

INFLUENCING POLICY DIALOGUE IN COUNTRIES: A STRATEGIC FUNCTION FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES

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WHAT IS POLICY DIALOGUE?

... the set of formal and informal exchanges aimed at facilitating policy change, influencing policy design and fostering further processes for decision making where stakeholders of the different health system levels participate and contribute

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY POINTS?

⊙ Entry points along the planning cycle

- Situation analysis
- Priority setting
- Implementation
- Monitoring

⊙ Entry points at the MoH levels

- Levels of care
- Administration
- Management and leadership
- community

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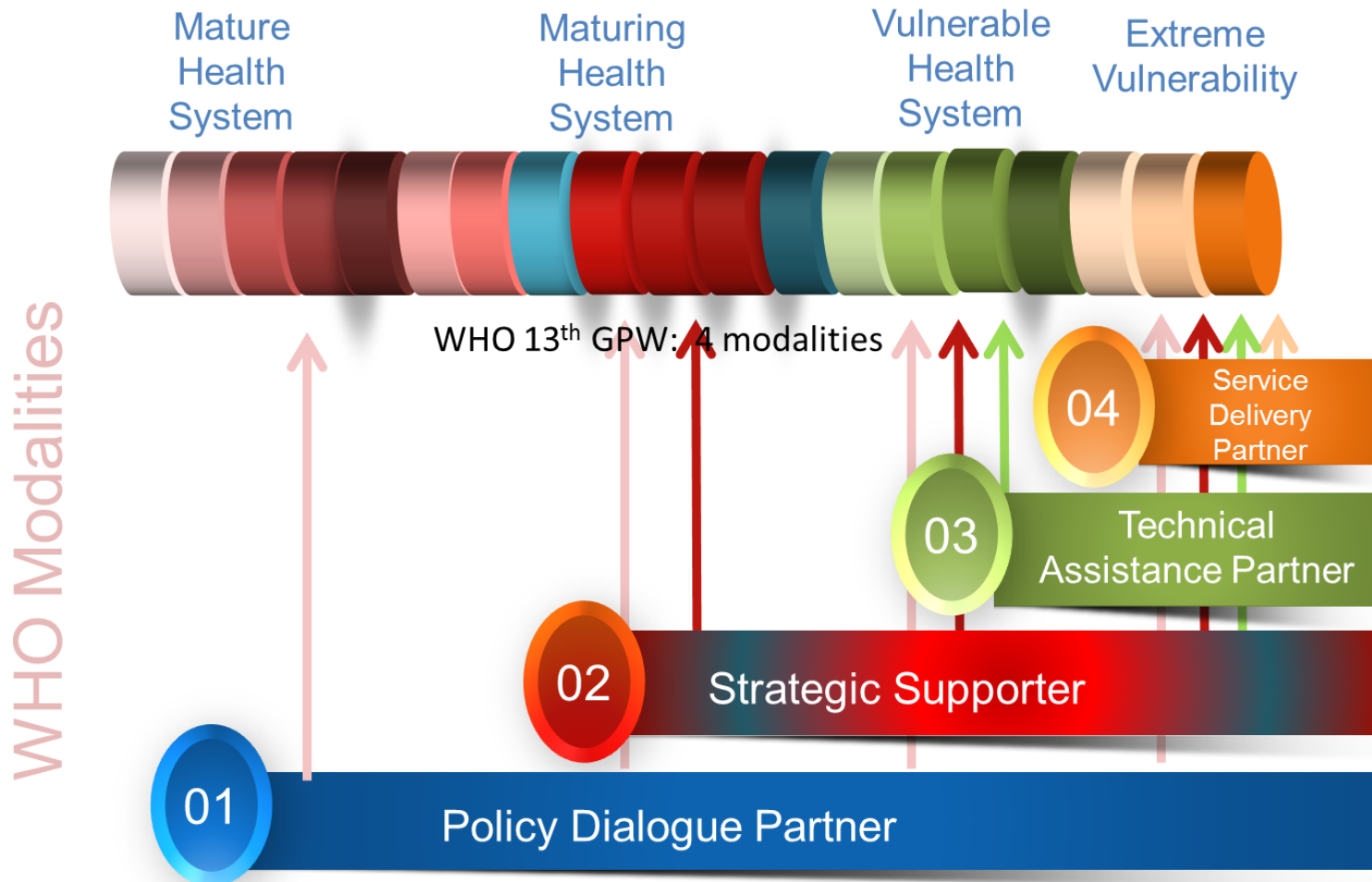
- ◉ Entry points from a political perspective
 - Political parties
 - Parliamentarians
 - Civil society (unions, associations,...)
- ◉ Entry points through academic and public health institutions and strengthening research capacity on Nursing and Midwifery

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CHANNELS?

- ◉ Initial and in service trainings
- ◉ Strategic and operational platforms at all level of the health system
 - National,
 - Local,
 - Community
- ◉ Health sector annual review, National health plans mid-term or final evaluations, National health Forum or Assemblies, population consultation processes, etc.

THE RESPONSE FROM WHO [1/2]

For the 194 Member States



THE RESPONSE FROM WHO [2/2]



A recent illustration: the Universal Health Coverage Partnership:

- Supporting countries to improve MoH, major actors and stakeholders to engage in policy dialogue
- HWF key component - Examples:
 - Guinea - support to community health workers after Ebola crisis
 - Sierra Leone - HWF database
 - Mali - support to accelerate recruitment of nurses and midwives

KEY ISSUES...

- ◉ What kind of evidence do we need?
- ◉ Does the investment worth it?
- ◉ How to better engage with populations, patients and communities for policy making?
- ◉ How to better engage with health unions, associations or other health professional networks for policy making?
- ◉ Public or private health employers to support nursing and midwifery priorities?