

Social Determinants of Health: What is next for WHO?

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Why treat people ...



then send them back to the conditions that made them sick?

Outline

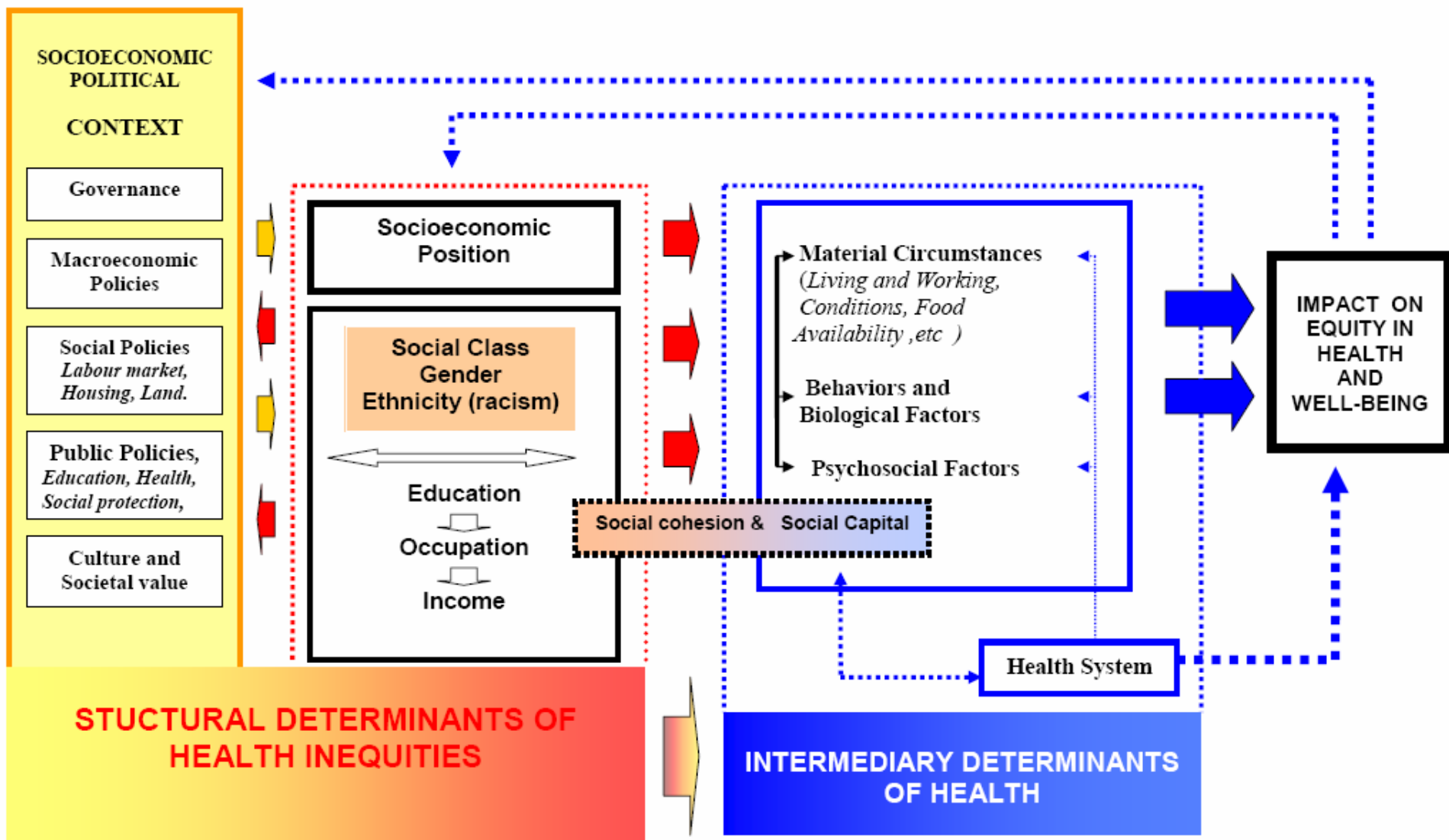
- Outputs from the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH)
- Beyond the final report...
- Social determinants of health (SDH) and primary health care (PHC)

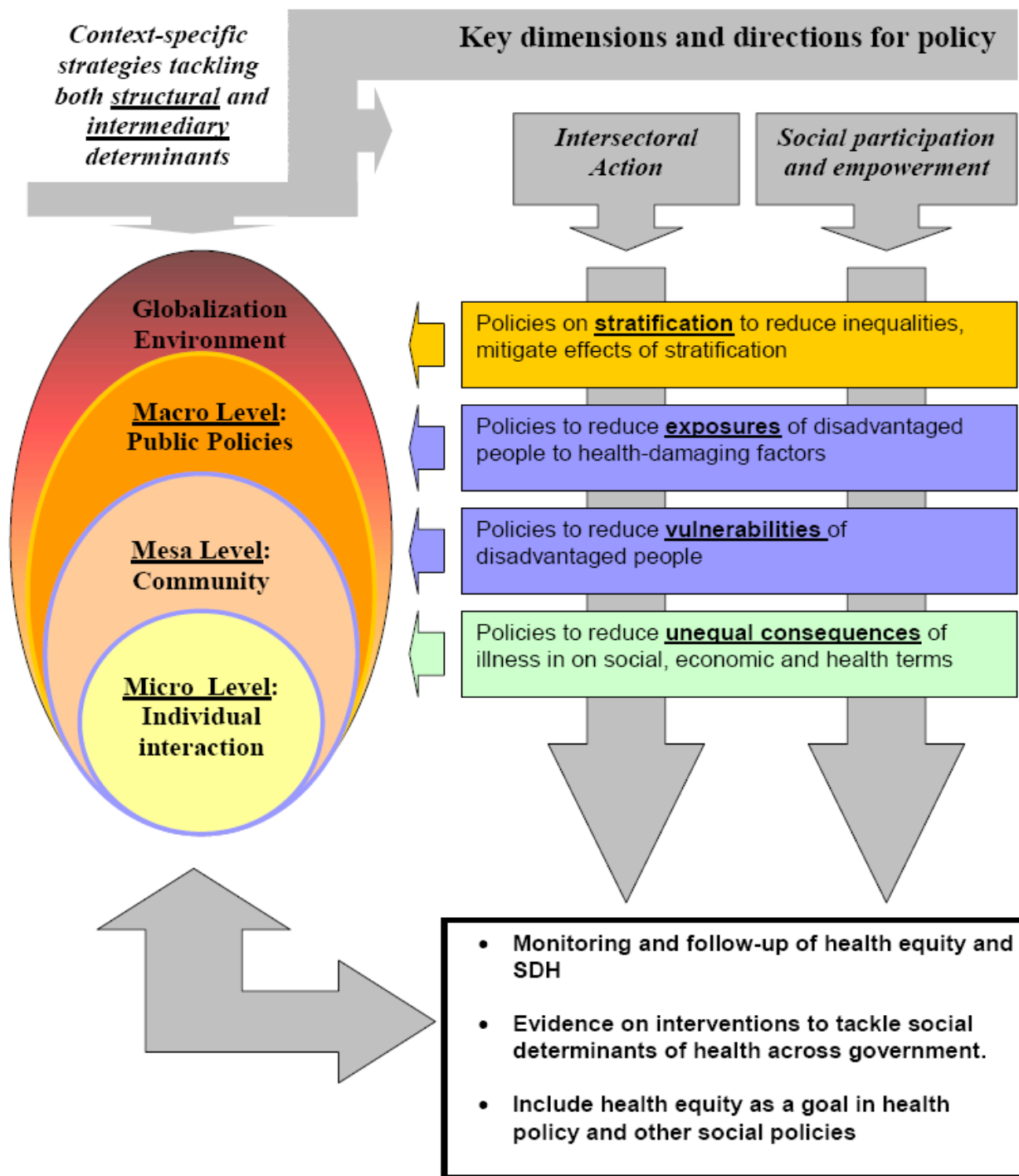


Outputs

- Interim Statement
- Final Report due to be published second half 2008
- Civil Society Report
- Knowledge Network Reports
- Knowledge Network Background Papers
- Country Stream Background Papers
- Intersectoral Action Reports







Beyond the report...

- Discussion and consultation within WHO and member states
- Use of report for advocacy tool
- Links to strategic objective in WHO planning
- Institutionalisation
- SDH and PHC



SDH and PHC

- Both share primary concern for equity
- Alma Ata
 - 'PHC involves, in addition to the health sector, all related sectors and aspects of national and community development, in particular agriculture, animal husbandry, food, industry, education, housing, public works, communications and other sectors; and demands the coordinated efforts of all those sectors.'
- Health systems cannot reduce health inequities on their own



SDH and PHC

- PHC as 'strategy' v PHC as 'level' v PHC as 'movement'
- Significant momentum for PHC
- Crucial to harmonise and align further work on SDH with revitalisation of PHC



Conclusion

- CSDH has accumulated unprecedented collection of evidence and experiences on SDH
- WHO looks forward to receiving final report to consider in consultation with member states how to move forward on SDH
- Future work on SDH within WHO needs to be aligned with revitalisation of PHC

