

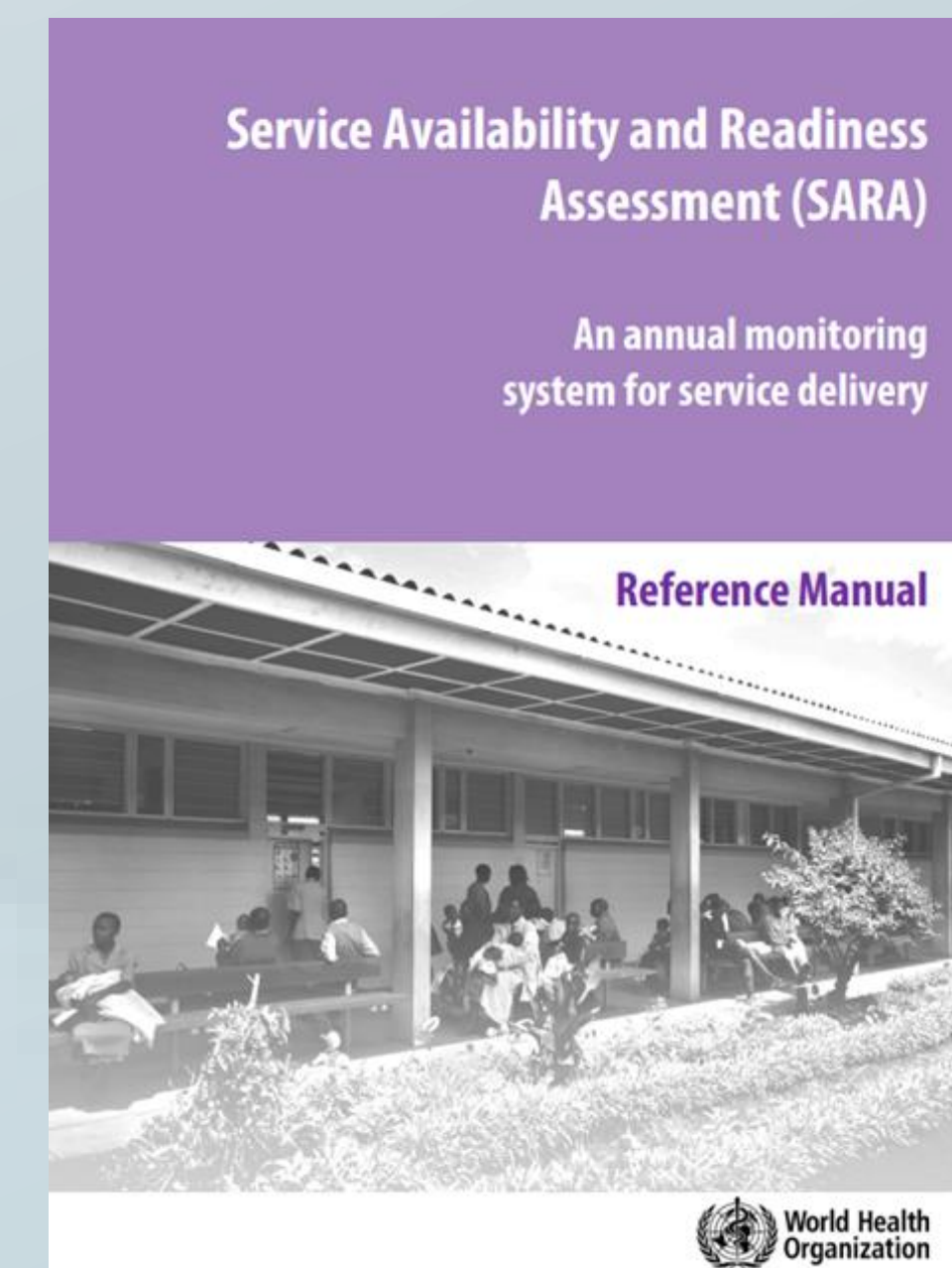
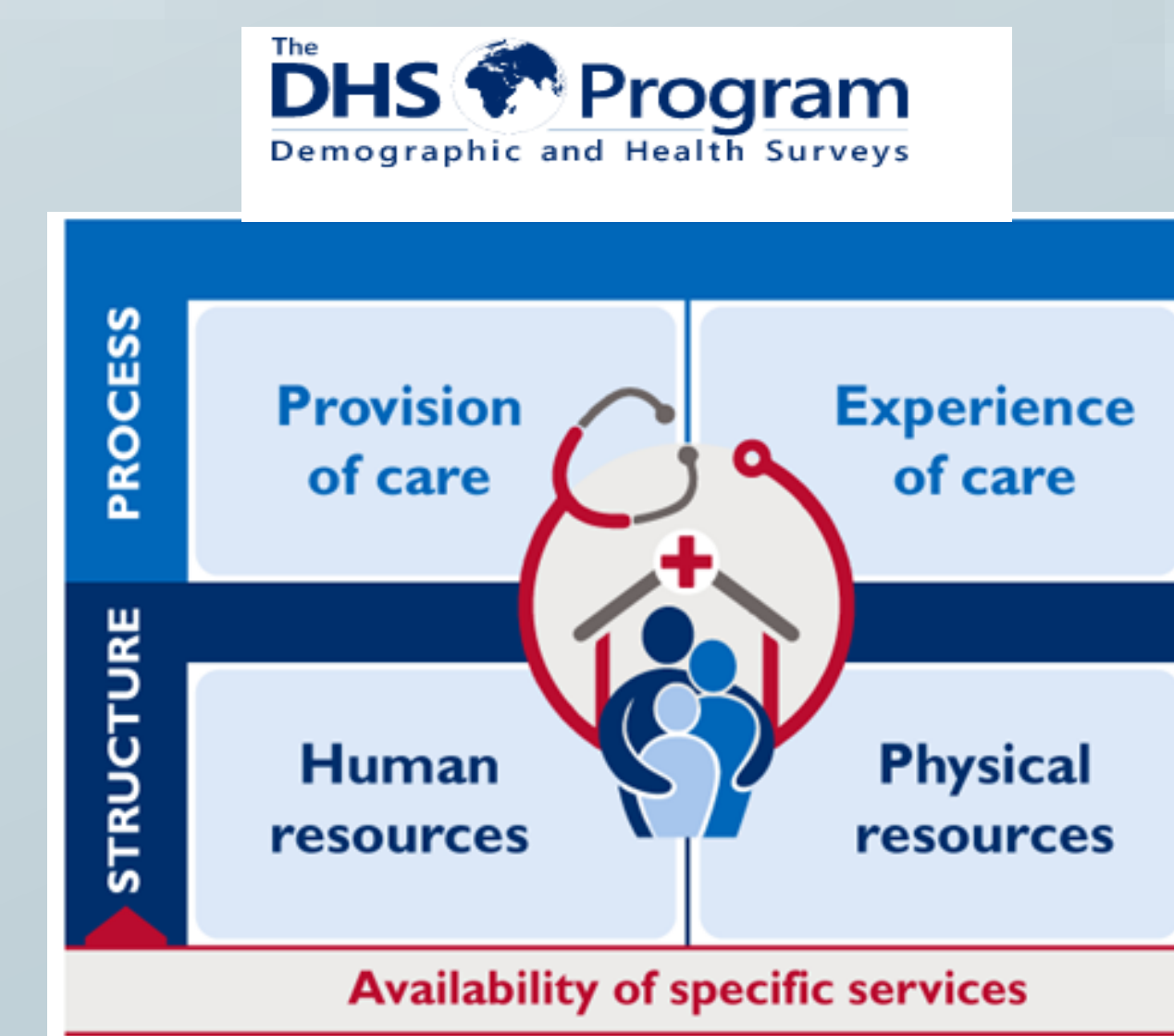
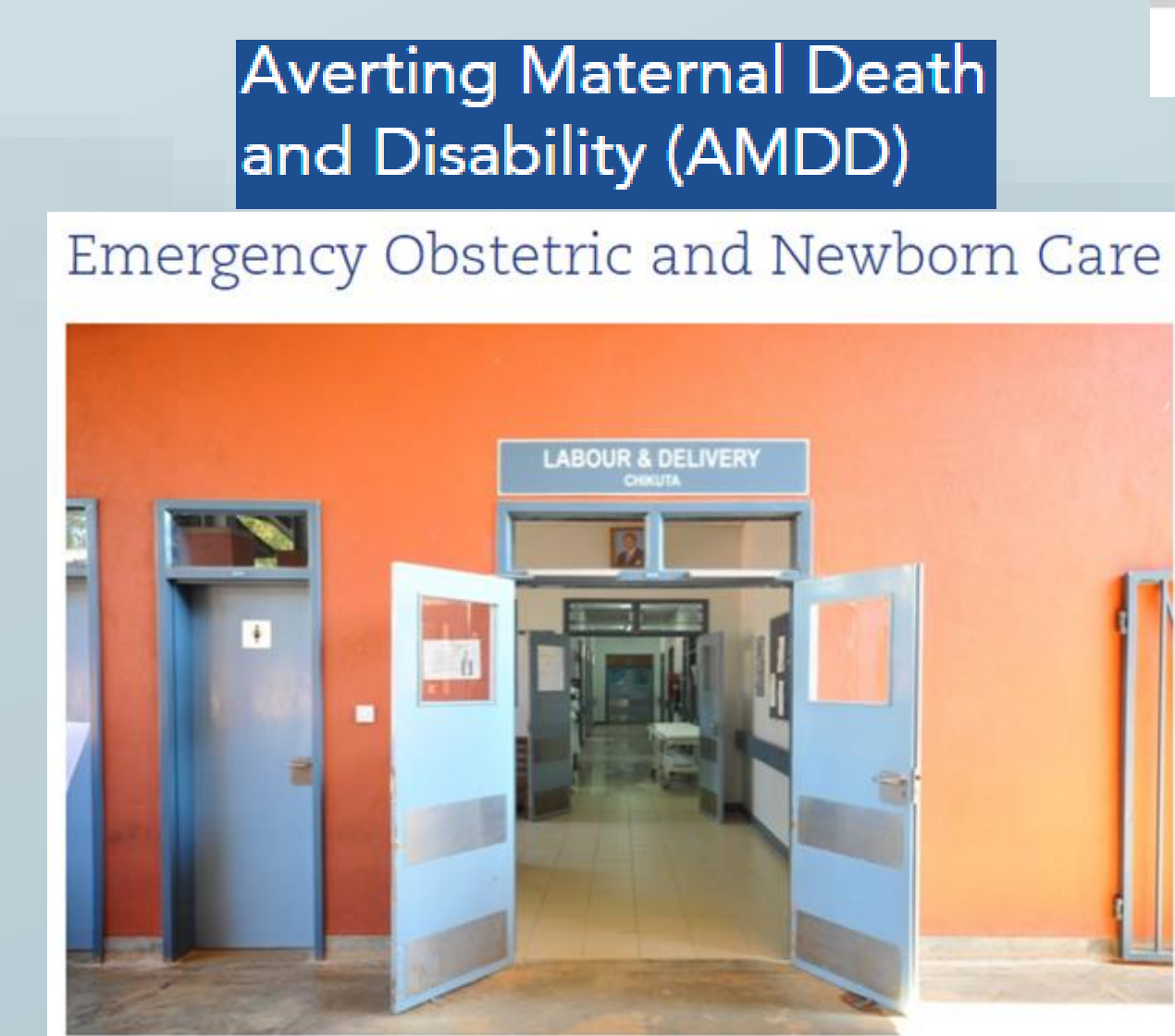
Methodological reflections on conducting health facility assessments in 16 hospitals in four sub-Saharan African countries with a focus on intrapartum care provision from a health system perspective: an embedded case study

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Background

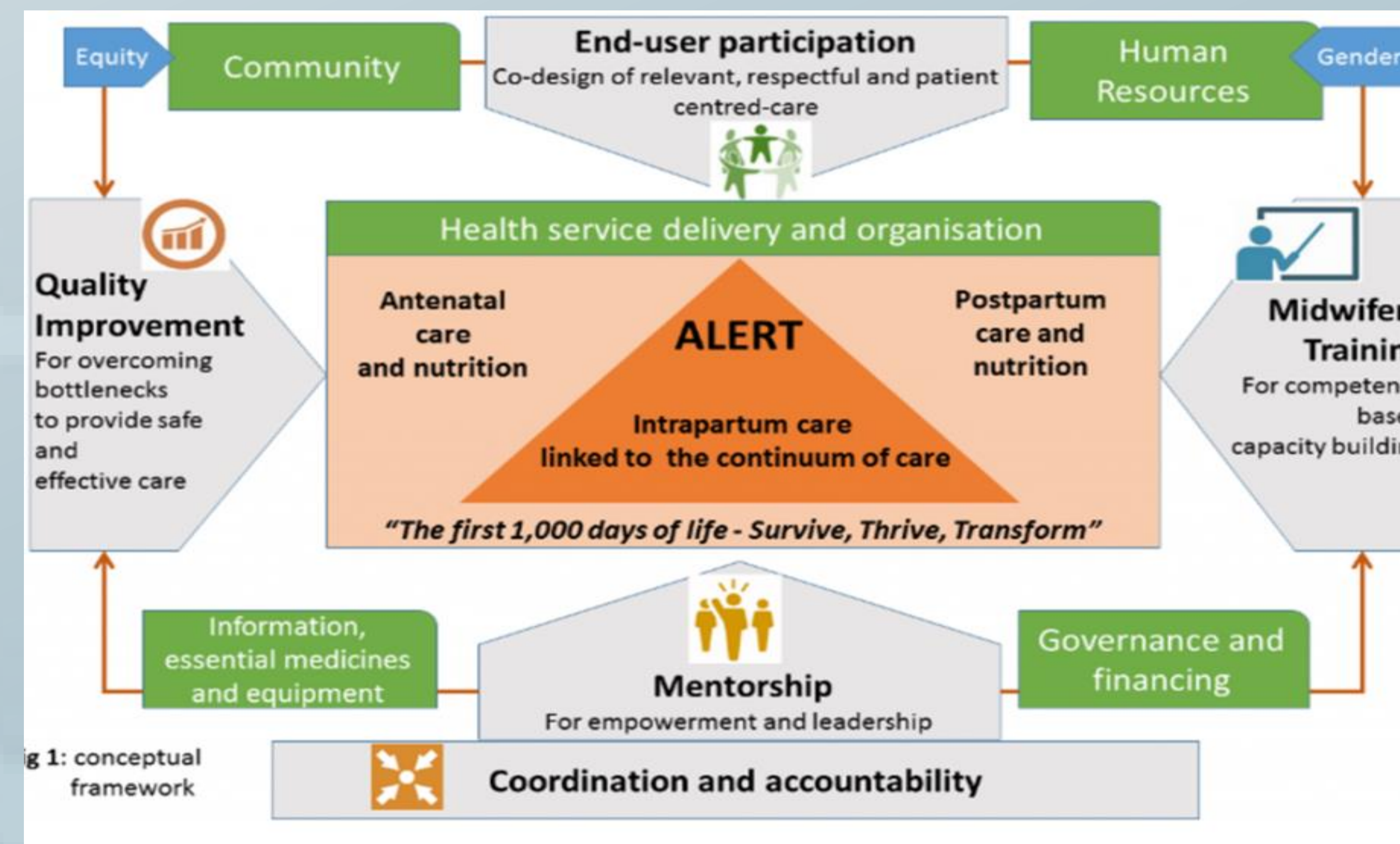
- Most health facility assessment (HFA) tools are
 - Structured
 - Mainly quantitative, and
 - Lack depth to understand the interface between health systems functions



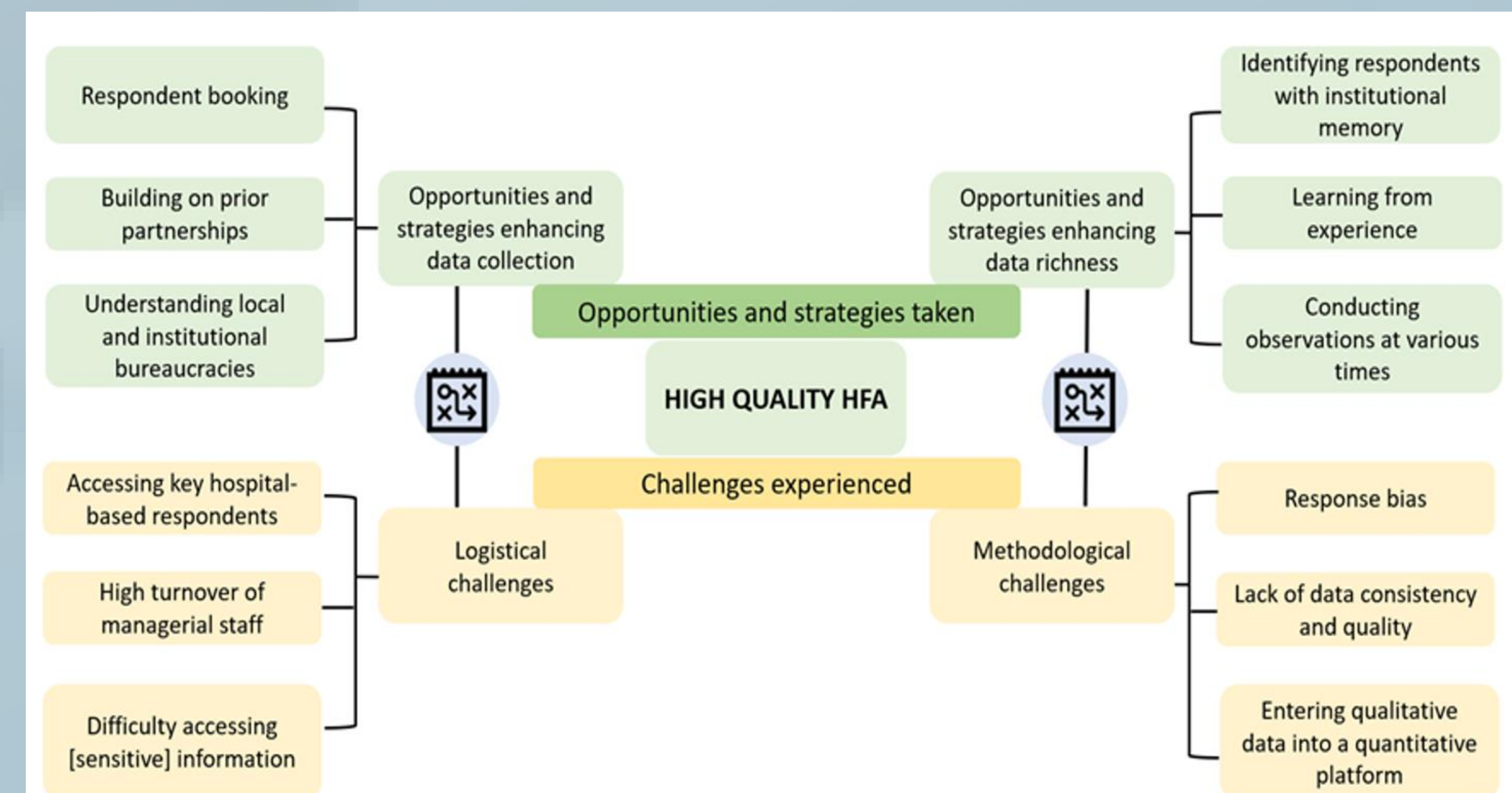
Methods

- We adapted existing HFA tools to assess and improve provision of maternal care as part of the ALERT project
 - Systems-oriented
 - 17 sections and 329 questions
 - Document review, interview, observation
- Setting: 16 hospitals in Benin, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda
- Design: an **embedded case study** to explore lessons learned in implementing the adapted HFA

The ALERT project – intervention model



Results – four overarching themes and 12 sub-themes



Conclusions

- The adapted tool was effective in assessing maternal care provision which are usually
 - Complex
 - Interlinked, and
 - Organizational history dependent
- More research is needed to improve HFAs rigour and use



- Context-adapted
- Meticulous
- Systems-oriented
- Owned

Scan the QR code for the full article and the HFA tool
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