

Rapid Landscape Review Map

Health NGO Sector in South Africa

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The main role players

Government

Research
institutes

Virtual
platforms

NGOs

Donors

The relationship between
research producers and users in
is

fragmented

The Gaps



Research
institutes



Poor
coordination
among role
players



Limited resources
to support
evidence
generation and
analysis



Limited skills
and knowledge
in NGO sector to
utilised evidence

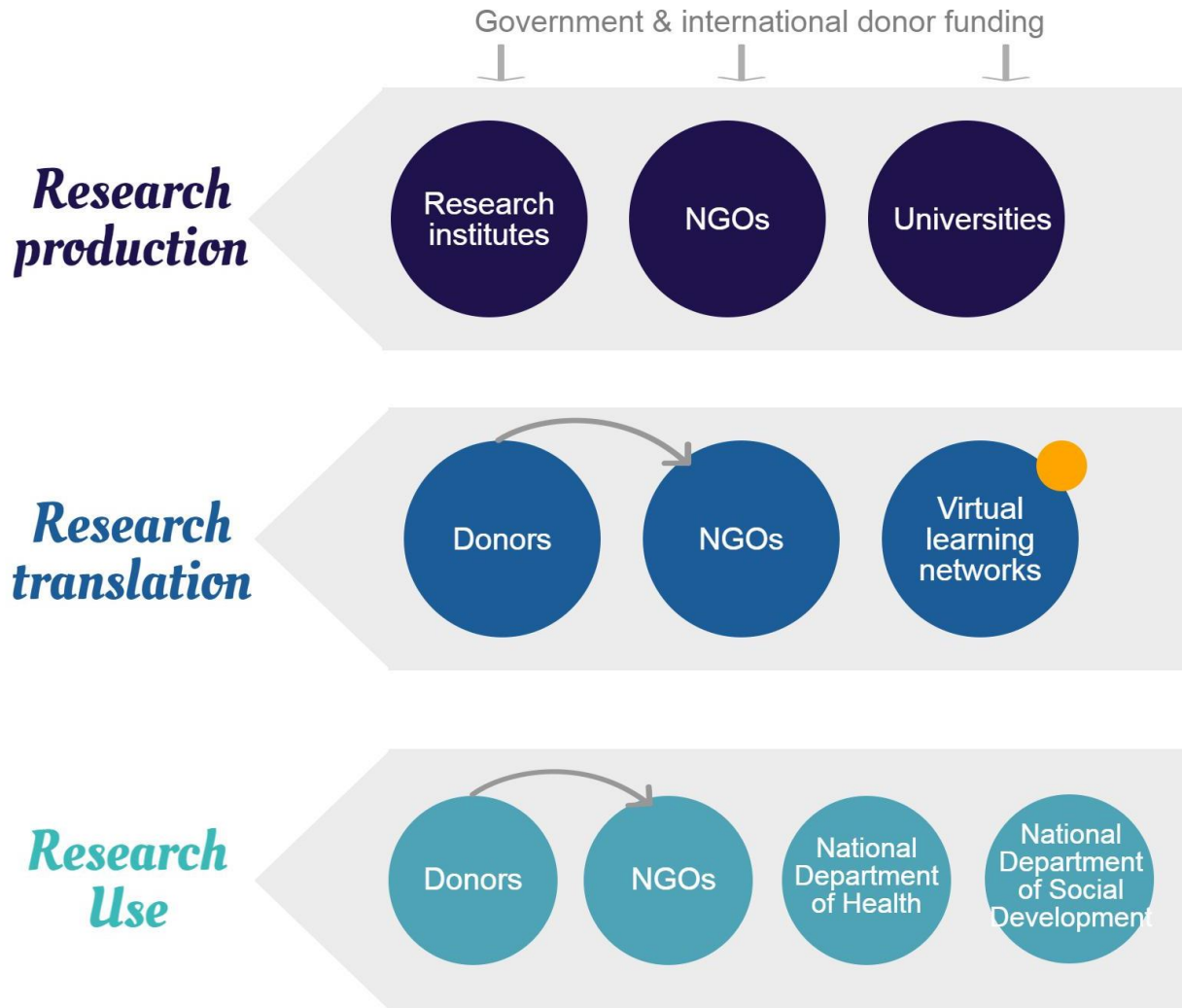


Poor
collaboration
between role-
players

The Bottlenecks

- Use of evidence is not viewed as part of programmatic team responsibility
- Lack of systematic planning of how the research will translate to usage
- Bureaucracy and lack of visibility of the National Health Research Council
- Inter-institution competitiveness & funding which doesn't encourage collaboration
- Links between research and its translation into policy and implementation

Interactions between EIDM role players in the research-policy environment



Conclusion

Interventions needed

A plan for how findings would be shared and used beyond publication in academic journals at the outset of research
Funding provided for consortium research
Funders enforce demonstration of research and evaluation utilisation among health NGOs

Engage

There is a need for creative mediums and approaches to increase engagement in evidence for use in decision making, bridging research generator to use

Understand

There are some role players which aim to enforce better understanding of evidence and its usage of evidence, but application in a practical manner remains an area of improvement.

Impact

If research evidence is better understood health NGOs will have improved utilisation of evidence and ensure that interventions implemented inform greatest impact, as well as more strategic fund allocation.



Research conducted by NGOs are more focused on improving operations, and not at the policy level, since they are more likely to influence programmatic change. Programmatic teams are more engaged in such research to improve actual service delivery.