



Migrants Health, the 61st World Health Assembly Resolution and the Madrid Global Consultation

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Migration and Health

Most migrants are healthy but conditions surrounding the migration process can pose health risks

- **Poverty, social exclusion, stigma, discrimination, cultural & linguistic, legal & admin hurdles etc**
- **Inequalities in accessing health services**
- **Sub-standard quality of care**
- **Negative outcomes for migrants and communities**



2008 WHA Resolution on Migrant Health & Global Consultation

- **2008 :61st WHA Resolution on "the health of migrants"**

 - Migrant-sensitive health policies and equitable access to services;

 - Capacity building of health service providers and professionals;

 - Bi- and multi-lateral cooperation, intersectoral action

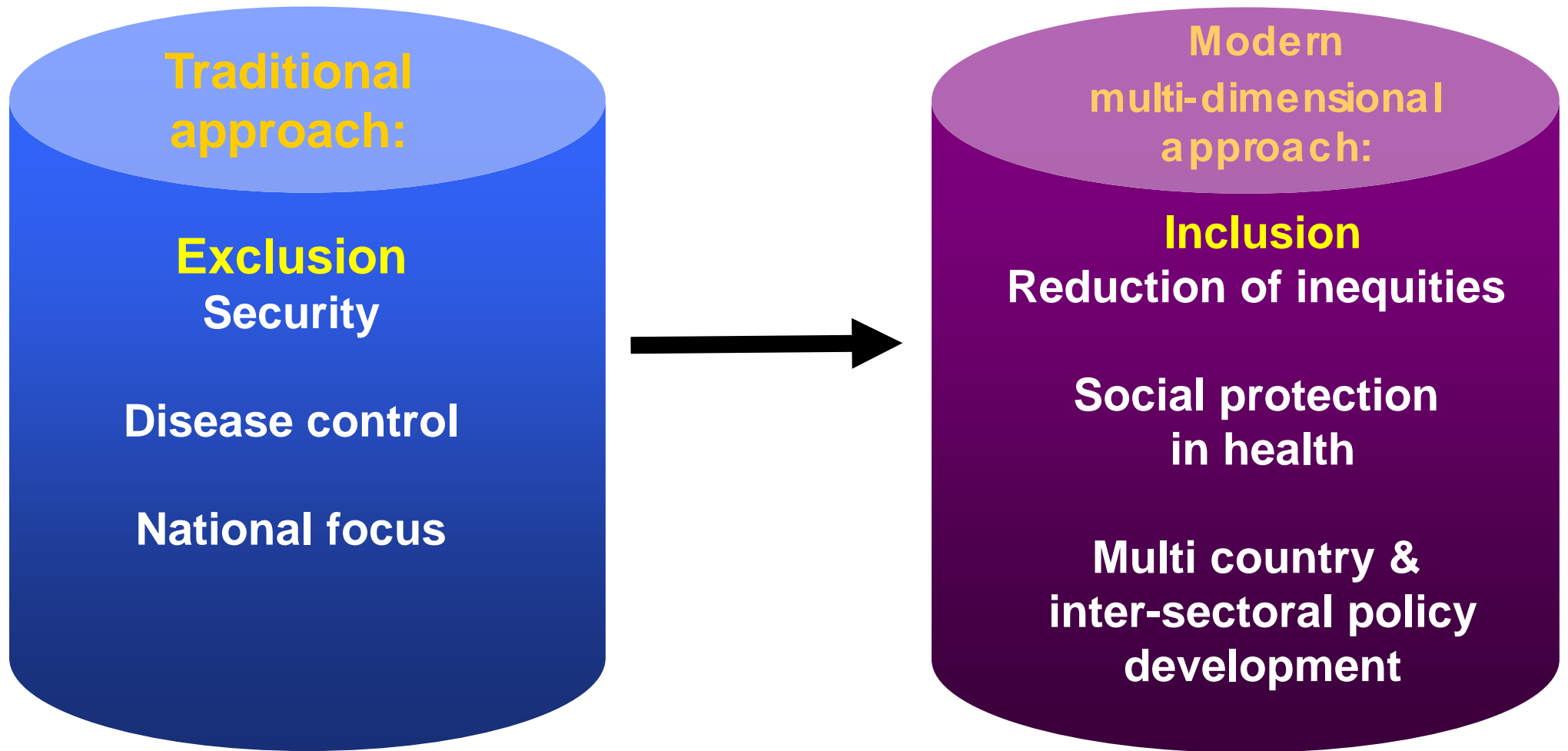
- **2010 : Global Consultation on Migrant Health to:**

 - Take stock of actions by MS & Stakeholders

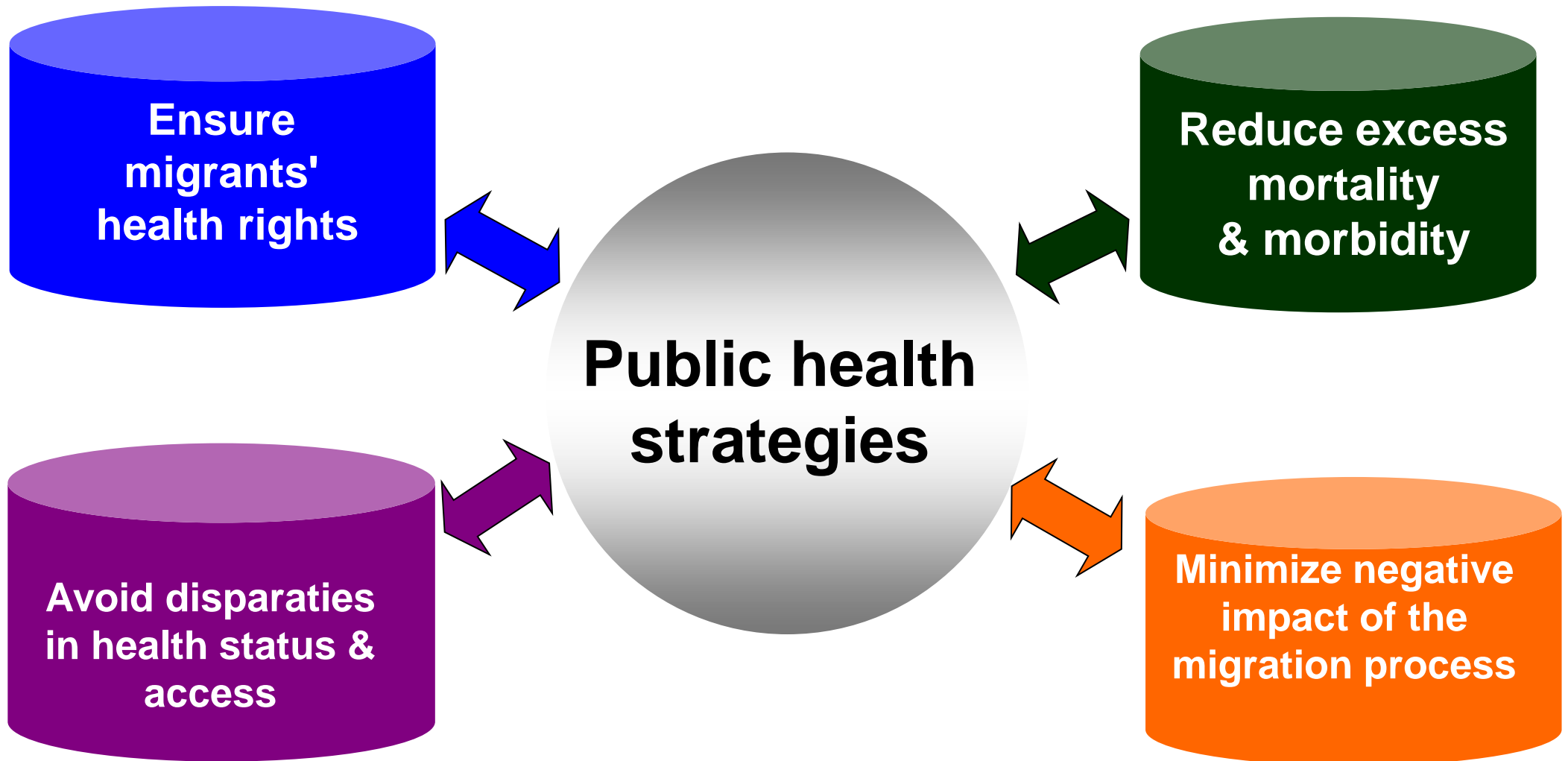
 - Reach consensus on priority areas and strategies

 - Initiate an operational framework to assist MS and stakeholders

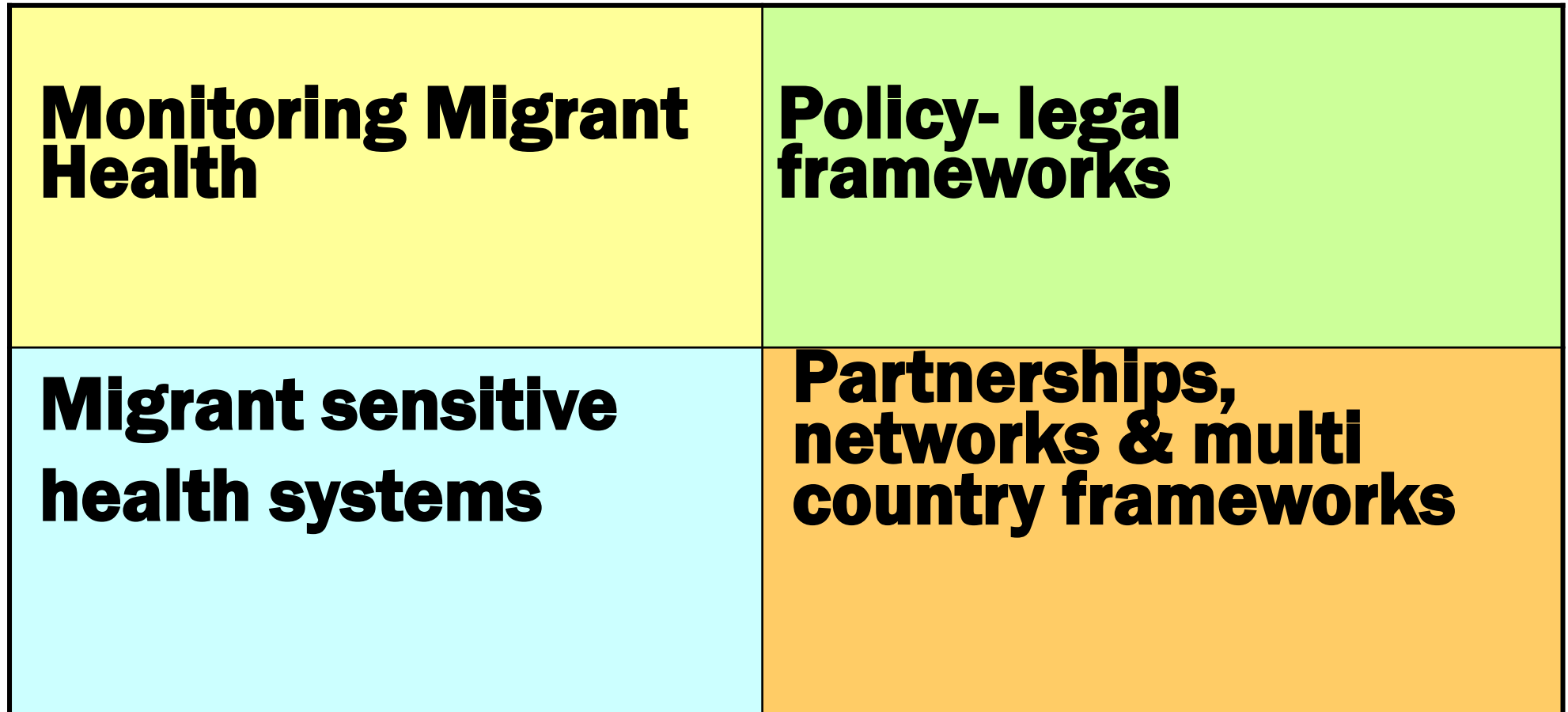
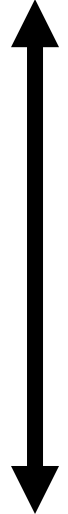
Paradigm shift : from exclusion to inclusion



Public health strategies



Operational Framework: Key Priorities



Monitoring Migrants' Health, priorities

- Ensure the standardization and comparability of data on migrant health
- Support the appropriate disaggregation and analyses of migrant health information in manners that account for the diversity in migrant populations
- Improve the monitoring of migrants' health-seeking behaviours, access to, and utilization of health services
- Map: 1. good practices in monitoring migrant health; 2. policy models for equitable access to health; and 3. migrant-inclusive health system models
- Develop useful data for decision-making and monitoring of the impact of policies and programs

Policies and legal frameworks affecting migrant health, priorities

- **Adopt and implement relevant international standards on protection of migrants and respect for rights to health in national law and practice**
- **Develop and implement national health policies that incorporate a public health approach to health of migrants and promote equal access, regardless of status**
- **Monitor the implementation of relevant national policies, regulations and legislations responding to the health needs of migrants**
- **Promote coherence among policies of different sectors that may affect migrants' ability to access health services**
- **Extend social protection in health and improve social security for all migrants**

Migrant sensitive health systems, priorities

- Ensure that health services are delivered to migrants in a culturally and linguistically appropriate way and to enforce laws and regulations that prohibit discrimination
- Adopt measures to enhance the ability of health systems to deliver migrant inclusive services and programmes in a comprehensive, coordinated, and financially sustainable fashion
- Enhance the continuity and quality of care received by migrants in all settings, including from NGOs and alternative providers
- Develop the capacity of the health and relevant non-health workforce to understand and address health issues associated with migration

Partnerships, networks & multi country frameworks, priorities

- Establish and support on going migration health dialogues and cooperation across sectors and among large cities and countries of origin, transit and destination
- Address migrant health matters in global and regional consultative migration, economic and development processes
- Harness the capacity of existing networks to promote the migrant health agenda,

Integrating health into existing key global migration platforms

- Global Migration Group
- Global Forum on Migration and Development:
- High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in 2013
- Other Regional Platforms