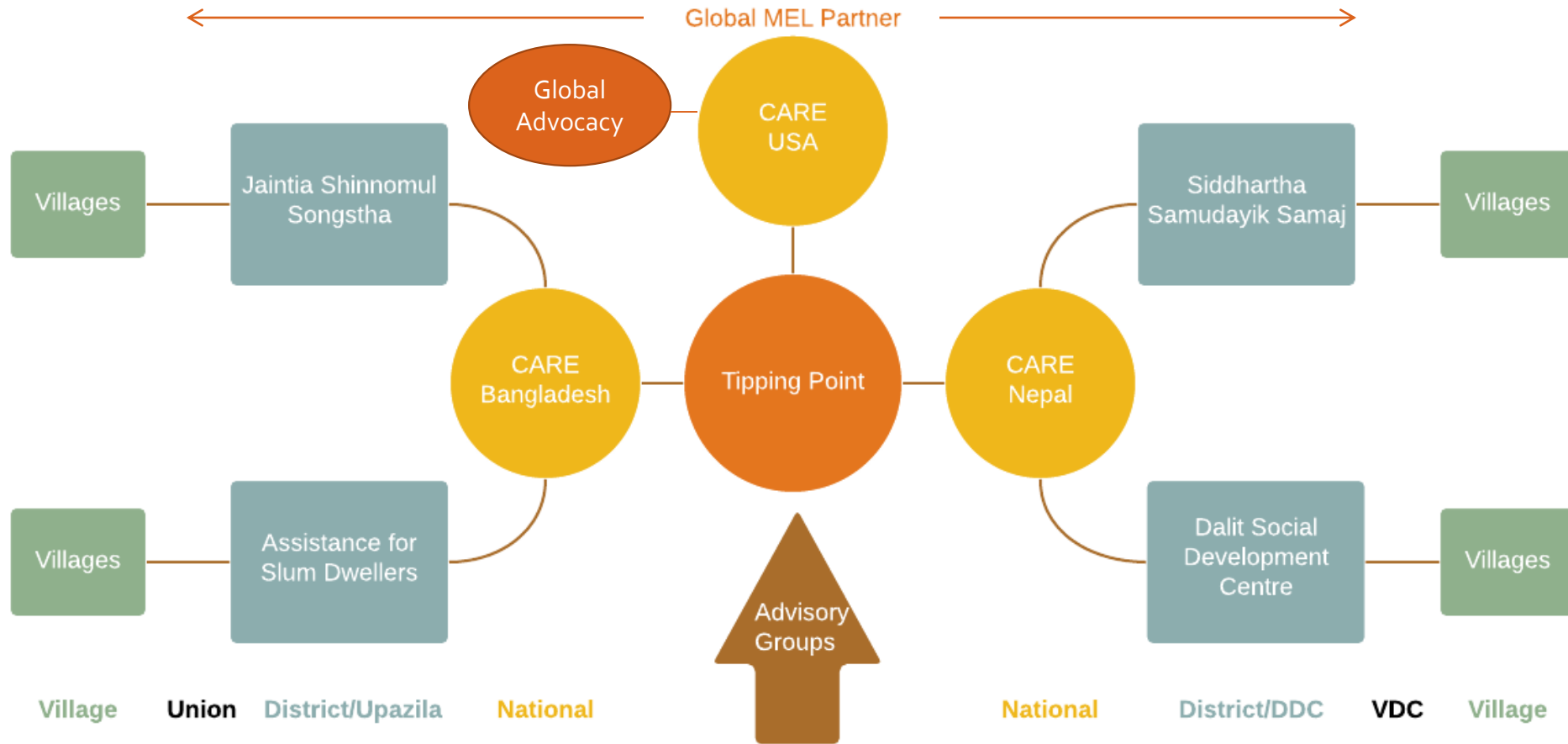


The Tipping Point Project's Participatory Community Analyses : Successes and Lessons Learned

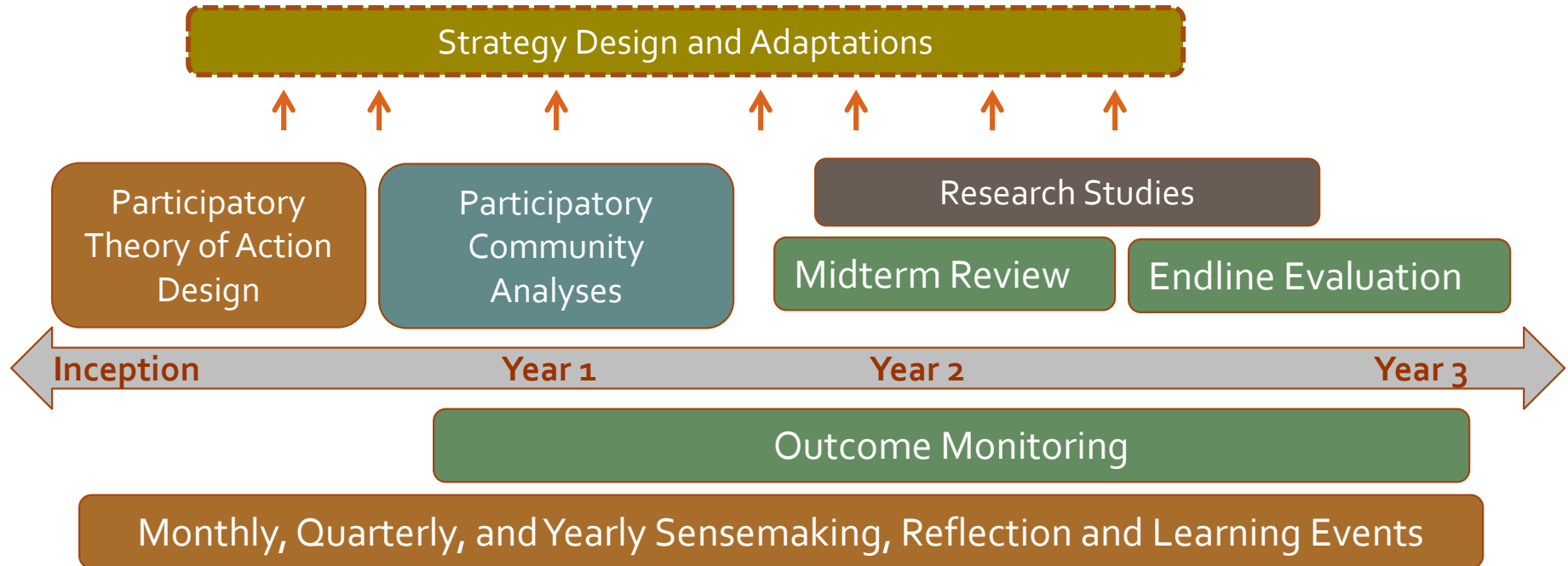
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Tipping Point: Multi-Country & Multi-level Set-up

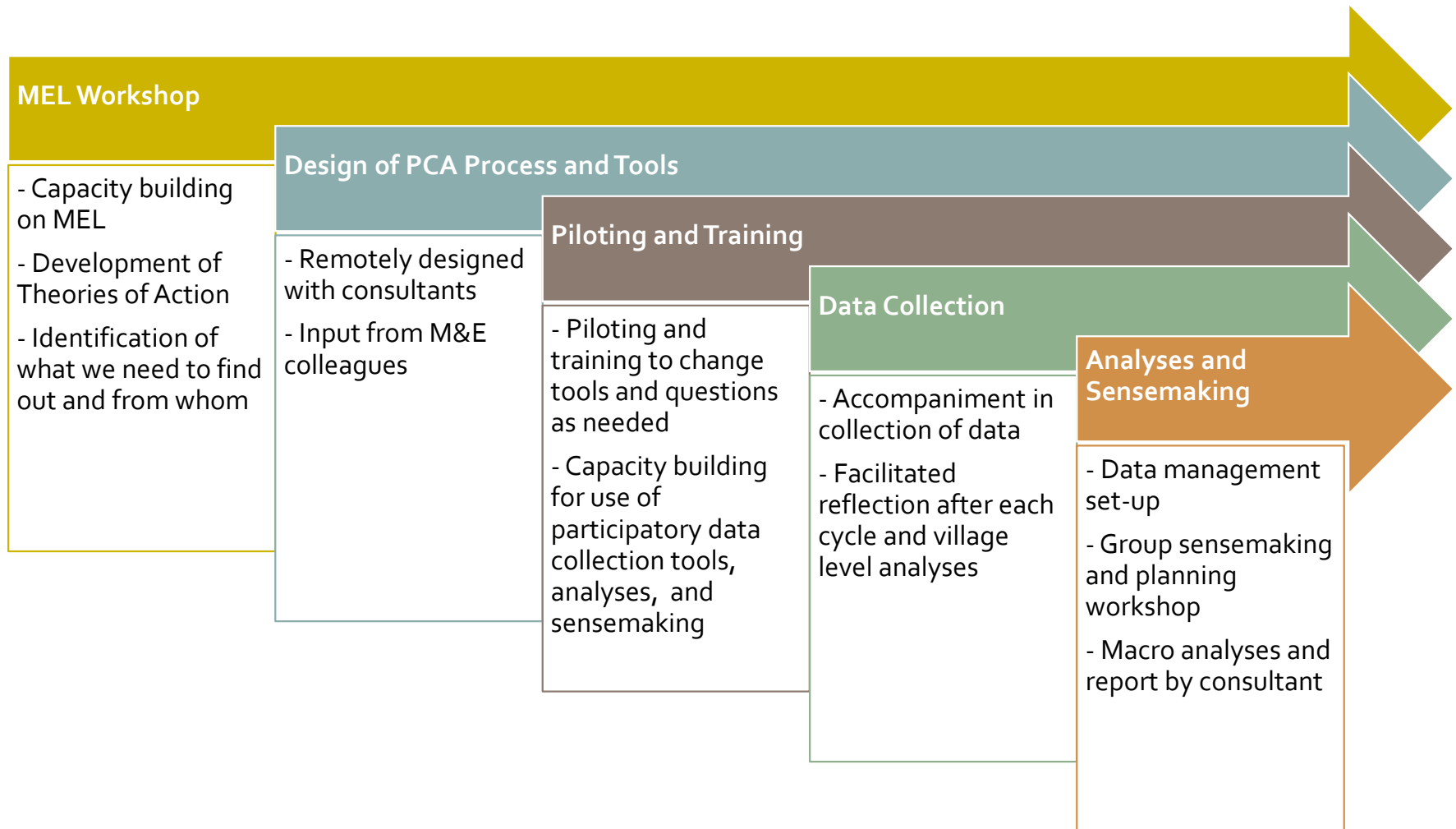


MEL: Key Components



Capacity Building: Fostering Evaluative Thinking through Accompaniment

Participatory Community Analyses (CPA)



PCA Participatory Data Collection Tools Overview

Social Mapping

A participatory mapping of the full village informed by adults and adolescents to understand the household distribution, the presence of other NGOs, schools, etc.

Seasonal Calendar [Bangladesh Only]

A calendar of important village events focusing on relationships between seasons and marriage and impact on adolescent life, for parents/adult & adolescents

Key Informant Interviews [Bangladesh Only]

Very relaxed, 1-on-1 conversation exploring experiences of young married girls/women who were married as adolescents to understand how puberty and marriage affect a girl's life

Visioning

Two separate groups of unmarried adolescents boys and girls explore their dreams, barriers to dreams, and impact of marriage on those dreams

Timeline Exercise

From the perspective of parents, a depiction of typical experiences of a girl or boy as s/he grows up in the community, from age 0 (birth) along a line to age of adulthood (defined by parent participants).

Risks and Benefits

A tool to understand community members' perceptions of risks and benefits of early marriage, primarily on girls, but also on boys; parents & community adults



MEL Workshop

- Capacity building on MEL
- Development of Theories of Action
- Identification of what we need to find out and from whom

Successes

- Developed an action plan for implementation
- Stakeholder identification at various level
- Strengthened our understanding of on harmful effects of child marriage
- Developed a draft theory of action

Challenges

- Limited information on real field situation in project area made some barrier to develop a realistic implementation plan

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Successes

- Team members from the field to national level came together to create a theory of action for the project
- Helped forge an understanding of working modality
- Sharing of personal knowledge, experiences, and commitments regarding child marriage
- MEL was simplified and integrated within the project implementation rather than being a separate entity.

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Design of CPA Process and Tools

- Remotely designed with consultants with input from M&E colleagues
- Nepal team did an interview spree with key stakeholders of villages

Successes

- Common understanding on CPA process and tools among the project team
- Joint effort to develop data collection tools and guidance note

Challenges

- Limited time to develop data collection tools and guidelines

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Successes

- Developed rapport in the villages and laid foundation for the PCA
- Identified village level formal and informal structures, marriage seasons, vulnerable prone pockets, etc .
- Provided a sense of the suitability of the PCA tools for the context

Challenges

- Difficult to remotely assist the consultant due to technological barriers

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Piloting and Training

- Piloting and training to change tools and questions as needed
- Capacity building for use of participatory data collection tools, analyses, and sensemaking

Successes

- Field facilitators gained knowledge on PCA process and tools

Successes

- Increased capacity in facilitation skills, logistics management, note taking, sensemaking etc
- Joint refinement and adaptation of the CPA tools for the Nepal context
- The piloting and actual testing of tools built confidence in facilitation.
- Cross-country learning

Challenges

- It was difficult to train field facilitators on data collection tools within two weeks as most of them had no prior experience in it.

Challenges

- More focus on facilitation than documentation
- Frequent changes in guidelines and documentation tools
- Time and resources needed for the process not anticipated adequately
- Due to plantation season, was difficult to engage communities
- Difficult to manage high expectations of communities

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Data Collection

- Accompaniment in collection of data
- Facilitated reflection and village level analyses after each cycle

Successes

- Data collection in phases helped field facilitators gradually develop their skills.
- Reflection workshops for village level analysis helped validate the data.
- Community people showed interest in the process.
- Helped develop rapport with community people

Challenges

- Remoteness and flash flood during 1st data collection phase
- Less reflection from women participants in several exercises
- Scarcity of spaces for data collection exercises
- Staff turnover

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Successes

- Established a basis for non – lecture methods of project implementation.
- Helped in collecting data without offending the communities.
- The process of data collection provided a way to facilitate further discussions.

Challenges

- Difficult to engage daughter-in-laws and girls from Muslim communities
- It went deeper and the volume was larger than anticipated

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Data Management, Analyses, and Sensemaking

- Data management set-up
- Group sensemaking and planning workshop
- Macro analyses and report by consultant

Successes

- Enhanced documentation skills among field facilitators
- Well organized tracking sheet and good data quality
- Participatory sense making process helped identify thematic areas
- PCA findings helped develop a realistic implementation plan and intervention strategies
- Data validation through participatory feedback

Challenges

- Limited time and skilled staff for data conversion from hard to soft copies
- Power outages
- Staff turnover

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Successes

- Increased capacity in PCA process
- Being part of data management and sense making process helped team to synthesize and consolidate the data.
- Generated a detailed, in-depth profile of each working VDC which provided strategic guidance for project implementation.

Challenges

- At times difficult link the collected information to the village level analyses form's 38 questions.

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Let's talk!

