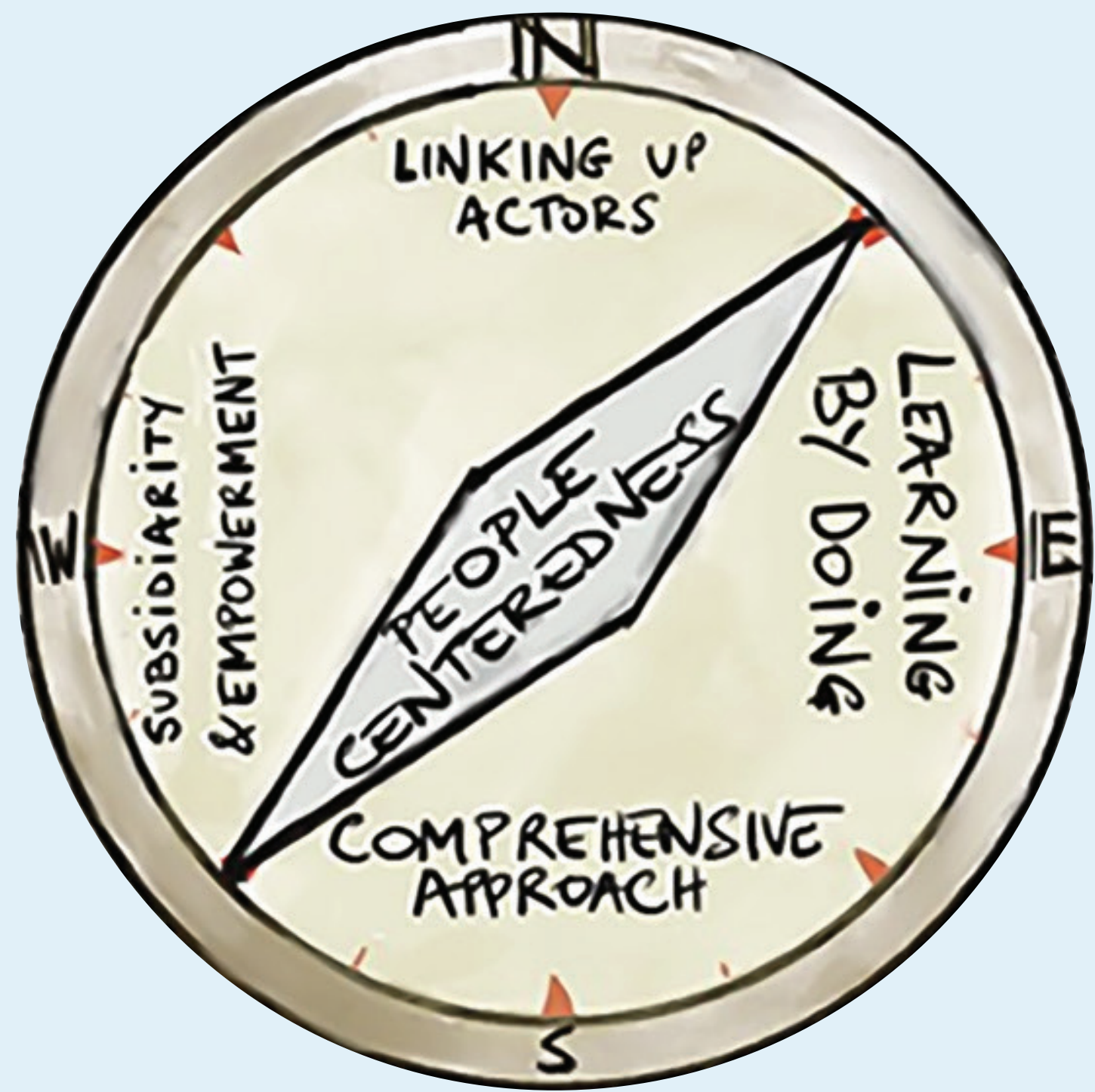


Addressing Planetary Health Concerns Through Collaborative Health Governance: Learnings from the Basic Health Care Support Programme in West Bengal, India

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The BHCSP Model of Collaborative Governance

- People-centred health systems
- Inclusive engagement
- Strengthening local health systems
- Facilitating power shifts
- Transforming Healthcare systems



Pathways to Collaborative Governance

- Building Trust and Relationships
- Creating Forums for Dialogue
- Multidisciplinary and Inter-sectoral Collaboration
- Addressing Social, Political and Health Determinants
- Community-Based Health Promotion and Health Actions
- Community Organising and Empowerment

Results

- Multi-sectoral Collaboration
- Integrated Development Plans
- Enhanced Healthcare Services:
- Bridging Hierarchies and Breaking of Silos
- Addressing Vulnerabilities

Collaborative Governance is inclusive, strengthens local health systems, shifts power, and transforms healthcare systems to improve planetary health.

Context

- Our health and the planet are inter-linked.
- The interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health defines Planetary health.
- Planetary health faces challenges from climate change, ecological shifts, and biodiversity loss.
- Collaborative governance emerges as a solution to address planetary health issues.
- Insights from the Basic Health Care Support Programme (BHCSP) provide ideas and directions for the evolution of collaborative governance approaches.

Programme Background

- 5 Districts, 18 Blocks and 61 GPs covering a population of 1.5 million people
- Working in islands and hills exposed to disasters, climate crisis and biodiversity loss
- Supported by DGD Belgium and Memisa Belgium
- Implemented by the West Bengal Voluntary Health Association (WBVHA)
- Over 20 years of collaborative process

Key Learnings

- Planetary health is everyone's responsibility; collaborative governance helps
- The systems approach is imperative
- Shifting the focus to planetary health
- Empowerment and power sharing
- Institutional support for sustainability
- Adaptive and dynamic approach

