

Innovation for Mother and Child Health in Africa

Moving MNCH Evidence into Policy in West Africa (MEP)

Lessons Learned

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Innovation service delivery and organization

- **Novel set of behaviors**, routines, and **ways of working** that are directed at **improving** health outcomes, administrative efficiency, cost effectiveness, or users' experience and that are implemented by **planned and coordinated actions**

Implementation Research = Knowledge Translation Research

- Conducted within **routine systems** and **real life settings**, removed from the controlled settings in order to **improve health care and service delivery**
- **Critical factors**
 - **Identifying system bottlenecks**
 - **Involving key stakeholders**
 - **Asking appropriate research questions**
 - **Planning to implement research findings**

Knowledge needed for EIHP

Know-about problems: e.g. the current policy efforts directed at social inclusion reflect a considerable knowledge base on health, wealth and social inequalities.

Know-what works: i.e. what policies, strategies or specific interventions will bring about desired outcomes.

Know-how to put into practice: knowing what should be done is not the same as being able to do it effectively.

Know-who to involve: such knowledge covers estimates of client needs as well as information on key stakeholders necessary for potential solutions.

Know-why: knowledge about why action is required, e.g. relationship to values.

Health Systems as the foundation that supports programs & interventions



PROGRAMS & INTERVENTIONS

HEALTH
SYSTEM
VALUES

Responsiveness

HEALTH
SYSTEM
VALUES

Equity

/Fairness/Justice

HEALTH SYSTEM
VALUES

Rights and
responsibilities

HEALTH SYSTEMS HARD WARE (BUILDING BLOCKS)

- Resources: Human, Medicines and technology, Infrastructure tools and supplies, information systems, **financing**

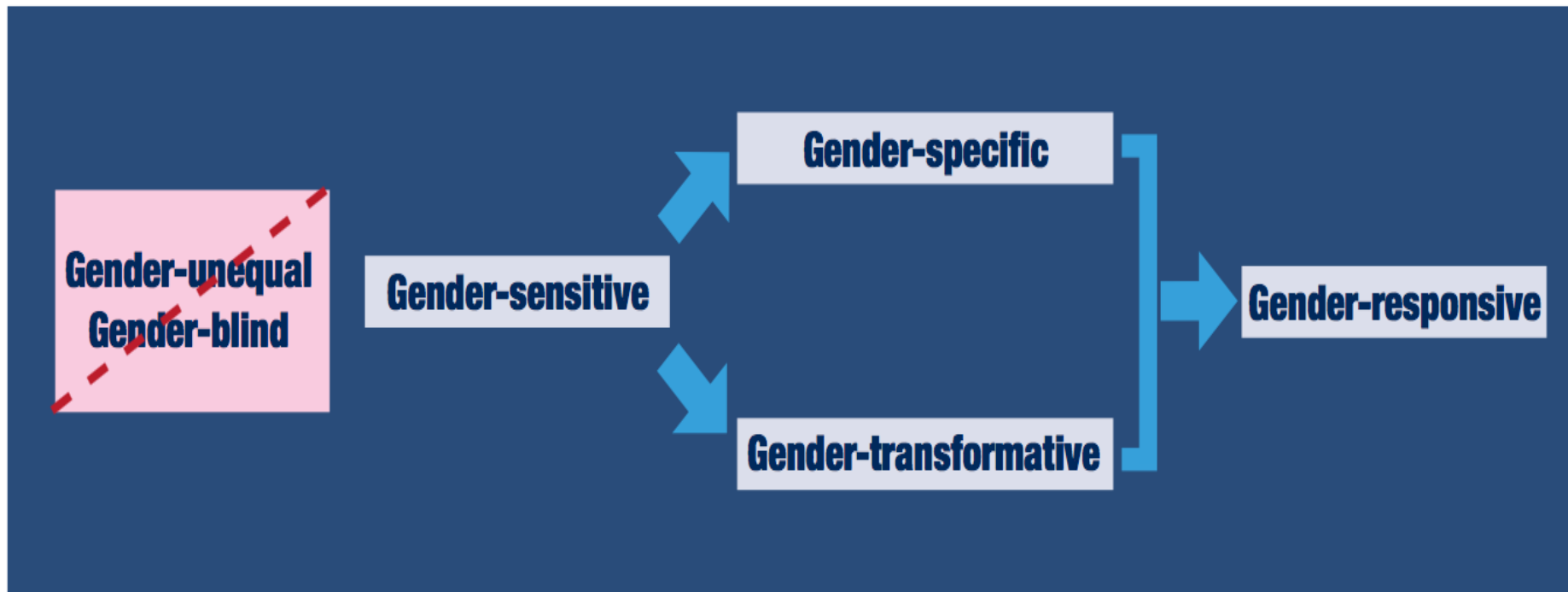
HEALTH SYSTEMS SOFTWARE

- **People**, power, interests, **trust**, networks and processes and the related complexity and adaptability

Analyzing Governance in Health Systems

Strategic Vision	Participation & Consensus Orientation
Rule of Law	Transparency
Responsiveness	Equity & Inclusiveness
Effectiveness & Efficiency	Accountability
Intelligence & Information	Ethics

Gender and Health

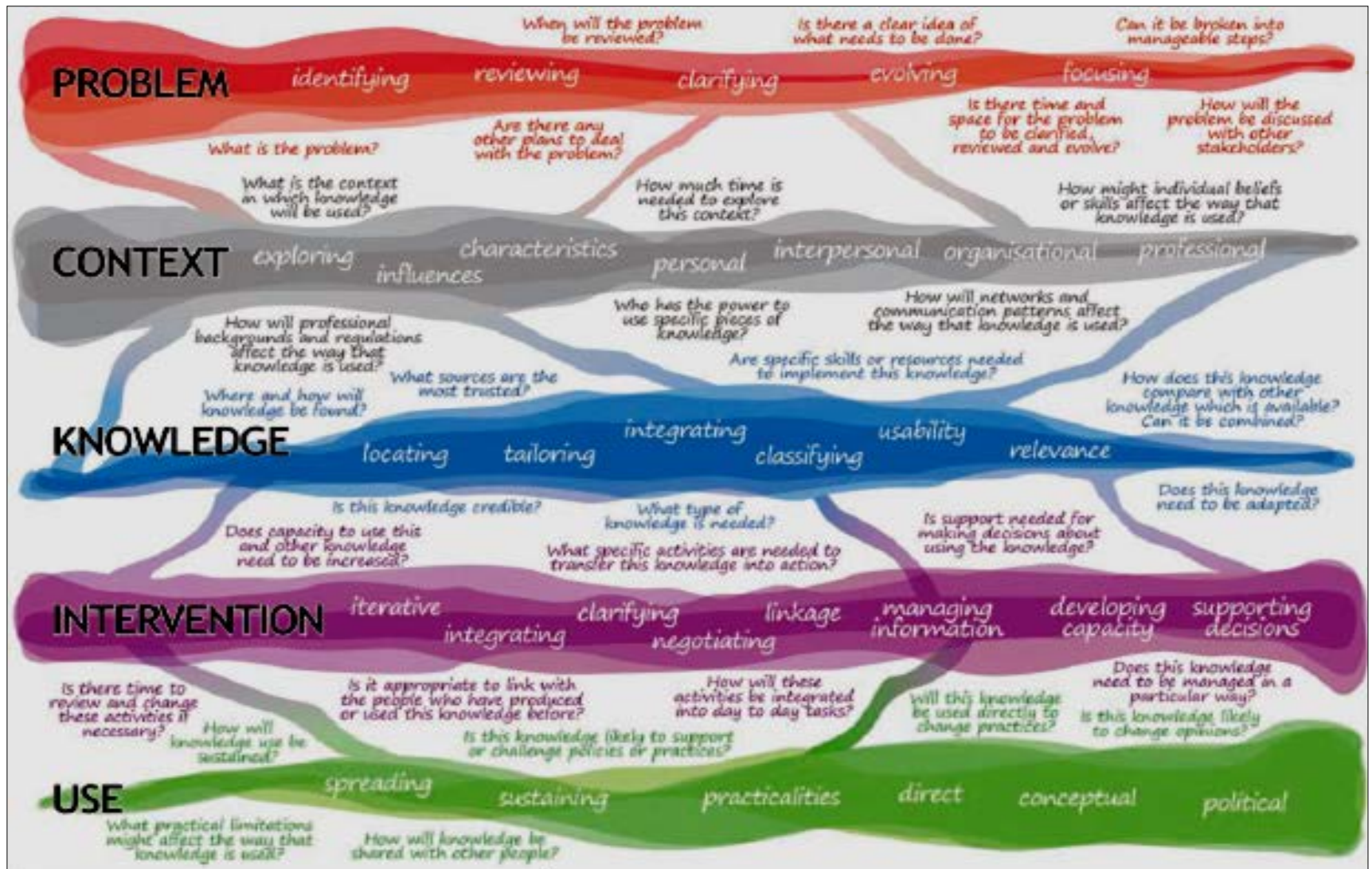


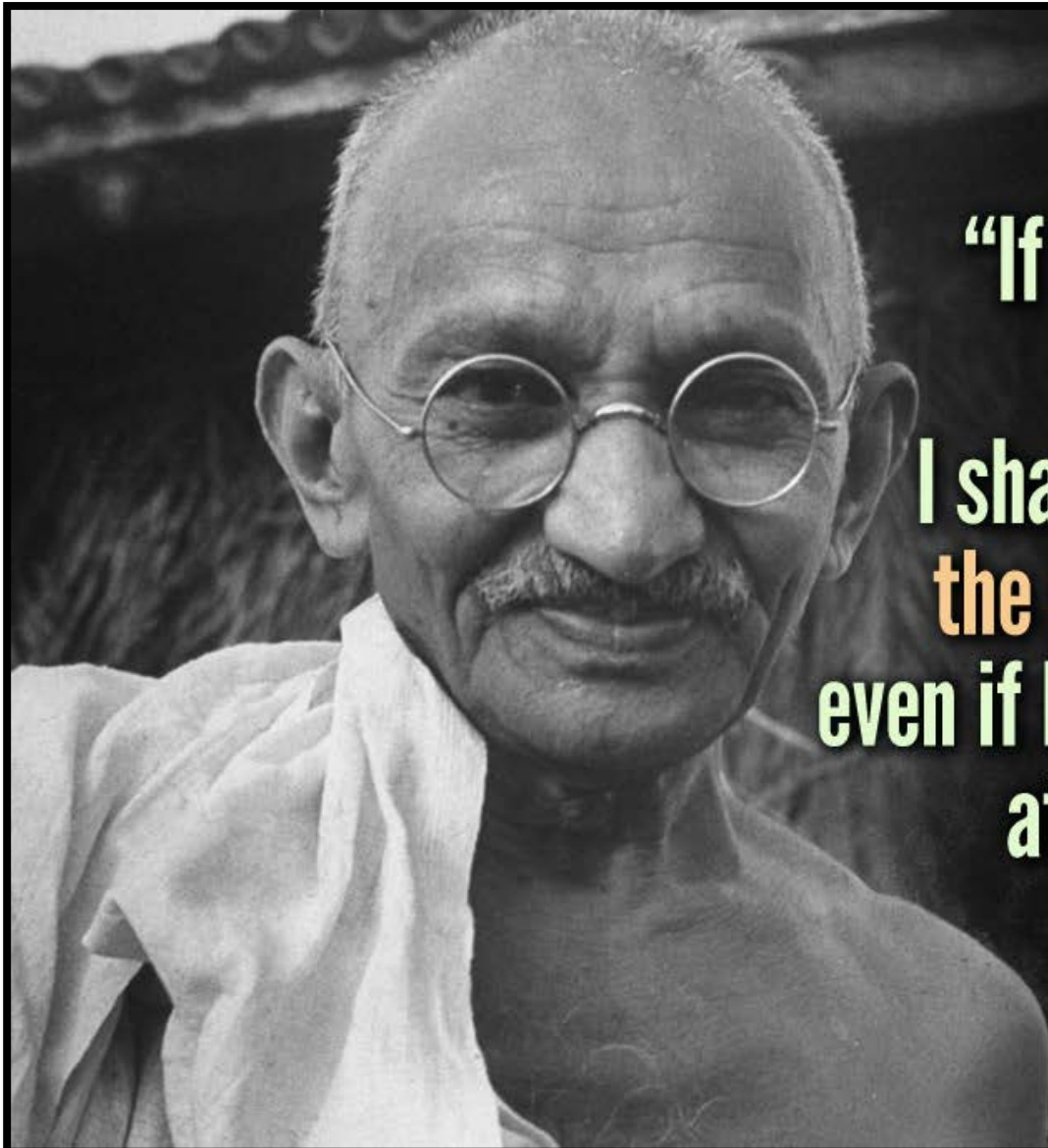
Health Equity

“Absence of unfair and avoidable health differences among social groups” WHO, 2010

- ❑ Place of Residence
- ❑ Occupation/Employment
- ❑ Gender
- ❑ Race – Ethnicity
- ❑ Education
- ❑ Economic and Social Status

Researcher Journey to KTE Ward, 2010

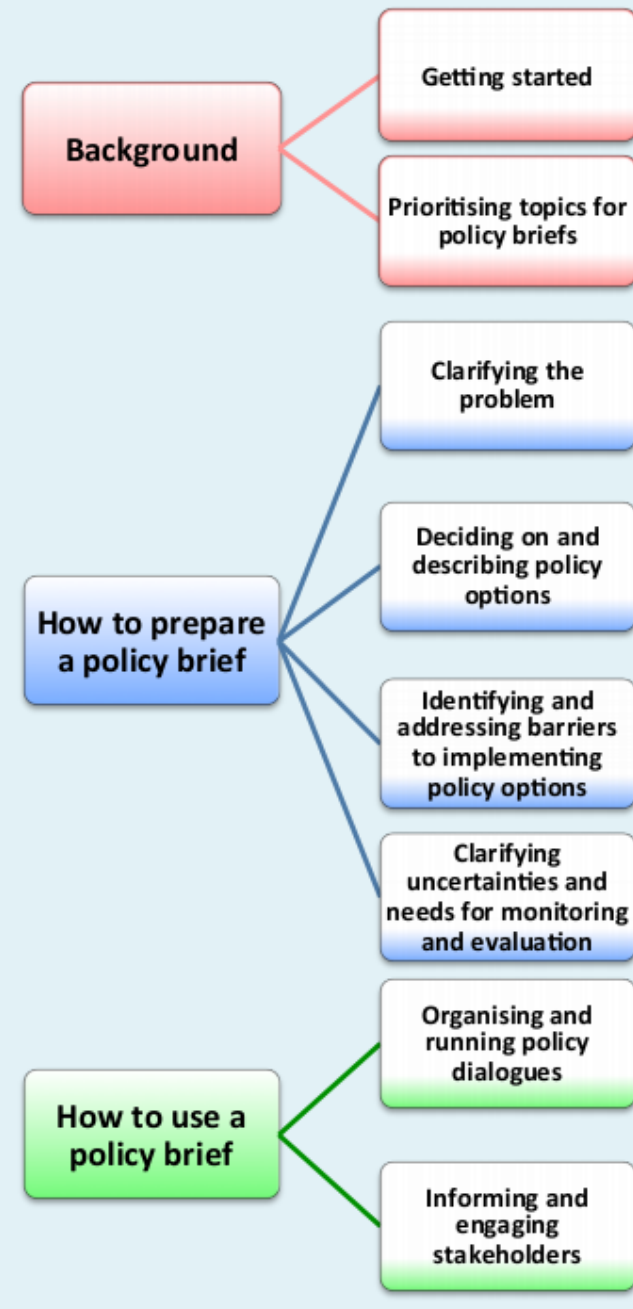




**“If I have the belief
that I can do it,
I shall surely acquire
the capacity to do it
even if I may not have it
at the beginning.”**

~ Mahatma Gandhi

www.who.int/evidence/sure/



Knowledge Translation Platform

Partnership between policymakers, researchers, stakeholders (including civil society), in order to facilitate both policy development and policy implementation through the use of the best available scientific research evidence—which can ultimately improve population health and reduce inequities



COMMENTARY

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Creating a Knowledge Translation Platform: nine lessons from the Zambia Forum for Health Research

Berman *et al.* *Health Research Policy and Systems* (2015) 13:73
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Capturing lessons learned from evidence-to-policy initiatives through structured reflection

Fadi El-Jardali^{1,2,3,4*}, John Lavis^{4,5,6,7}, Kaelan Moat^{5,8}, Tomas Pantoja⁹ and Nour Ataya¹



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Evaluation of the international forum on evidence informed health policymaking: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 27 to 31 August 2012

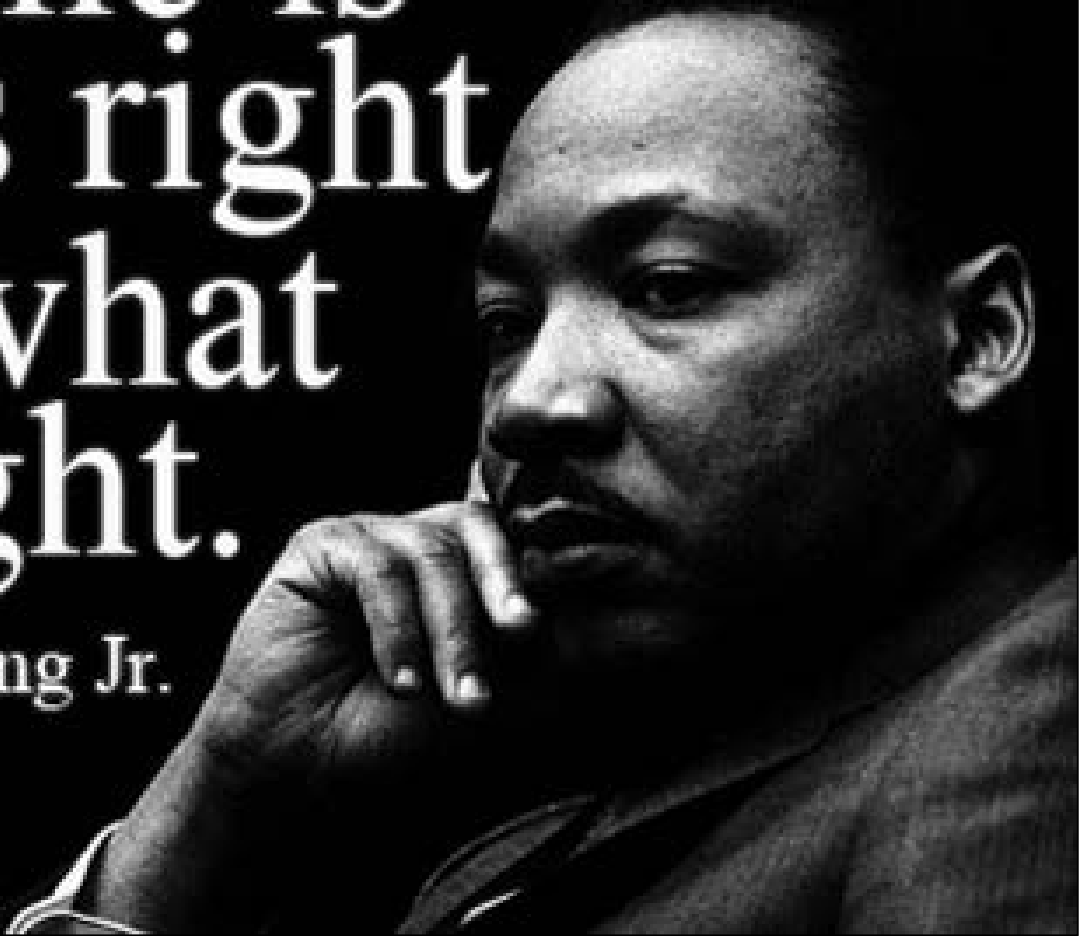
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Key Steps for KTE Praxis

1. **Identifying actors** : “ The main users are policy-makers, health professionals, researchers, the public, civil society, patients, health system managers, and health insurers”
2. **Engaging stakeholders**
3. **Summarizing** research evidence in user-friendly format – **tailoring and targeting messages**
4. **Stimulating interest in** and **receptivity to** research findings
5. **Designing a thoughtful dissemination** strategy

The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.



Merci !

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Thanks!