

DEMENTIA

A PUBLIC HEALTH
PRIORITY

*World Health
Organization*

*Future
Initiatives on
Dementia*

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I can think of no other condition that has such a profound effect on loss of function, loss of independence, and the need for care. I can think of no other condition that places such a heavy burden on society, families, communities, and economies. I can think of no other condition where innovation, including breakthrough discoveries, is so badly needed.

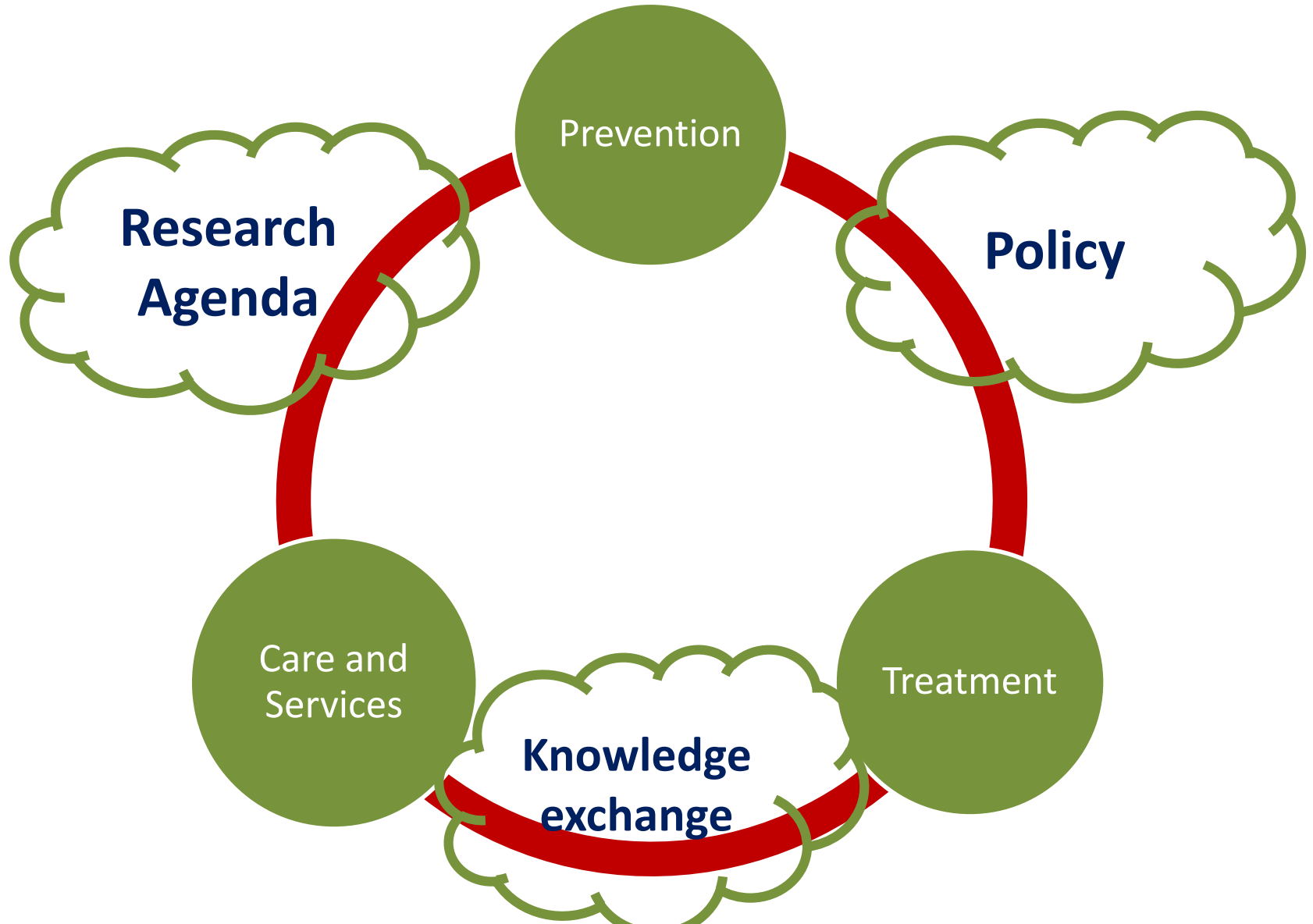


Global Impact, Global Solutions



CARE TODAY, CURE TOMORROW!

World Health Organization and Dementia Initiatives

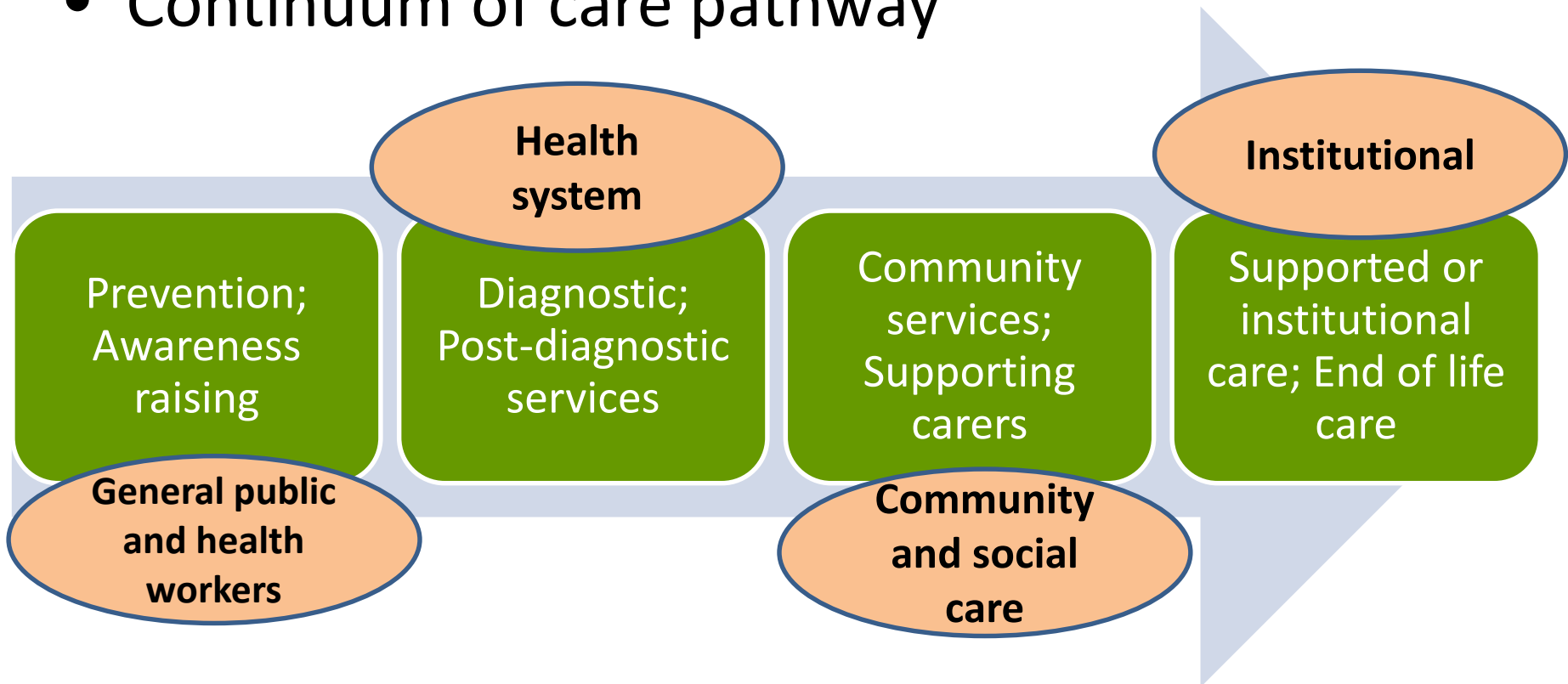


1. Setting agenda for dementia research

- Core role of WHO in shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge
- Will enable strategic investments, improved coordination and reduce duplication in dementia research
- Ultimately maximise reduction in disease burden in an equitable and cost-effective way
- **Dementia research portfolio analysis**
 - To map the current funding and type of research landscape
- **Dementia research prioritization exercise**
 - Through consultation with wide range of stakeholders
 - Following a systematic and transparent methodology

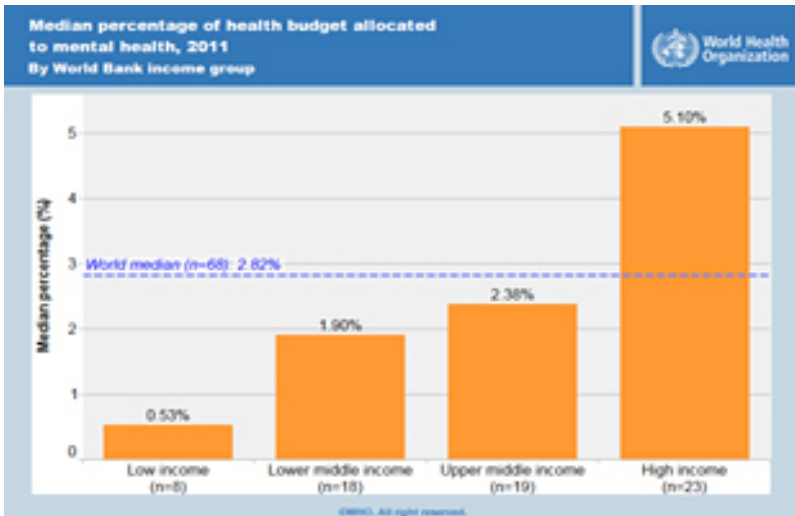
2. Dementia care and prevention: Policy action

- Continuum of care pathway

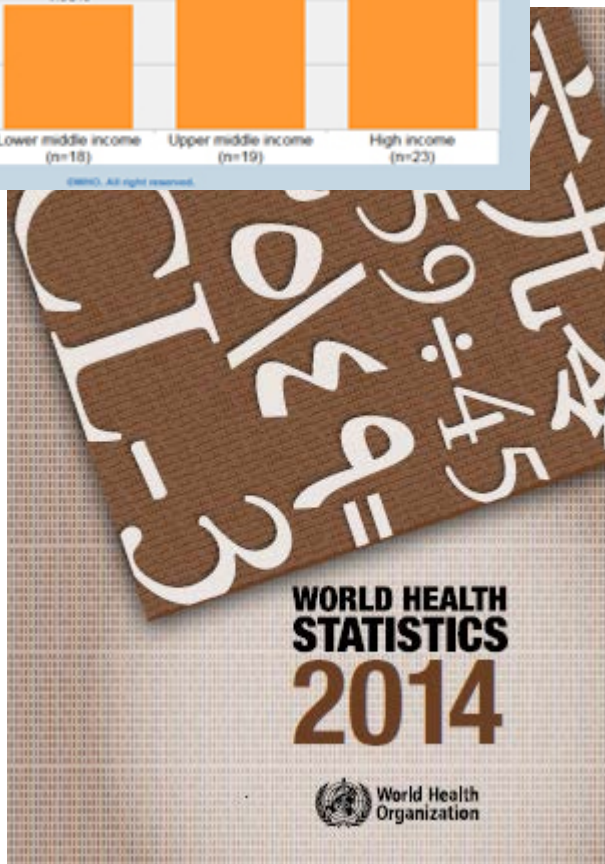


- Supporting countries for developing and implementing dementia friendly policies

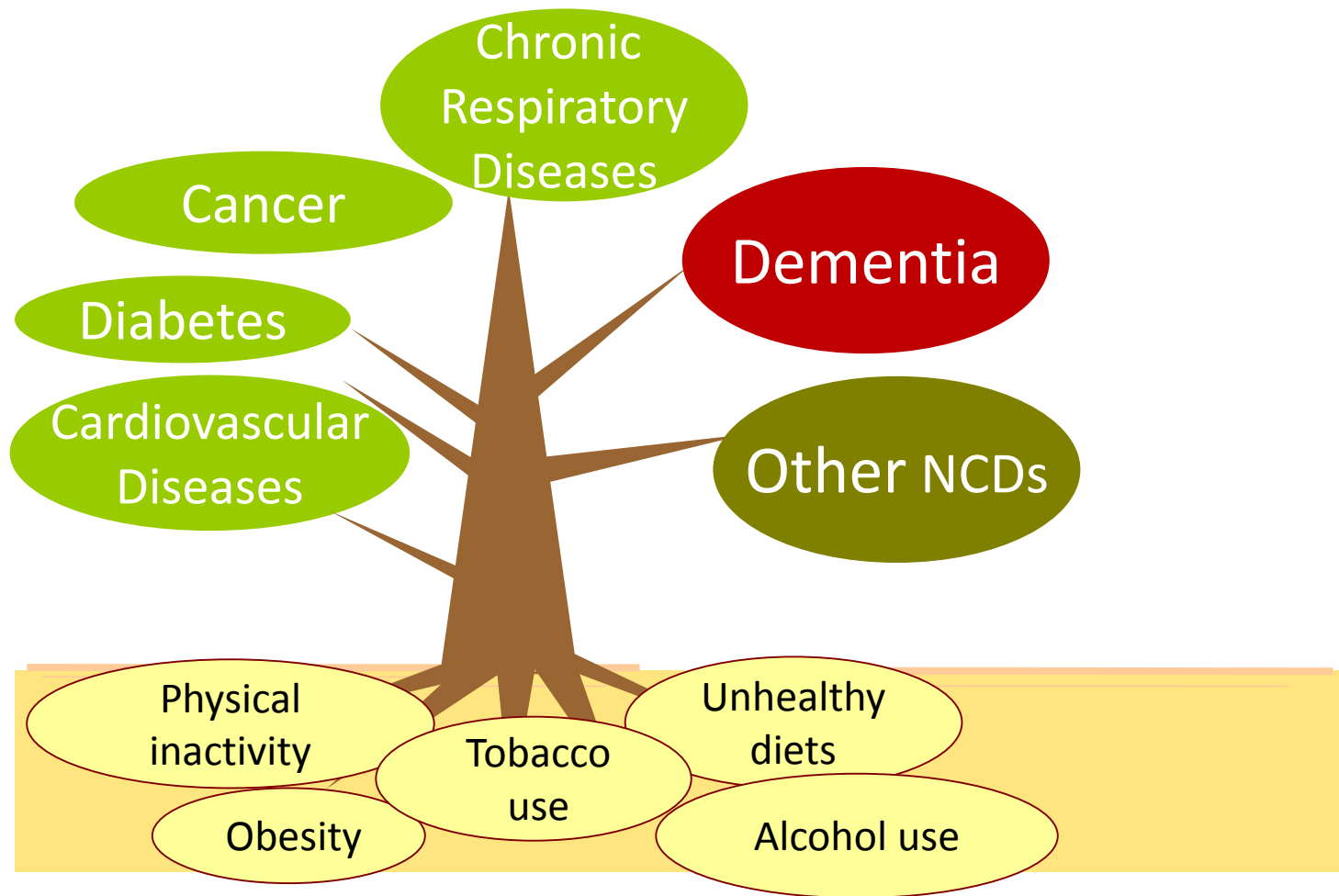
3. Monitoring the response: Global Dementia Observatory



- Observatory will provide data and analyses highlights on dementia burden and response
 - Global epidemiological trends
 - Policy formulation and adoption
 - Country implementation through health and social care system
 - Partnerships



NCDs and Dementia share common risk factors



Combined efforts to develop an integrated approach – at policy and programme level

5. Information and Communication Technology for Dementia Care



CHAPTER 5

DEMENTIA CAREGIVING
AND CAREGIVERS

ICT for caregivers: *iSupport*

- Most care for people with dementia is provided by family caregivers
- Dementia is overwhelming for the caregivers – physically, emotionally and economically
- Support is required from the health, social, financial and legal systems



First Ministerial Conference on Global Action Against Dementia

- **3-4 March 2015**
- Supported by DoH, UK and OECD
- Main objective : to widen the prioritization of dementia as a global issue.
- **First day: technical event around “dementia care today and cure tomorrow”**
- **Second day: “moving forward with action”**

Look forward to seeing you in Geneva.....

