



# Global Mental Health and Agenda 2030- Leaving No One Behind?

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# ‘Caring for those infected means caring for the future’ (2002-2006)

Aim: To create a support initiative addressing HIV positive people in the Limpopo Province, based upon a thorough exploration of their perceptions, needs and resources. Participatory, longitudinal PhD project





# Building social capital in community HIV care and support KwaZulu-Natal (2007-2011)





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**S**ocial capital has become a focus of interest in health research, and serves as a useful framework to understand aspects of care and support for those living with HIV/AIDS. *Response-ability in the era of AIDS: Building social capital in community care and support* explores the social norms, mechanisms and practices related to HIV/AIDS care and support in a semi-rural community in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and makes specific recommendations for improvement of the current care and support situation.

The chapters in the book provide different yet complimentary ways of understanding and responding to HIV/AIDS care and support in a local setting. The first section of the book introduces social capital as a framework for study of HIV/AIDS care and support. In the second section, broader community and system responses are discussed, paying particular attention to participation, cooperation and coordination between community organisations, and challenges connected to this. Home-based care and volunteering are the themes of section three. While being a corner stone of HIV/AIDS care and support efforts, support for the volunteers are often lacking. Through in-depth exploration, important messages concerning the current situation and potential ways of strengthening the volunteer work are given. Section four contains novel perspectives on HIV/AIDS care and support, and tells of how one can empower and give results back to the community using narrative theatre as a tool.

The aim of this book is to disseminate the results of our research, and to further inform, inspire and create a platform for debate between practitioners, academics, researchers, trainers and facilitators interested in addressing community needs in terms of HIV/AIDS and support. The whole research process was approached in the context of capacity building and the book formed part of developing the voice of postgraduate students. The book is mainly written for a graduate and professional public, but will be interesting and useful for practitioners as well. We hope that the lessons we have learnt during this time will also inspire others working in the field.

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Response-ability in the era of AIDS

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# Outline

- Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Examine global mental health
- The importance of social determinants of health for global mental health
- Global mental health and Agenda 2030; what can the discipline of health promotion add?
- Reflecting on Agenda 2030 and global mental health





# Transforming our world:

## The 2030 agenda for sustainable development

- Adopted by the UN member states in 2015
  - **P**eople
  - **P**lanet
  - **P**rosperity
  - **P**eace
  - **P**artnership





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b> 





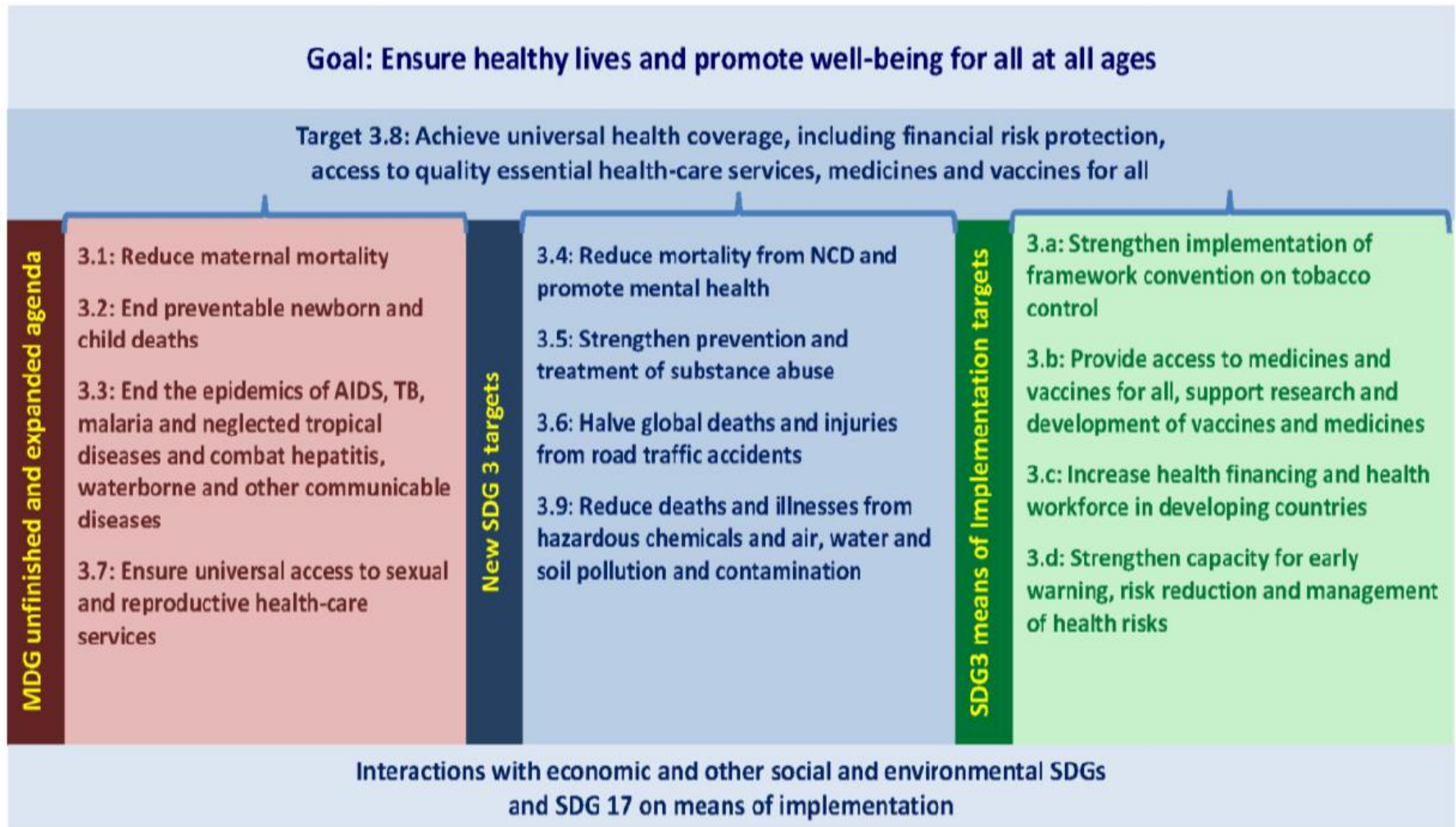


# More than a continuation of the MDGs...

- SDGs...
  - are global in nature and universally applicable  
*(we are all developing)*
  - are integrated and indivisible
  - have a strong focus on equity  
*(leaving no one behind)*
  - are a national, regional and global responsibility
  - were created and agreed upon in a global process



**Fig.1. A framework for the health Goal and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**



World Health Organization. (2015). *Health in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development*





# Mental health





# WHO definition of mental health

*“Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community”*





# The many sides to mental health

*“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”*  
(WHO, 1948)

- Cognitive dimension
- Affective dimension
- Spiritual dimension
- Social dimension





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THT43iz9E8Y>





# The importance of mental health

- Around 20% of the world's children and adolescents have mental disorders or problems
  - About half of mental disorders begin before the age of 14
- Mental and substance use disorders are among the leading causes of disability worldwide
  - About 23% of all years lost because of disability is caused by mental and substance use disorders

[http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/mental\\_health/en/](http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/mental_health/en/)





# The importance of mental health cont.

- About 800 000 people commit suicide every year
  - suicide is the second leading cause of death in 15-29-year-olds
- War and disasters have a large impact on mental health and psychosocial well-being
  - Rates of mental disorder tend to double after emergencies.







# The importance of mental health cont.

- Stigma and discrimination against patients and families prevent people from seeking mental health care
- Mental disorders are important risk factors for other diseases, as well as unintentional and intentional injury
  - Mental disorders increase the risk of getting ill from other diseases such as HIV, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and vice-versa





# The importance of mental health cont.

- Human rights violations of people with mental and psychosocial disability are routinely reported in most countries
  - These include physical restraint, seclusion and denial of basic needs and privacy. Few countries have a legal framework that adequately protects the rights of people with mental disorders





# The importance of mental health cont.

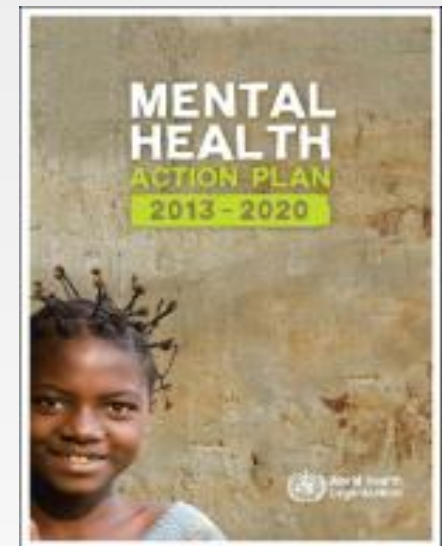
- Globally, there is huge inequity in the distribution of skilled human resources for mental health
- Financial resources to increase services are relatively modest





# Global mental health

- WHO World Mental Health Atlas and Mental Health Gap Action Programme (2005, 2008)
- The Lancet special issue on global mental health (Prince et al., 2007)  
*«No health without mental health»*
- Movement for Global Mental Health (2008)





# Contrasting approaches

- MGMH uses a biomedical, illness-focused understanding of mental health
  - “global burden of disease”, “neuropsychiatric disorders”, diagnoses and criteria
  - Globalization, neocolonialism and global governance
  - Systemic violence and reasonable responses to extreme stress
  - Respect for indigenous systems

(Johnson, 2012)





# Contrasting approaches cont.

- Psychiatric practice supported social control and institutions of power (Foucault, 1965)



**Charles Louis-Muller** (1815-1892), French. *Pinel Orders the Chains Removed From the Insane at Bicêtre, 1849*. Oil on canvas. Copyright Bibliothèque de l'Académie Nationale de Médecine, Paris, France. Transparency obtained was produced from a photograph of the painting taken by J. L. Charmet, Paris





# Social determinants of mental health

- Mental health and many common mental disorders are shaped to a great extent by the social, economic, and physical environments in which people live
- Social inequalities are associated with increased risk of many common mental disorders



WHO and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (2014)





## Social determinants of mental health cont.

*“Relative deprivation in the space of incomes can yield absolute deprivation in the space of capabilities”* (Amartya Sen)

- Giving every child **the best possible start** will generate the greatest societal and mental health benefits
- Action needs to be **universal**: across the whole of society, and proportionate to need in order to level the social gradient in health outcomes
- Effective actions to reduce risk of mental disorders throughout the **life course**, at the community level and at the country level includes environmental, structural, and local interventions







## 5 key barriers to increasing mental health services availability

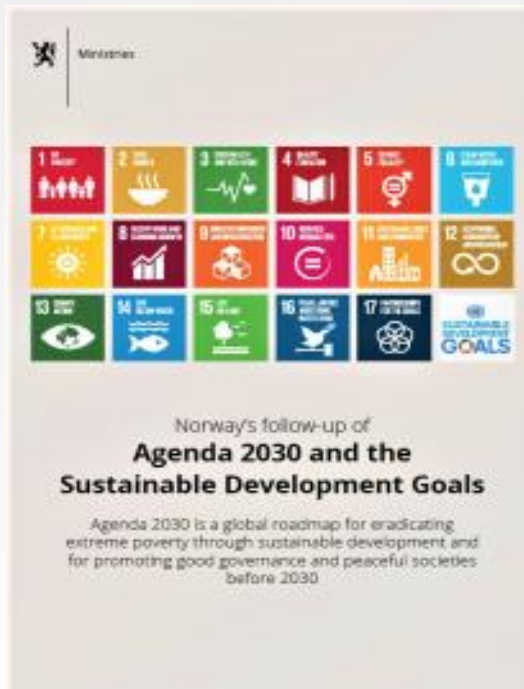
- the absence of mental health from the public health agenda and the implications for funding
- the current organization of mental health services
- lack of integration within primary care
- inadequate human resources for mental health
- lack of public mental health leadership.





# Norway's committment

- Mental health is high on the agenda, both nationally and internationally
- Specific focus on adolescents' schooling and health, children and women, empowerment and reproductive health





# Norwegian adolescents and mental health

- The proportion of young people with symptoms of mild mental health problems increased between 1992-2012
  - sleeping problems increased from 22% to 35%
  - feeling increasingly hopeless about the future increased from 16% to 27%
  - worrying about many things increased from 36% to 43%

Hegna, K., Ødegård, G. & Strandbu, Å. (2013). En «sykt seriøs» ungdomsgenerasjon? *Tidsskrift for Norsk Psykologforening*, 50 (4), 374-377.





# Health Promotion

- Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over and thereby improve their health (Ottawa Charter, 1986; Samdal, O., & Wold, B., 2012)
- The general approach of all aspects of the health promotion specialization is a **resource-based perspective**



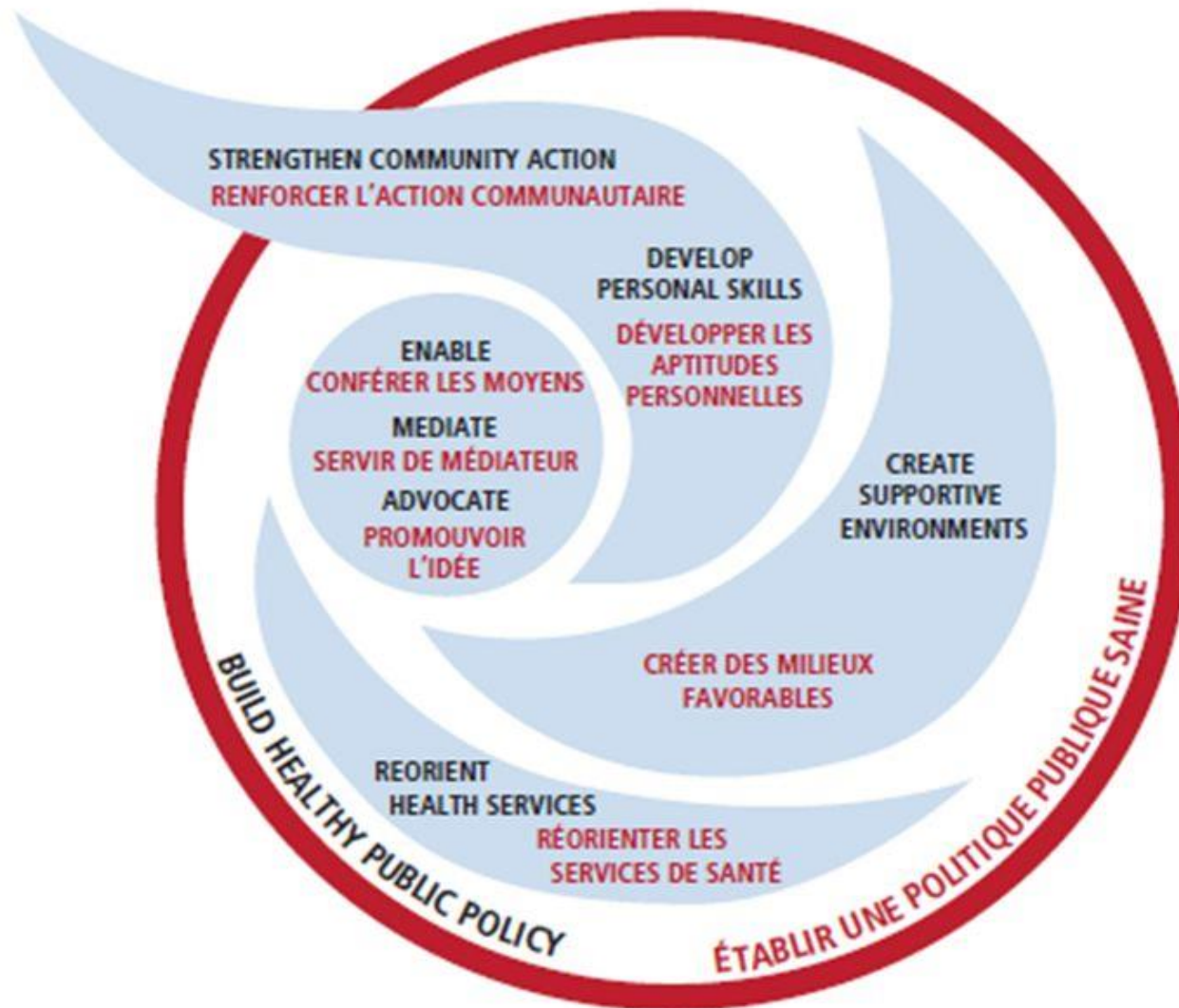


# Assets for health

- The **resources (assets)** that individuals, communities and societies have at their disposal, which protect against negative health outcomes and/or promote health status.
- Social, financial, physical, environmental, human resources



# The Ottawa Charter's emblem.





# Health promotion's key action areas

- **Build healthy public policy** (health in all areas of policy)
- **Create supportive environments** (physical and social environment)
- **Strengthen community action** (participation, empowerment of the community, use of resources in the community)
- **Develop personal skills** (personal development, enhancing life skills, resilience)
- **Re-orient health services** (health 'owned' by all, individuals, communities, health facilities, governments)





# Health promotion broad strategies

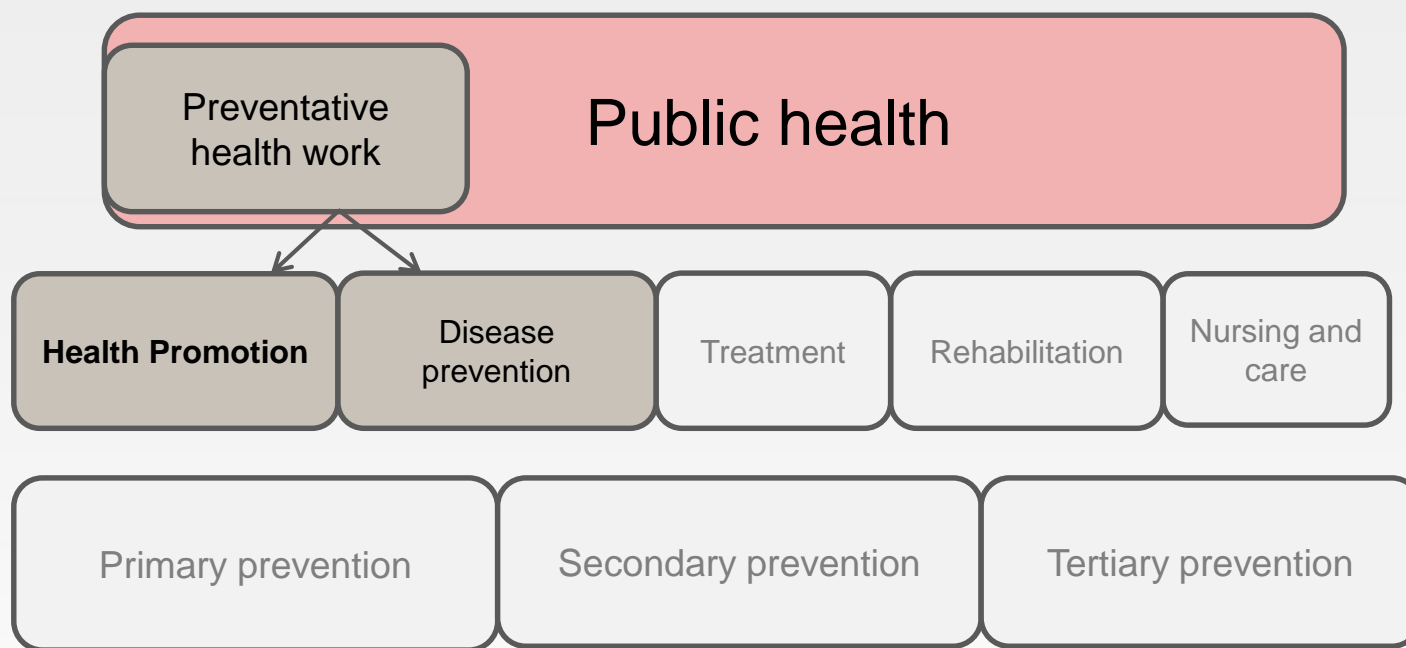
- **Enable** – empowerment of the marginalised by creating supportive environments
- **Mediate** – between conflicting interests
- **Advocate** – putting health on the agenda, lobbying







# Health Promotion within public health



Mæland, 2010



# Health in the River of Life

PROMOTION



HEALTH EDUCATION



PREVENTIVE



PROTECTIVE



CURATIVE



DEATH, DISEASE

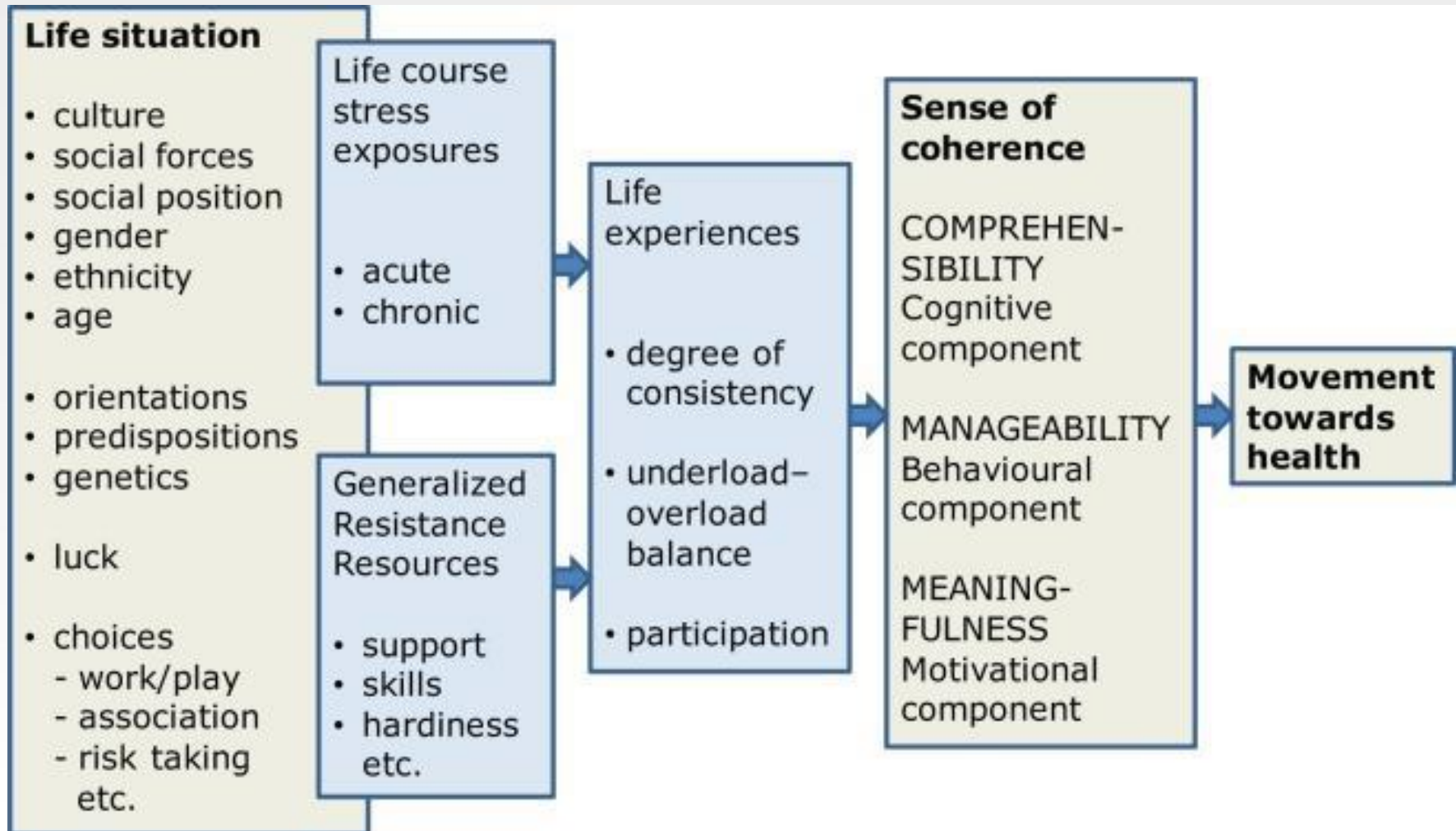
Salutogenesis

QUALITY OF LIFE  
WELLBEING

Drawing: Bengt Lindström  
Graphic: Jonas Jernström



# Salutogenesis model





# Reflecting on Agenda 2030 and global mental health

Examining the 17 SDGs, how can we draw on the goals to **promote mental health and well-being?**

How can we ensure that we leave no one behind?





## Recommended readings

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