



BRIDGING THE GAP FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DATA TO POLICY (D2P) TRAINING PROGRAM AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVELS IN ZAMBIA

PRESENTER: KUTHA BANDA

OLATUBOSUN AKINOLA¹ RABSON ZIMBA¹, HILDA SHAKWELELE¹, SANDRA CHILENGI-SAKALA²

¹Clinton Health Access Initiative, ²National Health Research Authority



Background

Bridging the knowledge-action gap



Public health professionals

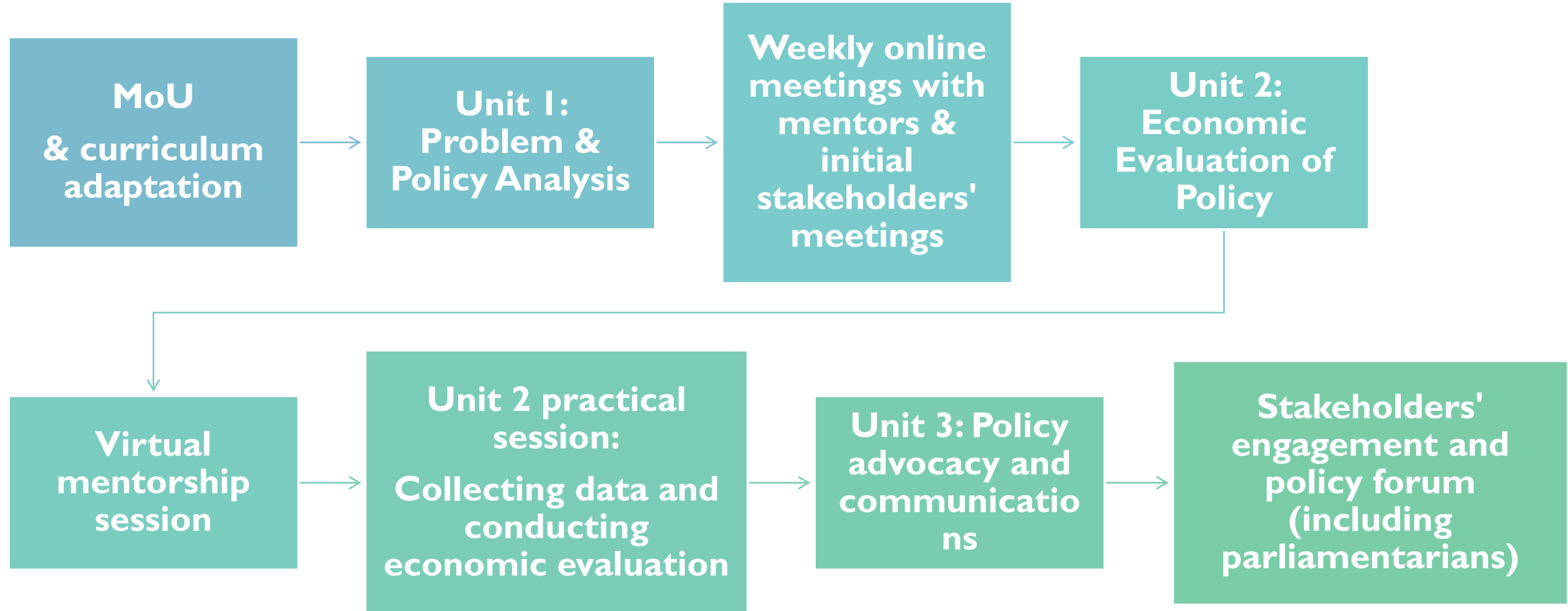
Policy makers

- KT bridges the gap between research and practice, bringing together researcher, policy makers and practitioners using tools such as policy briefs
- In Zambia, the National Health Research Authority is mandated to facilitate KT & conducts annual capacity building program at national level in developing policy briefs called D2P since 2016

Gap: Low utilization of evidence for decision making at sub-national levels

Action: In 2021, CHAI with support from government of Sweden in Zambia, CHAI collaborated with NHRA to adapt D2P program for sub-national level in order to support decision making at that level

Process



Policy briefs presented at policy forum

It Isn't Just A Little Rash! Protect a child from measles by improving uptake of the second measles vaccine dose through mandatory birth registration and vaccination tracking in Southern Province

How Many New-born Babies Can We Save By Booking Antenatal Care Early? Introduce free early community pregnancy detection in Southern Province

Iron For A Strong, Smart And Healthy Child! Reducing the high prevalence of anaemia in children aged 6-23 months in Southern Province, Zambia

Save Adolescent Girl's Lives ! Enhanced contraceptive uptake key to reduce maternal mortality in adolescents

Born Alive To Thrive! Ending preventable stillbirths in Eastern Province

Trauma Informed Care! A solution to post intimate partner violence depression management in Eastern Province, Zambia

Challenges and Mitigations



Time commitment of the participants

- Flexibility in implementation from 4 to 6 months



Commitment of mentors to continuous mentorship (limited health economists)

- Planned for several in-person meetings to elicit dedicated attention



Lack of access to some journal articles (locally applicable data on effective options)

- Utilized available open-access articles and stated limitations

Recommendation & Next steps

Next steps

- Roll-out D2P sub-national to improve data utilization
- Mobilize resources to implement recommended policy options

Recommendation

- Equitable access to data: Increase open access for public institutions
- Set time expectations for mentors and mentees



Acknowledgement

- National Health research Authority
- Sweden embassy in Zambia
- Ministry of Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation
- Vital strategies
- Bloomberg data for Health initiative

Thanks

