Foundational Beliefs

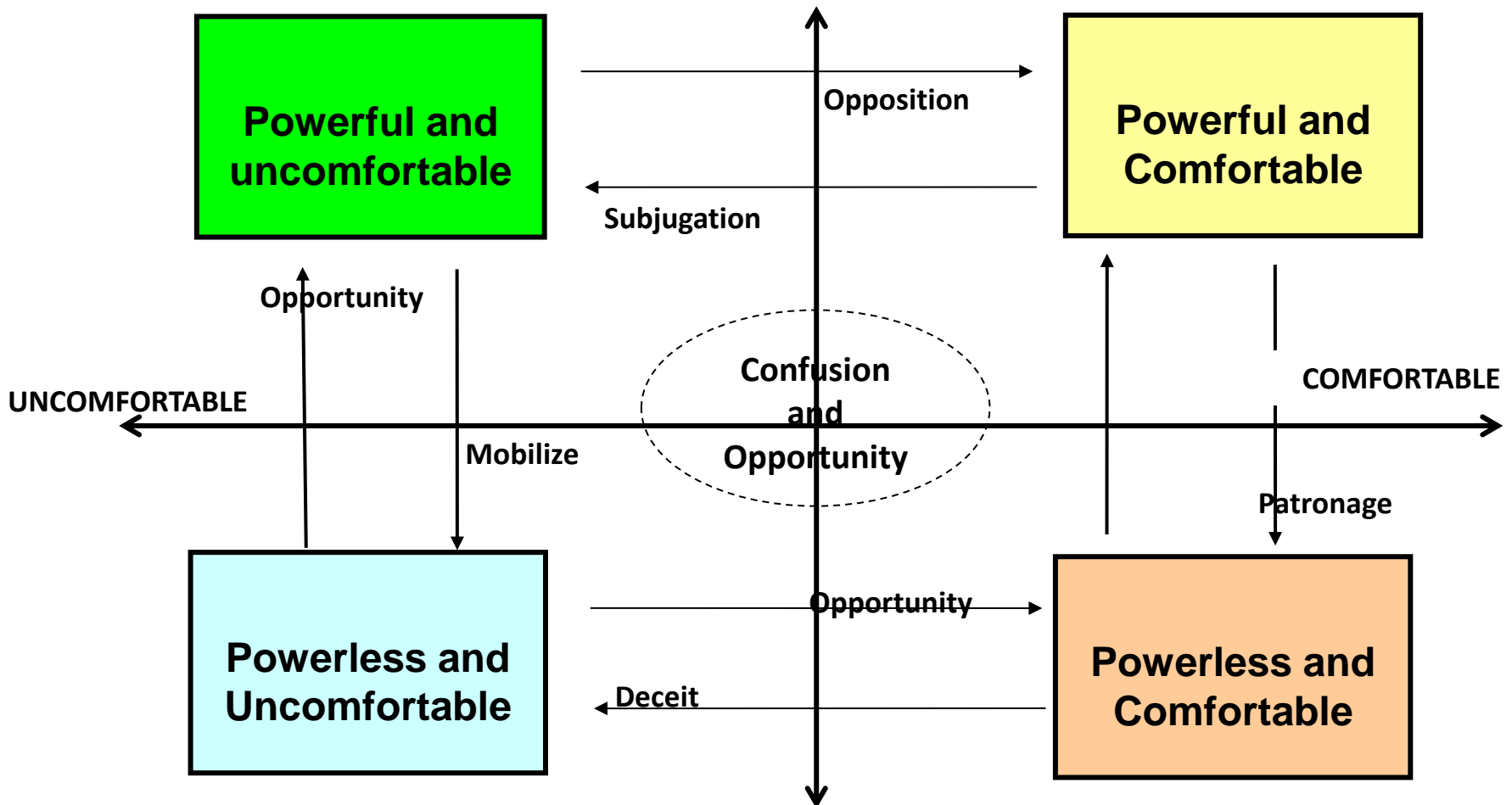
Power

Power and relations leading to either justice, dignity or poverty and oppression

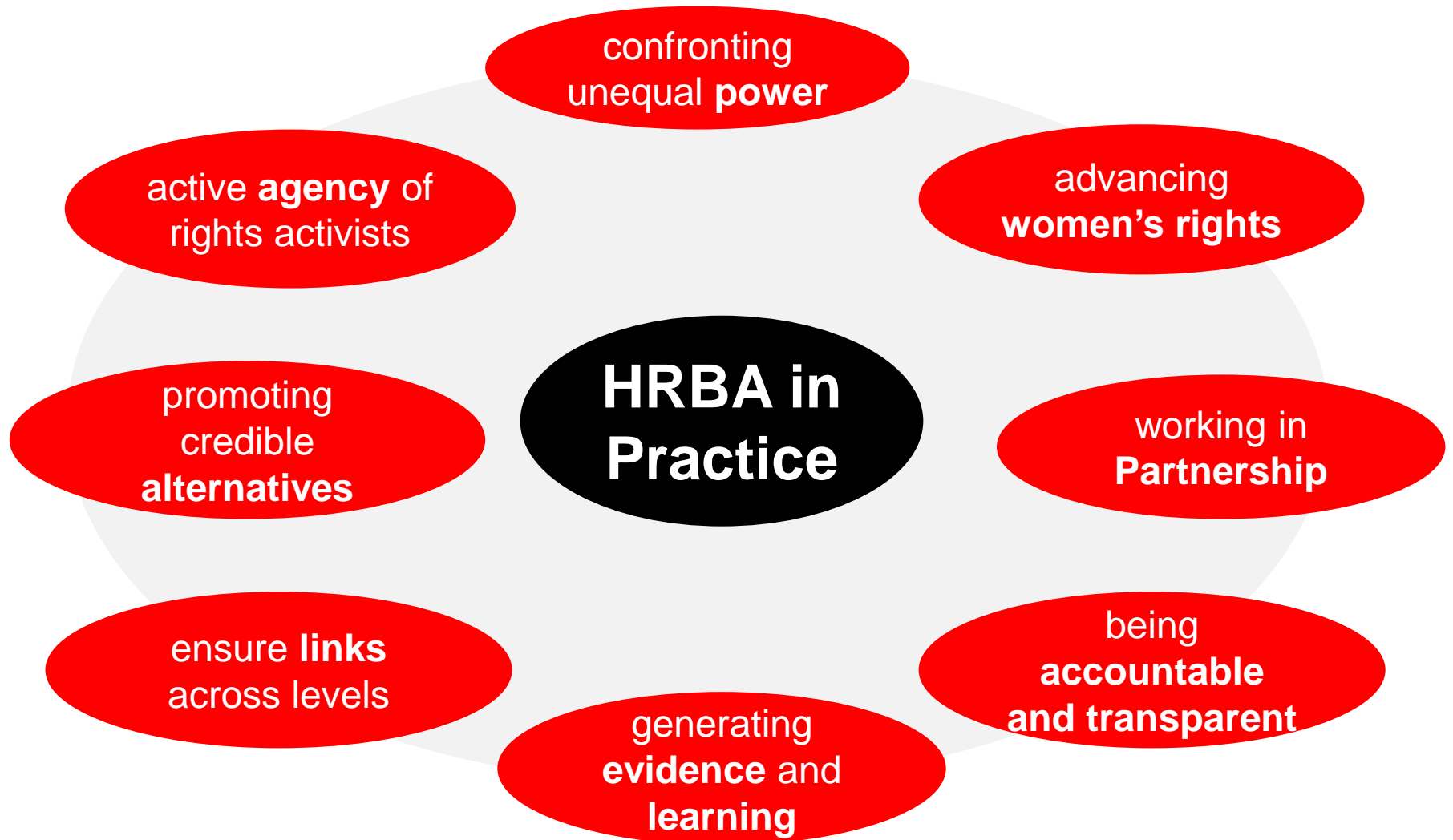
Agency

Agency of people to overcome individually and or collectively

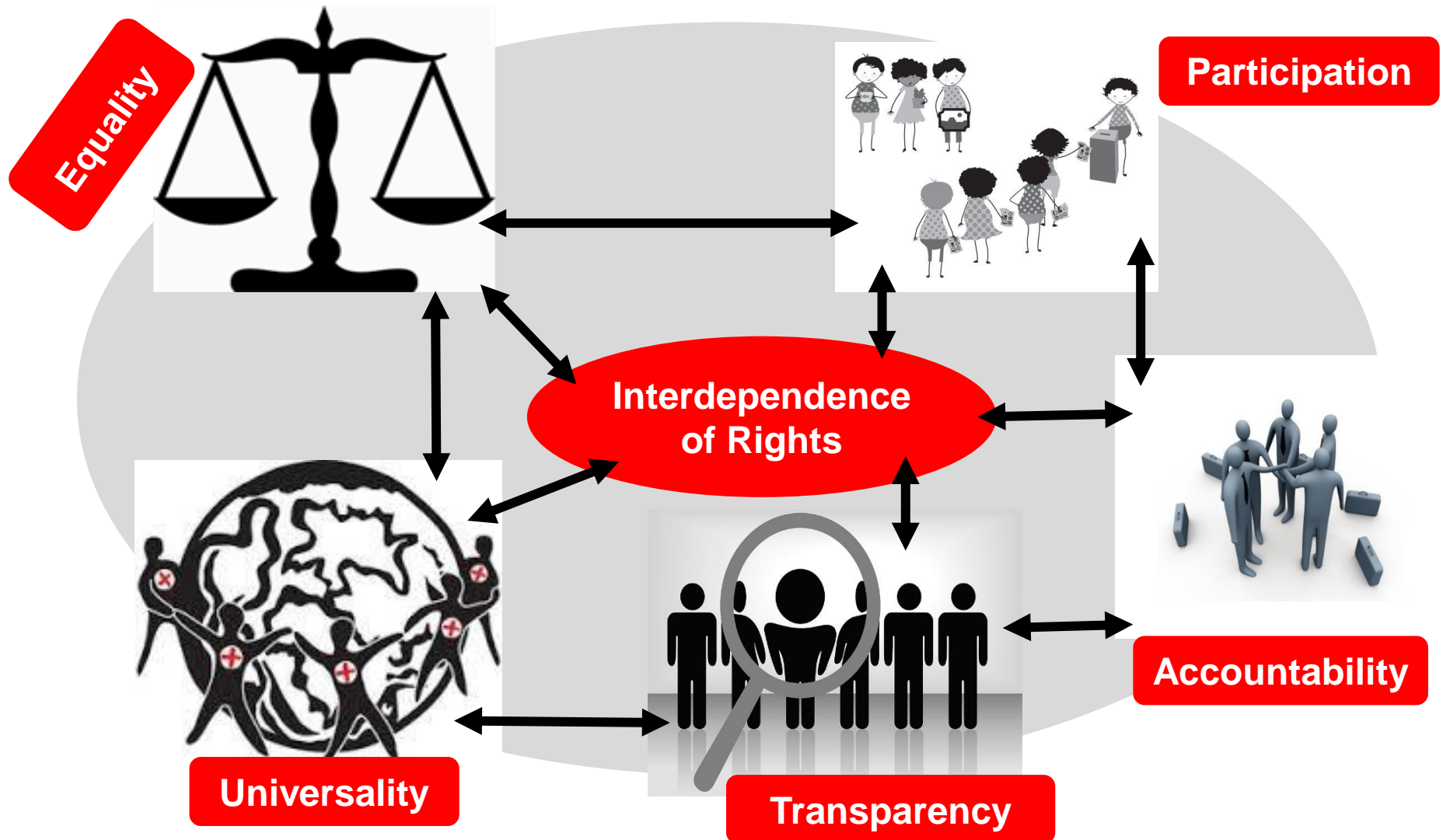
Its all about Power and Shifts



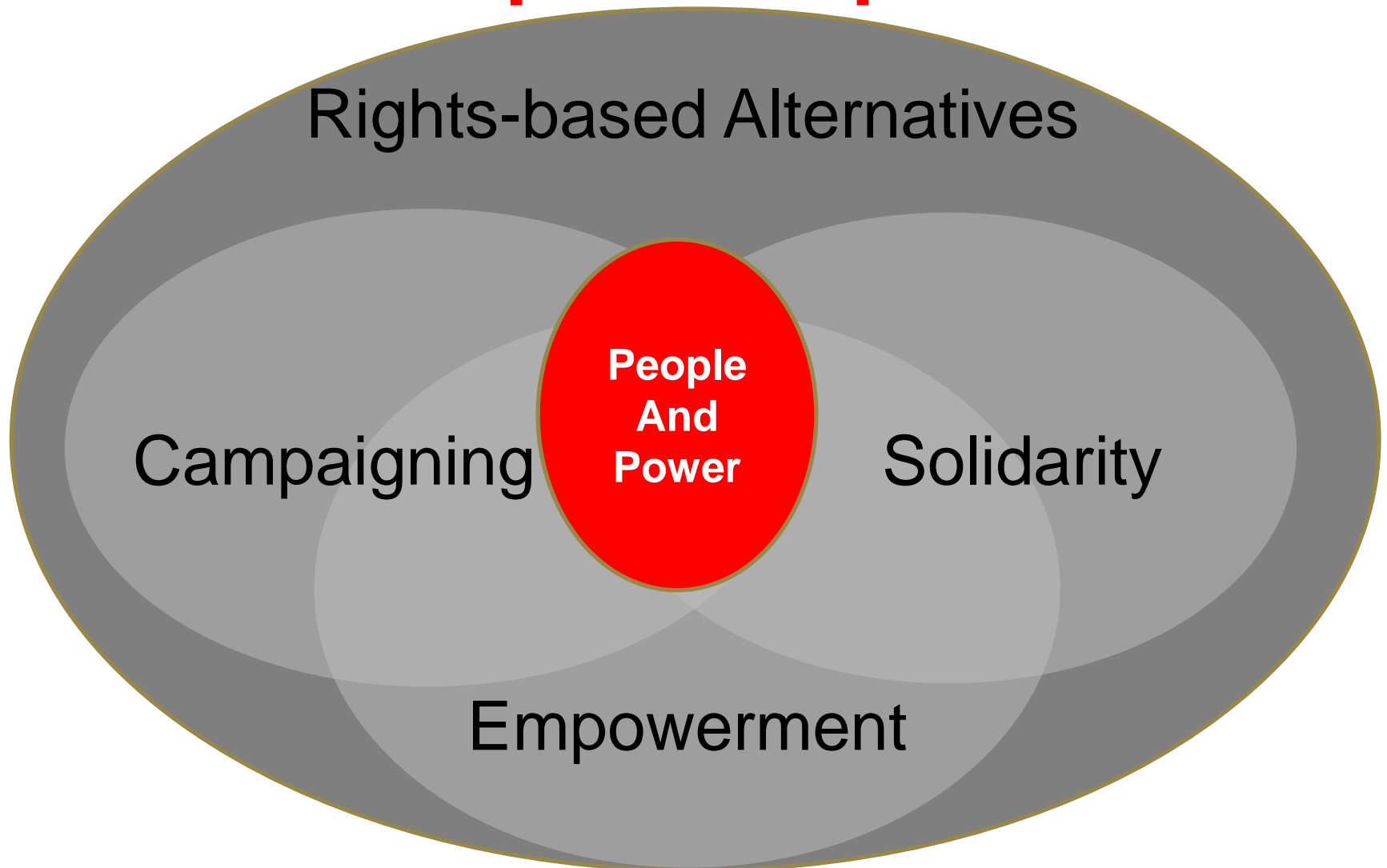
ActionAid HRBA Principles



HRBA - Broader Normative Framework



Power in People vs People in Power



ActionAid HRBA Pillars Illustrated

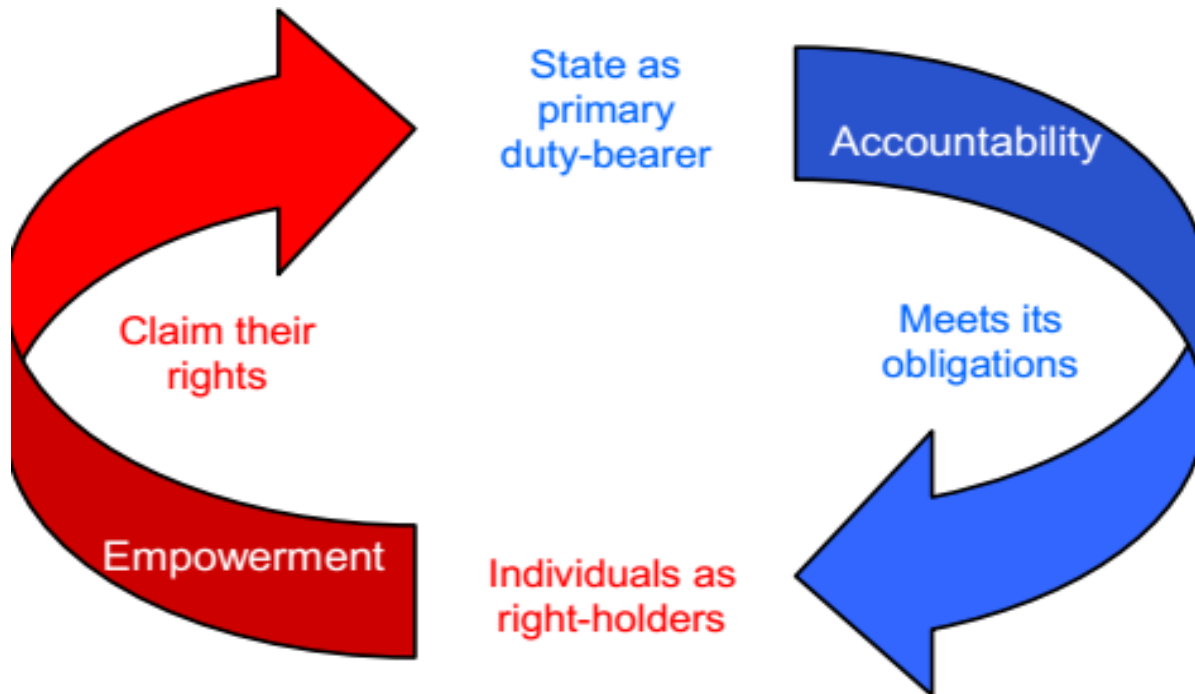


HRBA Limitations

- Could pass for another techno-managerial tool, devoid of politics
- View that we cannot afford human rights and a little compromise is acceptable
- No lone-rangers - act on your own, achieve much less with HRBA thus: empowerment, solidarity, campaigning & alternatives



Beyond HRBA limitations, power in people can challenge people in power



Questions to Ponder: a) what is your politics and how to approach power issues inside and outside of the organisation; b) what level of risk appetite do you have; c) do you have a partnership or engagement strategy with others?



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