

Does Policy Pay Off?

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Policy Matters

Policy provides overall direction on

- Which issues or programs are national priorities
- How much public funding will be available
- Which services will be available
- Who can provide services
- Whether capacity for delivery is fostered
- Who is eligible to receive services—and at what cost
- How public and private sector services will be regulated for quality

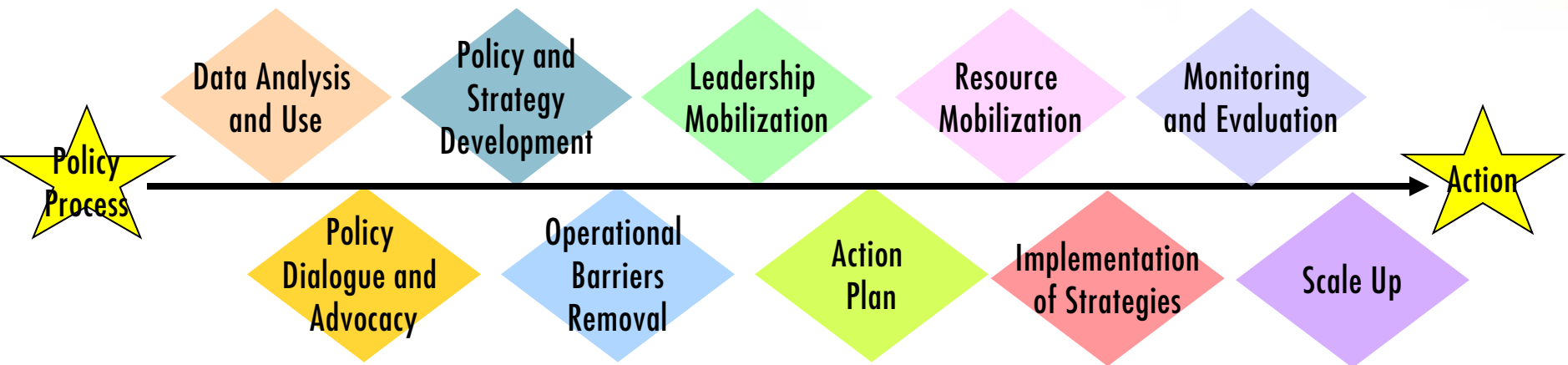
Implementation Matters, Too

The policy implementation process is

- Dynamic
- Iterative
- Time consuming
- Resource intensive
- Multi-level



Policy-to-Action Framework



How Policy Can Pay Off...

- Services that are well-designed, responsive to client needs
- Removal of operational barriers to service access and use
- More resources available, that are better allocated and spent
- Stakeholders from across sectors and at multiple levels being engaged and having ownership of the response
- Mechanisms to monitor progress, foster results, and encourage accountability

How Policy Pays Off in...

