



# EVIPNet: building capacity for evidence-based policy development

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# Discussion topics

- What is EVIPNet
- How it works?
- How we learn?

“There is nothing a politician likes so little as to be well informed, it makes decision making so complex and difficult.”

John Maynard Keynes



***"All countries need to step up efforts to increase investment in health research(...).***

***At the same time, full use should be made of scientific evidence, and we should also work to bridge gaps between decision-making and scientific research."***

***Chen Zhu, Minister of Health,  
People's Republic of China***

***“If you are poor, actually you need more evidence before you invest, rather than if you are rich.”***



**Dr Hassan Mshinda**  
Ifakara Centre, Tanzania

What is



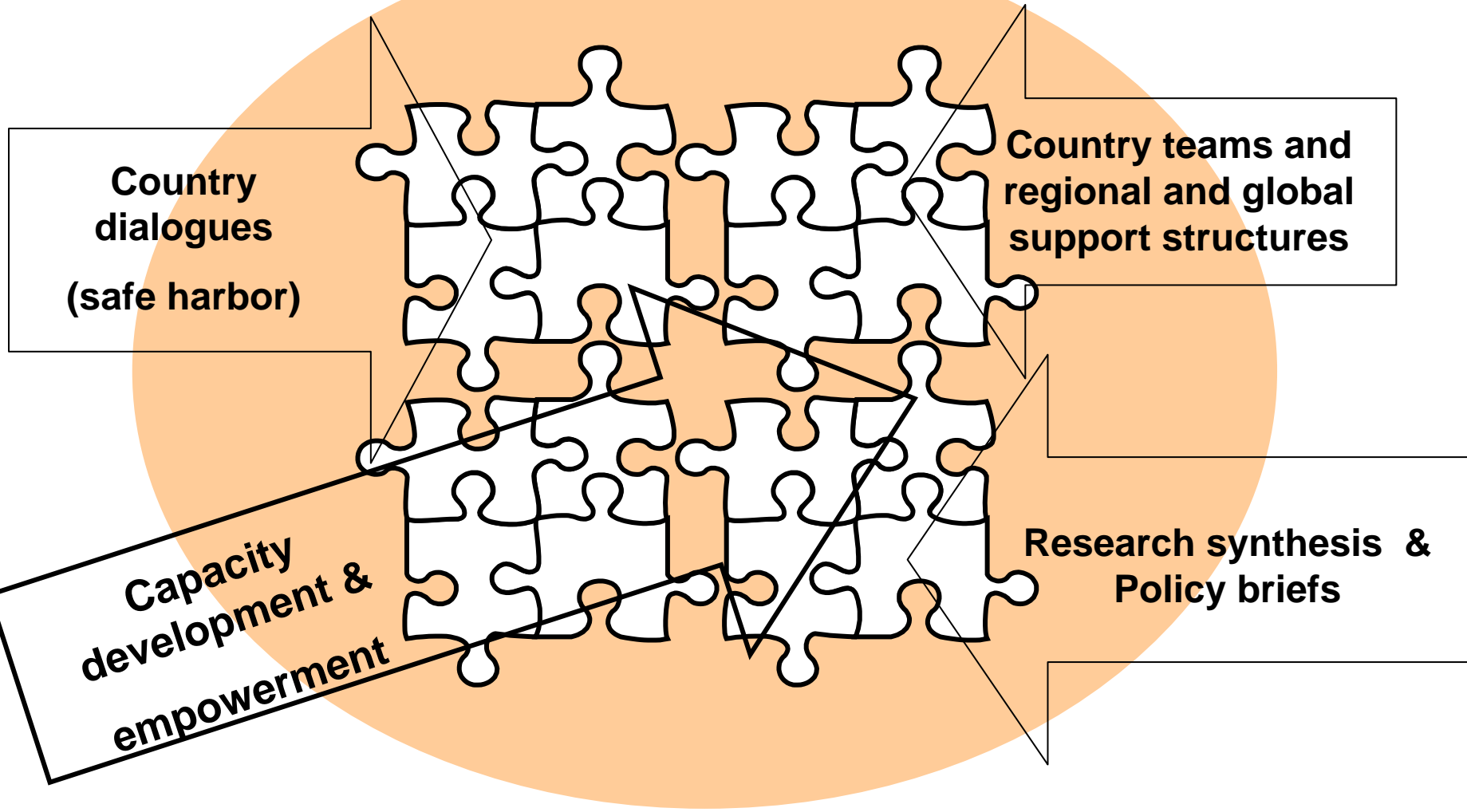
EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICY NETWORK

- Promote systematic use of evidence in policy-making in low and middle-income countries.
- Promotes partnerships at country level 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**



First EVIPNet (Evidence-Informed Policy Network)  
Policy Brief Workshop, February 18 - 22, 2008  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Organized by: WHO, TDR and McMaster University  
In collaboration with EHNRI and FMOH

## How we learn? Empowerment!

1st. EVIPNet Policy Brief Workshop  
- Addis Ababa, February 2008 -

- 8 policymakers and 7 researchers
- Learning by doing, producing, and evaluating
- Learning together to work together



1 draft policy brief for each country team



- Evidence based options to policy makers on ***how to support the widespread use of artemisin-based combination therapies (ACT) to treat uncomplicated falciparum malaria***
- includes supportive governance, financial and delivery arrangements within health systems, and implementation strategies),
- 6 drafts finalized by May 31

## During workshop...

- Drug coverage, provision, and reimbursement.
- Delivery and financial arrangements to upscale the use of ACTs: emphasis on human resources and incentives for the population and providers (producers, wholesale and retailers).
- Governance (including existing regulatory constraints)
- Identify at least 3 policy options to be further examined by each country & then discussed in plenary.
- Equity issues cross cut

## Other steps

- how to bring about change,
- Working with policy pathways
- techniques of writing, evaluating, and communicating PBs.
- how to Organize and evaluate a **national policy dialogue** to:
  - Refine
  - Further contextualize
  - Validate

# Challenges

- How to better include civil society (Now only "mid-stream," in the country dialogue)
- International funding while nurturing country teams

Thank you

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# Preparation before workshop focused on:

- Terms of reference for Policy Brief
- Identification of relevant systematic reviews, national research, and health information
- Locating relevant studies specific to their country (or sub-region)
- Drafting the section titled “magnitude of the problems or challenges linked to the policy issue” (burden of disease)



# EVIPNet Portal

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EVIPNet steering group  
EVIPNet resources group

**Regional**

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**Asia**

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**Search by Themes**

**Evidences for informed policies**

**Policy Briefs**  
All, EVIPNet Teams, EVIPNet Associates, Others

**Research synthesis**  
All, EVIPNet Teams, EVIPNet Associates, Others

**EVIPNet monitoring and evaluation reports**  
Baseline, Country reports, Agregated reports, Annual reports

**Resources for informed policies**

**Scientific and technical literature**  
All, Systematic reviews, Reviews, Articles, Books, Government and International documents, Legislation, Others, Guidelines, Collections by theme, External databases

**Directories: Journals, Web Sites, Events, Organizations**  
Journals, Web sites, Events, EVIPNet Organizations, Other Organizations

**Glossaries, Terminologies and Dictionaries**  
All, Glossaries, Terminologies, Dictionaries

**Learning and presentation tools**  
Tutorials, Courses and workshops, Presentations

**EVIPNet guidelines and templates for Policy Briefs**  
How to produce a policy brief?, For topics and questions, Template to write a policy brief

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**About EVIPNet**

**Background and objectives**

**Organization, governance and operation**  
Country, Regional, Global

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Bamako 2008 - Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health

EVIPNet Newsletter

International Dialogue on Evidence-informed Action

**News**

Competency Development in Public Health LeadershipHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Measuring Health Worker Motivation in Developing CountriesHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Improving Child Health Care Practices of Private Providers: Guidelines for Monitoring and DocumentationHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Guidelines for Monitoring and Evaluation Health Workforce at National and District LevelsHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Guide to Monitoring and Evaluation of Capacity-Building Interventions in the Health Sector in Developing CountriesHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Mapping Capacity in the Health Sector: a Conceptual FrameworkHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

Guidelines for Introducing Human Resource Indicators to Monitor Health Service PerformanceHRH Global Resource Center - Monitoring and Evaluation

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This Collaborative Space contributes for the information exchange of stakeholders involved on the development of the EVIPNet Portal.

The EVIPNet Portal will use the best practices of the Virtual Health Library VHL. We are in the process of adapting key VHL functions to the EVIPNet context.

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