



Regional Information and Advocacy Support Model for Utilization of Health Research Findings

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About ECSCA-HC



- A regional Inter-governmental organization covering ten countries in the region
- Established in 1974 to promote and foster regional collaboration in Health
- Governed by a Conference of Health Ministers
- A regional platform for sharing of best practices and advocacy for promotion of policy and programme improvement
- Regional forum for consensus building, priority setting peer support and partnership in health.
- Facilitates technical and other resources for capacity building in health in the region
- Headquartered in Arusha, Tanzania

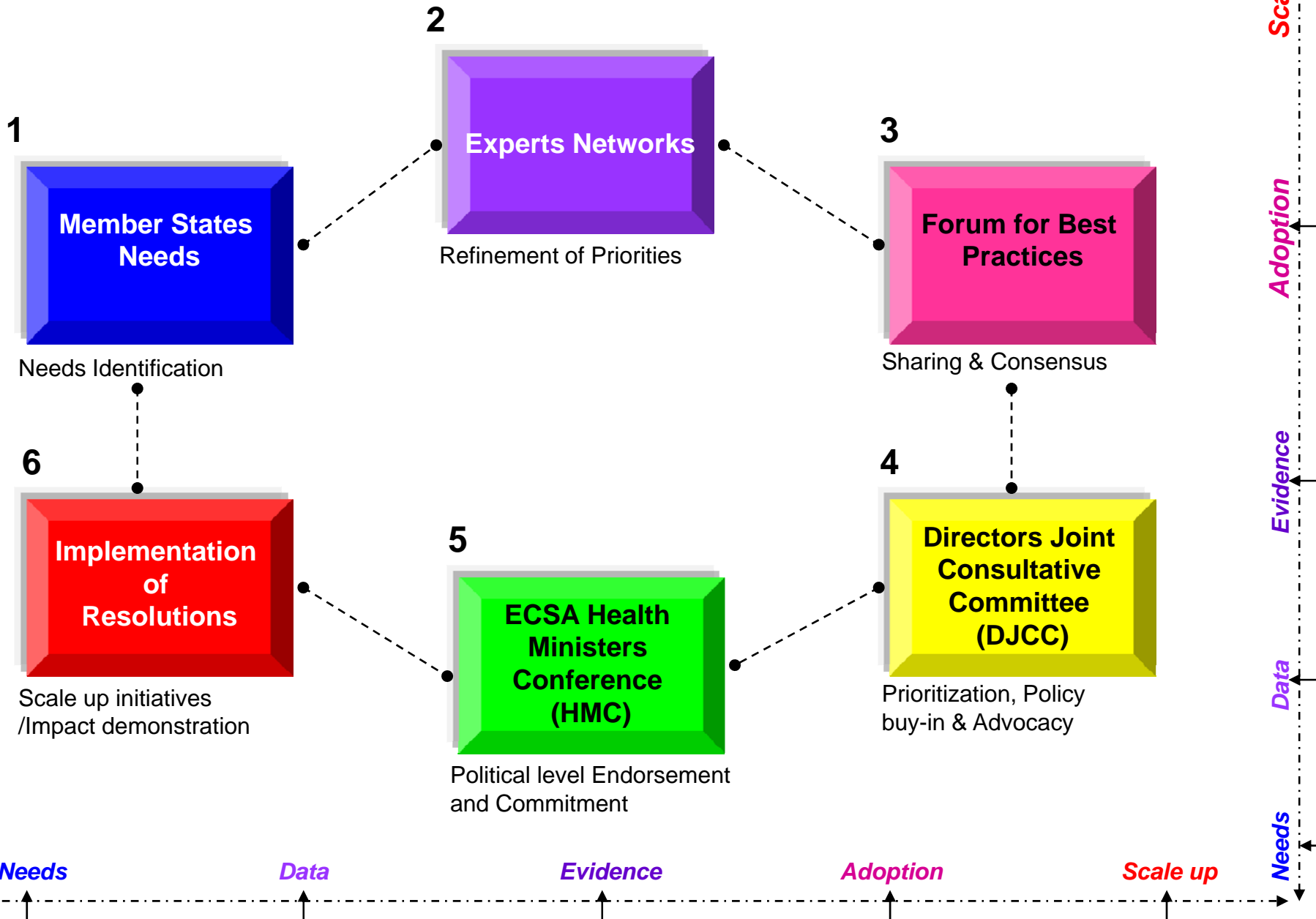


Objectives of the Model



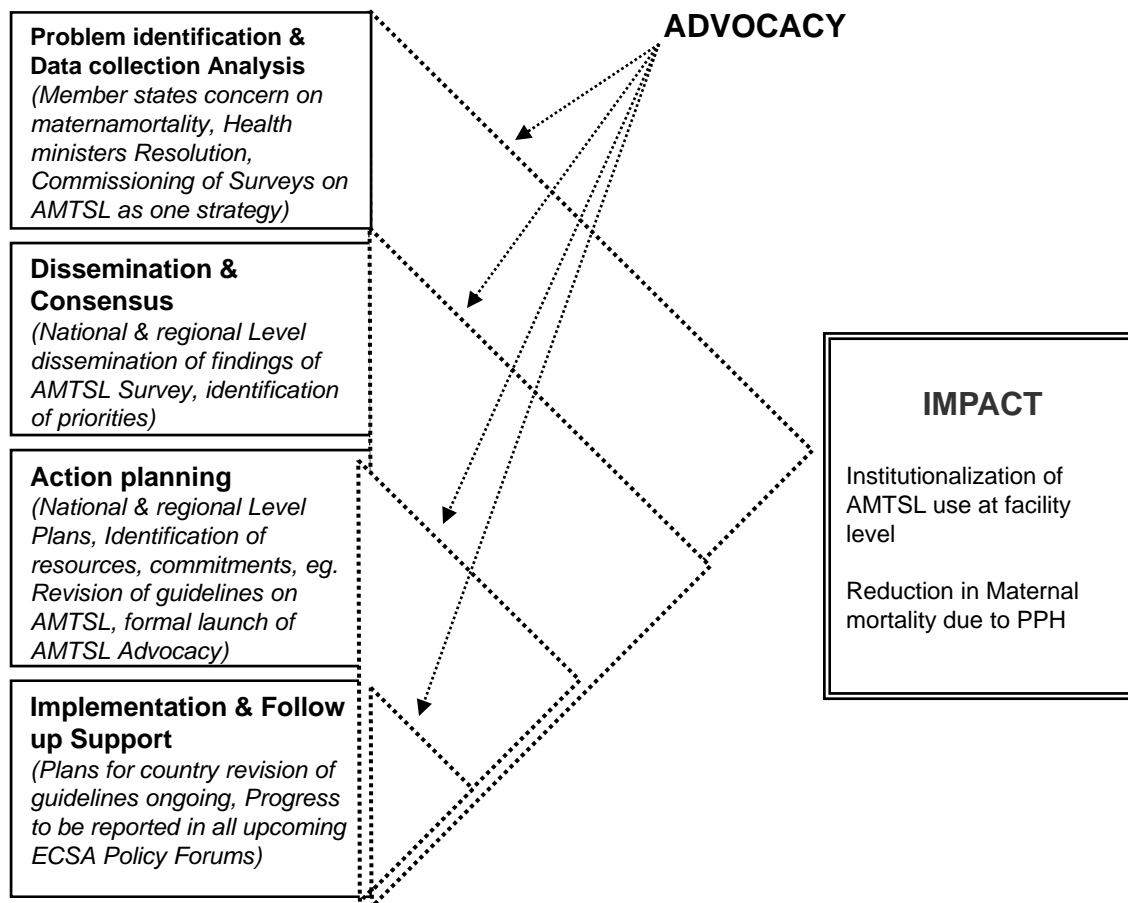
- Facilitate generation and utilization of data in member countries by linking ongoing research initiatives to regional advocacy cycle and the global commitments
- Contribute to data utilization by sustaining momentum, continuous peer support, follow up and feedback mechanisms to research initiatives
- Provide forum for reporting and building support for new and emerging research initiatives
- Forge linkages between stakeholders along the data-to-impact continuum, shorten learning cycle and encourage results.

ECSA Regional Advocacy & Information Support Model





Advocacy Support fro AMTSL Surveys Findings Utilization





Results



- Survey processes and results linked to the cycle have resulted into concrete country level action in policy improvement (*AMTSL, GBV, Fistula*)
- Ongoing research initiatives brought to the attention of stakeholders resulting in increased awareness and cross-country sharing
- Sustained dialogue on critical research topics with annual reporting mechanism resulting in better prospects for utilization of findings
- Bridging researcher-policy maker communication and information sharing gap.



Future Perspectives



- Increased link with clinical trial research processes expert networks and policy audiences in the region.
- Inclusion of clinical trials research agenda in ECSCA regional research priorities currently being developed.
- Provide forum for dialogue on initial, ongoing clinical trials research among stakeholders in the region.



“Hitch Your Wagon to a Star”

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Thank You!