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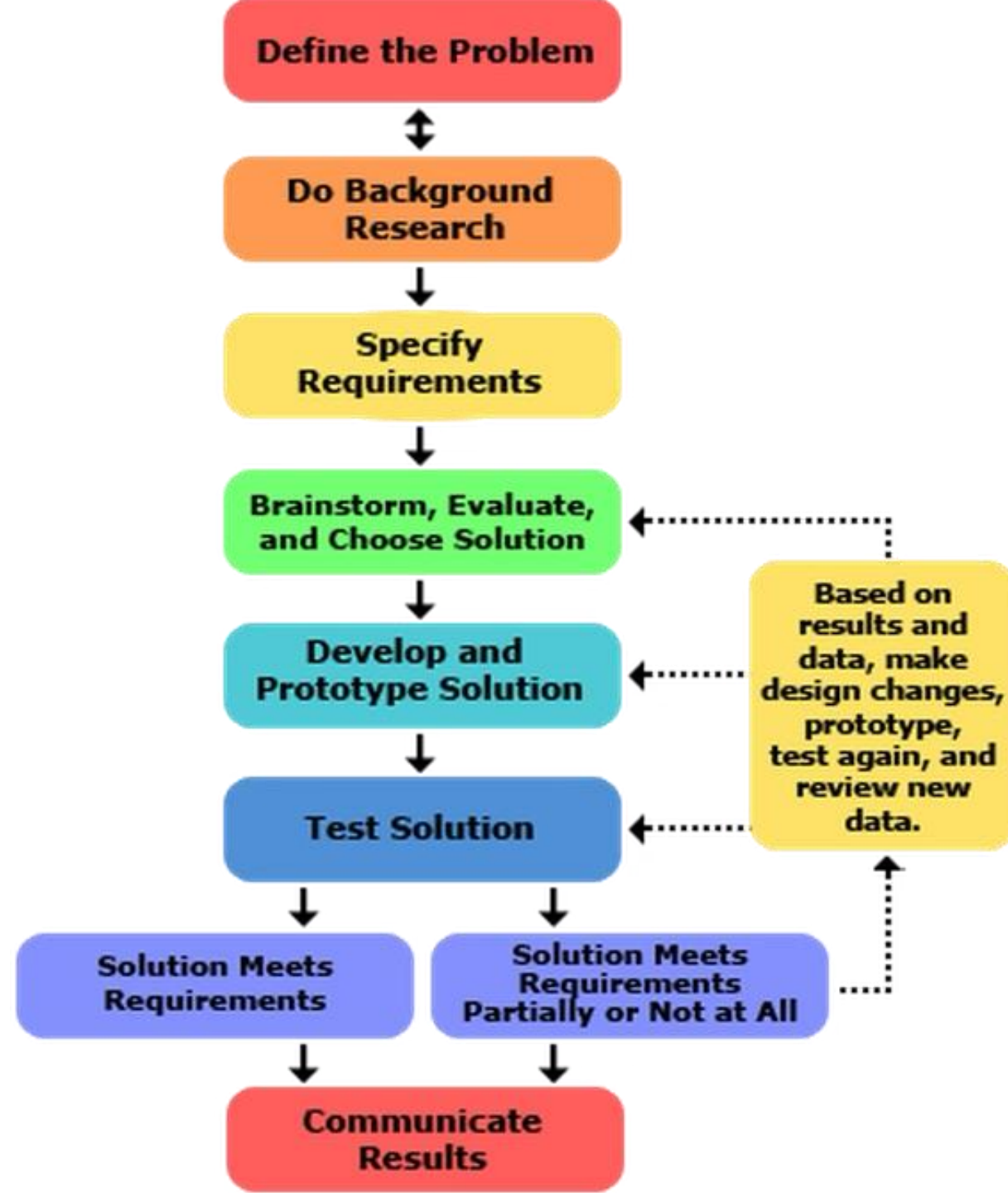
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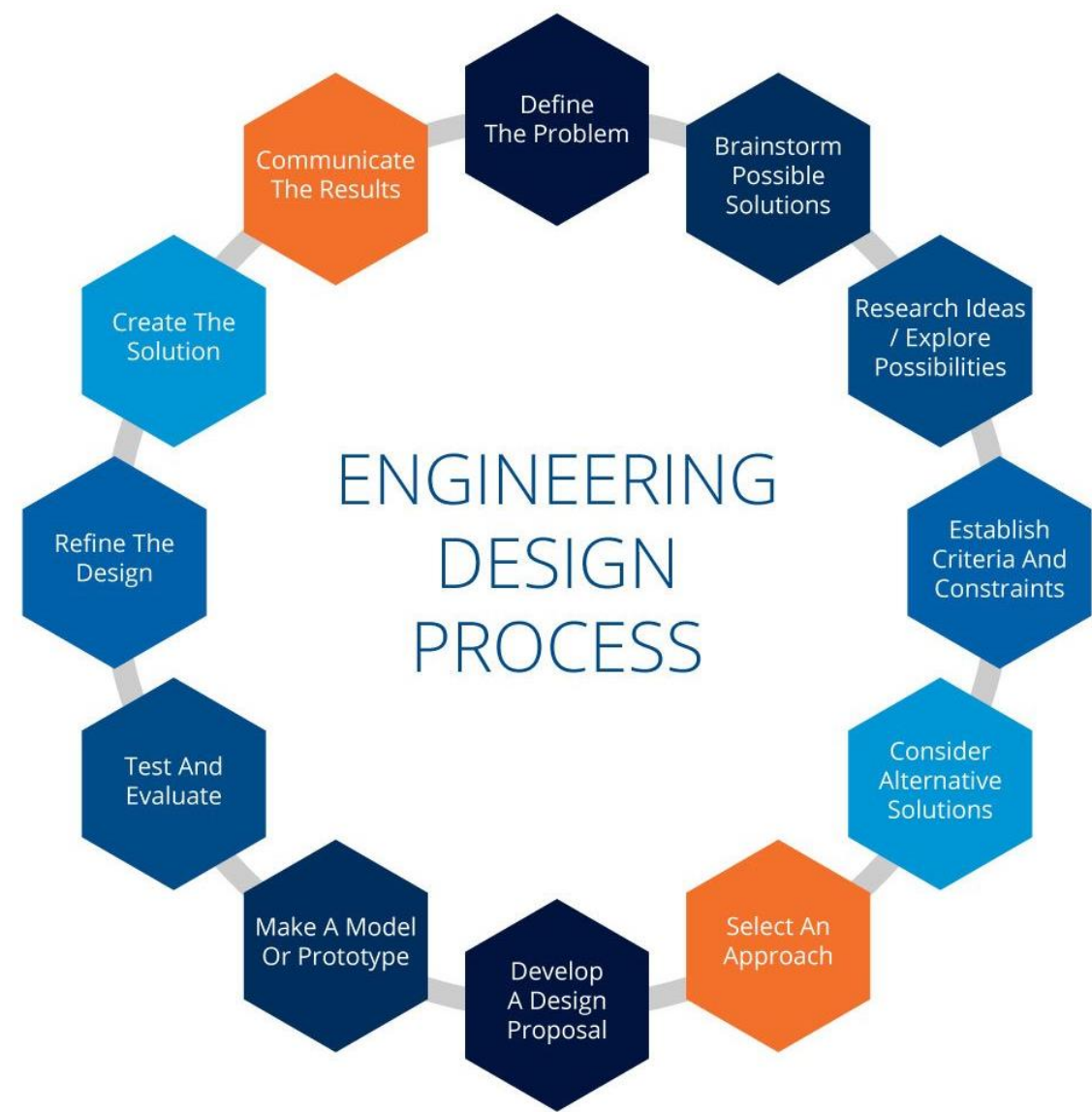
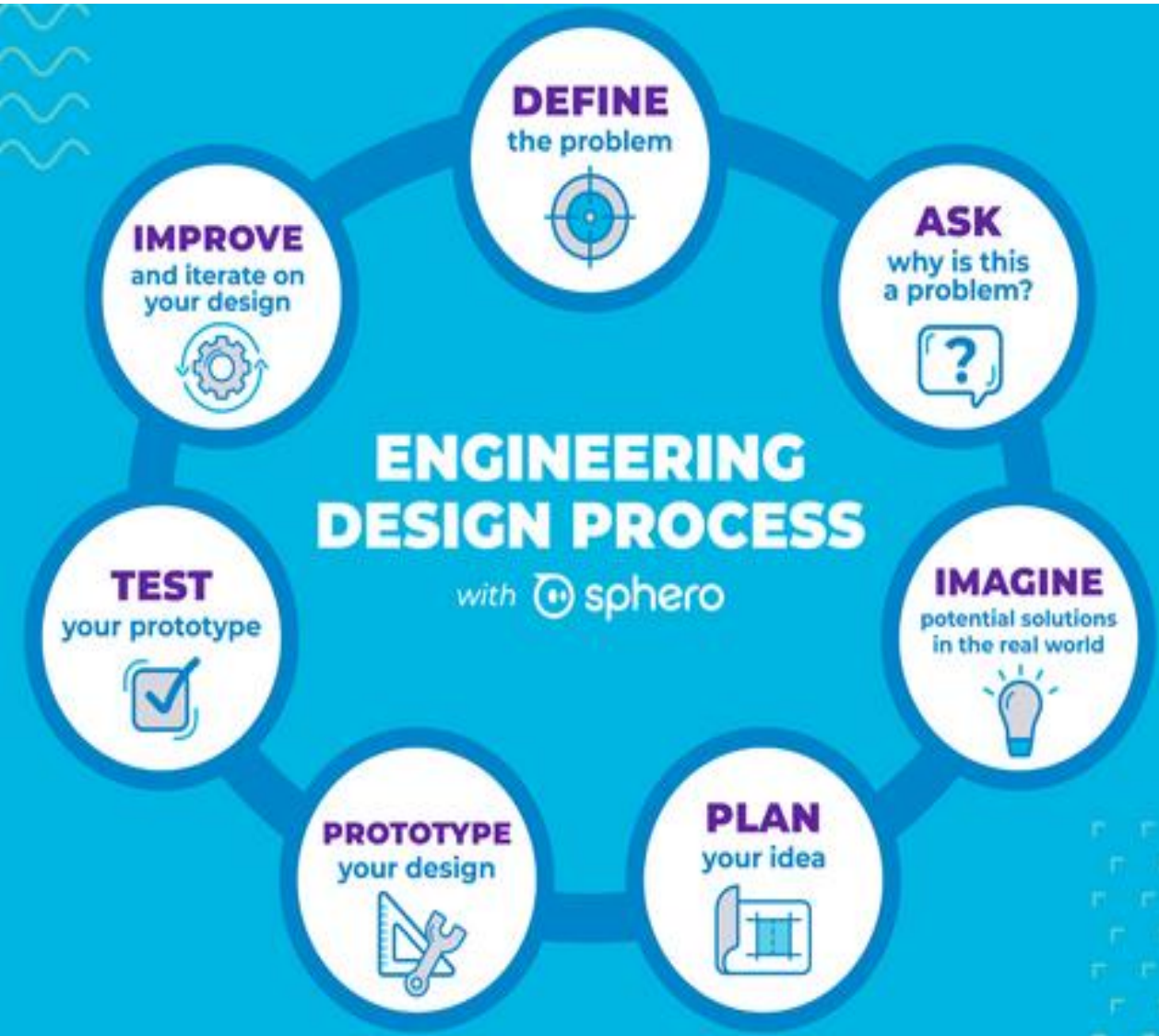
Context based Design

- Impact
- Human Centred Design
- User centred Design
- Systems thinking
- Context based Design is not necessarily equal to Design for LMICs

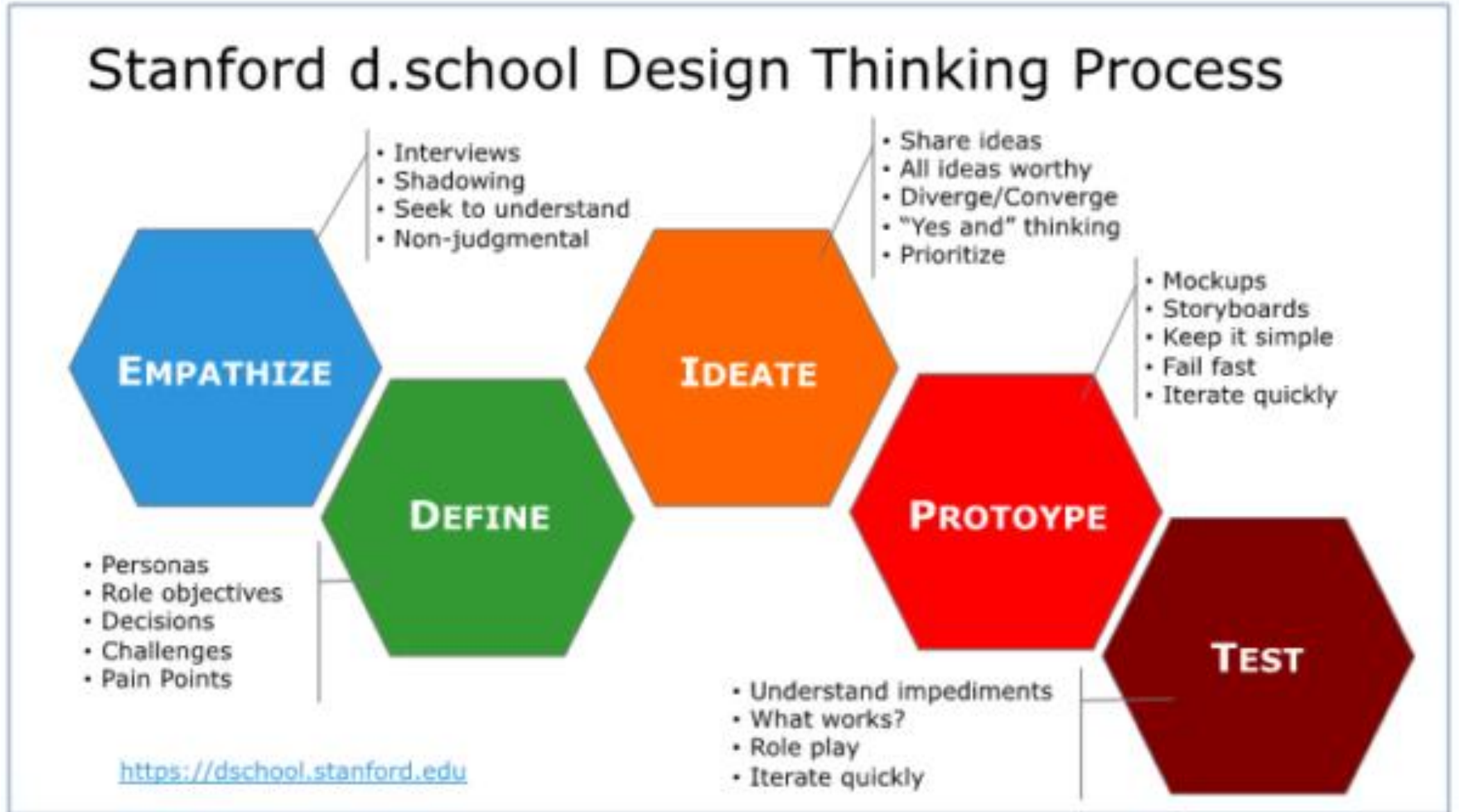
The Design Process



Design Cycle

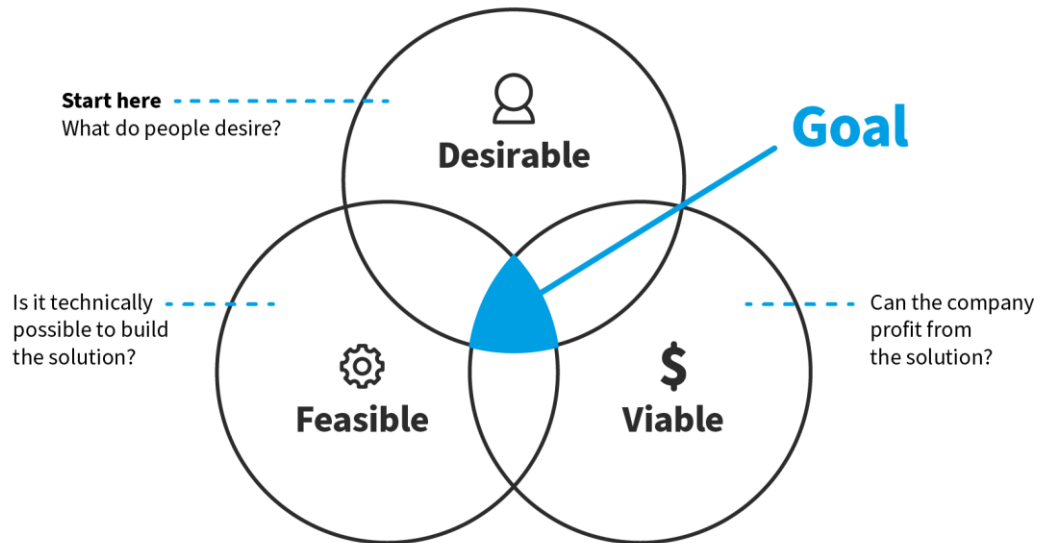


Design Thinking



The End Goal of Design Thinking: Be Desirable, Feasible and Viable

Three Lenses of Design Thinking

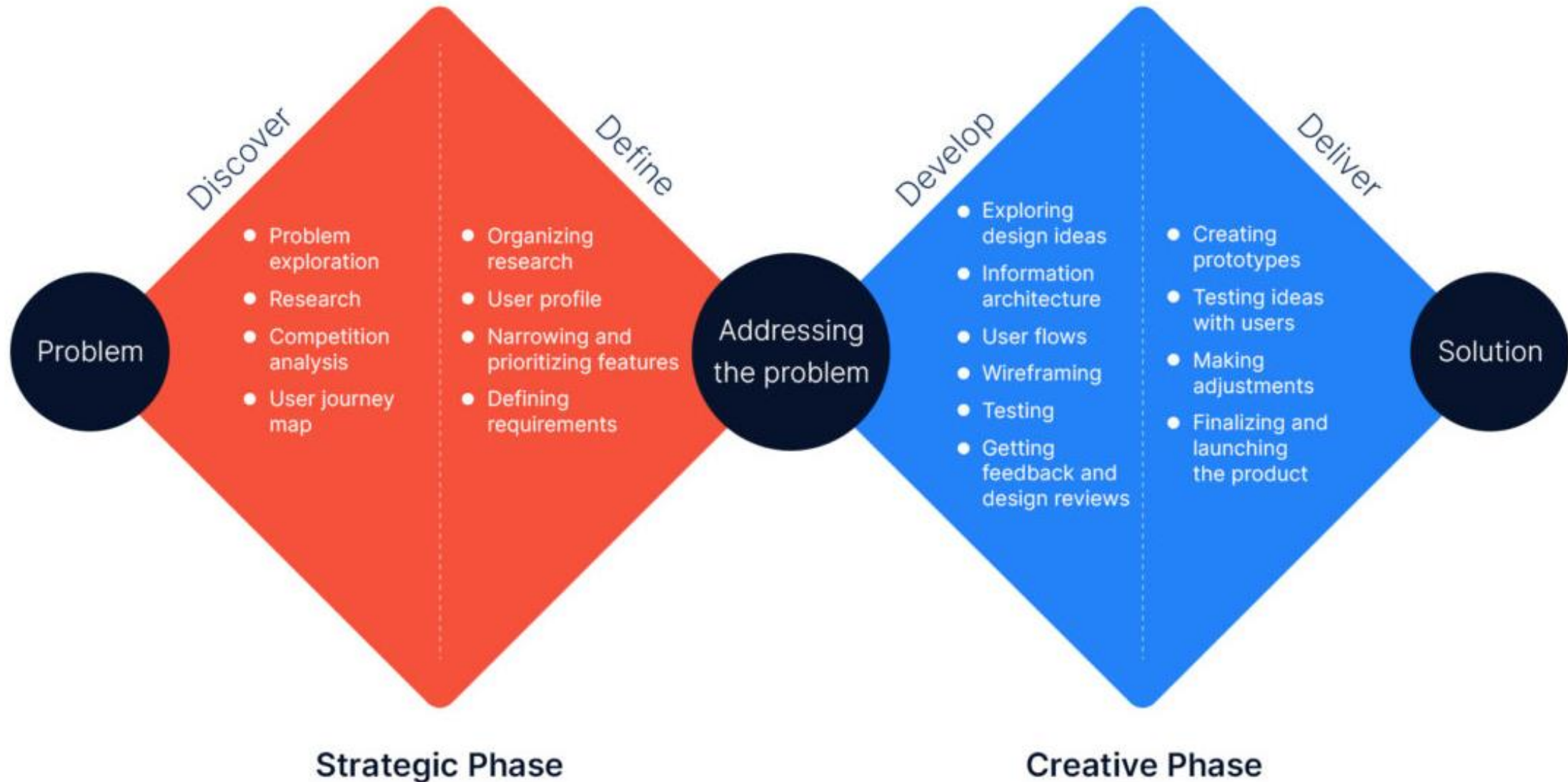


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The design thinking process aims to satisfy three criteria: desirability (what do people desire?), feasibility (is it technically possible to build the solution?) and viability (can the company profit from the solution?). Teams begin with desirability and then bring in the other two lenses.

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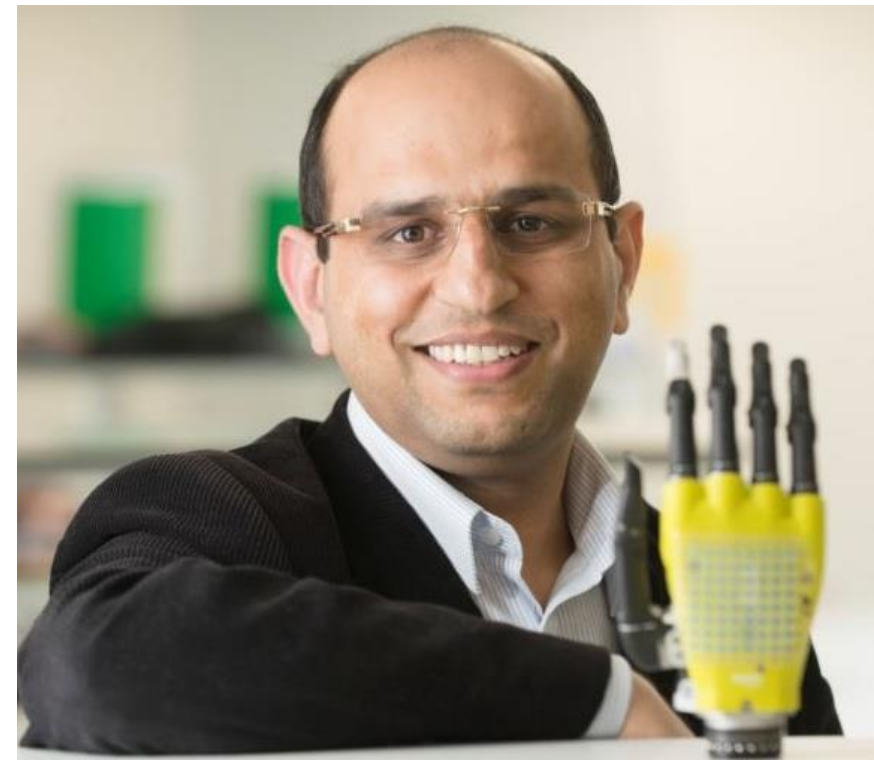
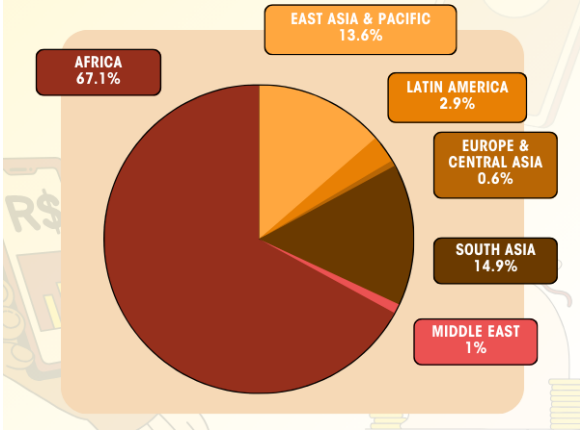
4 Phases of Double Diamond Model



LMICs inspired technologies

- m-banking

Worldwide Transaction Volume of Mobile Money Accounts



Techno, Infinix, Itel



Solar Power

CARE Solar Suitcase



Key attributes for context based design

- Clearly define the need – clearly define the context
- Enablers - identify 'all' stakeholders
- Support systems
 - Policy
 - Priority areas
 - SDG list, local Gov
- A lot on HFE
 - Human factors
 - Environmental context

Understanding the Context

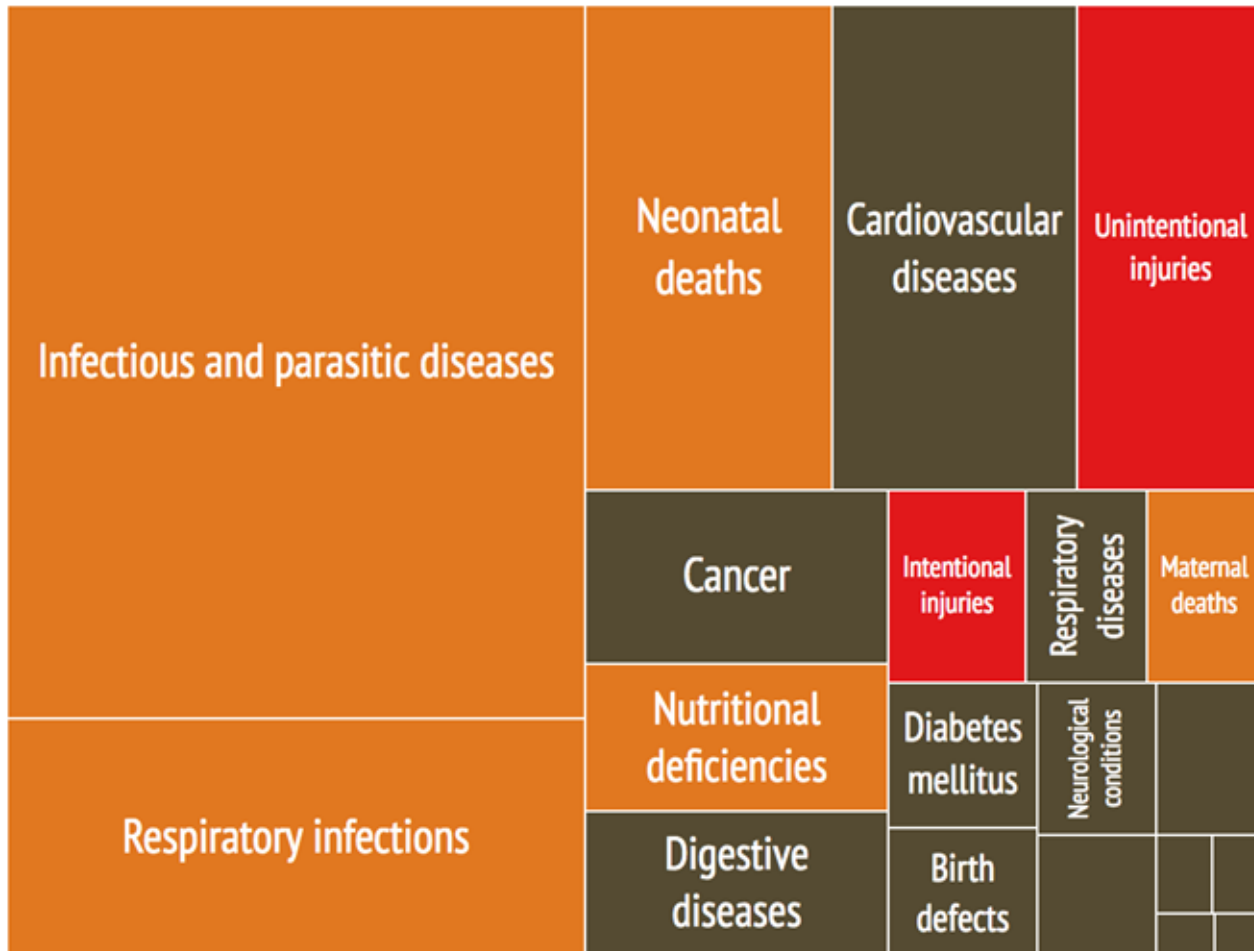
Introduction- Sub Saharan Africa (SSA): the context

- Bears 24% of the world's burden of disease
- Has less than 1% of the global financial resources
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- Very limited human resources
- World's poorest region
- Fertility rates are among the highest in the world.
- Will more than double in population by 2050, from 1.1 billion to 2.4 billion

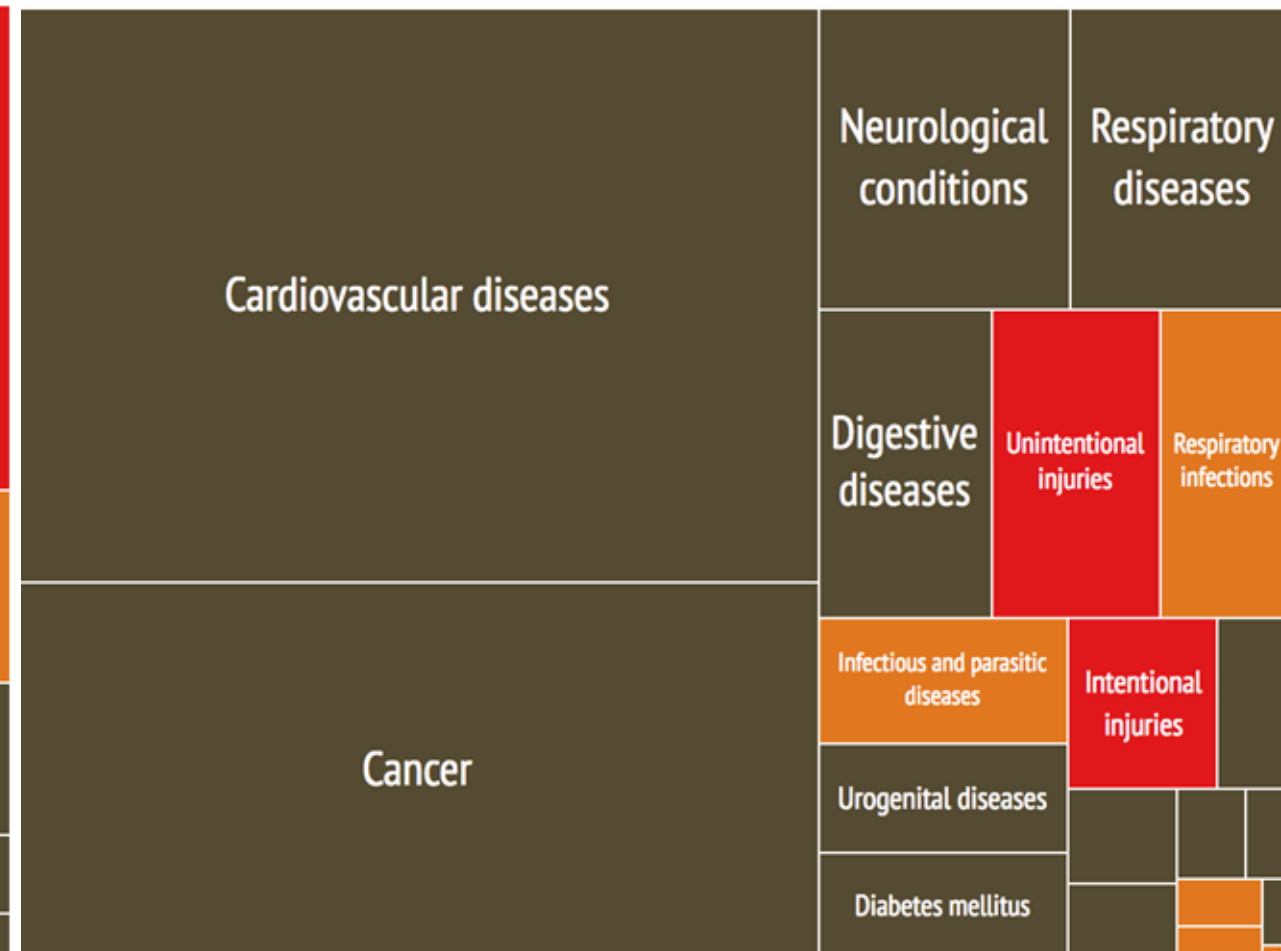


Global Disease burden

Sub Saharan Africa
 High income countries



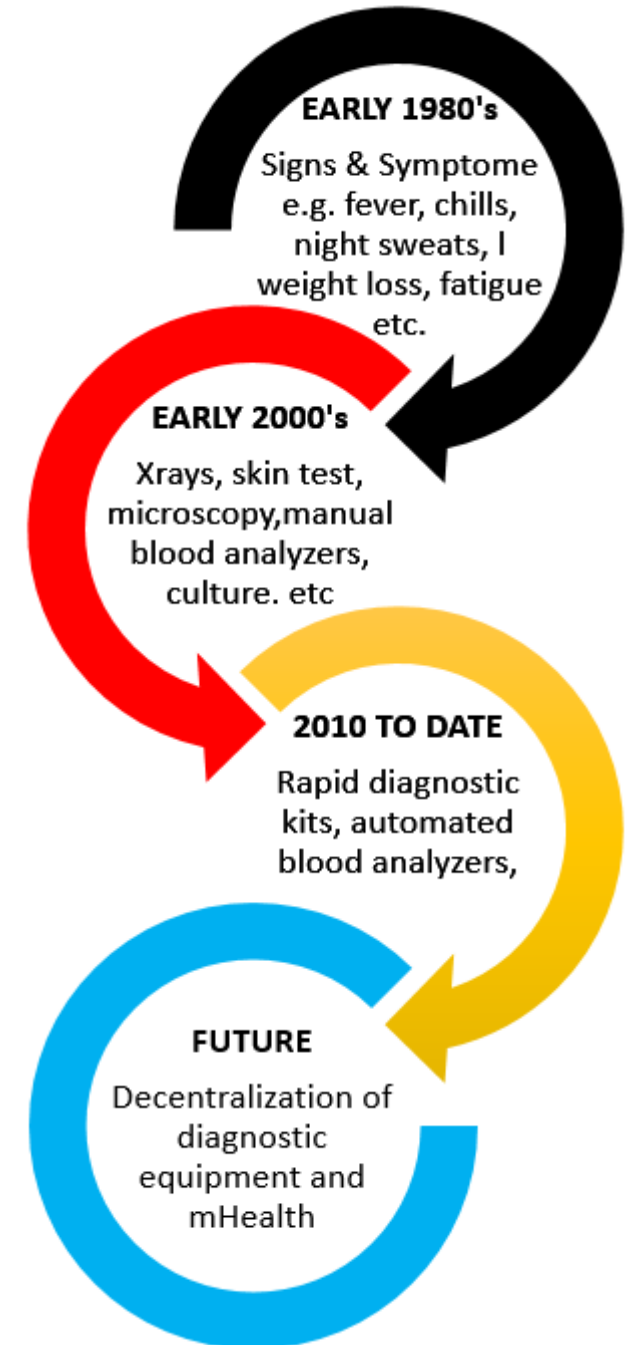
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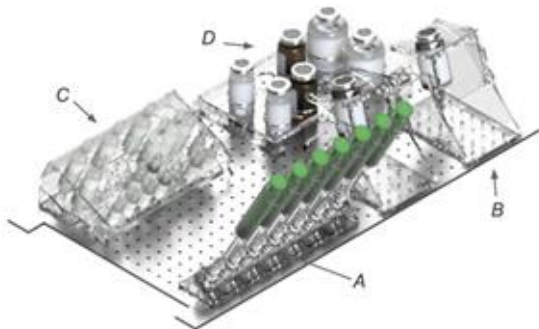
Design for context at Makerere

Global trend in Healthcare technology

- **Initially it was based on physician's experience**
 - In SSA it is still the case
 - The challenge is there isn't enough
- **The equipment became sophisticated**
 - Huge need of input by skilled technicians
 - Currents creates many challenges in LMICs
- **Decentralisation of healthcare**
 - Task shifting, lack of skilled personnel
 - Aging population in HICs
 - POC, RDTs, mHealth, telemedicine etc



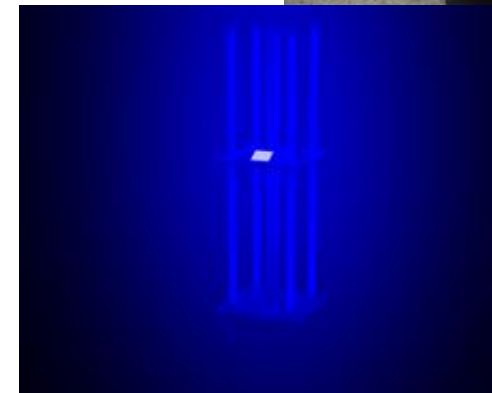
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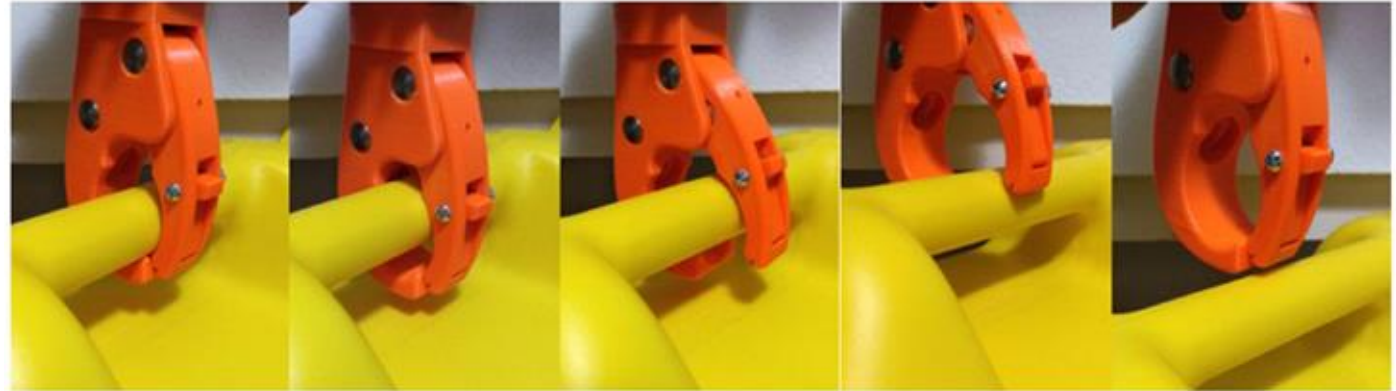


PPH-Belt



EPED Strip

Some of our Devices



Fit-for-purpose hand



Other devices

Gastro- Bag



KeyScope - Laparoscope



Context based design papers

Prosthetics services in Uganda : a series of studies to inform the design of a low cost, but fit-for-purpose, body-powered prosthesis

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Abstract

The majority of people with upper limb absence (PWULA) live in lower, or middle-income countries (LMICs). However, efforts to develop improved prostheses have largely focused on electrically powered devices, sustainable deployment of which, in LMICs, is difficult. In the 'Fit-for-purpose, affordable body-powered' UK, Uganda and Jordan are developing mechanically-operated prostheses, optimised for LMICs, and establishing local evaluation. Here we first report on preliminary studies aimed at grounding the project in the reality of current prosthetics people with limb absence in Uganda. Finally, we outline our ongoing work in the context of our findings. In our first two studies we



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3D Printing in LMICs: Functional Design for Upper Limb Prosthetics in Uganda

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The Usability, Acceptability, and Performance of the Maternal PPH Wrap Device in Controlling Postpartum Hemorrhage: A Pilot Study at Kawempe National Referral Hospital, Uganda

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ABSTRACT Timely intervention for atonic postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) significantly reduces the incidence of death from PPH. However, technological solutions geared towards this have not received substantial adoption by the health community in sub-Saharan Africa due to limiting factors such as; cumbersome application, being costly, requiring skilled personnel, needing cold chain storage, and the associated side effects. This pilot study aimed to assess the usability, acceptability, and performance of the Maternal PPH Wrap, a first-aid device designed to control atonic PPH after childbirth. Forty subjects were recruited for the study. Twenty of these were women who sought maternity care at Kawempe National Referral Hospital (KNRH). The women wore the device for 120 minutes while their vitals were recorded every 20 minutes. The device's acceptability and performance were evaluated on the women. The remaining twenty were licensed midwives working at KNRH. The device's usability was assessed on all the midwives recruited for the pilot study using a usability questionnaire. There was a non-significant reduction in blood loss associated with the use of the Maternal PPH Wrap alongside the standard of care as opposed to the standard of care alone. This reduction in blood loss was detected between the 80th and 120th minute of the device application onto the mothers. The acceptability and usability scores from the study participants also scored favorably. The Maternal PPH Wrap demonstrated potential to control PPH and product satisfaction, and these results will support the device's redesign leading into a phase I clinical trial.

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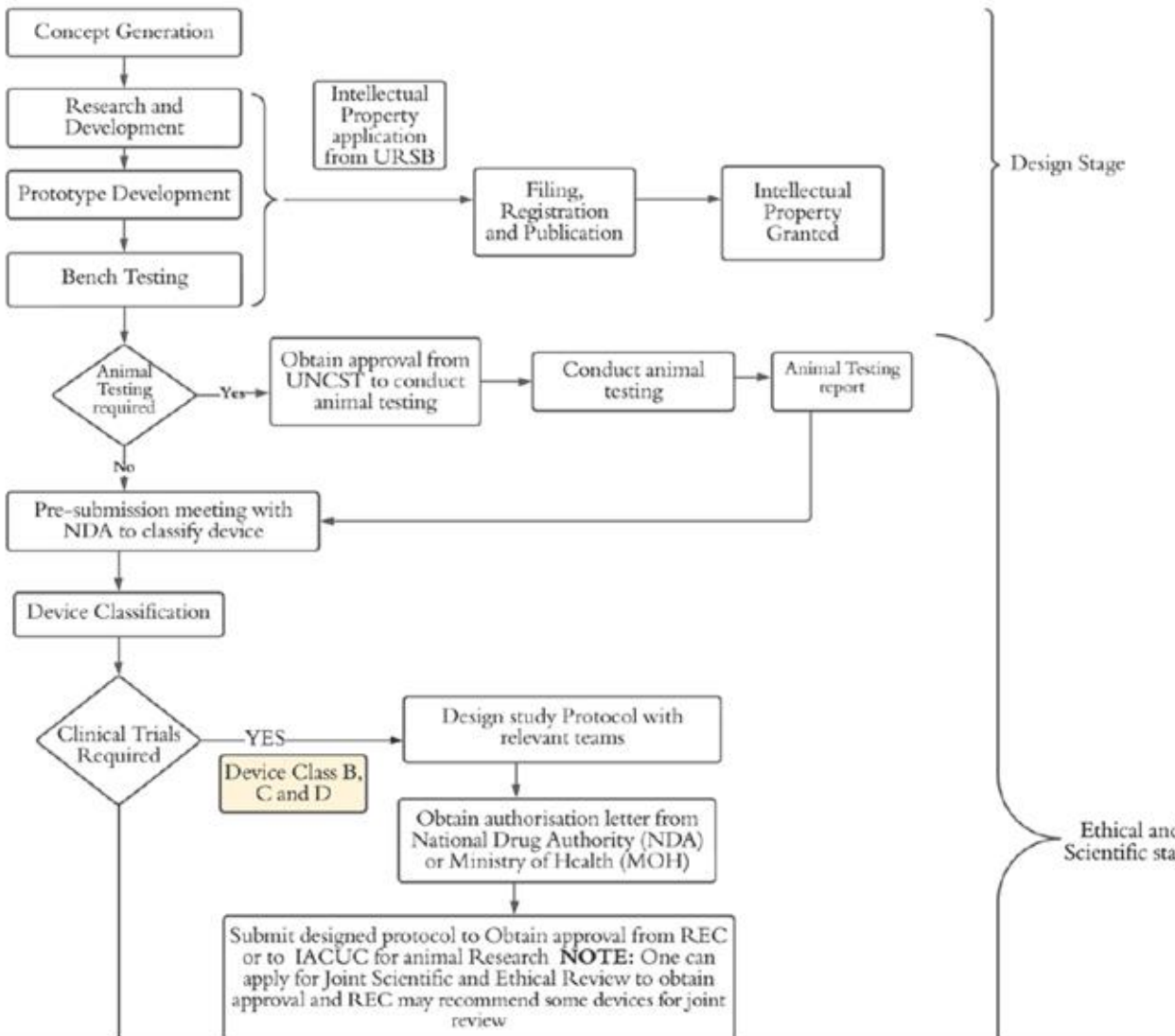
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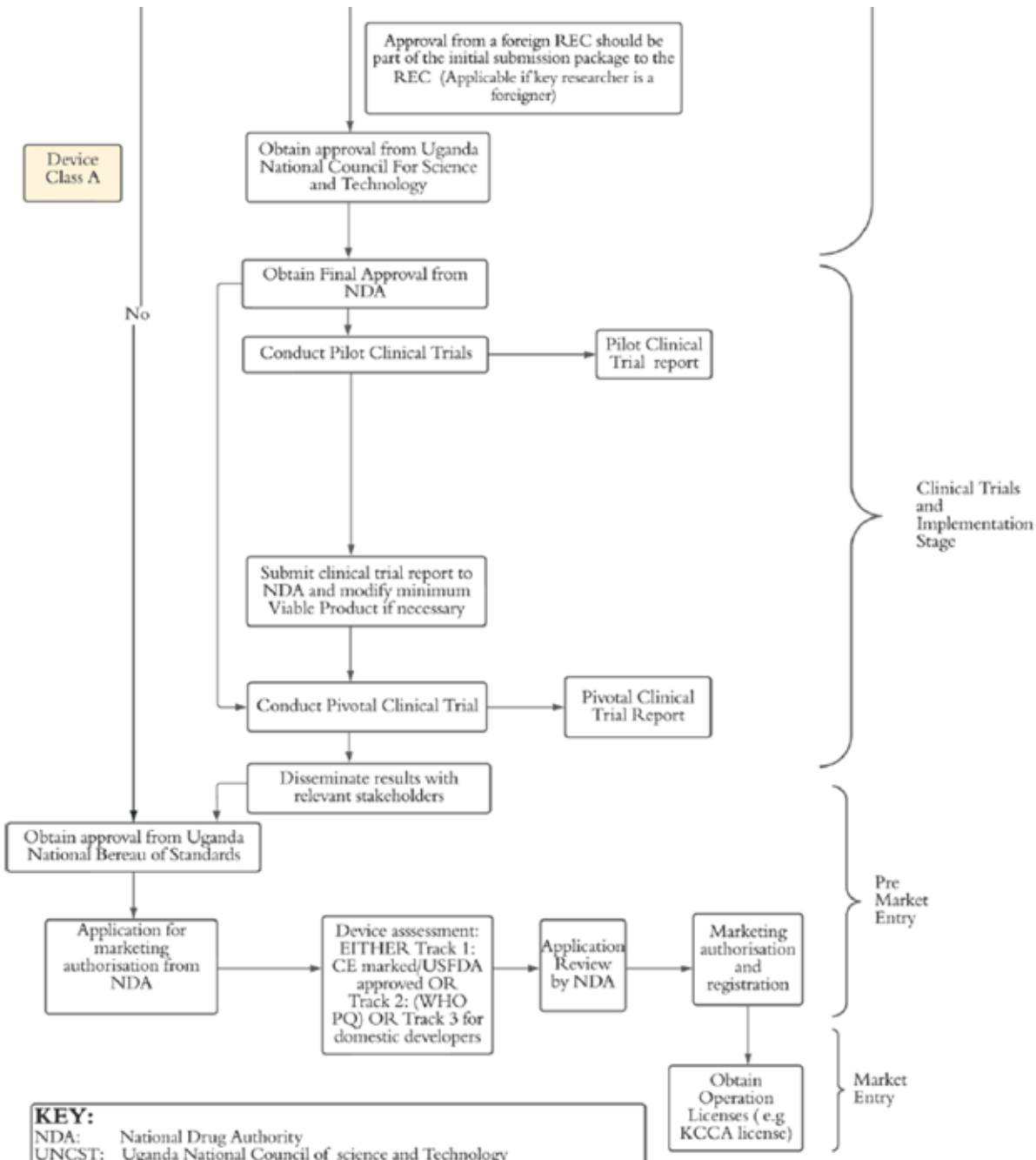
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Device Class A



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 NDA: National Drug Authority
 UNCST: Uganda National Council of science and Technology

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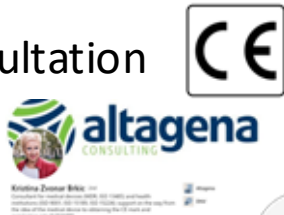
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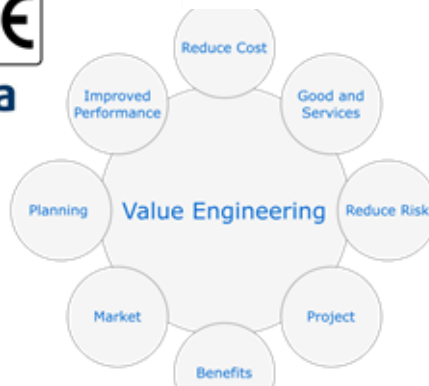
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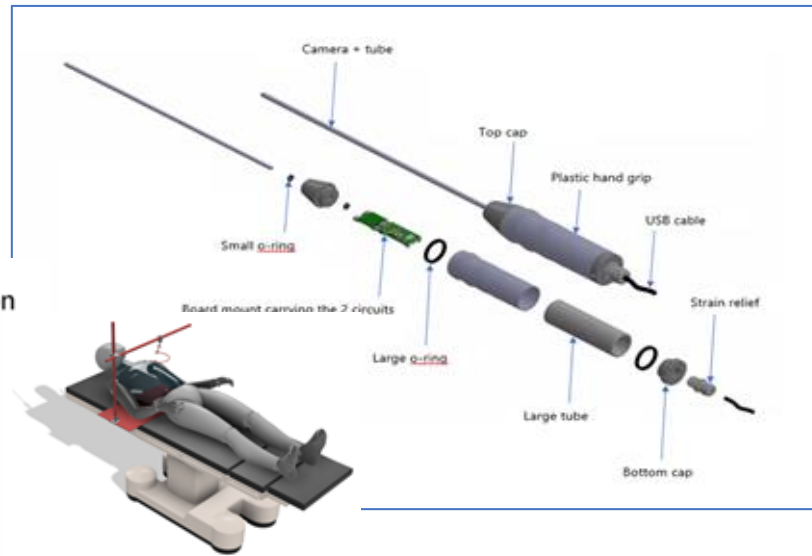
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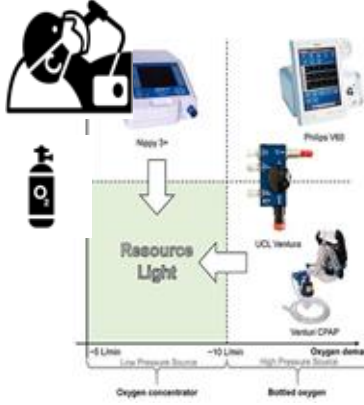
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Translation of the LeVe CPAP system to Uganda for local production, maintenance, and clinical use

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1. The need...



Figure 2: Complete LeVe System

- 1: LeVe box
- 2: Fan inlet cover
- 3: Pressure control
- 4: Power switch
- 5: AC power adaptor
- 6: 20mm air tubing
- 7: Expiration port
- 8: HEPA filter
- 9: Oxygen tubing
- 10: CPAP mask (reusable)

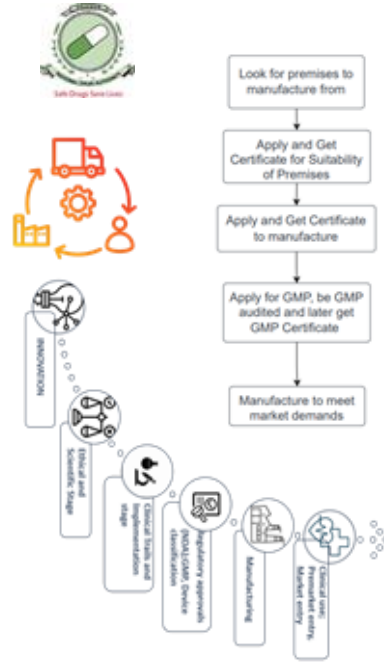
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3. Collaboration with Mengo Hospital



4. Clinical Evaluation

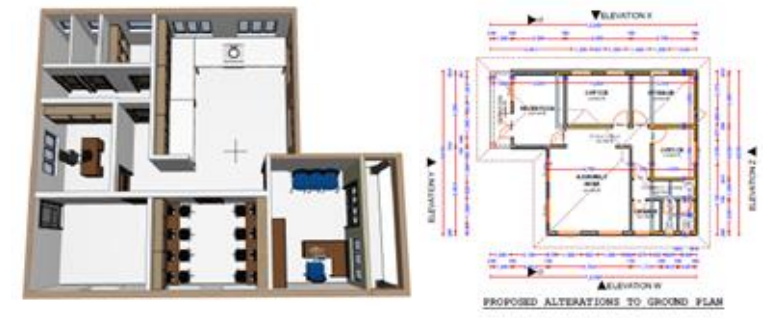
5. Translation for local production and clinical use



6. Planned activities



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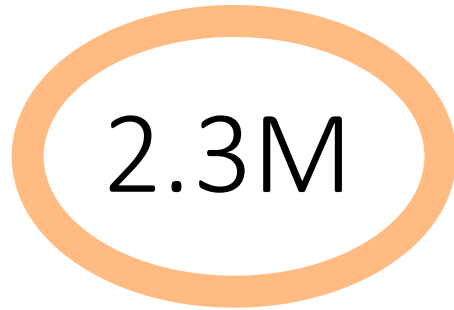
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Some Case studies

Neonatal Hypothermia-Key Statistics



Neonatal deaths occur annually worldwide. ¹



of deaths happen in LMICs. ²



risk of neonatal death for every **1°C** drop. ³



Prevalence in Uganda. ⁴

1 IN 40 Secs






Every **40** seconds, **1** premature baby dies. ⁵

40% from 4Hrs





At **Kawempe National Referral Hospital**, **40%** of newborns in the NICU are preterm, most brought in an ambulance from over **4 hours** away. ⁶

Device Description & Innovation

Device Overview:

-  Temperature **36.5-37.5°C**
for over 24 hrs.
-  Adjustable
-  Portable
-  Safe
-  Low Cost

Innovation/Key Features:

-  Thermoregulated warming system
-  Carriage and Protection system
-  Sensor , logging and user alert system
-  Locally sourced and manufactured



NeoNest prototype – a portable preterm infant warmer.

Clinical Benefits to Healthcare Providers/Patients



Reduced
**Hypothermia
Cases** during
transport



Reduced **neonatal
mortality rates** in
resource-limited
settings



Ease of use for
non-specialist
caregivers.



**Easy repair and
maintenance**

Use Cases/Applications



**Hours-long
Transport of
preterm Infants in
rural areas.**



Complement
**Kangaroo
mother care**

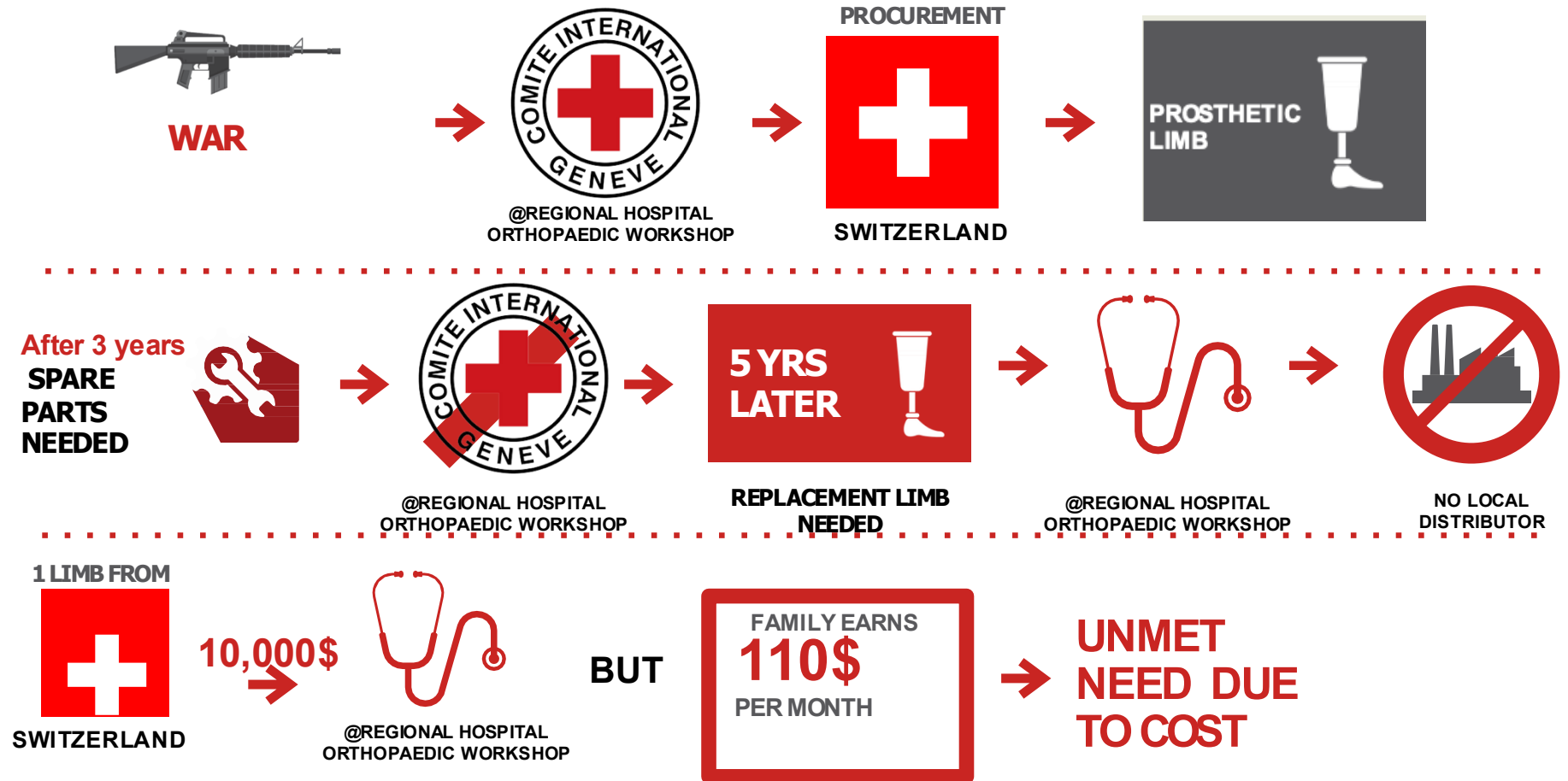


**Ward-ward
transportation in
Referral Hospitals
and Clinics.**



Rural Health
Facilities.

A Typical Case Scenario for prosthetics



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 Tools

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Co-design, co-selection workshops

- Two co-design activities in the form of a 2-Day workshop (5 months in between) were organized locally in Uganda.

3D printing

- An efficient fabrication route to meet the constraints within the iterative design approach of the co-design activities

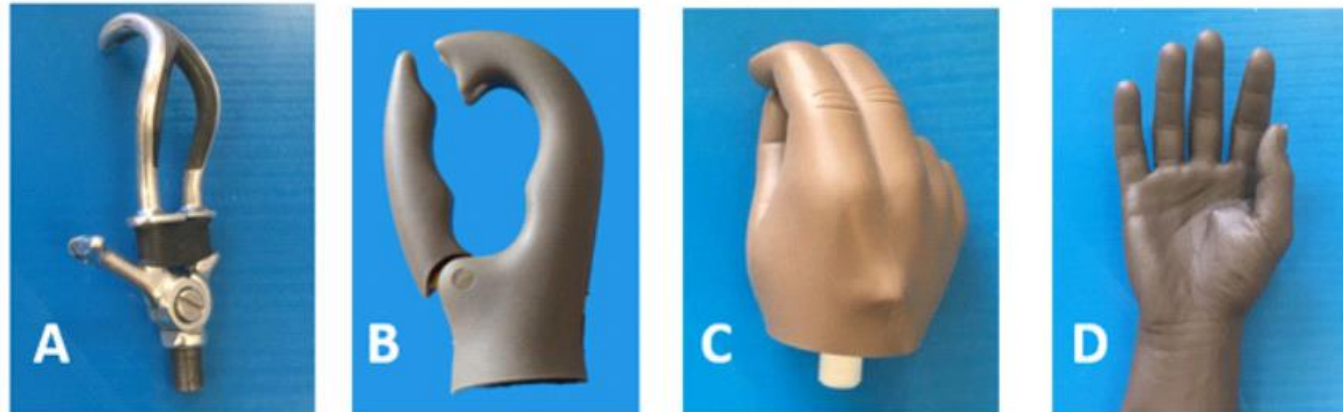
Engaging industrial partners

- Industry consultants from Fillauer TRS, USA, to gain insight on structuring co-design activity questions.



Co-design

- Used a discrete choice approach to encourage the users to explore the trade-offs between function and appearance.
- 21 co-designers (12 males, 9 females)
- Selection from a combination of functional and cosmetic devices



Fit-for-purpose hand

