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Actors and alliances to transform health and wellbeing in cities

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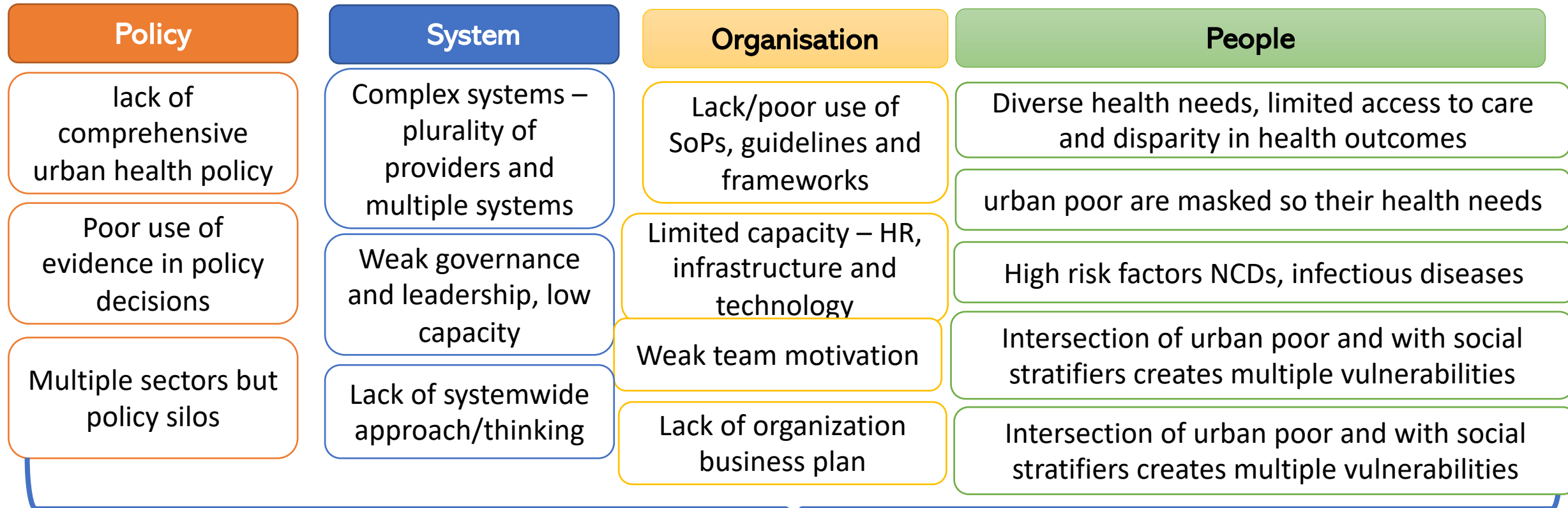
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Key challenges to progress urban health – **knowns and unknowns**



CONTEXT: poverty, inequality, migration, unplanned urbanization, weak coordination among stakeholders, lack of WASH services and unemployment among others magnified amongst the urban poor

Complex Urban Health Systems – a reality that needs solutions

Community of practice

Our focus

- Strengthening public health capacity of municipal health system
- Promoting use of evidence in decision making
- Identification of urban poor and other vulnerable populations living in listed and unlisted slums
- Community engagement to identify their health needs and locally tailored solutions
- Engaging private health care providers through public private partnership initiatives

Methods

Co-creation:
participatory
practices

Embedded
approach

Actions

Context analysis – gaps and strengths

Priority setting

Intervention design

Implementation in collaboration

Evaluation – process documentation and outcome assessment

Scale up – proved interventions

Support to system strengthening

Lessons: action and supporting research, information and policy

- **Evidence:** little knowns, many unknowns but building on available (knowns) at local level while aiming to know unknowns
- **Methods:** urban complexities challenges co-creation, building on existing foundation lead to innovation to complex solutions
- **Embeddedness:** requires investment (time and efforts) in building relationship and trust, lead to acceptance, ownership and long-term goal
- **Change process:** its often politically driven but we largely focus only technical solutions, this can derail the change process – learn to be politically correct while taking technical approach forward.

Gains from joining, expanding or linking communities of practice

- Gains are high when lessons are shared timely but sharing lessons is not always straight forward
- Need to create appropriate networks and platforms – national, subnational and international level
- Need more focus on implementation research on urban health issues – know who is doing what and how
- Short span of research projects help but fail to gain a comprehensive and long term solutions – more resources is needed
- Research uptake is always crucial, needs more capacity among researchers on how to engage to uptake research to policy and scale



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