

Two Goals

1. Place today's Evidence Summit in context to the overall goal to have evidence inform the development challenge of Protecting Children Outside Family Care in low and middle income countries (LMIC)
2. Set the stage for remainder of the Evidence Summit sessions which are intended to inform recommendations on practices, policies, and research.



Overview

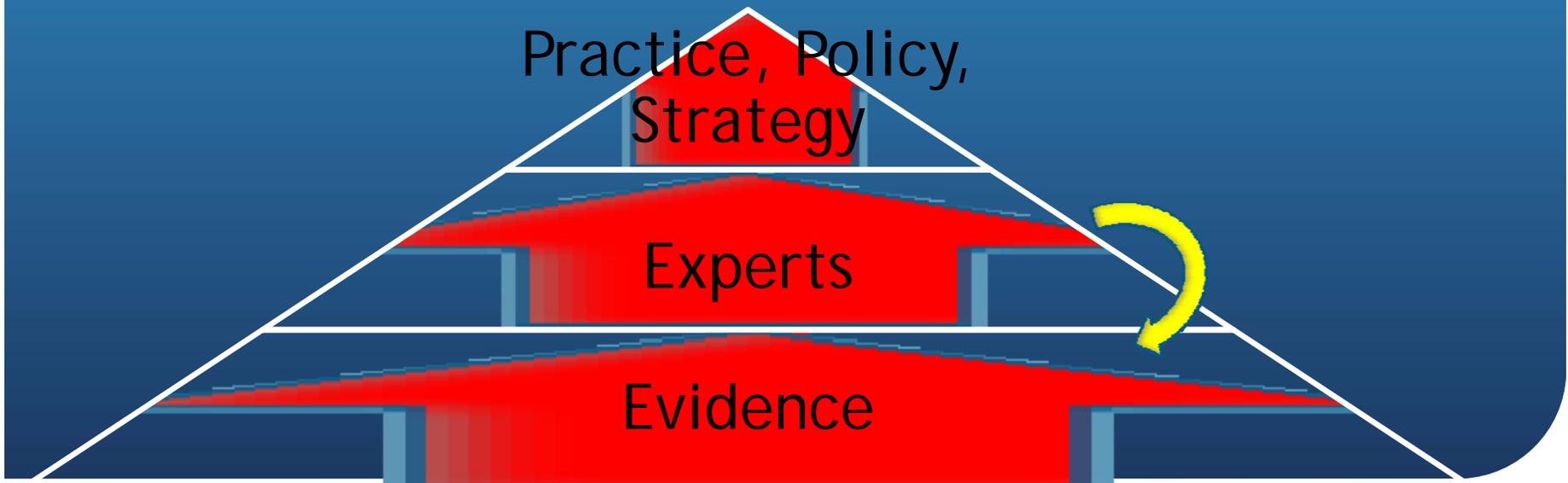
- I. Shift towards a global norm of evidence informed action
 - Who are we trying to inform?
- II. Context for today's evidence summit which is a critical step in a lengthy process
 - Complexity of Development Challenges & Evidence
- III. Context for the Evidence Review Focal Questions Teams (FQ Teams) efforts and critical importance of your role in the summit today.



Global Norm: Evidence Informed (Based) Action

Concept that evidence should inform decision making initially derived from science, technology, and medicine but is now being applied through all disciplines including development. Good news for academic!

- This standard has been codified in structures in which experts play a critical role e.g., advisory panels, guidelines, Institute of Medicine, world wide National Academies of Science, etc.



World Health Report 2012: No Health without Research

Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.



“The achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and of other health goals is more likely to be realized through research and the use of research in informing health policies.”

“Unfortunately, the reality is that research on critical topics is lacking, and health policies are often not well-informed by research evidence.”

Poorly-informed decision making, coupled with a lack of trust in research, are some of the reasons why services sometimes fail to reach those most in need, why health indicators may be off-track and why many countries are unlikely to meet the health MDGs.

Who is this Evidence Summit Informing?



Vision: to support low and middle income countries to protect and care for the children for which they are responsible.

1. Goal: to provide LMIC governments with recommendations for country owned sustainable effective systems to protect children outside family care.
2. Goal: to provide USG with policy recommendations and to identify evidence gaps to inform a research agenda.
3. Goal USG: to utilize outcomes of evidence summit process to inform a USG strategy to assist LMIC in supporting sustainable, effective systems.

Today's Summit is a step in a process—



Today's Summit is a step in a process—what comes next?



Evidence
Summit
Dec. 2011

FQ Teams
Revise
& Finalize
Papers

USG Draft
Development
Of
USG Strategy

Finalize &
Approve
July 2012

Implement
New
USG Strategy

Approaching the Evidence: Development challenges (like protecting children outside family care) are complex

- Informed by multidisciplinary experts analysis of evidence & advice.
- Evidence is like wise complex-What works in a specific context or for an individual? (efficacy) What works in a variety of contexts, populations, and countries? (effectiveness) What is affordable, feasible, scalable, and culturally appropriate? (sustainability)
 - Collected evidence in the form of papers from peer review, gray literature, and submissions from expert. (see process paper details in evidence packets).
 - Sorted papers by streams of evidence, vulnerability, cohorts, and focal questions.



Approach to the Evidence

	FOCAL Questions: What are effective, sustainable systems /strategies/interventions for Low and Middle Income Countries to....			
	Identify & Enumerate COFC?	Assess & Address Immediate Needs COFC?	Meet Long Term Needs of children previously OFC	Monitor Children and Systems over time?
Vulnerability Cohorts				
Children in institutions/detention				
Children living on/of the street and children heading households				
Children who are separated/unaccompanied/associated with armed forces and groups				
Children trafficked for forced labor and/or sexual exploitation				
exploitation				

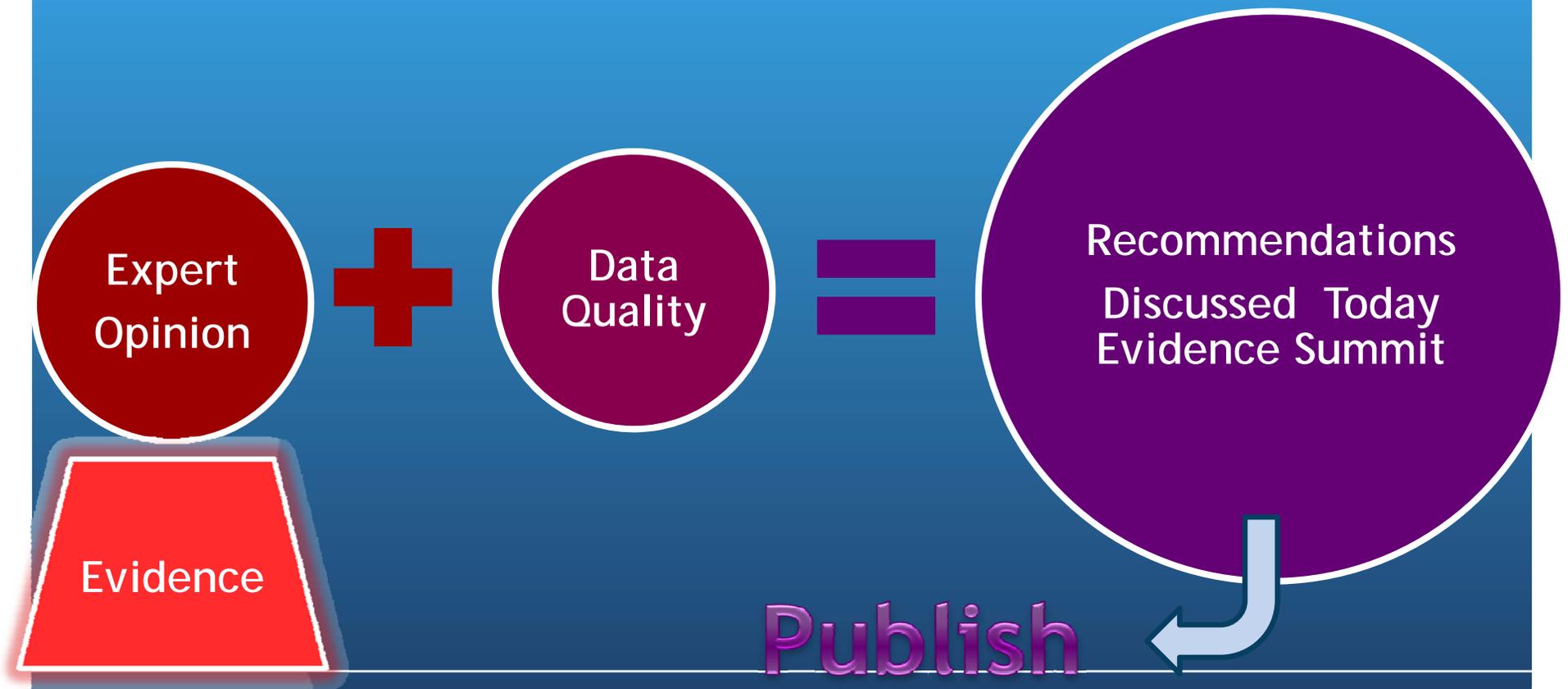
FQ Teams were asked to:

1) Make recommendations for effective systems to protect children outside family care in LMIC.

2) Identify knowledge gaps to inform the research agenda.



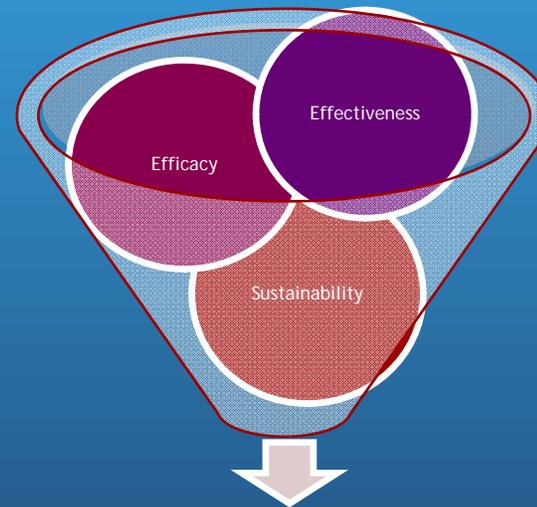
Focal Question Teams Were Advised to Use Both Expert Opinion and Data Quality



FQT asked to consider all three streams of evidence for quality assessment

Evaluate strength of evidence for efficacy, effectiveness and sustainability

- 1: Strong
- 2: Moderate
- 3: Poor
- 4: Not supported Inconsistent or insufficient data
- 5: Evidence against the approach



Data Quality Assessment

Evidence Utilization by FQ Teams

- Use annotated bibliography of 193 documents provided at the October Pre-summit
 - Organized by relevance to both vulnerability groups and focal questions. Most writing teams only considered those documents that were rated as relevant or very relevant .
 - Results of a quality review that was conducted of all of the papers prior to the Pre-Summit
- FQT were encouraged to supplement bibliography with documents they felt were important, and all of them did.
 - The final bibliography utilized by the writing teams referenced in evidence summaries.



What you will hear today:

Two presentations from each of the four Focal Question Teams

1. An overview of the evidence used in drafting the evidence packets you received prior to the Summit and that are included in your folders
2. Draft recommendations

A presentation from the Evidence to Action writing team on a draft paper on cross cutting issues and broad policy and practice oriented recommendations



What we need from you: Expert Advice!



- Identify sources of evidence that may have been missed (**the Yellow cards**)
- Provide feedback on the draft recommendations including other recommendations those you would make **individually (Green cards)** and **as small groups (Blue cards)**
- Utilize point of contact information (provided in your folder) for additional feedback on each of the five papers within two weeks after the Summit.

Final Products of the Summit

1. Comment published in *Lancet* - completed December 12, 2011
2. Five journal publications, most likely published together in a single issue of a journal
 - An introduction to the special issue
 - Four Focal Question Team authored papers to include review of the evidence and recommendations
 - An Evidence to Action synthesis paper placing the field in context and making broad policy recommendations
3. Utilization of these documents in the formation of an interagency USG strategy to promote evidence-based responses to protect vulnerable children





Thank
You!

