

Advancing the Development of National Childhood Cancer Care Strategies: Key Findings from a Policy Dialogue

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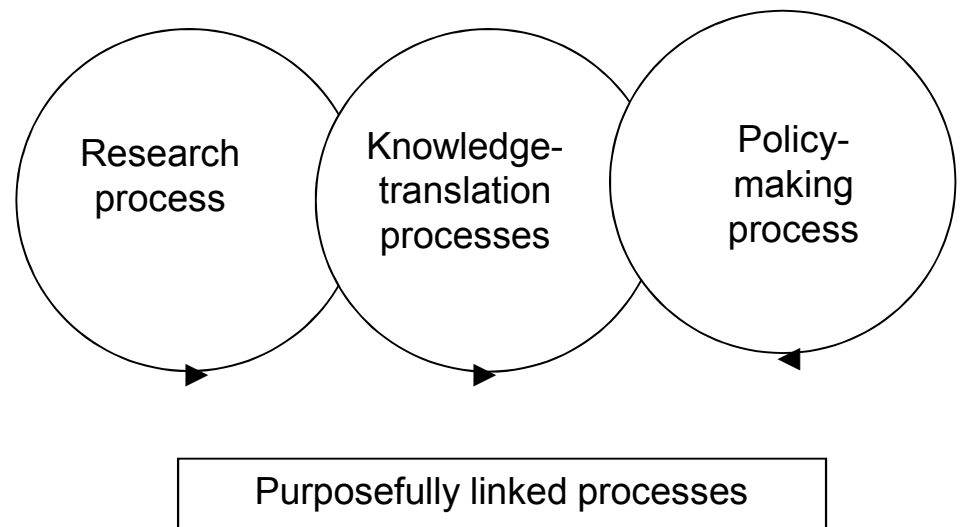
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Purpose of a Deliberative Dialogue

- Serves as a bridge between evidence and policy
- Incorporates and integrates various types of evidence (scientific, colloquial) for policy decision-making
- Empowers various stakeholders to take actions to effect policy change



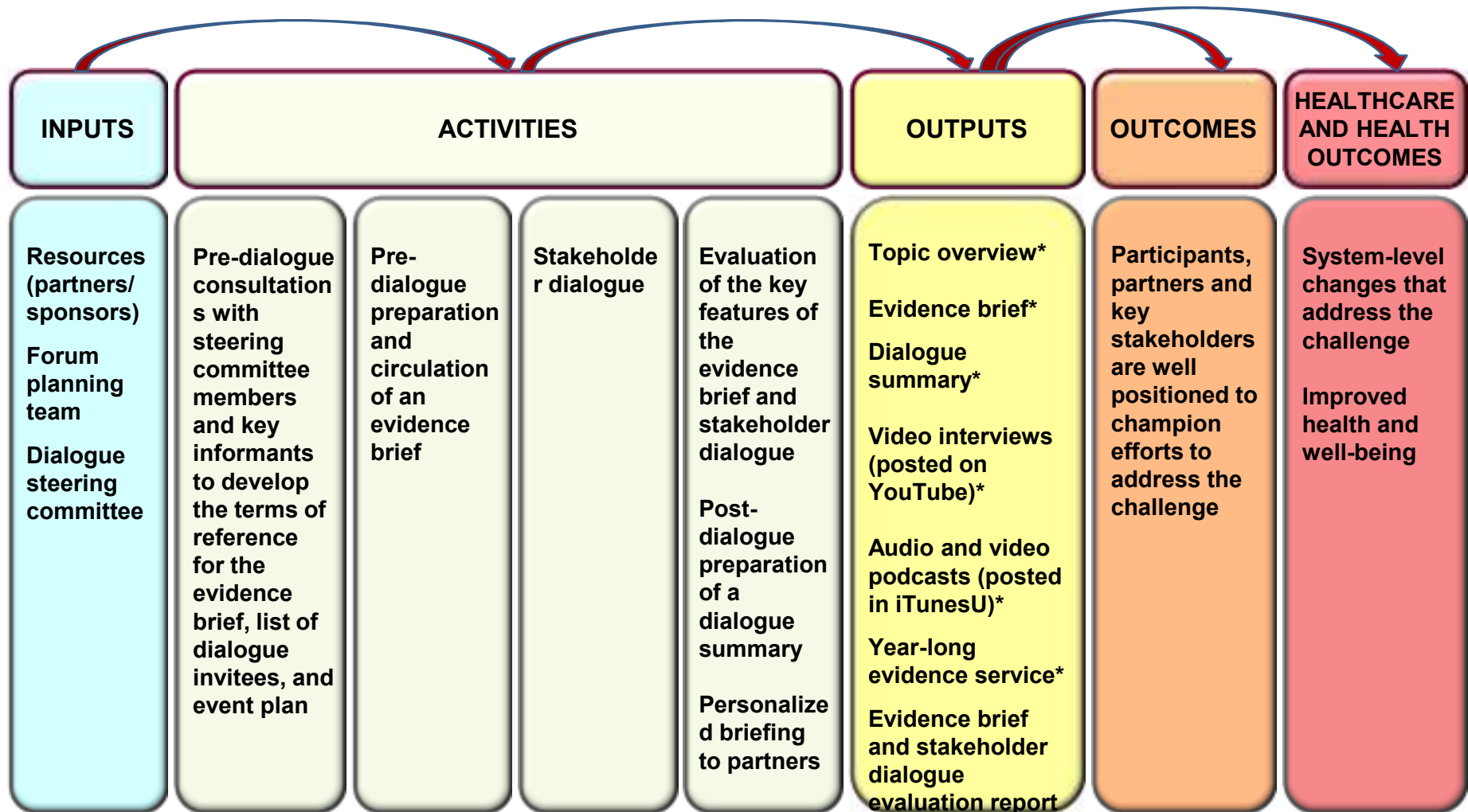
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Stakeholder Dialogues

General Approach - Logic Model



Key Messages: The Problem

- 1. Burden:** Heavy (but inconsistently measured) childhood cancer burden
- 2. Access:** Regional variations in outcomes resulting from inequities in access to care
- 3. System:** Need for better-coordinated system-wide practices and policies
- 4. Politics:** limited attention from policymakers



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Key Messages: Elements of a Solution

1. Pan-regional task force

- Clarity on challenges and solutions
- Opportunities for supra-national collaboration
- Regional priority setting and action plans

2. Health system guidance

- Knowledge hub
- Stakeholder engagement in policy/program development

3. Monitoring and evaluation

- High-quality cancer registries
- Indicators for common benchmarking

From Challenges to Solutions: Examples

Health System Dimensions		Elements of a Solution			
	Key Barriers	Pan-Regional Task Force	Health System Guidance	Monitoring and Evaluation	Regional Exemplars
Early Detection and Referral	Poor integration of referral mechanisms	Define core diagnostic capacities for referral centers of excellence	Develop/share training programs on presentation, diagnosis and referral for PHC facilities	Introduce accountability measures to reduce referral delays; develop referral procedures and checklists	<i>Chile</i> : legislation on and incentives for timely referral <i>Mexico</i> , <i>Paraguay</i> : public campaigns on early warning signs
Treatment and Care	Unreliable drug procurement and access	Regional approach to drug price negotiation, procurement and supply	Implementation of PAHO procedures for national procurement and supply management	Strengthening regional cancer registries	<i>WHO</i> : EMLc <i>PAHO</i> : SF
Survivorship					
Monitoring and Evaluation					

Key Messages: Priority Actions

Priority Actions

1. Advocacy
2. Data and evidence
3. Stakeholder engagement
4. **Pan-regional task force**

Task Force Considerations

- Legitimacy/impact hinge on:
 - Coherent statement of purpose
 - Clearly articulated foundational values
 - Strong governance
 - Focus on activities with pan-regional scope

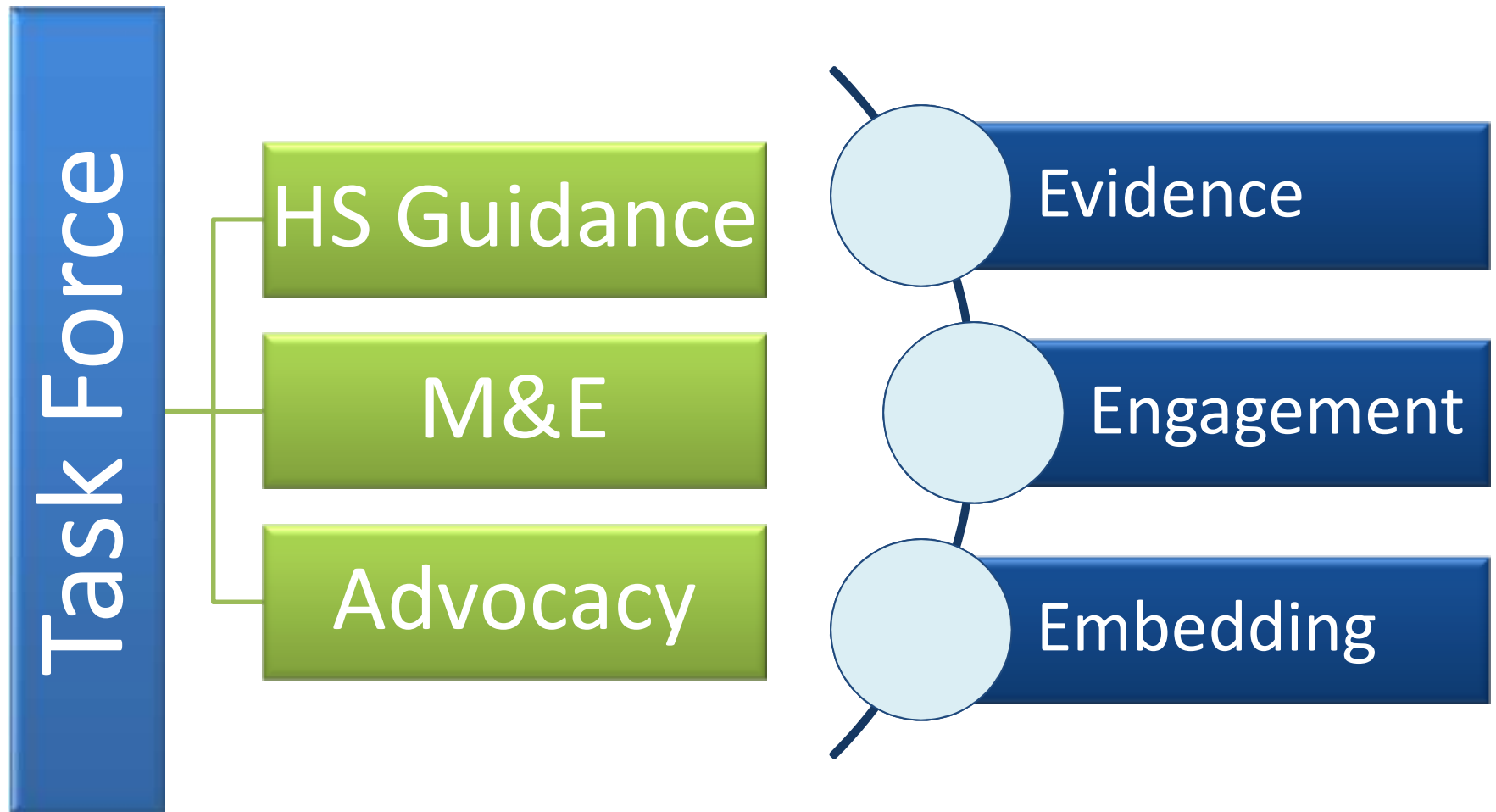


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Integration: Elements and Actions



Dialogue Reflections: Key Themes

- Broad societal engagement
 - [Francis Contreras](#) (Vice Minister of Health, MOH, Honduras)
- Regional collaboration
 - [Carlos Rodriguez Galindo](#) (Chair, Department of Global Pediatric Medicine, SJCRH)

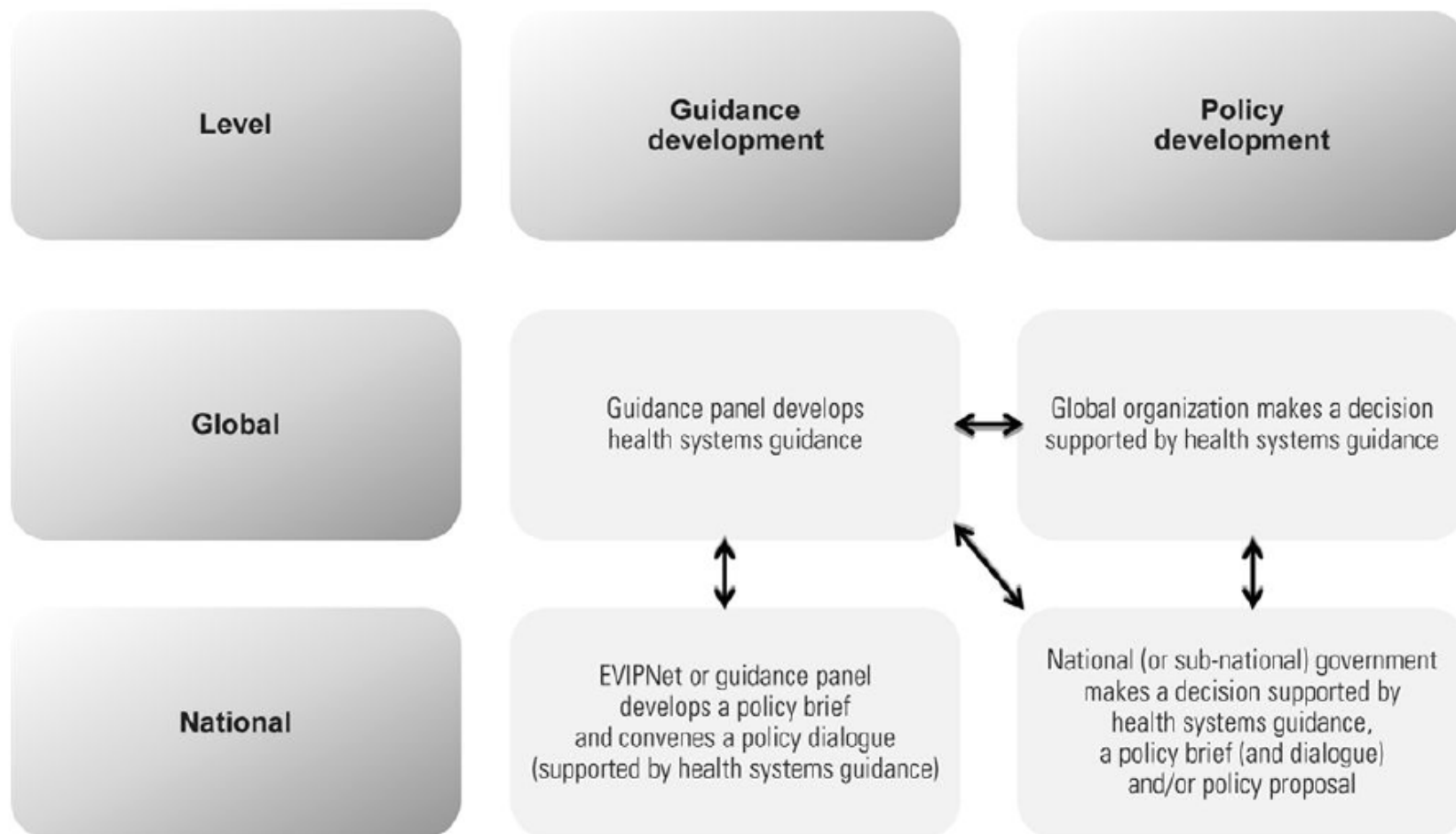


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Guidance and Policy Development: Tiered Links



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Next Steps: PAHO Working Group

- Identification of barriers, challenges and needs to improve childhood cancer outcomes:
 - **Gaps** in health policies and services?
 - **Barriers** to improvements?
 - **Opportunities** to strengthen the system/improve care?
- National / Regional interface



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