



The way ahead

Continuing research,
&
delivering best practice
in evaluation

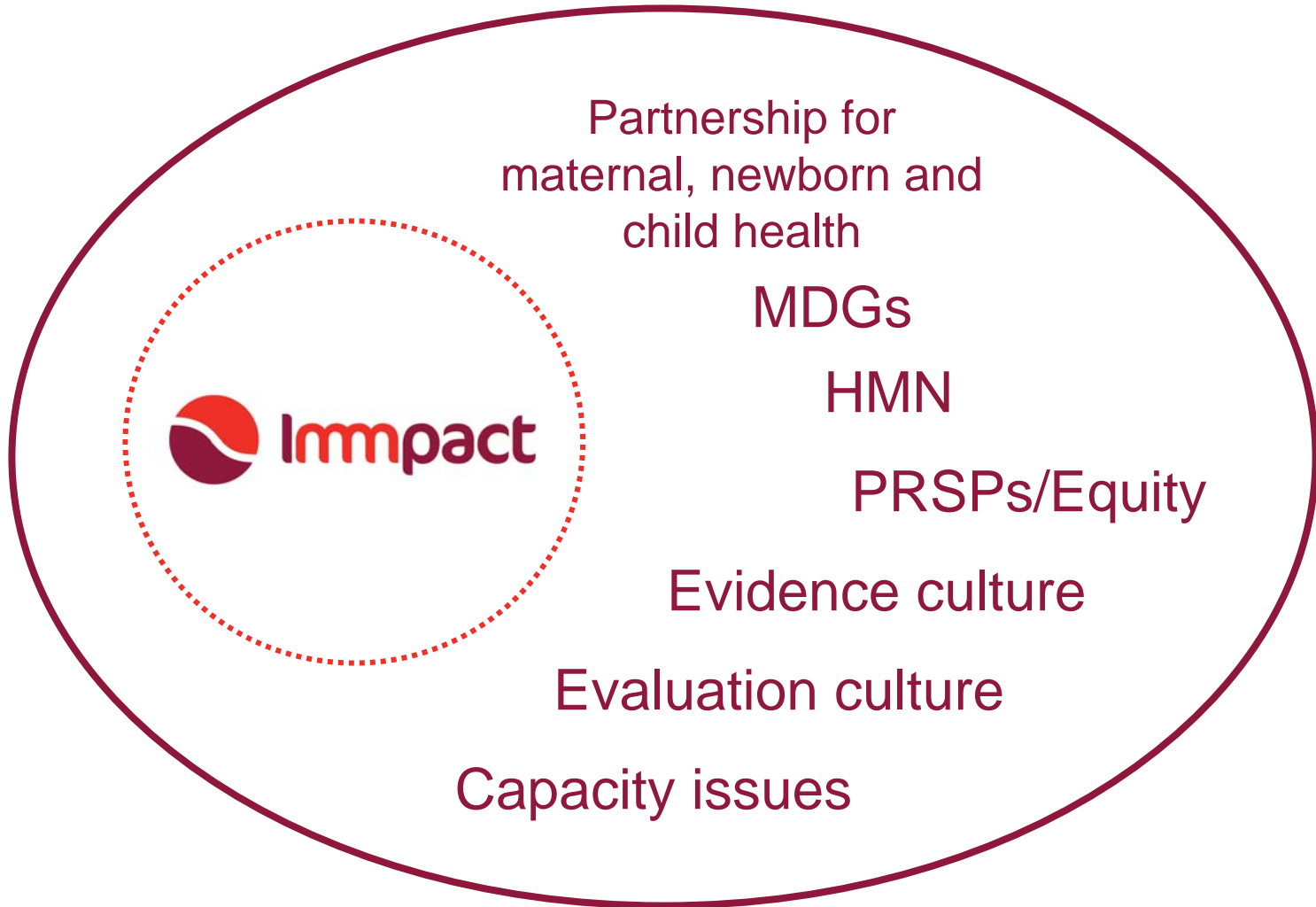
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Our goal is to reduce maternal mortality in poor countries.

Our purpose is to increase the best use of the best knowledge in policy and programme decision-making to reduce maternal mortality.



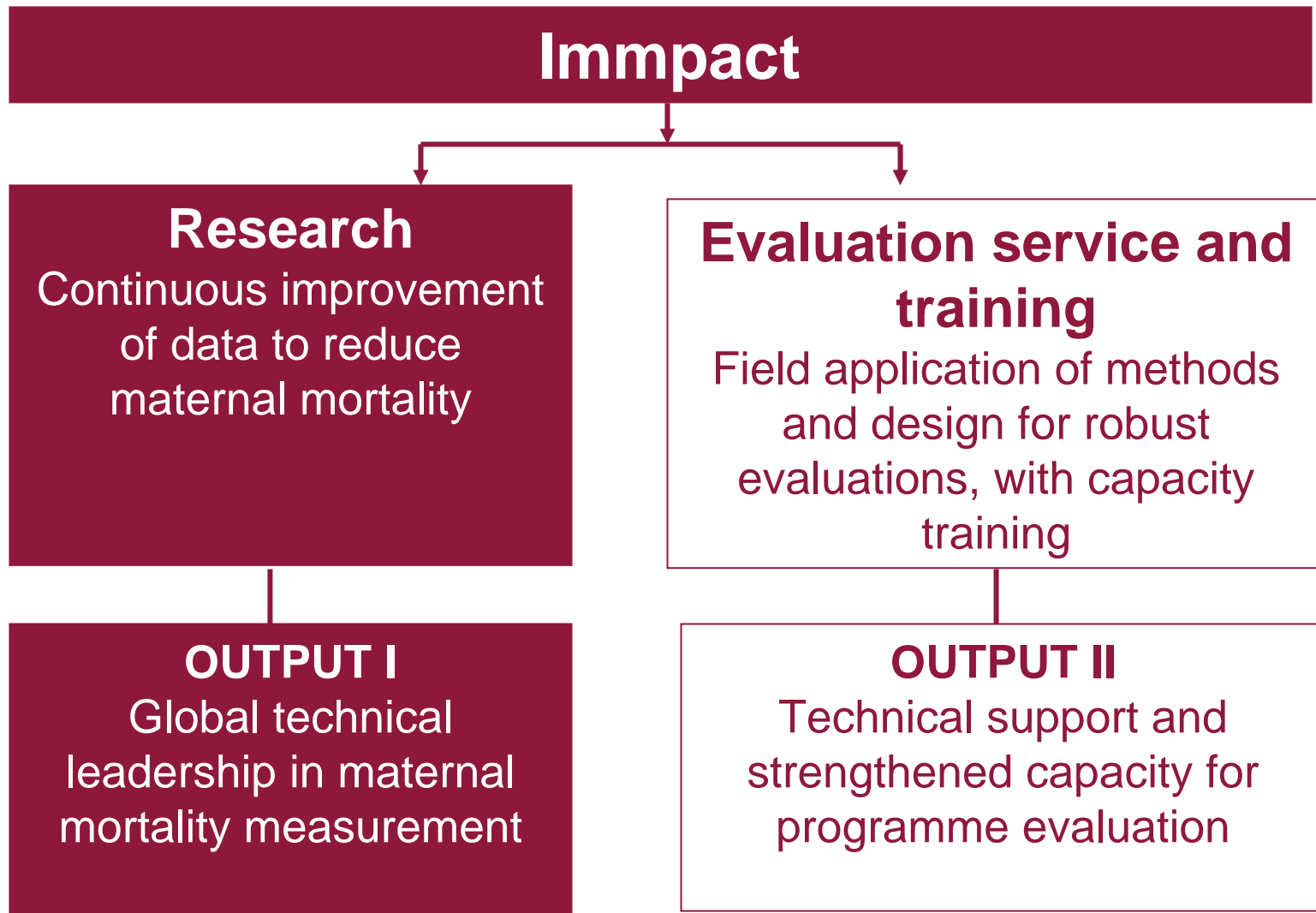
1. Maternal mortality perceived as too high in a variety of health system settings
2. Desire to reduce (and to show reduction), but the question is how?
3. Recognised that one size won't fit all (multiple contexts)
4. Knowledge resource needed to enable “best bet, best buy” strategies to be identified, implemented and (in turn) evaluated



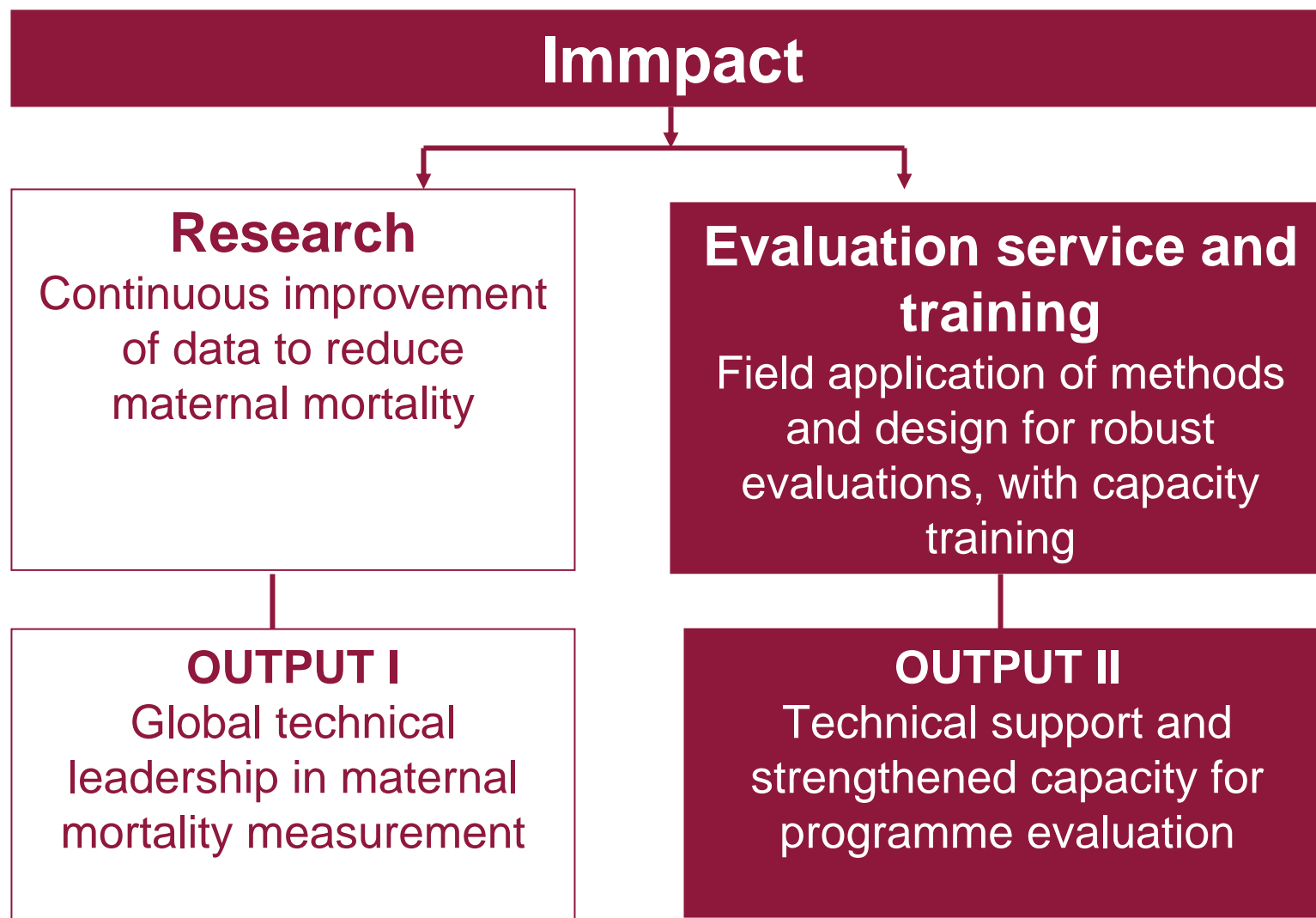
“Policy makers need to be accountable for health outcomes – which means greater investment in monitoring and evaluation mechanisms....”

World Development Report, 2004

- Investment in phase 1 built upon
- Maximise product use by further application of tools and methods
- Continue evaluations of complex interventions
- Synthesise and communicate substantive findings for policy and programme use in other settings
- Continue methodological research



- **Enhanced methods for measurement of maternal mortality & related indicators**
 - Levels and trends (national and local)
 - Causes (primary capture and categorisation)
 - Determinants (quality of care, uptake, causal models)
 - Co-mortality outcomes (perinatal, mother's mortality)
- **Communicating about methods and substantive findings**
- **Strengthened capacity to capture & use data to reduce maternal mortality**
 - Standards & consensus on maternal mortality measurement, training and stakeholder engagement



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- Participatory evaluation service
- Support with quality assurance
- Training to use tools and techniques
- Capacity building

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INTERDEPENDENCY OF RESEARCH AND SERVICE

- Identifies opportunities for research
- Income for necessary research



- New/improved methods for evaluation
- Provides opportunities for new evaluations

