# The context of researching accountability

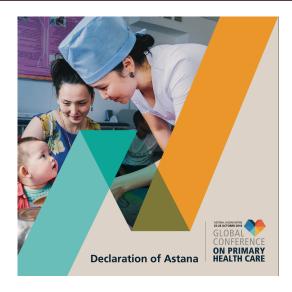
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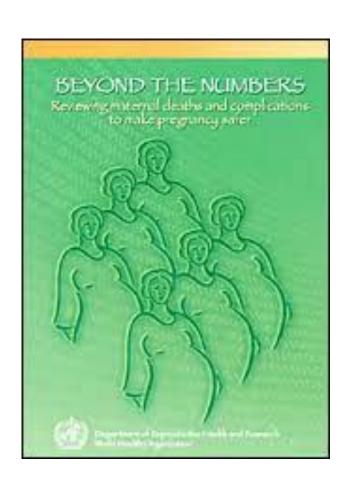




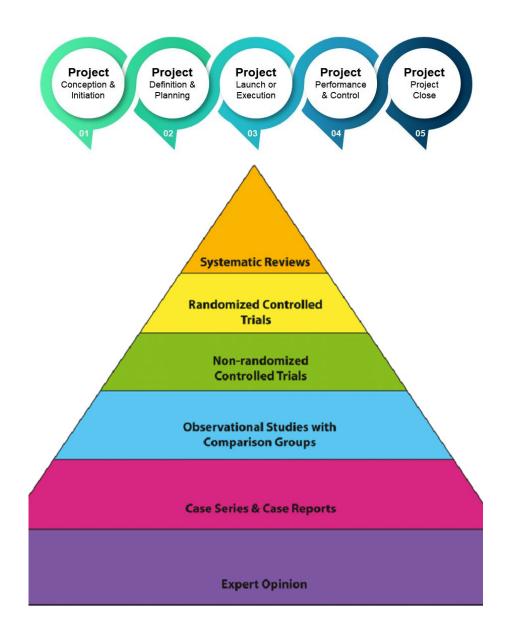


# Health system failures are accountability failures



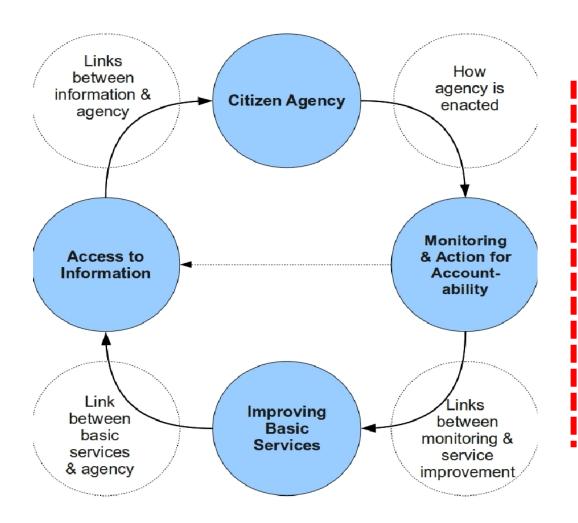


## 'Bottling' Accountability

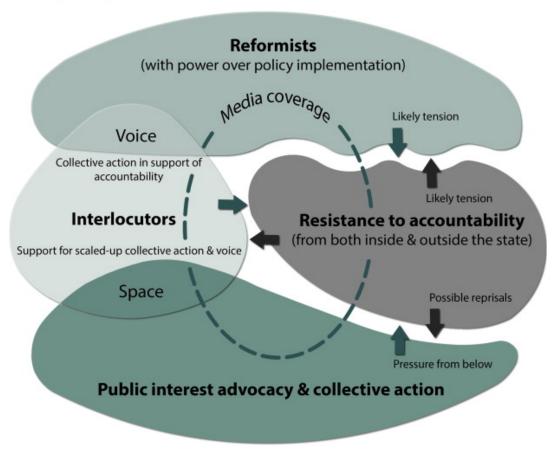


#### Evidence of cause = effects

**Reported Specific Outcomes Outcome** area Increased immunizations and examinations Service utilization Improved access to services Increased antenatal visits and use of skilled birth attendants Service Delivery Available medical equipment Available supplies Social Increased resources Accountability Increased staffing and Improved Infrastructure Widgets Reduction in waiting time Service Providers Less absenteeism Improved morale and training and supervision More engaged provider-client interaction Knowledge & Safe Sex/high risk behaviour information Participation, transparency, and community and decision-making Governance engagement Health outcomes Child weight Maternal Mortality Ratio



### The Sandwich Strategy Opening From Above Meets Mobilization from Below



Source: Revised version of diagrams in Fox (1992: 220).

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