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Ensuring Healthy, Liveable Cities:

The role of participatory governance and measurement

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Good governance and the rule of law
are essential to economic growth and
sustainable development

We need to deepen participatory
processes to ensure citizen's
engagement

Governance

processes and institutions that contribute to public decision making

Development Governance

planning, budgeting, monitoring and accountability

Participatory governance
one of the many institutional strategies of development governance

Citizen engagement

desired outcome or logical end of participatory governance

Participation is a fundamental goal

All people have the right to participate in and access information relating to the decision-making processes that affect their lives and well-being

Participation has also an instrumental value

Deepen democracy

Strengthen social capital

Facilitate efficiency and sustainable growth

Promote equity and social justice

Who to involve?

- Government: national, regional, local
- Nongovernmental organizations / non profit organizations
 - Representing community voice
 - Representing patient organizations
 - Service oriented organizations
- Private sector
 - Large corporations
 - Small and Medium Enterprises
 - Chambers of Commerce; trade associations
- Unions
- Schools & Universities
- Religious organizations

WHO Centre for Health Development



Reducing health inequities
Fostering innovations for healthy ageing

Why measure?

“...when you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it...”

Lord Kelvin, 1883

- Accountability and Equity
- Political commitment
- Monitoring: progress -- trends
- Evidence, evaluation: what's working, where, why
- Replicability



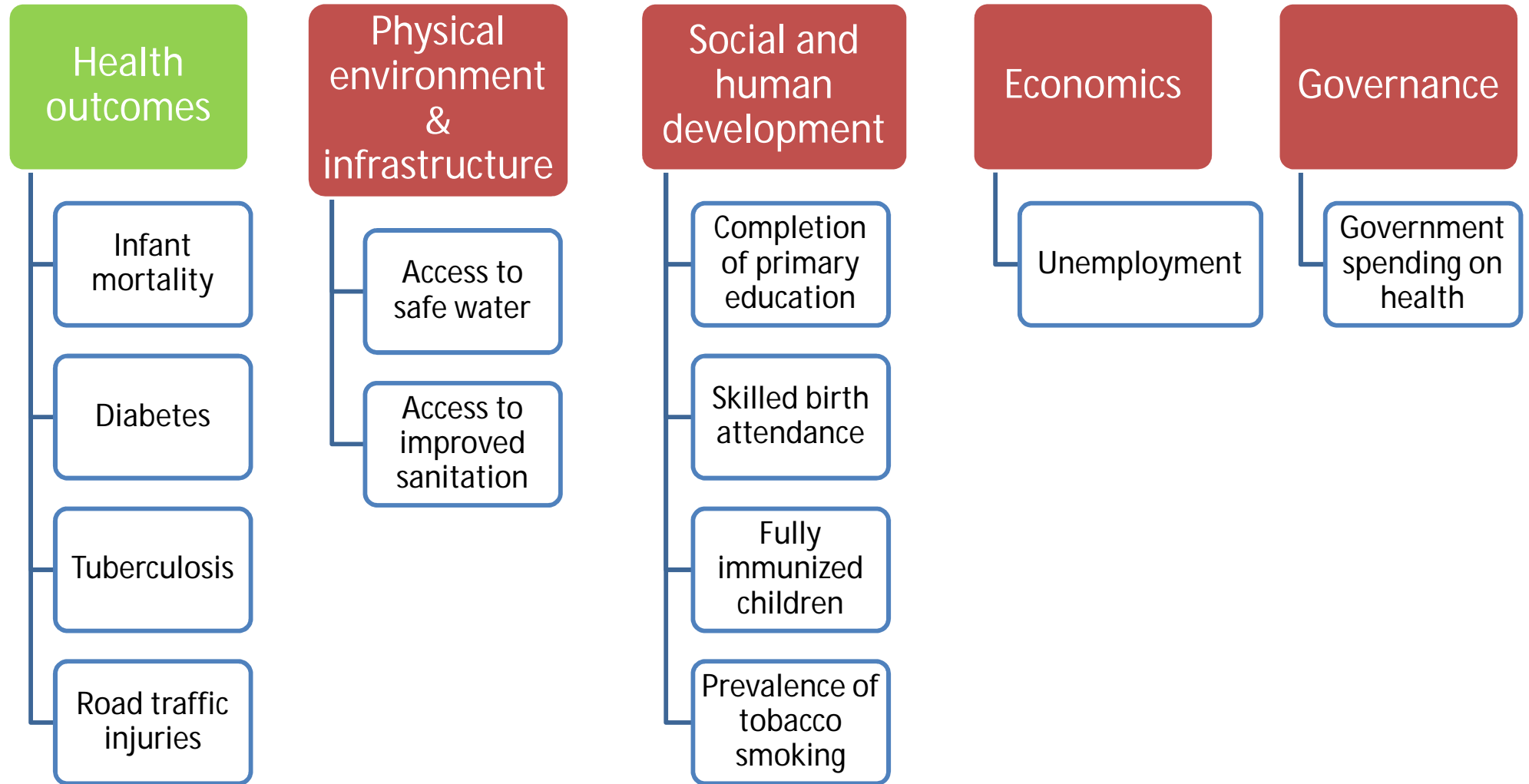
Urban HEART

Outlines the concepts and principles of Urban HEART

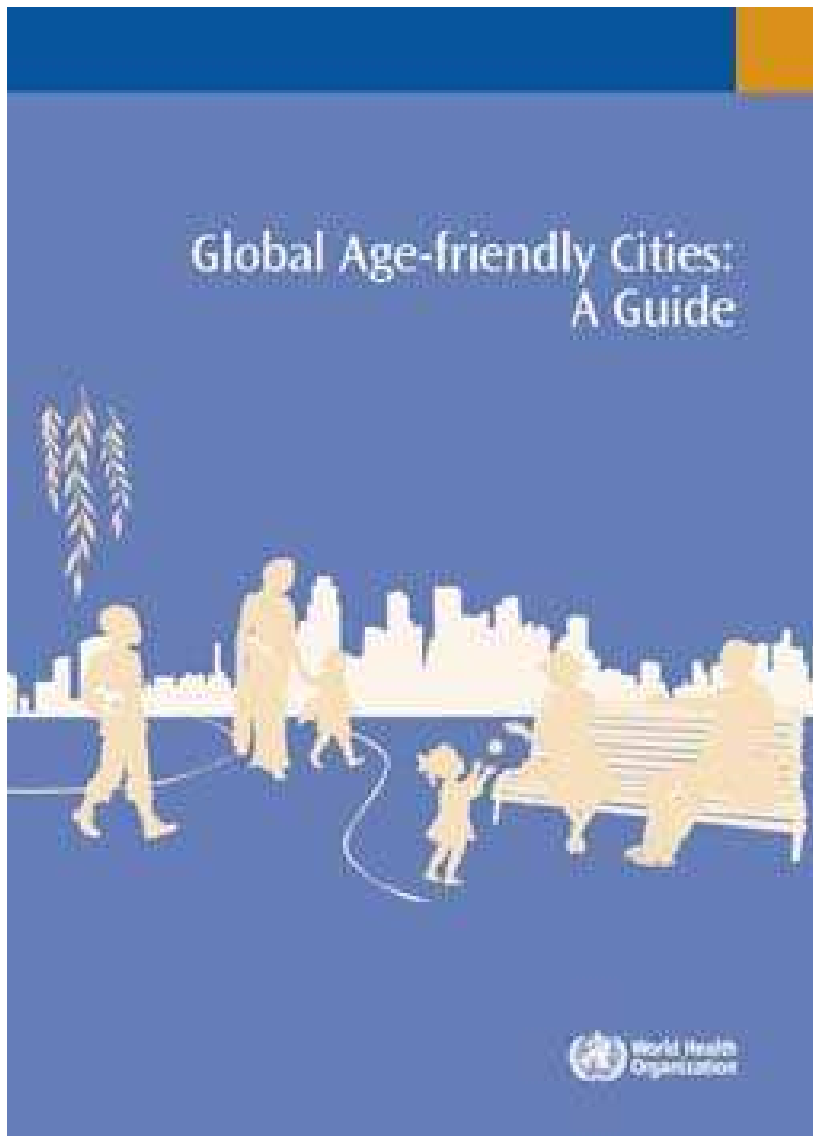
Urban HEART: User Manual

Leads users through a 6 step implementation process

Urban HEART Core Indicators



WHO Global Age-Friendly Cities



Employment
and economic
security

Respect and
Social Inclusion

Social
participation &
communication

Outdoor spaces
and buildings

Housing

Access to
information

Transportation

Community
support and
health services

Developing Age Friendly City Indicators

Objective

To develop a standard method for assessing the age-friendliness of cities, which could be applied globally

Expected Results

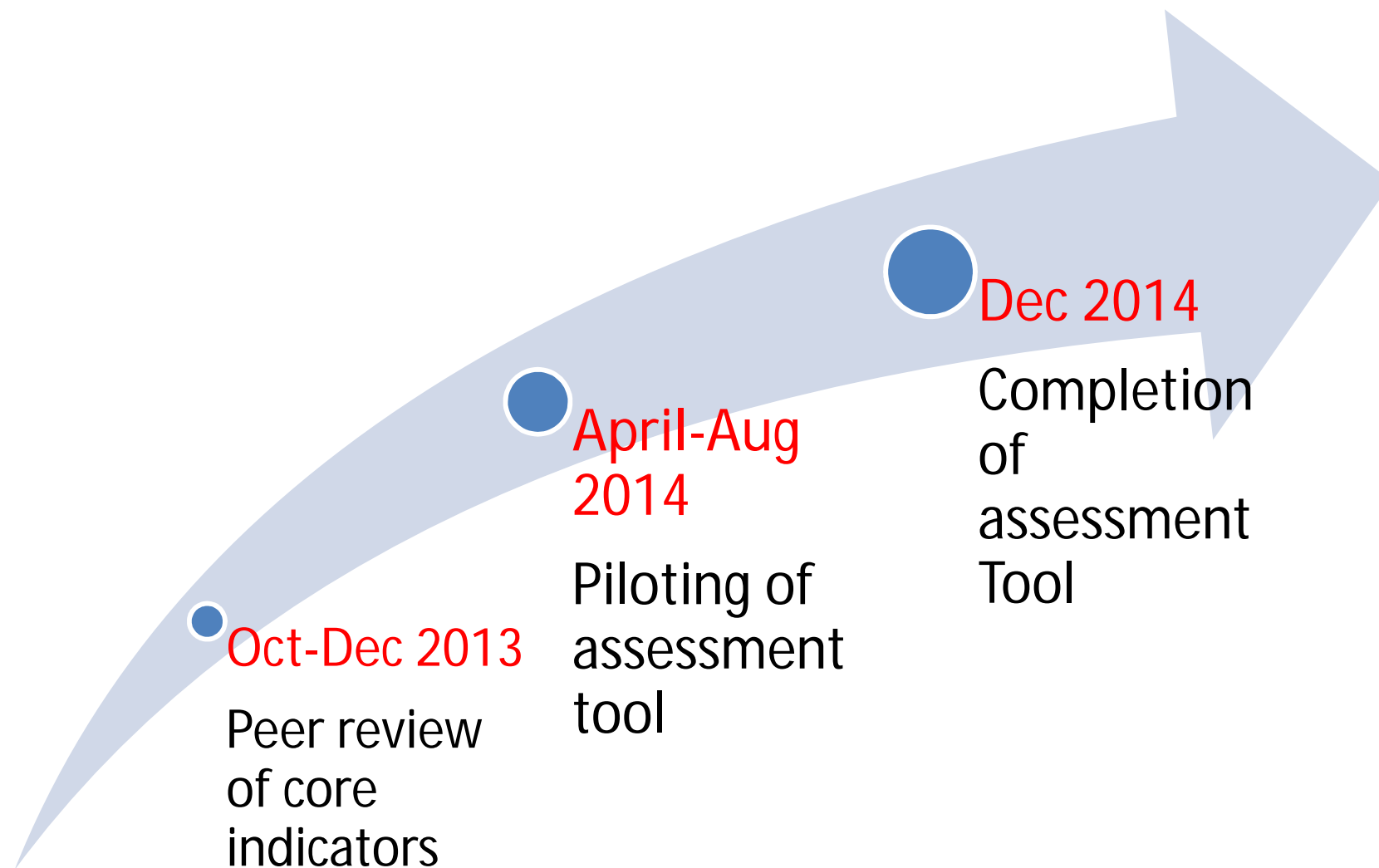
1. A monitoring framework
2. A set of core indicators
3. An assessment tool



Criteria for selecting indicators

| TECHNICAL | PRACTICAL |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Valid and reliable | Aligns with goals |
| Replicable | Within sphere of influence |
| Measurable and observable | Ease of data collection |
| Sensitivity to change | Social acceptability |
| Disaggregation possible | Links to action |

Timeline for Age-Friendly Cities Core Indicators and Assessment Tool



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