

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TDR STRATEGY 2024–2029

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Starting point:

What was strong, what needs strengthening in the previous strategy

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Summary

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 - Research support
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7. Acknowledging our funders



Draft strategy consultations

- Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including TDR JCB, STAC, resource contributors, WHO departments, PPPs, other funders of health research, country stakeholders, civil society organizations.
- Many, many responses, feedback, comments and words of support received.
- Overall feedback that current version is clear and well drafted.
- Overall, the focus on four key challenges (epidemics & outbreaks; control & elimination of diseases of poverty; climate change; resistance to treatment & control agents) well received.
- Importance of executive summary that is all encompassing of the spirit of the strategy reiterated to ensure even a reader with limited time can grasp what is being planned.

Selected specific response and feedback

Need to be made clearer or missing

- More clear focus on how TDR will achieve its strategy and results
- More details in some sections, to avoid it feeling too broad
- Link biodiversity in climate change and health
- Link to health systems could be better articulated
- Better set of indicators for “evidence to practice”

Strategy vision and impact

- Additional info on how TDR will achieve impact, with case studies and examples
- More metrics of impact in capacity strengthening and research ecosystems
- Better articulate TDR vision in the emerging Global Health order and how the programme envisages to interact with (and remain relevant)
- Better articulation of how will work with regional and global bodies in achieving impact (Africa CDC, other regional bodies)

General comments

- Better consistency of terms and language used in the draft
- Local leadership – TDR is uniquely positioned, what would success look like?

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Building local research
solutions to improve
global health



Achievements

Key achievements: The impact of TDR's 2018–2023 Strategy



Evidence to policy: new solutions applied in countries since 2018

84

instances when research projects supported by TDR informed policy and/or practice in countries to tackle infectious diseases of poverty



Research grantees and trainees supported since 2018

624

scientists supported through programmes such as the Postgraduate Training Scheme, Impact Grants for Regional Priorities and the Clinical Research and Development Fellowship Programme

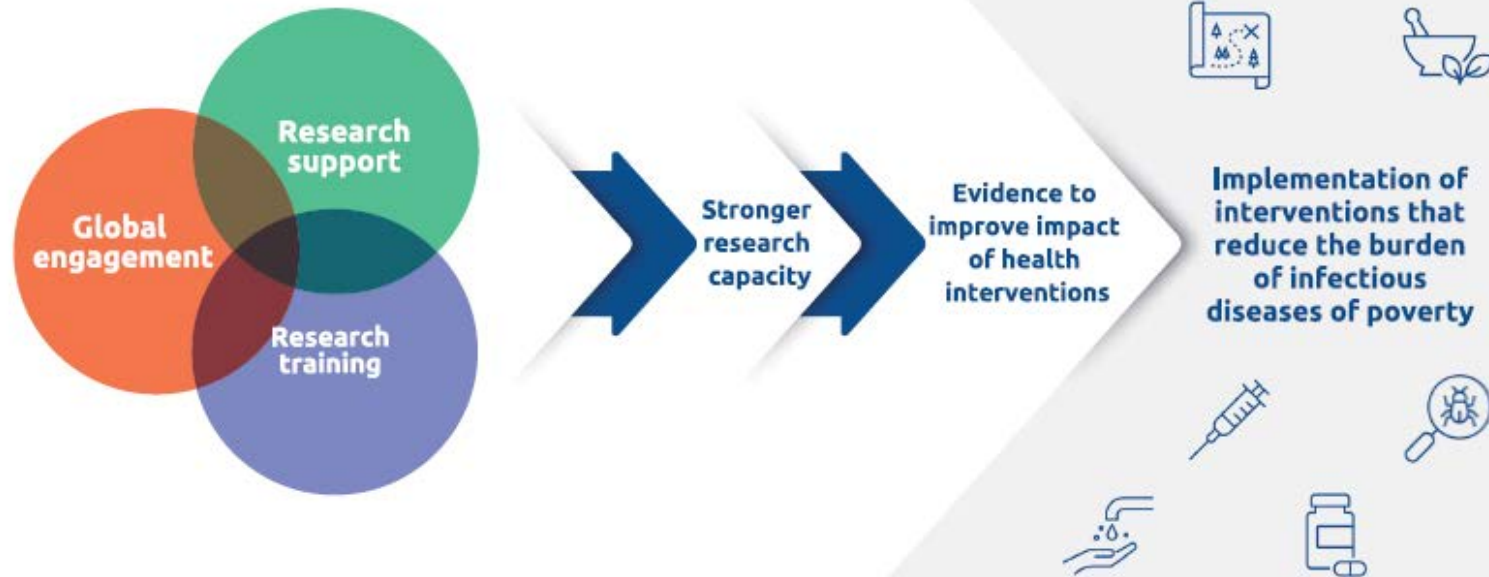


Institutions and networks strengthened since 2018

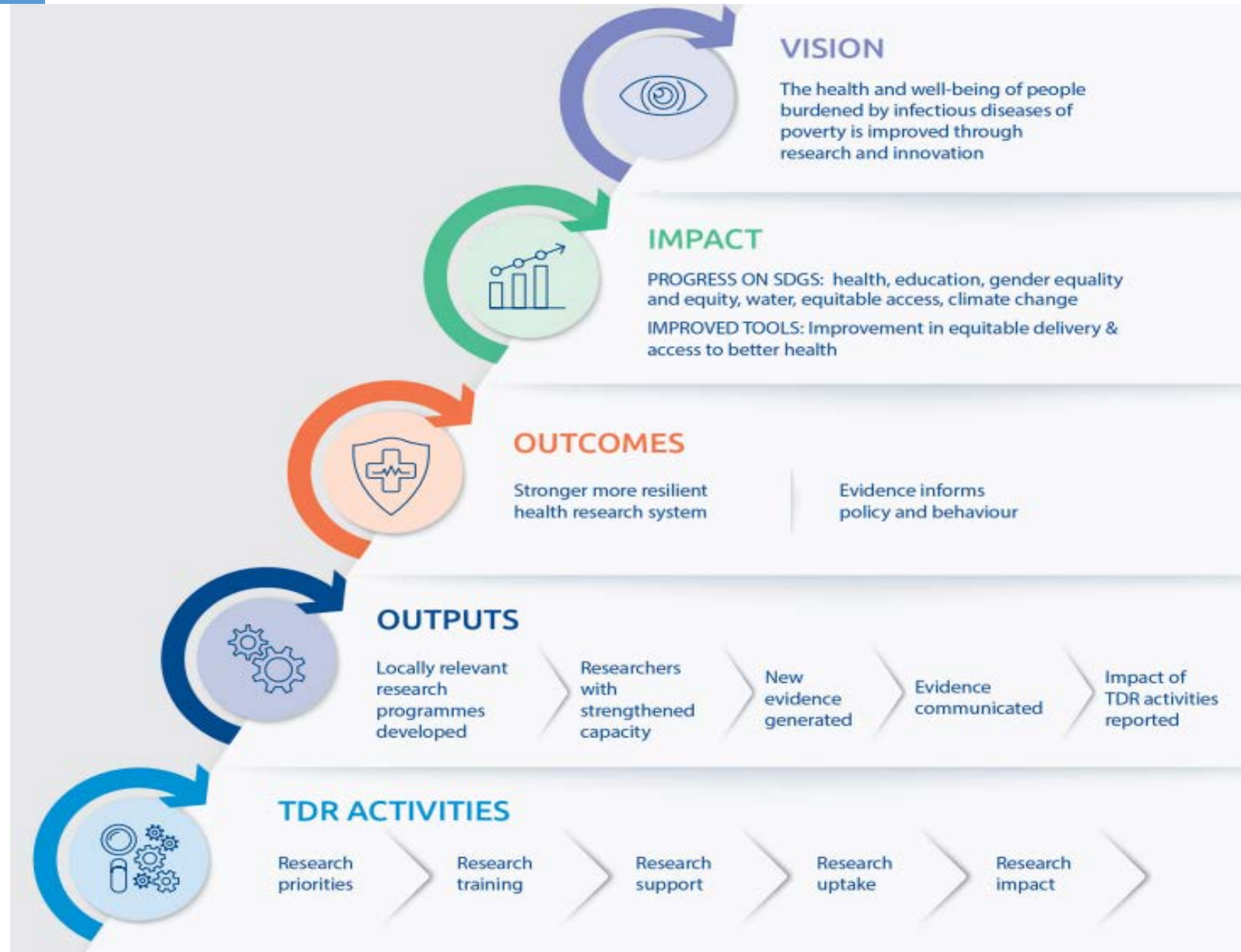
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research institutions and networks in disease-endemic countries expanded their scope of activities or increased fundraising because of TDR support

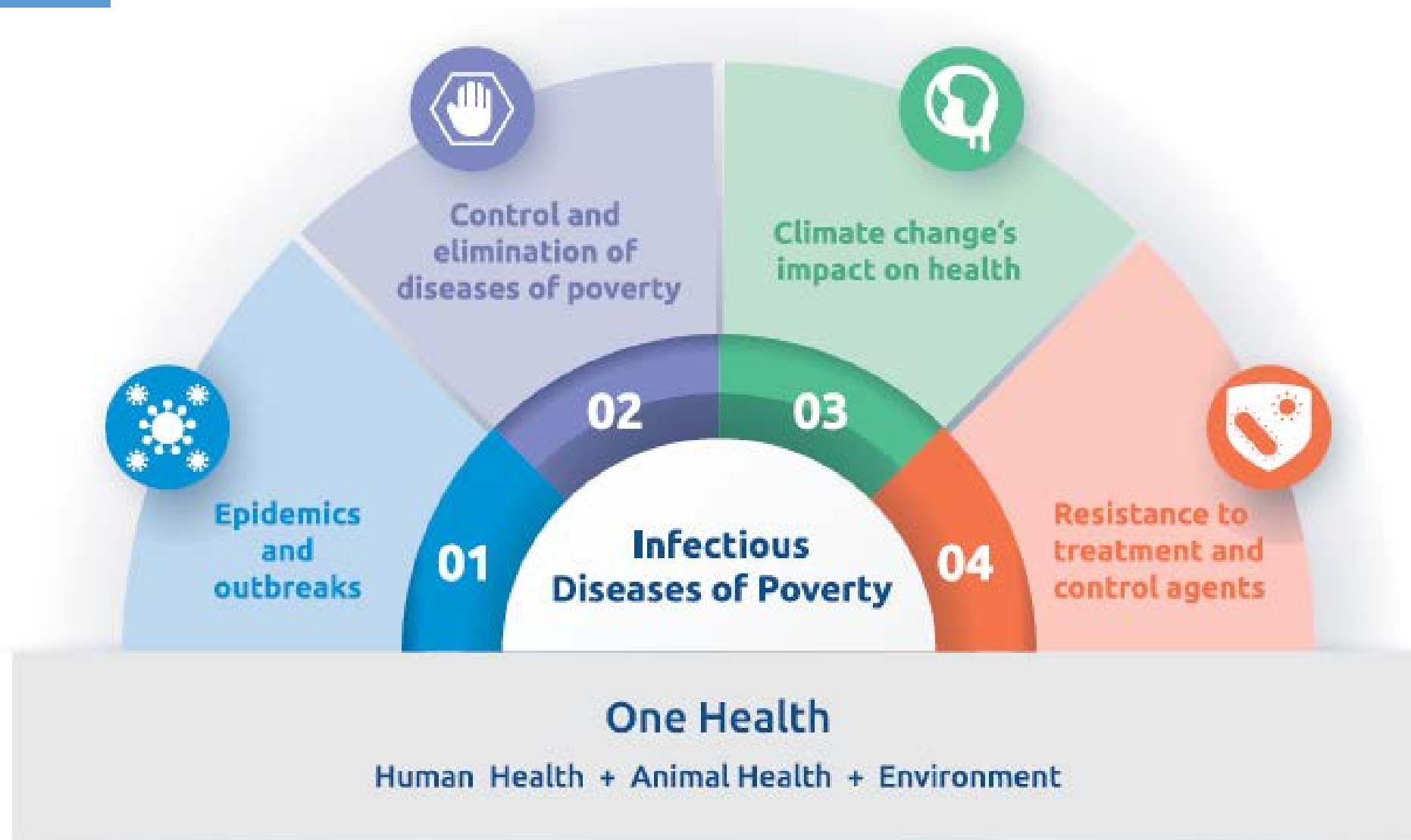
Making an impact



Theory of Change



Global health challenges



Research support

**Research for
delivery and access**



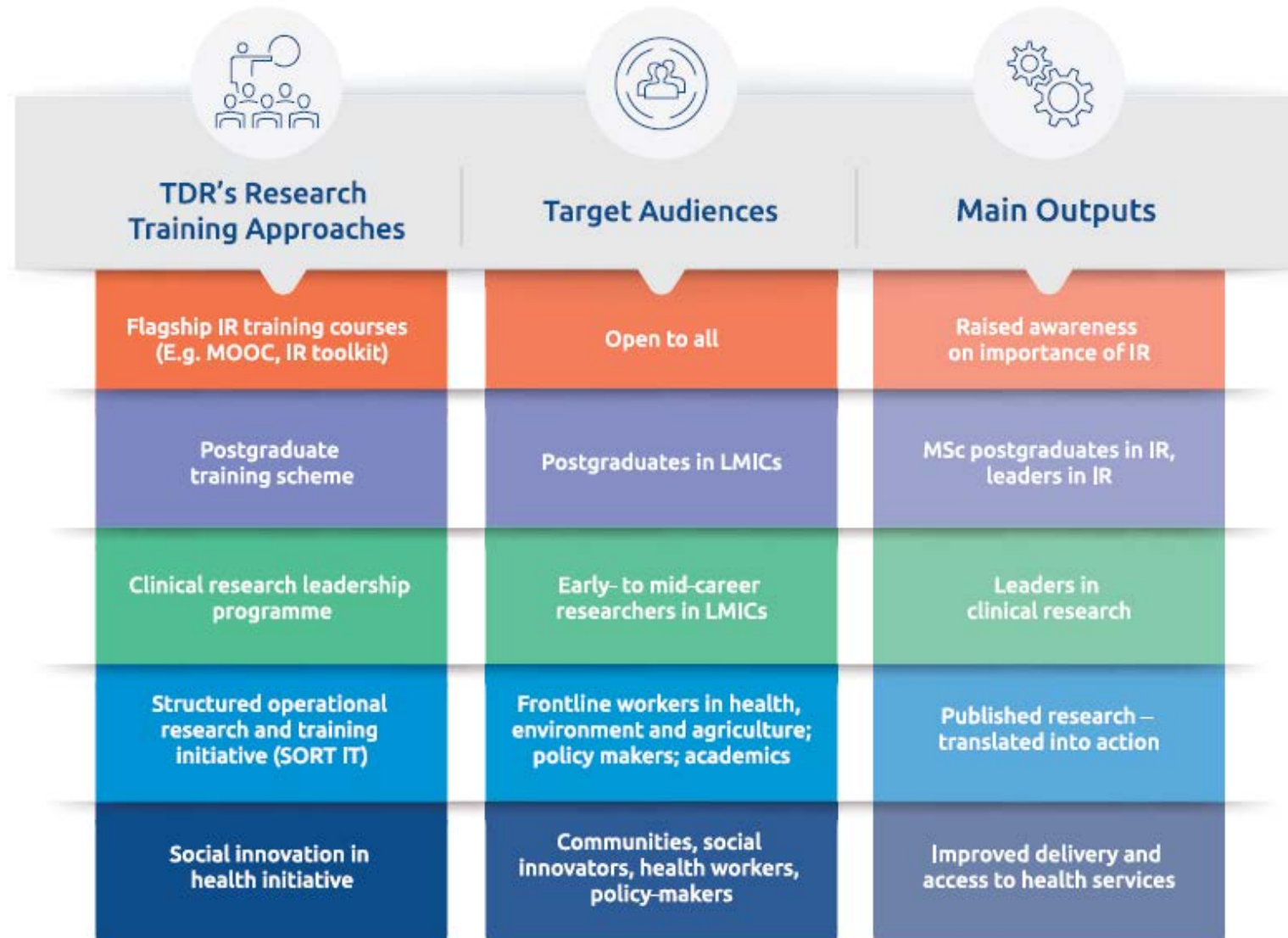
**Research for
innovative solutions**



**Research for
decision-making**



Approaches to training



Next Steps

This year (after JCB approval):

- Distribution and publicity
- Staff retreat: how do we work differently
- Revision of website to reflect strategy

Operational from 1 January 2024

Next Year:

- Follow-ups and visits to stakeholders
- Develop performance and monitoring framework
- Develop investment case
- Adapt annual reporting to reflect new strategy

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