



THE 18TH OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) EVALUATION WORKSHOP

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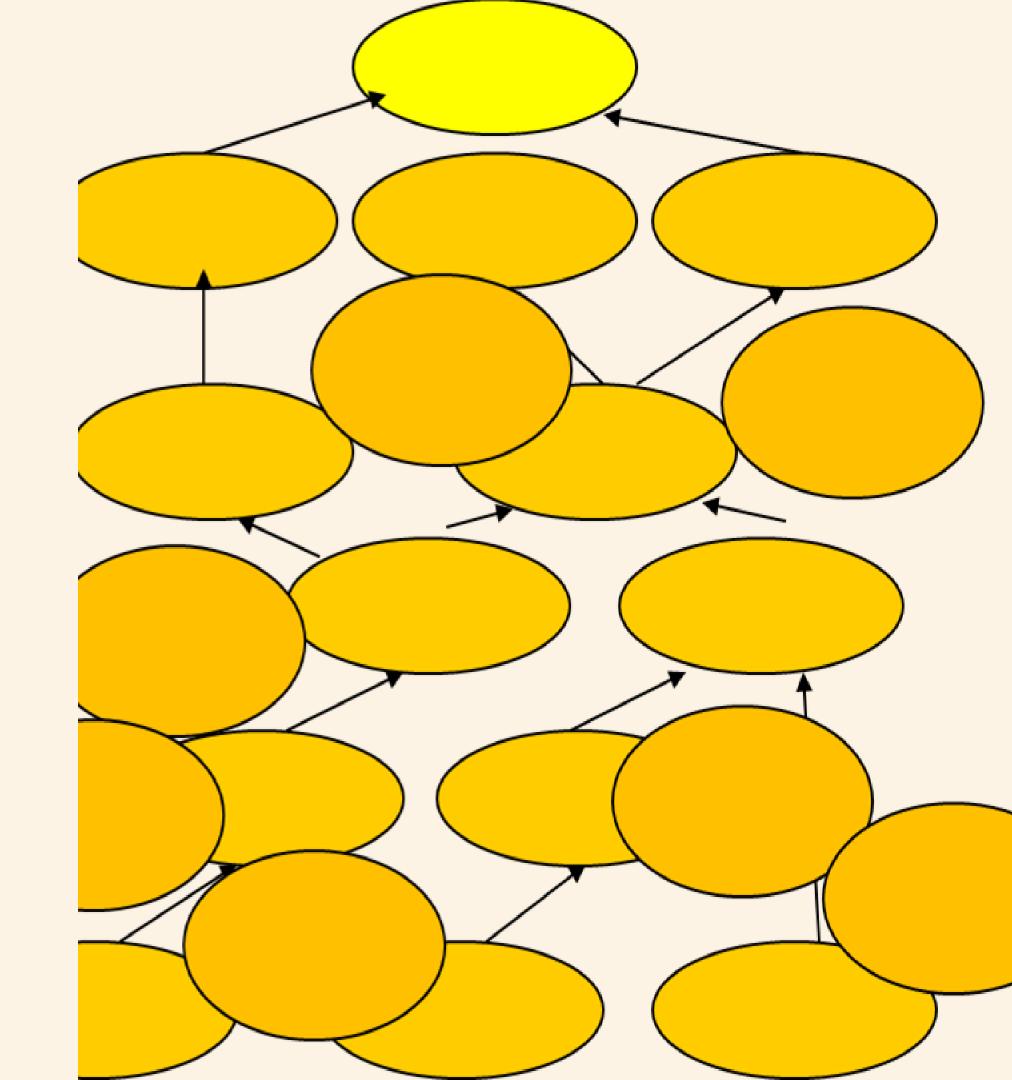
THEORY OF CHANGE FOR DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

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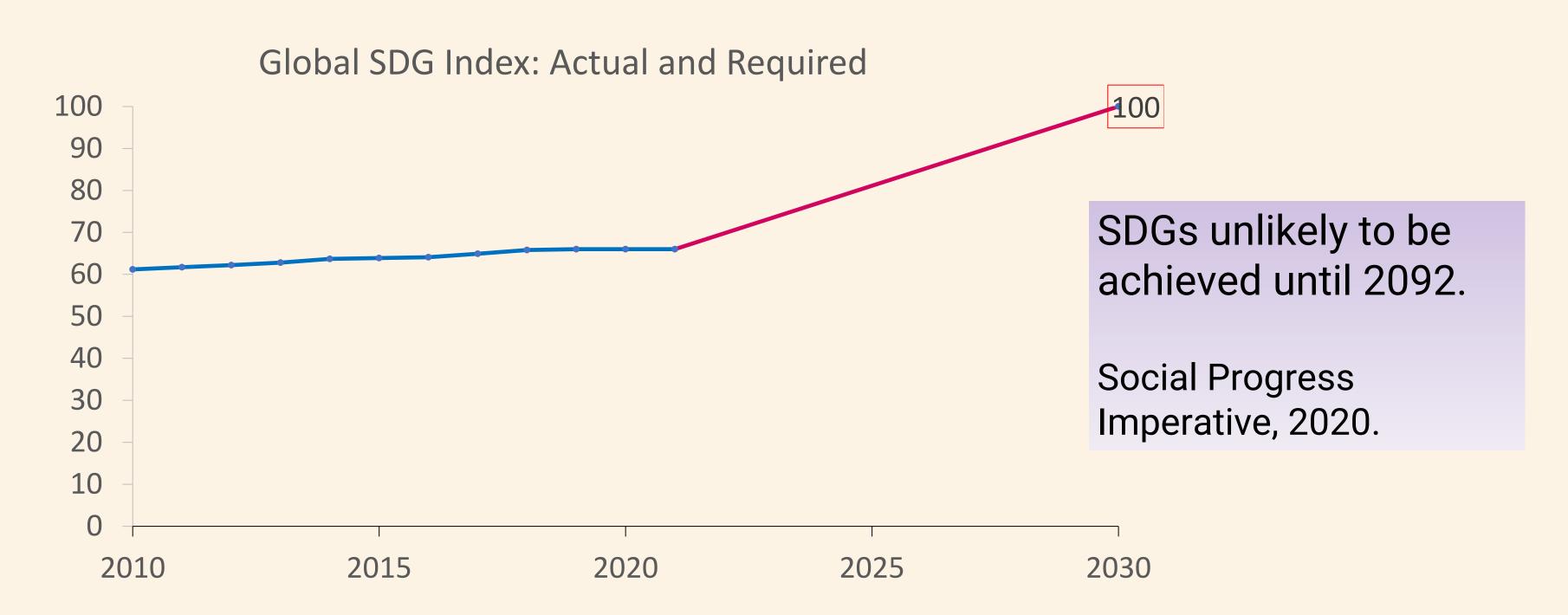
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Have development efforts really failed?



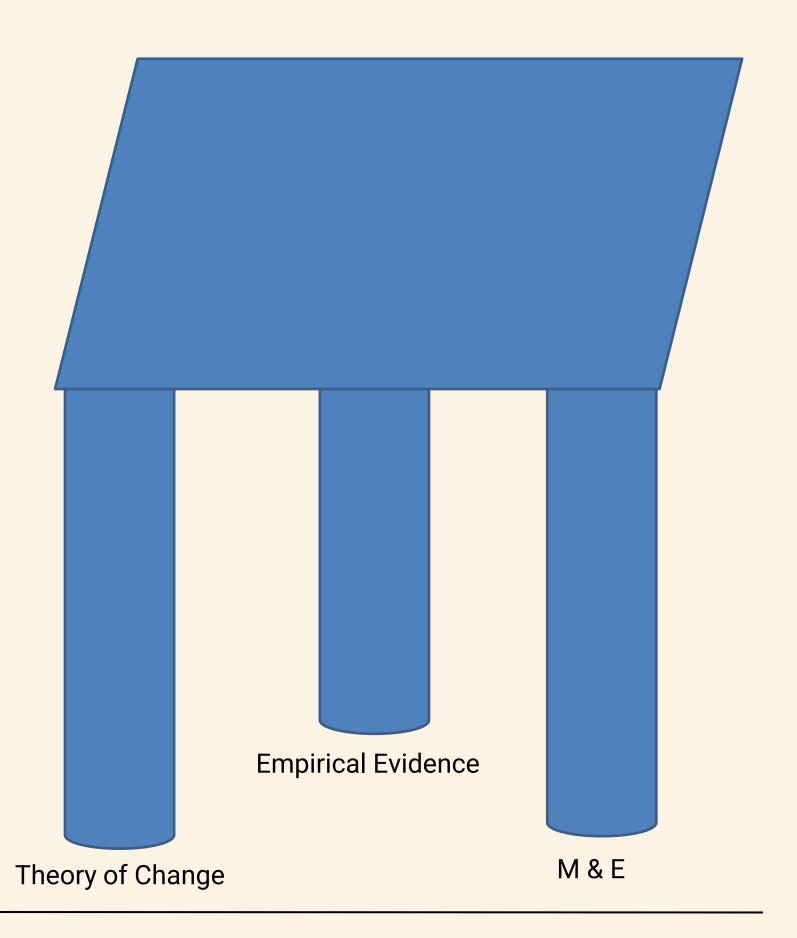
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Our Focus

- What makes development interventions successful
- Three pillars of a development intervention
- Program cycle: Key features of each component
- Drivers of successful implementation







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Let's Reflect. Why have development efforts failed?

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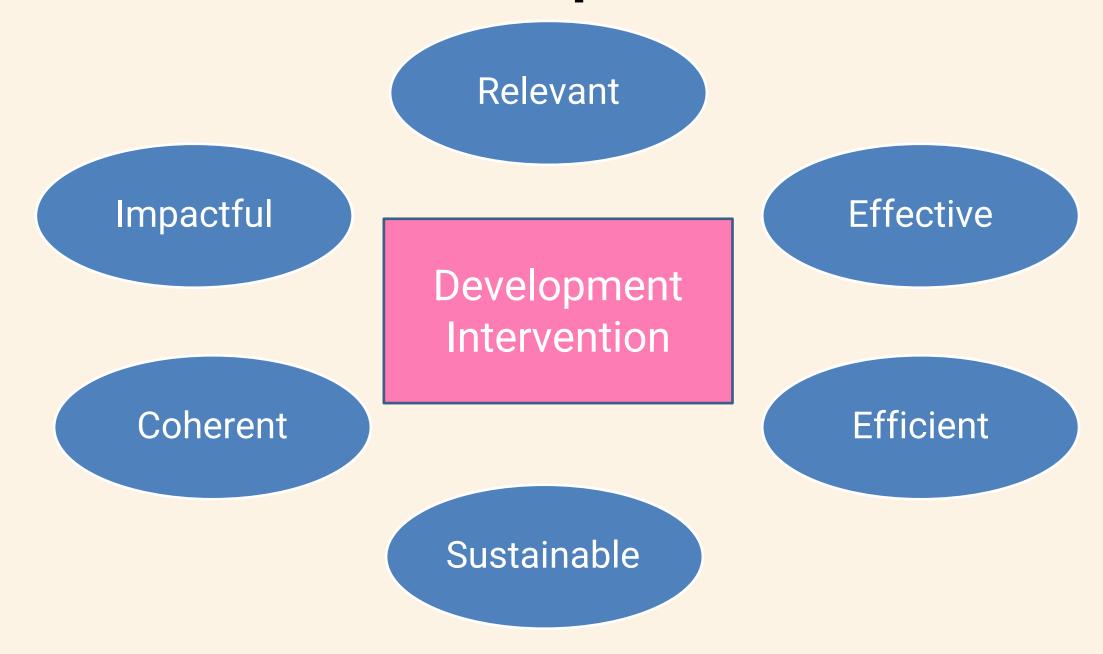
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Reflection: Two minutes





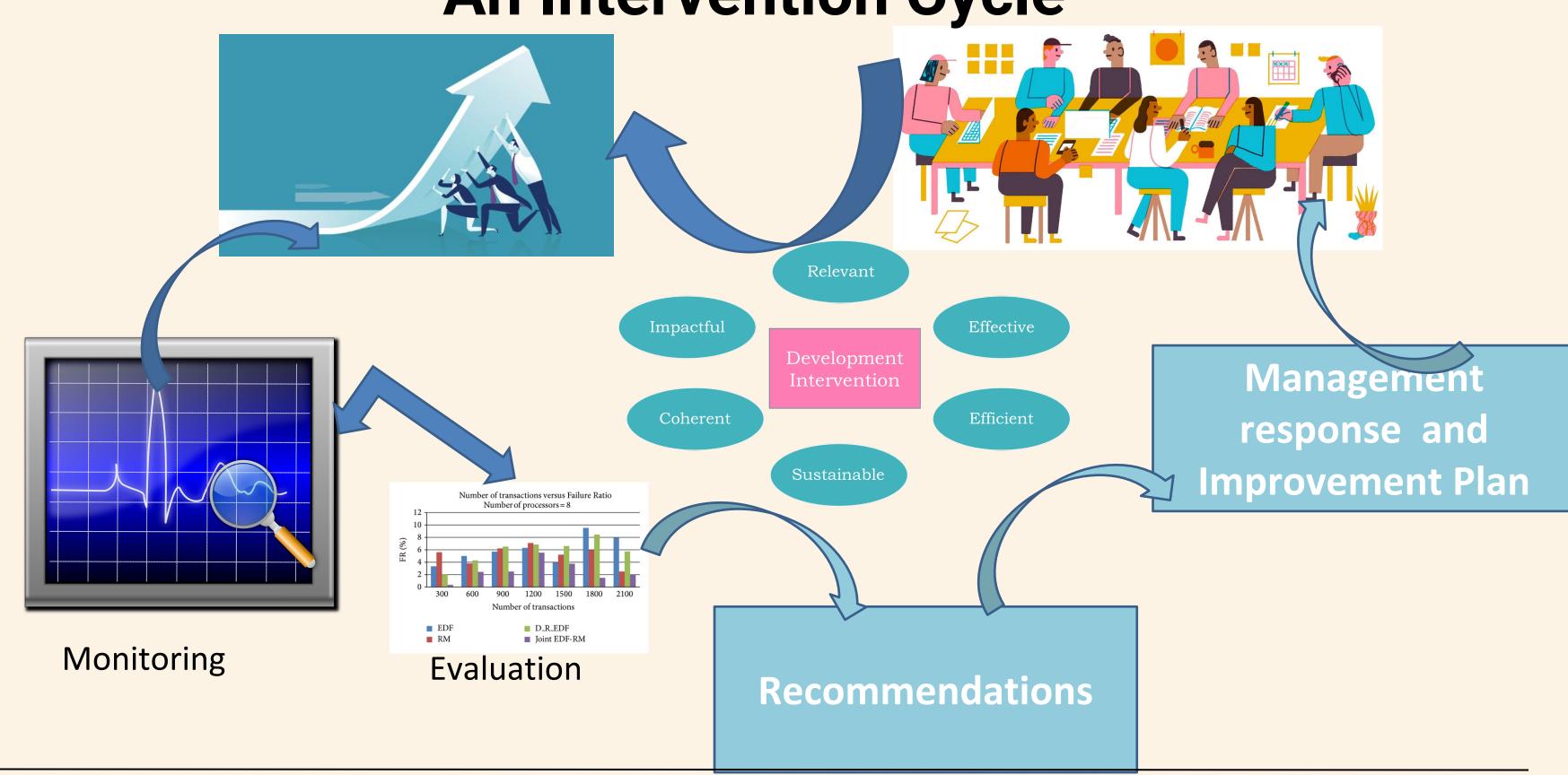
A Successful Development Intervention







An Intervention Cycle

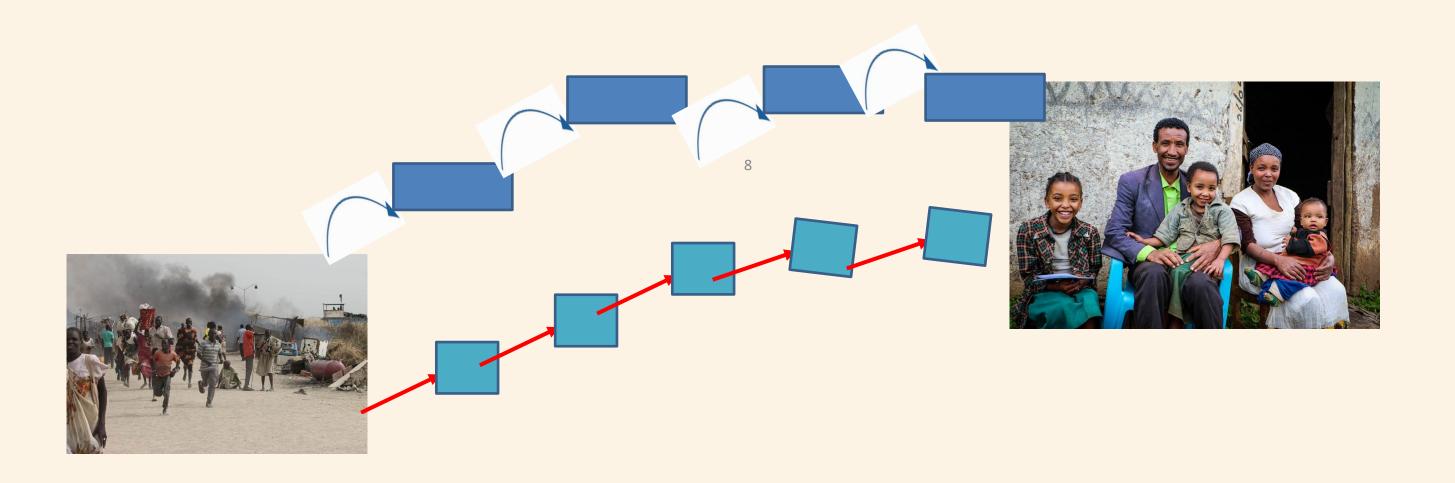






"A program theory explains how an intervention (a project, a program, a policy, a strategy) is understood to contribute to a chain of results that produce the intended or actual impacts."

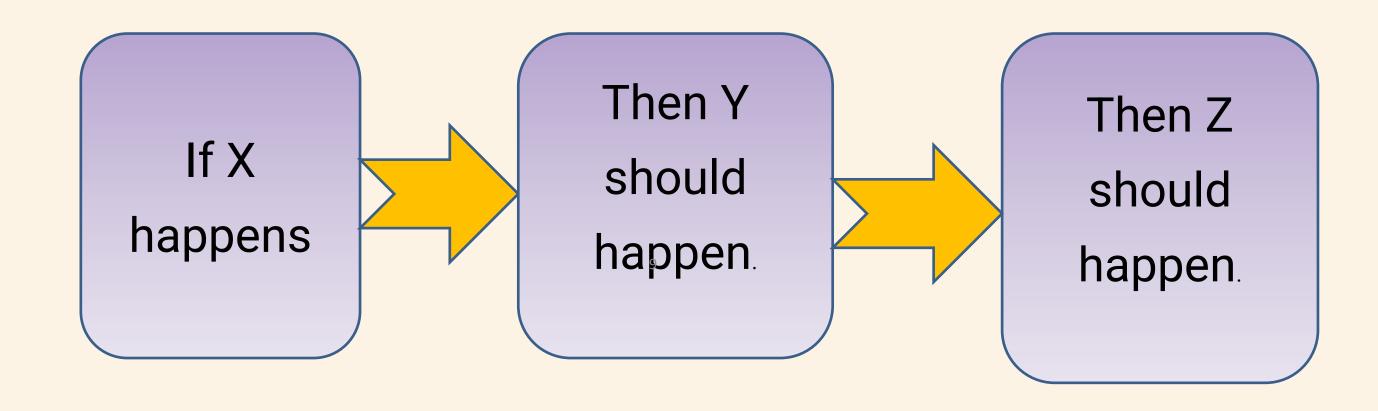
Rogers, P. (2014)







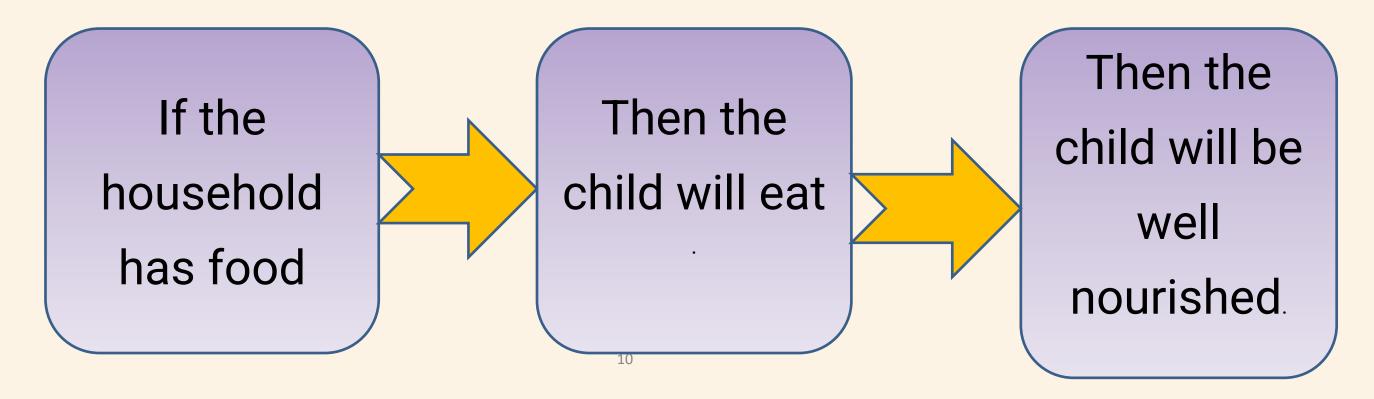
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Do you agree with this Theory of Change? Why or why not? Give one reason.











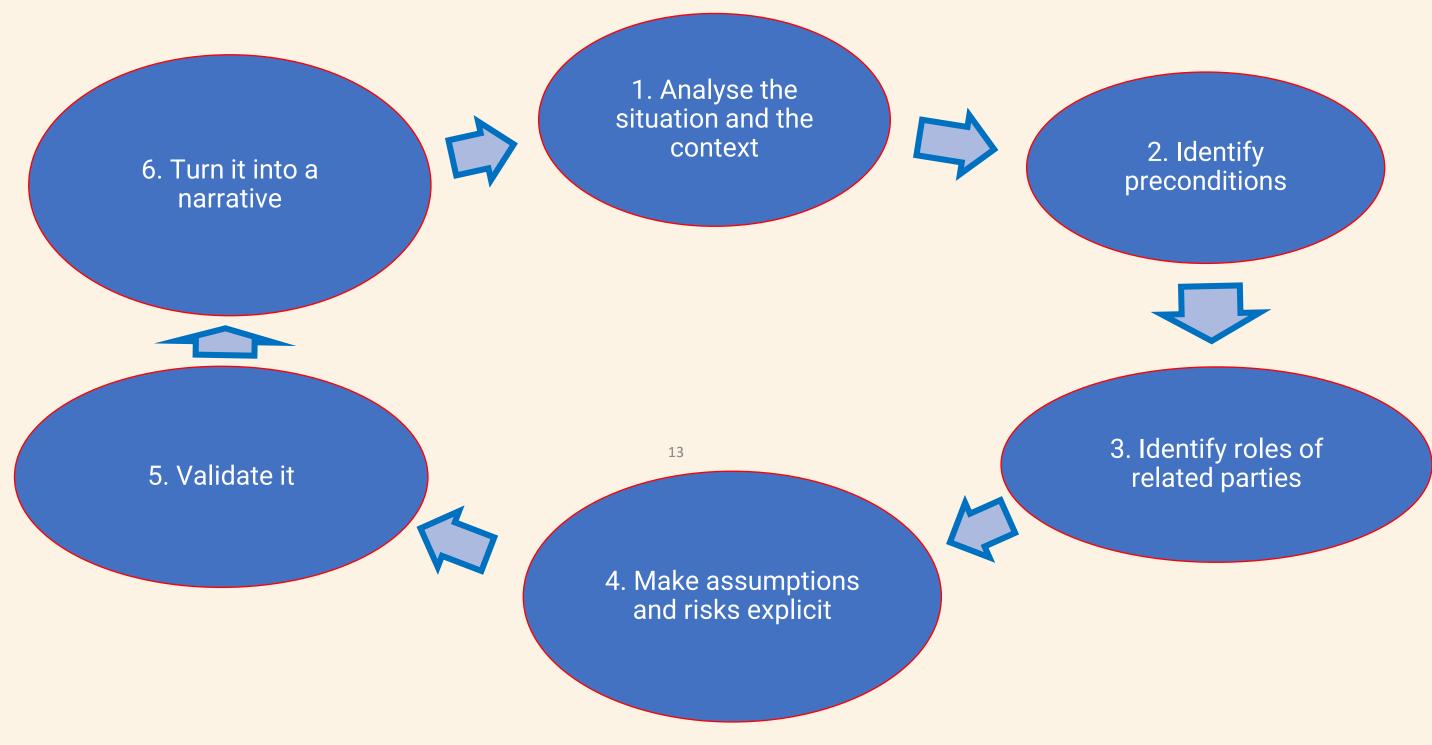
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Theory ??





The Process of Developing a Theory of Change



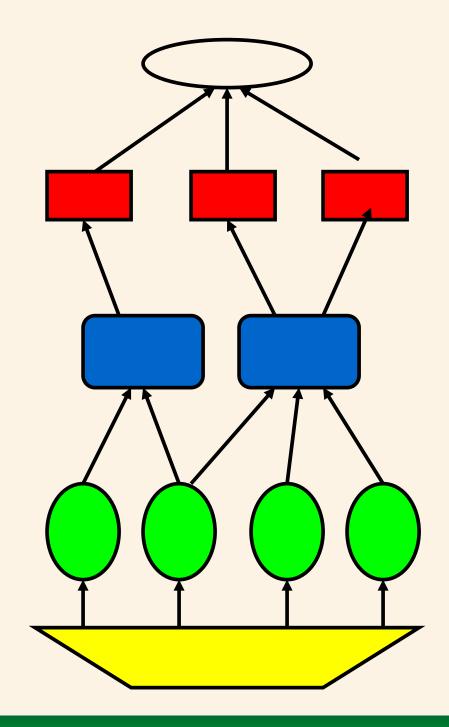
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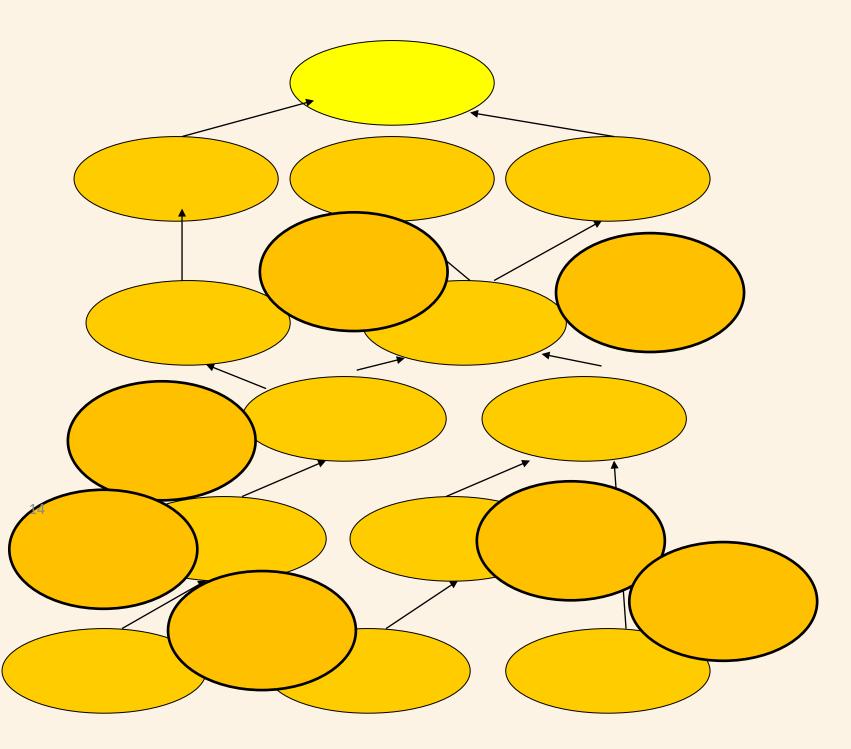




Theoretical Model



Real Life



Describe the problem and identify the causes





Problem:

In Track 5 village undernutrition among children under five years is very high. 40% girls and 35% boys.

The villagers are mostly farmers and there is sufficient rice and vegetables available most of the year.

Diarrhea is common and children are frequently ill.

- ? What
- ? Who
- ? Where
- ? When

To develop an intervention what more critical information do you need?

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Causes??

Immediate Causes
Underlying Causes
Basic Causes

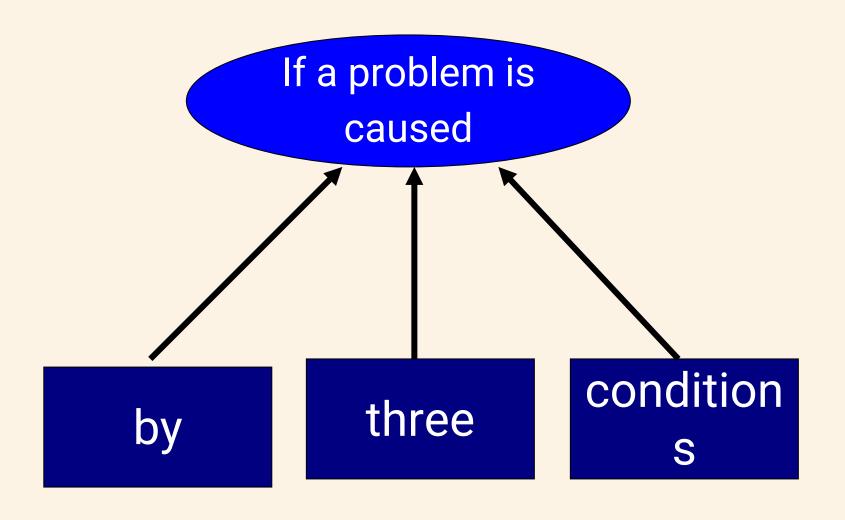
Analysis

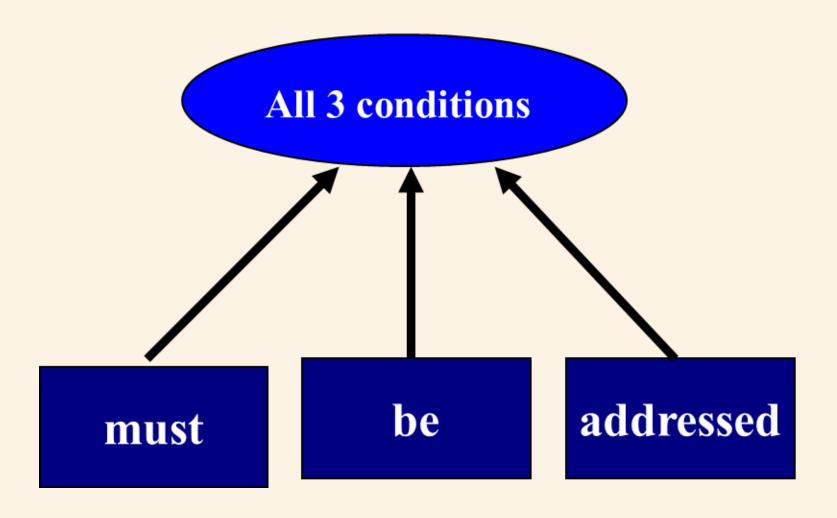




N & S Condition

Principle: Interventions must not only be necessary, but also <u>sufficient</u> to achieve the expected result

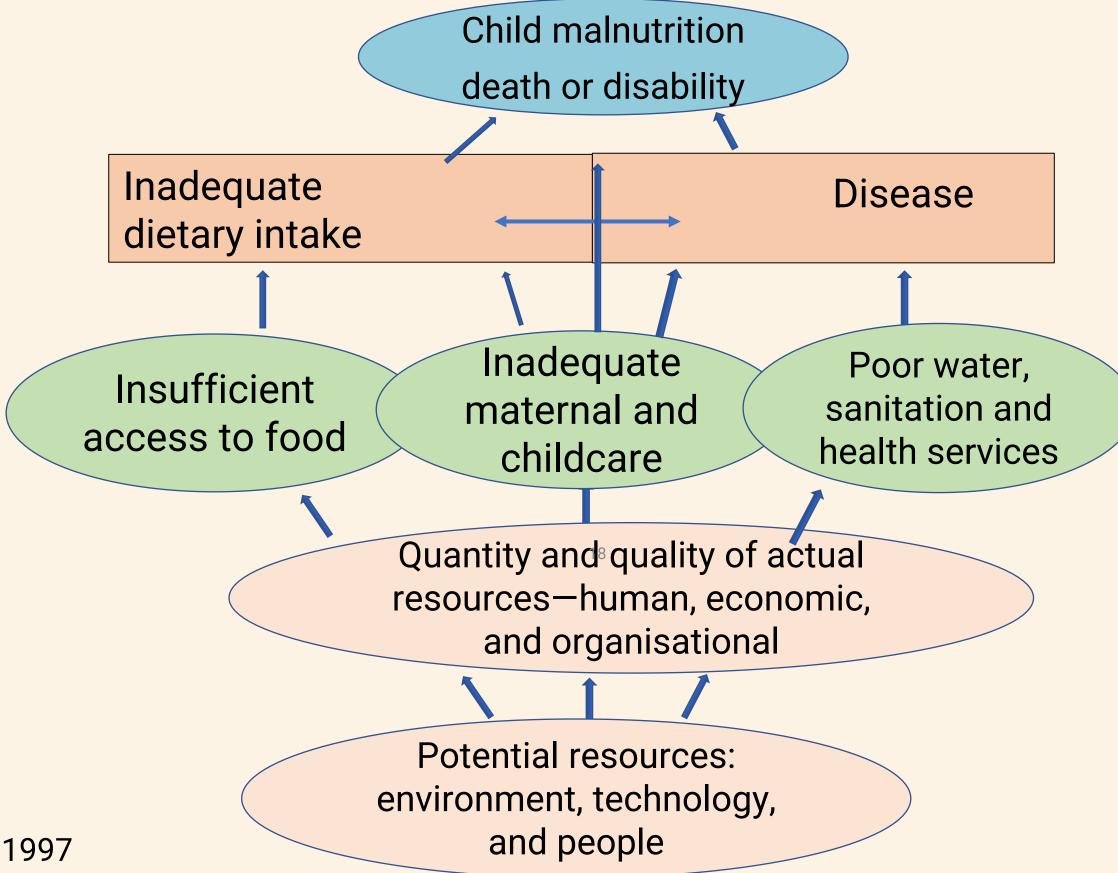








Conceptual
Framework of
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Child
Malnutrition



Source: Redrawn from UNICEF, 1997





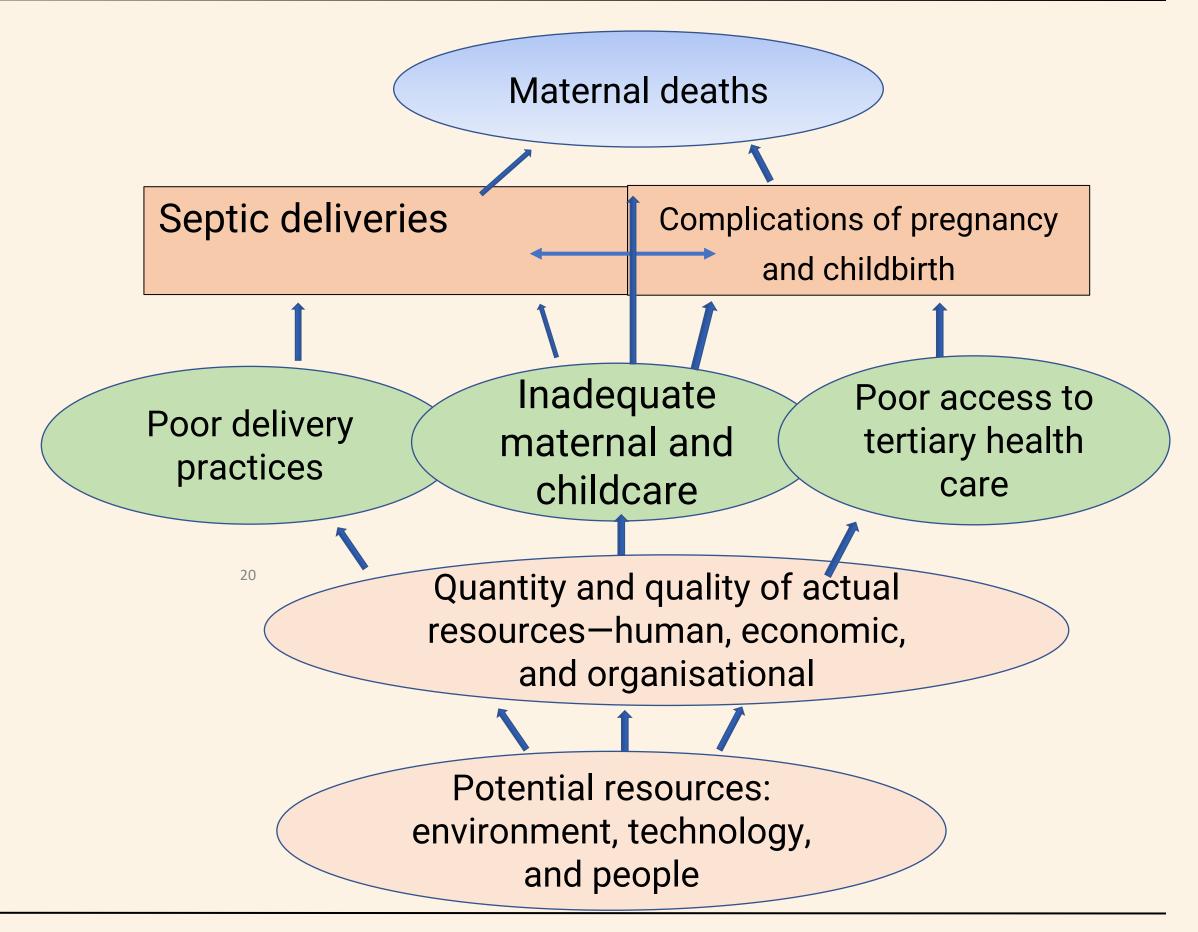
An Unequivocal Success Story

How Sri Lanka Reduced Maternal Deaths





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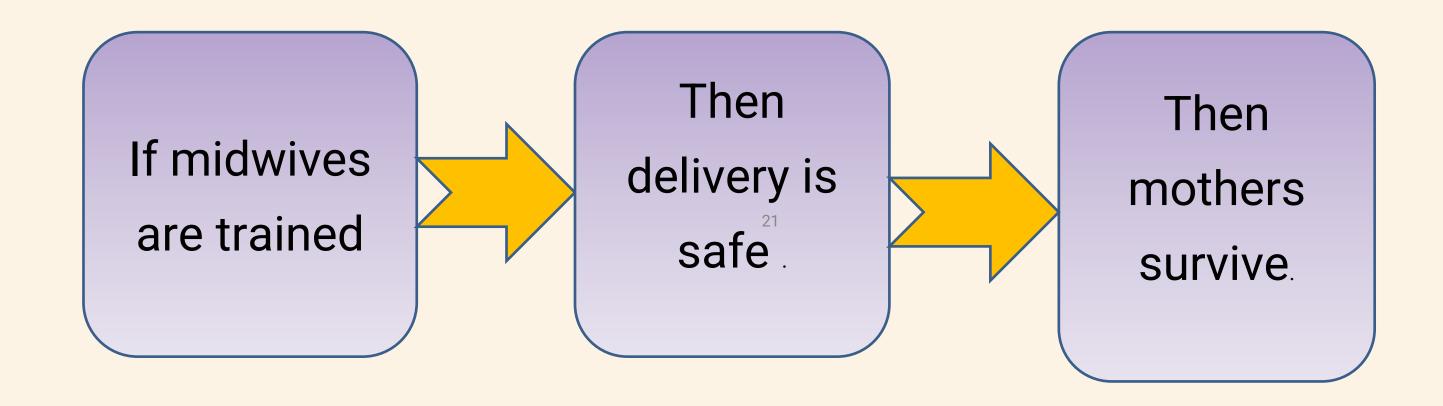


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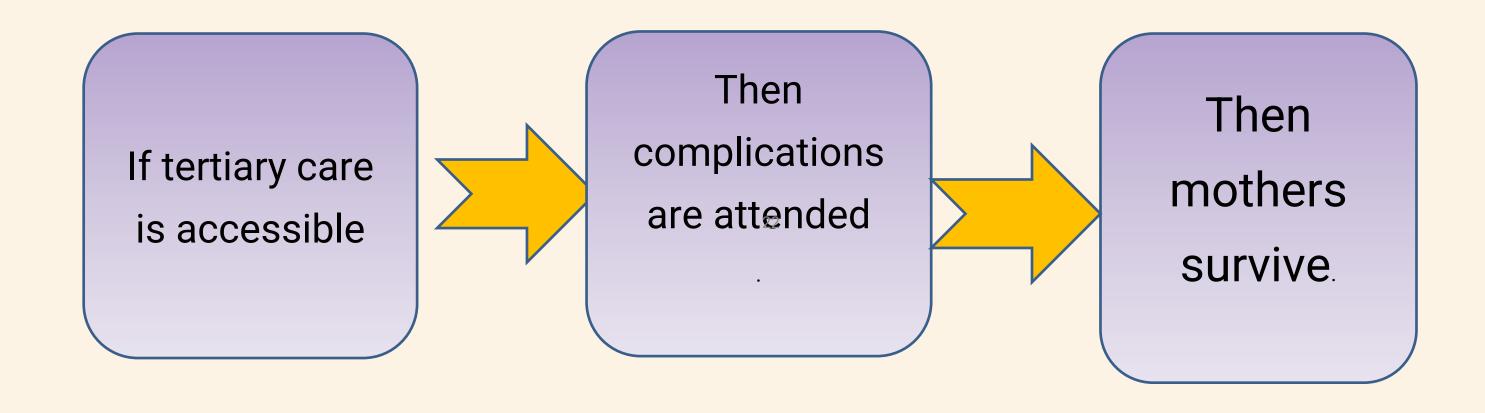
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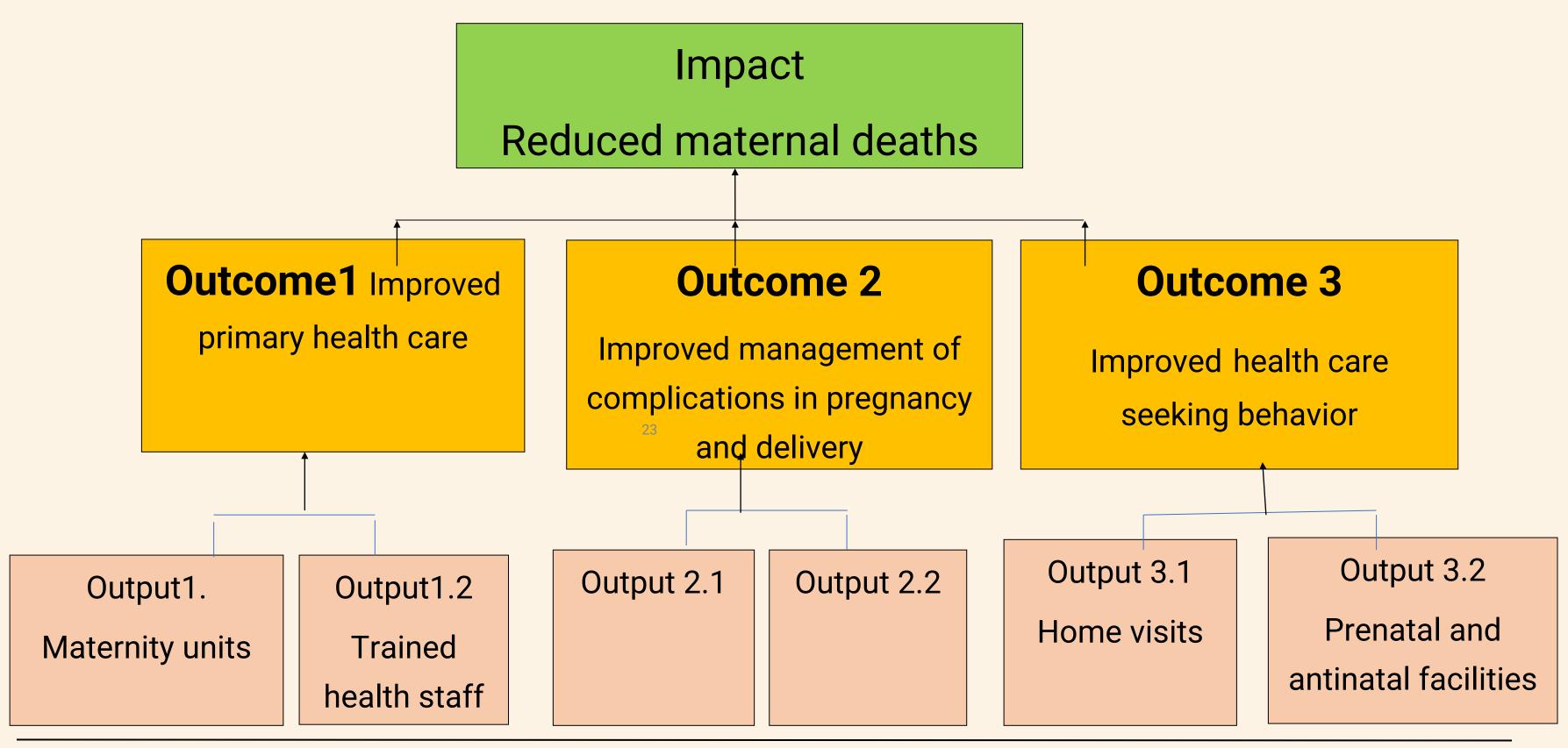
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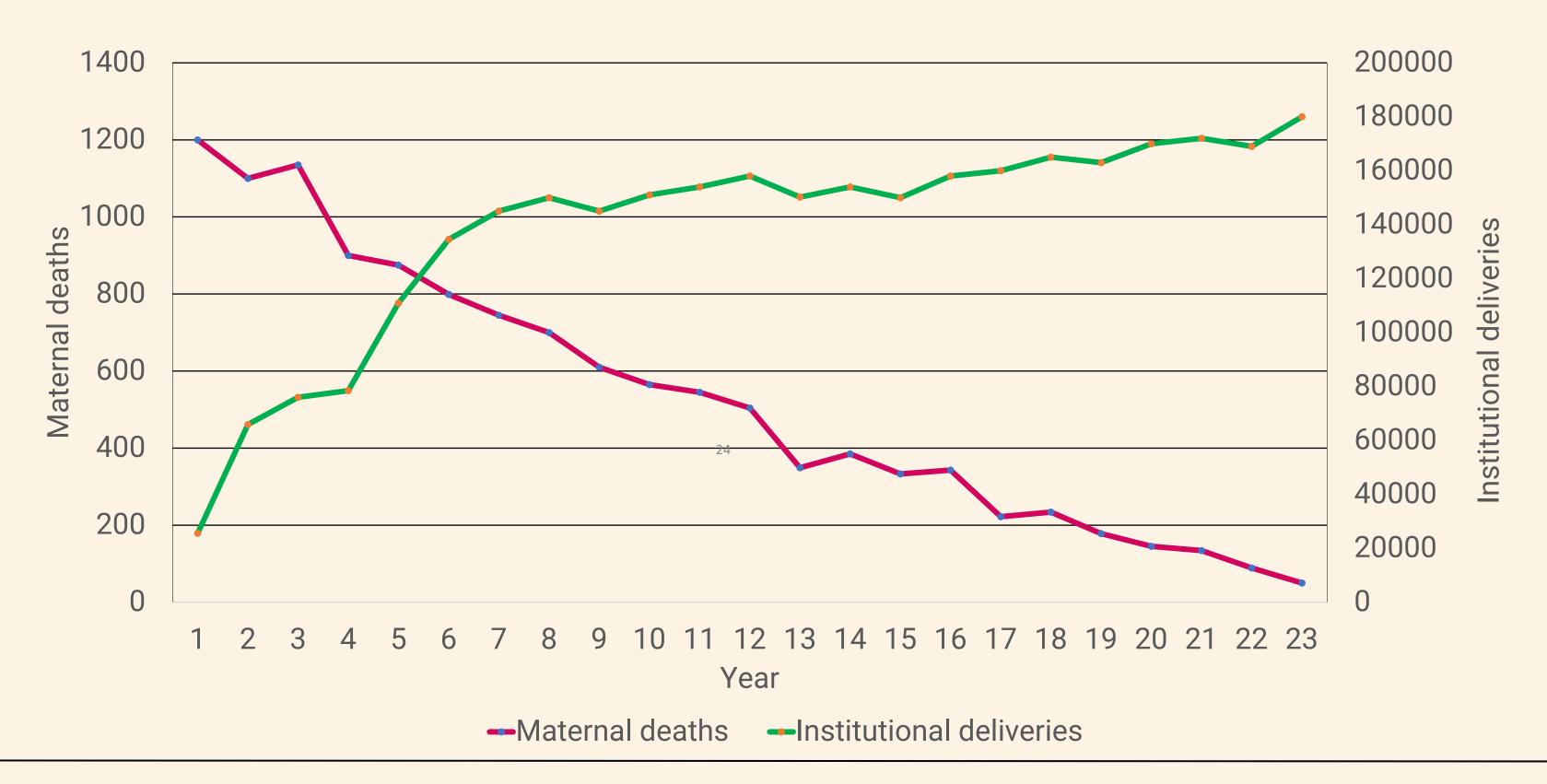
Results Framework







Falling Maternal Deaths and Rising Institutional Deliveries







Let's Review: Results Based, Theory driven, evidence-Informed Development Interventions

