

The state-of-the art in policy-focused knowledge translation:

An international policy perspective about how and why each of the approaches are important

2014 CAHSPR Conference
Convergence of Health Policy and Evidence –
Bridge Over Troubled Water

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- 1. Evidence-informed policy-making: a WHO mandate increasingly demanded by LMI countries**
- 2. Introduce the WHO programme EVIPNet and its use of state-of-the-art, policy-focused approaches to knowledge translation**
- 3. Institutional mechanisms as convergence of health policy and evidence:**
 - **Need of strong institutional mechanisms to use KT approaches appropriately**

Urges Member States

(5) to establish or strengthen mechanisms to transfer knowledge in support of evidence-based public health and health-care delivery systems, and evidence-based health-related policies;



WHO Strategy on Research for Health

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- **Research and its use must come together**
- **Translating the solutions or evidence into **policy**, practice and products;**
 - **and evaluating the effectiveness of solutions**



EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICY NETWORK

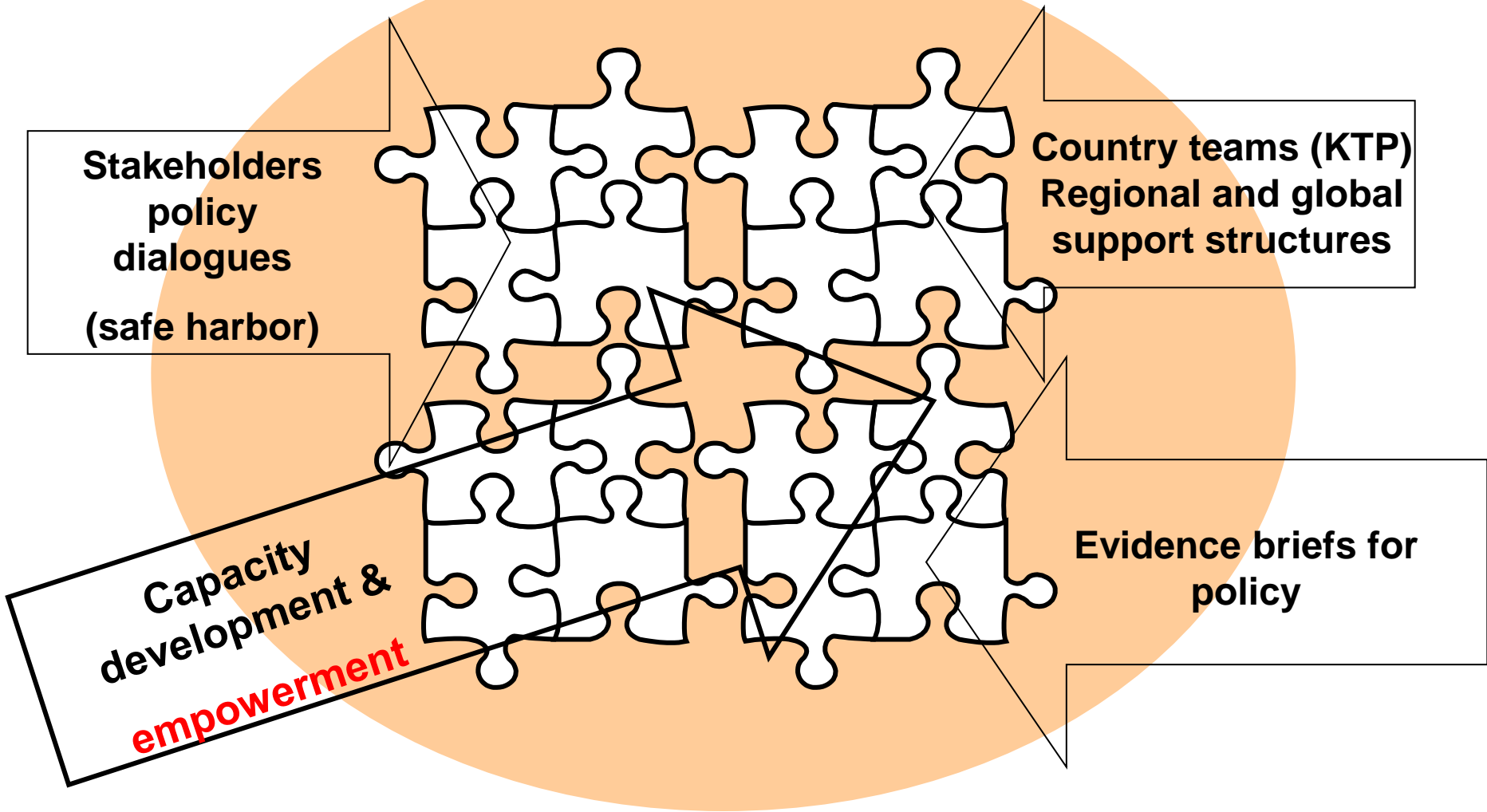
- WHO programme that provides technical support to mechanisms in low and middle-income countries promoting the systematic use of evidence in policy-making.



EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICY NETWORK

- *Country team* (Knowledge Translation Platform): promotes partnerships between policy-makers, researchers and civil society to facilitate policy development and implementation through use of the best scientific evidence available

EVIPNet BUILDING BLOCKS



Monitoring and evaluation - Development of new methodologies

People trained

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Training through
workshops of poli
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Capacity workshop

Evidence briefs for policy

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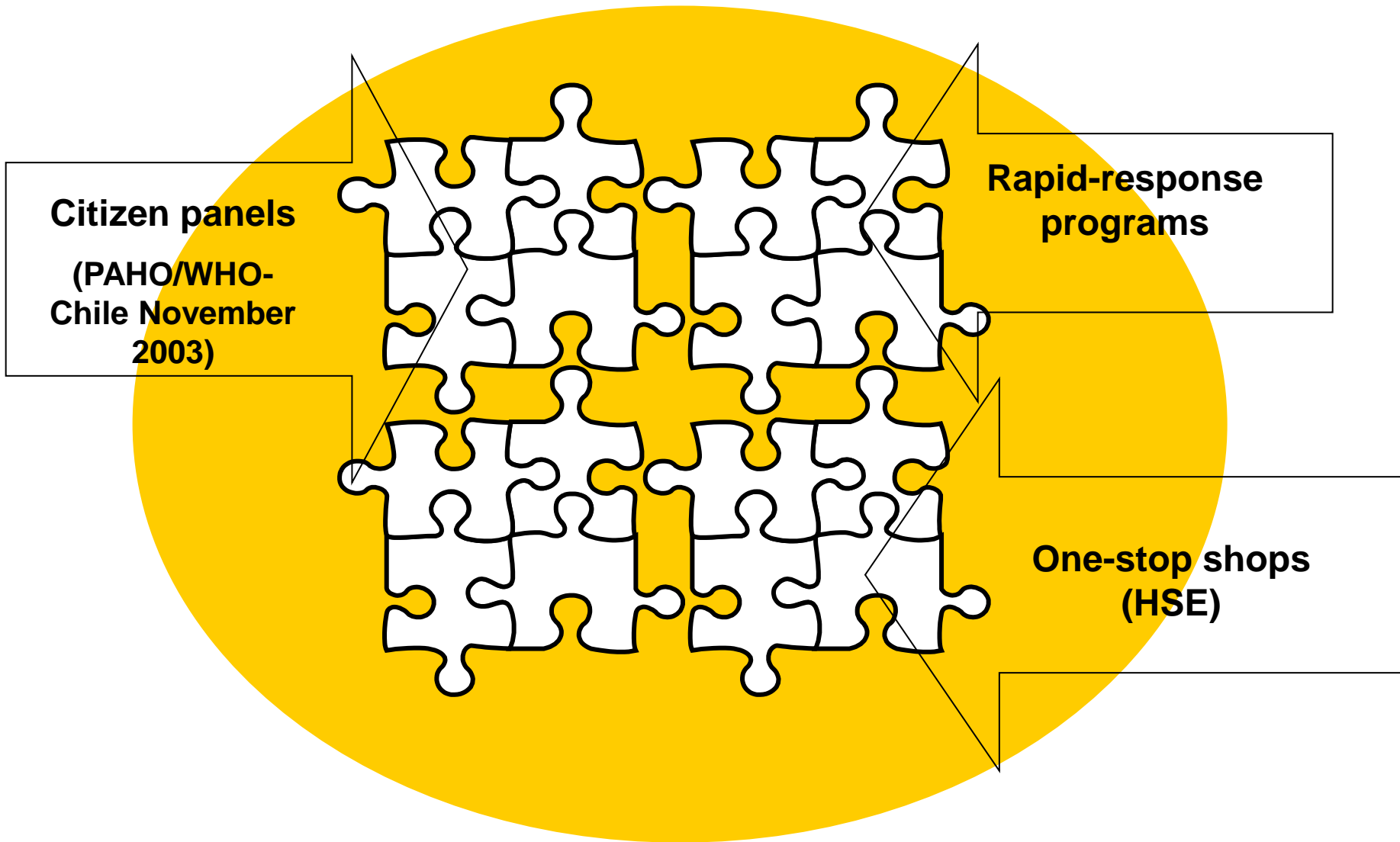
Evidence briefs for
developed after ca
workshops followe
dialogue

Country priority topics

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- Human resources for Health
- Vaccine and Immunization
- Health Insurance coverage
- Skilled birth Attendance
- Access to health services
- Quality of primary health care services
- Nutrition
- Malaria
- Patient safety
- Mental health
- Tobacco
- Health National Account
- Rare diseases
- Maternal and neonatal mortality
- Gender and health systems

EVIPNet INNOVATIONS





Search EVIPNet VHL

EVIPNet Regions

Africa

America

Asia

Eastern Mediterranean Region

Europe

SUBMIT

Advanced search ?

Search on: Key VHL Sources Health Systems Evidence

Resources for evidence-informed policy

- SUPPORT Tools
- SURE Guides
- Learning Tools
- Useful links

Upcoming events

Evidence for informed policies

- Evidence brief for policy
- Systematic reviews
- Rapid response
- Policy dialogue

Knowledge sharing

- HIFA-EVIPNet-FR Forum

Partners and projects

- SURE
- How to become partner
- List of partners

Highlights



Launches of the EVIPNet Virtual Health Library and the Intergovernmental Organizations' Health Systems Documents Portal

News

- › Changing Mindsets – Strategy on Health Policy and Systems Research
- › Report on International Forum on Evidence Informed Health Policy in Low-and Middle-Income Countries
- › Regional meeting for the 8th Global Conference on Health promotion
- › The Global Burden of Disease: Generating Evidence, Guiding Policy
- › Leveraging Data to Make Better Decisions – An Overview of Databases

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<http://www.mcmasterhealthforum.org/hse/>



3. Knowledge Translation Platforms: institutional mechanisms promoting convergence of health policy and evidence

EVIPNet aims to be:

- "a decision making system in which the dynamic elaboration of [research] agendas, the formulation of policies, [policy] implementation, and feed-back [operational research] are closely related"

Lavis J, Davies H, Oxman A, Denis JL, Golden-Biddle K, Ferlie E. (2005). Towards Systematic Reviews that Inform Health Care Management and Policy-Making. *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*. 10 (supplement 1), 35-48

Fig. 2. Models for linking research to action



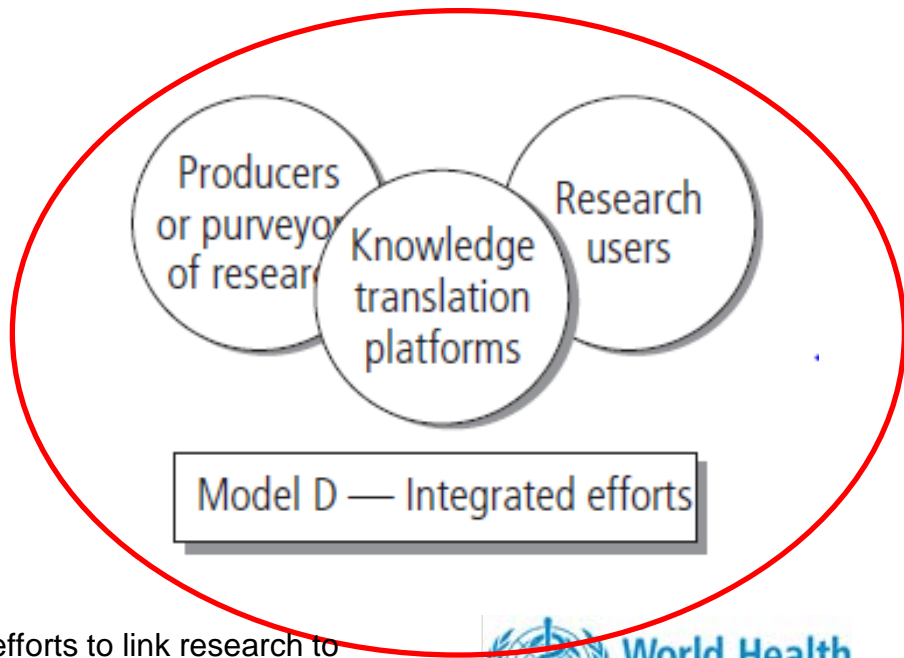
Model A — Push efforts by producers or purveyors



Model B — User pull efforts



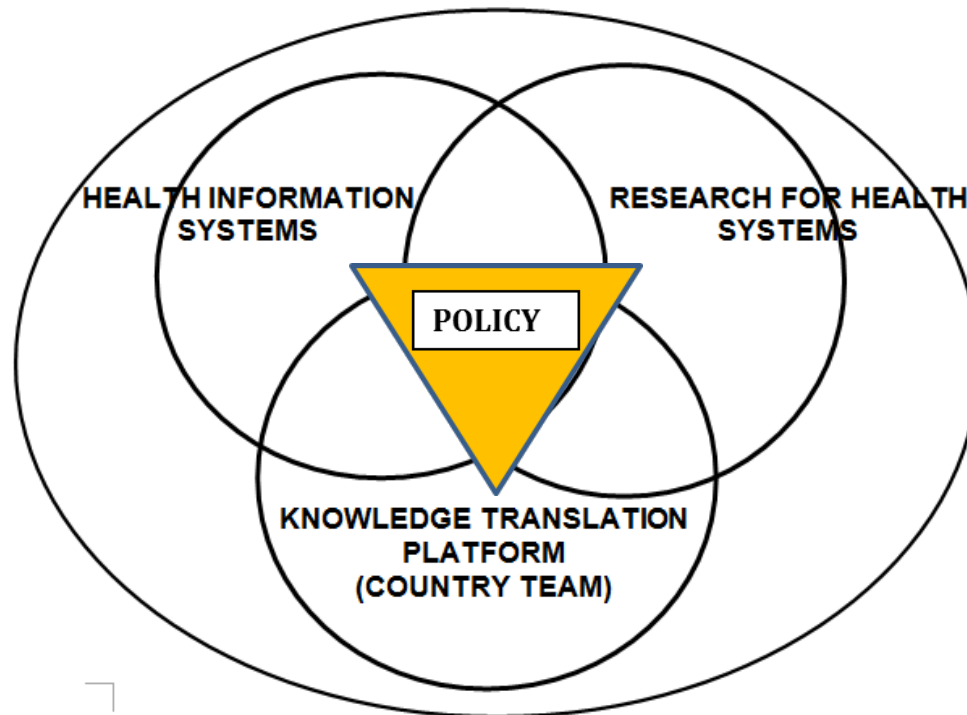
Model C — Exchange efforts



Model D — Integrated efforts

In: Lavis, John N., et al. "Assessing country-level efforts to link research to action." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 84.8 (2006).

Institutional integration: information, research evidence & KT approaches



Need to strengthen national institutional mechanism...

Thank you!



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