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Building sustainable capacity for research on health and its social determinants in LMICs

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Social determinants of health (SDH)

- The causes of the causes
- Health inequities
- The WHO Commission on SDH (2008)
 - Governments → multi-sectoral action
 - Timely and region-specific evidence
- The World Conference on SDH (2011)
 - Rio Declaration



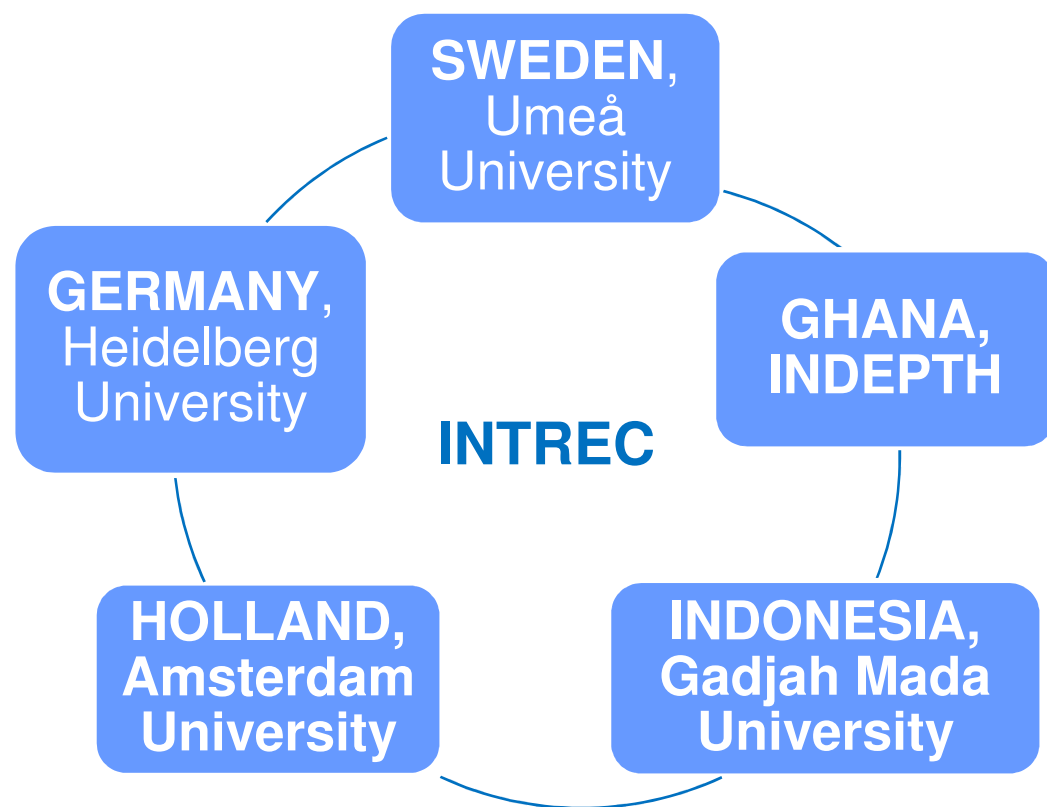
Informing policies and action

- Evidence:
 - to inform policies
 - to hold governments accountable
 1. Ask the "right" questions
 2. Collect data (timely, region-specific)
 3. Communicate evidence

- Capacity
 - Education of researchers
 - Education of decision-makers



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Aims:

- to address health inequities in LMICs of Africa and Asia
- to develop a sustainable capacity for research on SDH
- to facilitate translation of research into policy/practice



EC Contribution

- *EC contribution: €1,997,402*
- Period: January 2012-June 2015



Outreach

- LMICs in Asia and Africa
- Countries with available comparable data (SAGE)

- Identify the gaps (SDH)
 - Epidemiological situation
 - Conducted/ongoing studies
 - Curricula
 - Policies

Desk-reviews
Interviews

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INTREC approach

- Focus: SDH and NCDs
- Region- and country-specific state-of-the-art training
- Accessibility of research training
- Flexibility of the training
- Promotion of women in research
- Direct link between training and research
- Involving decision-makers and other stakeholder in INTREC activities
 - Education
 - Translation of research into policy and practice



After EC Contribution

- INTREC - successful approach to building sustainable capacity:
 - Further development of INTREC centres
 - Expand to other countries



Thank You!



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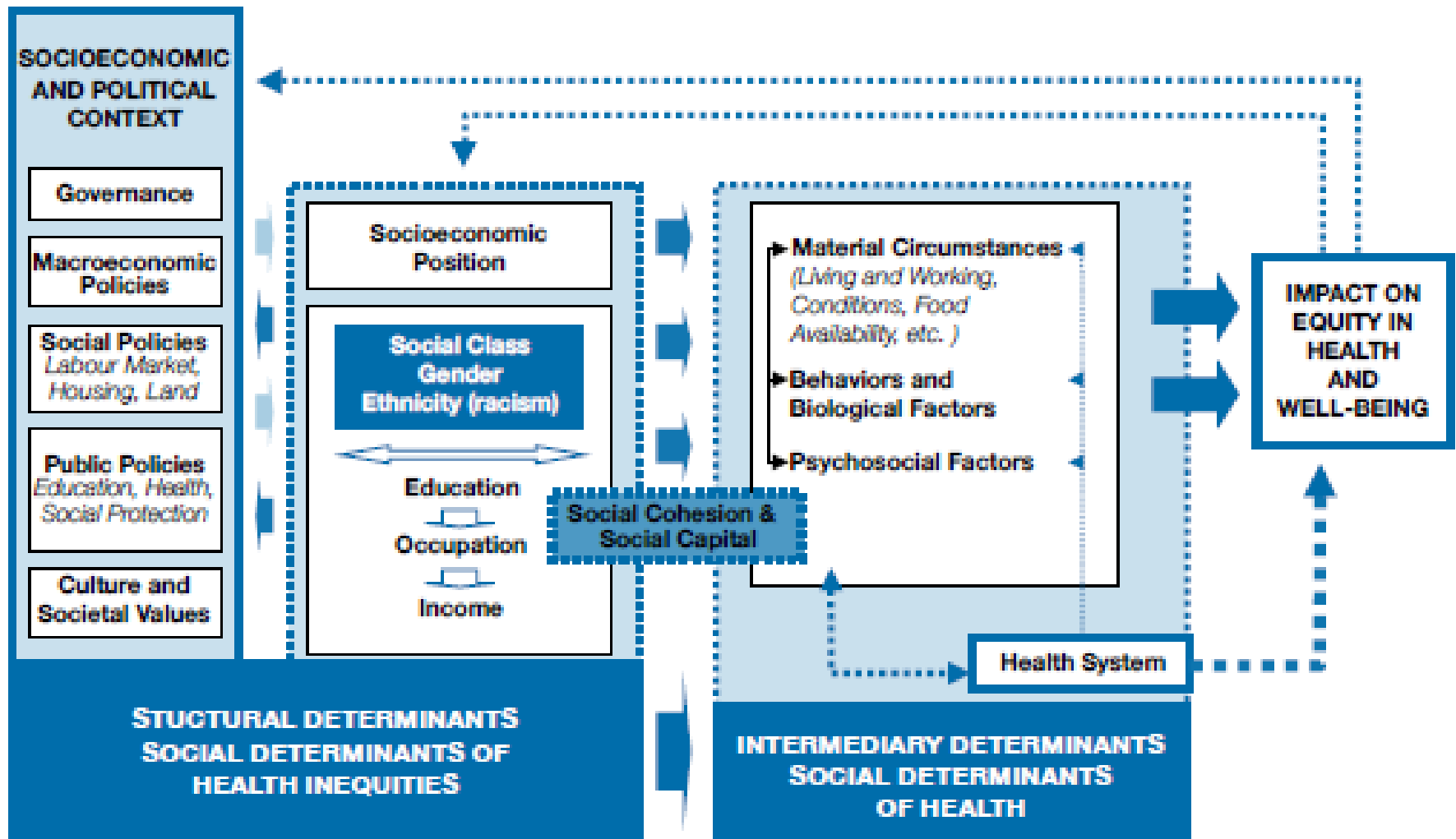
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Asia

Indonesia, Purworejo HDSS

Viet Nam, Filabavi HDSS

Bangladesh, Matlab HDSS

India, Vadu HDSS



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What's in it for you?

- Let us discuss this
- INTREC (January 2012-June 2015)



What's in it for you?

- ❑ Join our forces in:
 - Primary identification of gaps and needs on the country level (SDH)
 - Develop the training
 - Communication with stakeholders
- ❑ State-of-the-art, region-specific training for the researchers
- ❑ Strengthening and expanding international networks
- ❑ Support for initiating studies
- ❑ Supervision

