

**SOUTH AFRICAN MATERNAL, PERINATAL &  
NEONATAL HEALTH  
POLICY  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT OUTLINE**

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***WHO SOUTH AFRICA***

# A Policy

- An expression of a country's belief system regarding a particular issue.
- A collective value system, vision and the direction in which to proceed.
- Policies
  - Aligned with the laws of the country
  - Sets out what is permissible and what is not.
- Prescribes, explain and outline how particular issues will be dealt with:
  - Implemented through strategic and operational plans

# Methodology

1. Desk review of the relevant literature on maternal, newborn, perinatal and SRHR review of Global and Regional commitments, legal frameworks and national policies and guidelines
2. Conduct Key informants interviews with Senior department of health officials, Health Service Providers, NGOs, Training Institutions, CBOs and Development Partners
3. Analysis of the collected data and draw a successes, challenges and policy gaps
4. Compilation of a report of the findings and drafting of Maternal and Neonatal Health Policy
5. Validation of draft policy by stakeholders

# Four key Questions

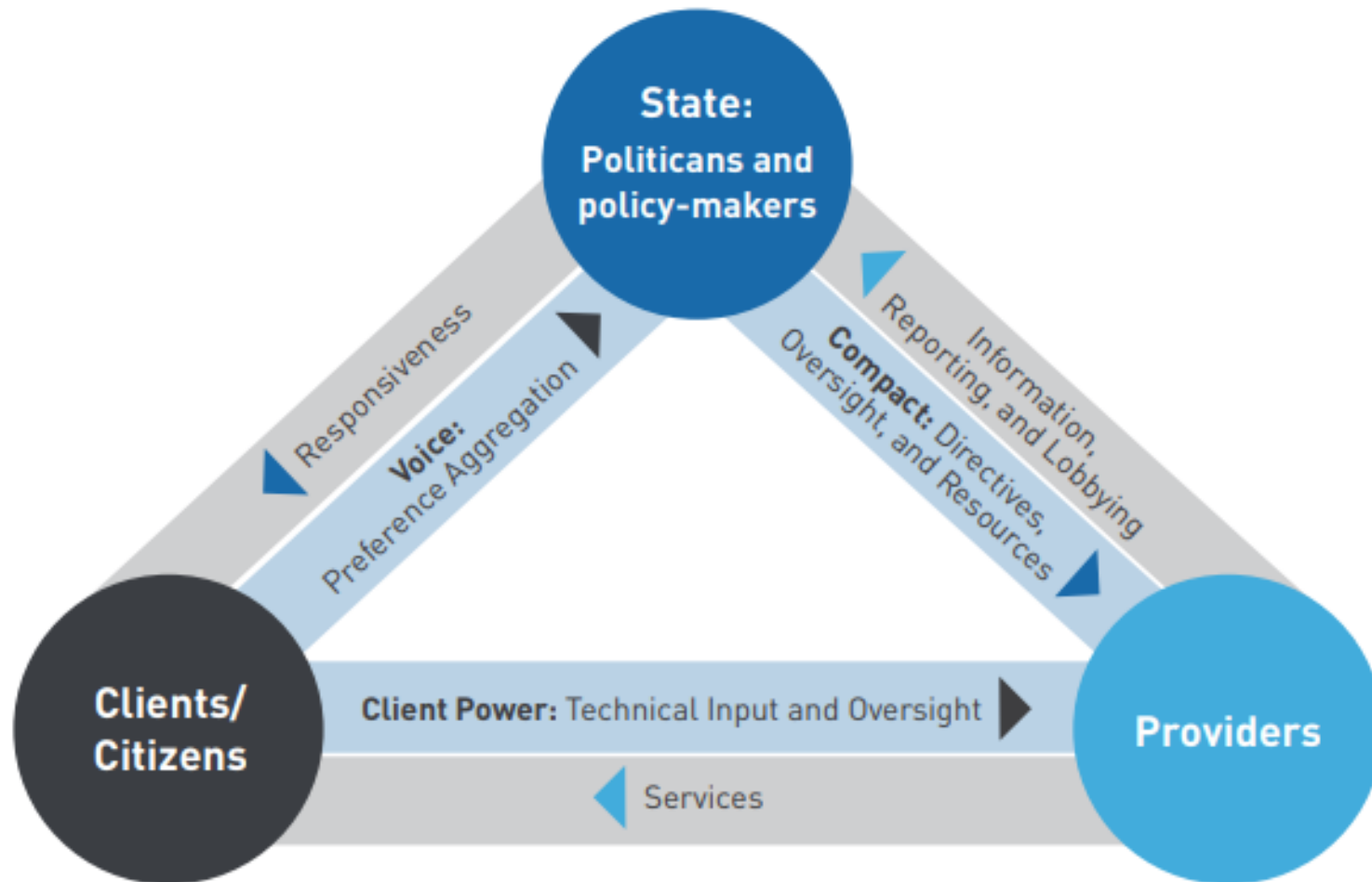
1. Where are we?
2. Where do we want to be? (*SDG 3.1 & 3.2*) & *NDP 2030 targets*
  1. *MM: 100 per 100 000*
  2. *NM: 20 per 1 000*
3. How will we get there?
4. How will we know we are there?

# The process – South Africa

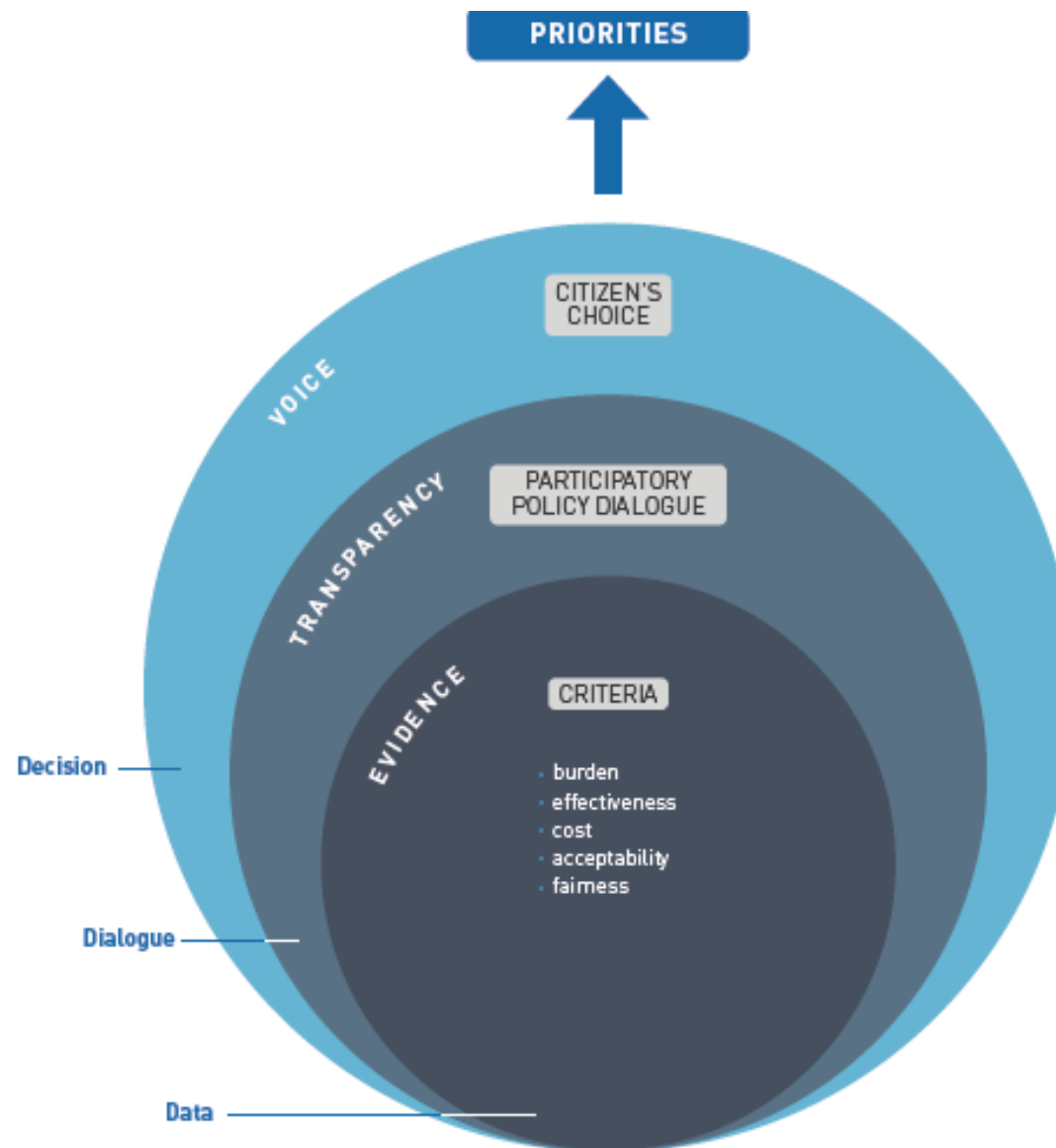
Activity
<b>Maternal and Newborn care policy</b>
Desk review
Data collection through desk review
Key informants interviews
Analysis of data
Compilation of a report on the process and the findings and drafting of Maternal and newborn health policy
<b>Validation of draft policy by stakeholders</b>
<b>Incorporation of stakeholders input</b>
<b>Presentation of the policy to NDoH Senior Management</b>



# Three Policy dimensions



# 3 steps for priority setting



# OUTLINE

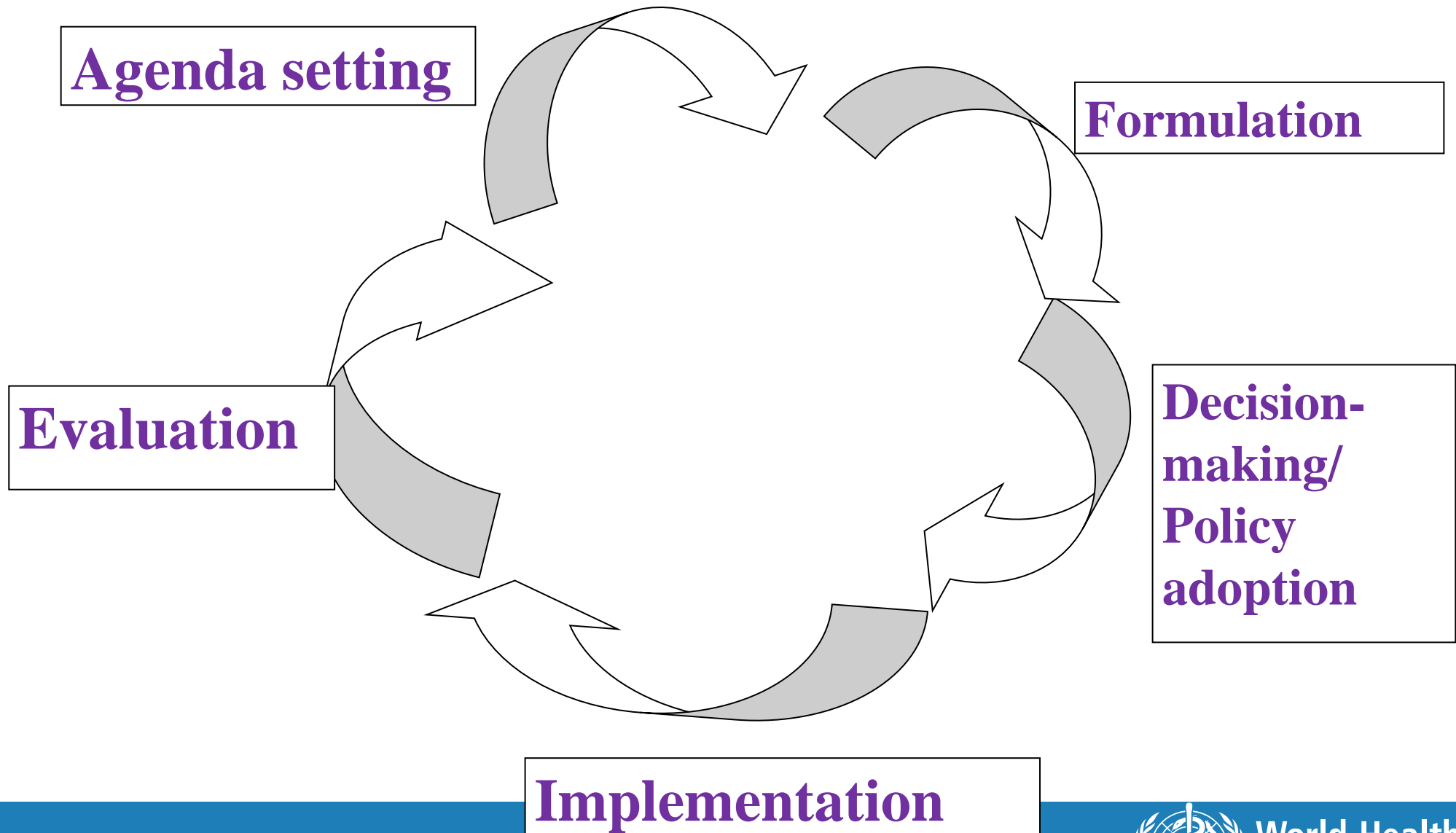
1. Vision, Mission, Goal and Objectives
2. Guiding Principles and Values
  - i. Universal Access
  - ii. Quality of care
  - iii. Resources
3. Policy Framework
  - i. Maternal Health : *Policy Statements & Policy Implications*
  - ii. Neonatal Health: *Policy Statements & Policy Implications*
  - iii. Community involvement and participation
4. Institutional Framework for Implementation, Finance & M&E
5. Policy revision



# MNH policy relevance

1. Strengthen health systems to support MNH services
2. To guide and influence MNH outcomes by addressing issues of access, inequities and disparities
3. It affords us the opportunity learn from current successes and failure and to plan better for effective future interventions
4. Informs Policy revision

# Health Policy Cycle



# THANK YOU

