Effective Knowledge Translation = better social and health policies formulation

Knowledge translation strategy to support Medicinal Cannabis policy in Colombia: An Example of the Impact of Evidence on Public Health Policy Formulation

BACKGROUND:

The Colombian Ministry of Health needed to establish the enforcement limits of THC for medicinal cannabis products considering:

- Potential consequences for the industry, institutions, health professionals, and patients,
- Implications on the supply and availability of therapeutic options and on the safety of medicinal cannabis users.

A KT strategy was conducted:

POLICY IMPACT

Our KT strategies and products were **useful to improve** the following regulatory and normative practices.

1) Direct impact: Technical concept of the Ministry of Health for Resolution 227 of 2022 that regulated Decree 811 of 2021, about licenses, and authorizations for **safe and informed access** to the use of cannabis and cannabis plant, its derivatives, and products.

2) Indirect impact: Resolution 2808 of 2022 which that specifies the indications under which medical cannabis is covered in Colombia, allowing **safe access** to the population.
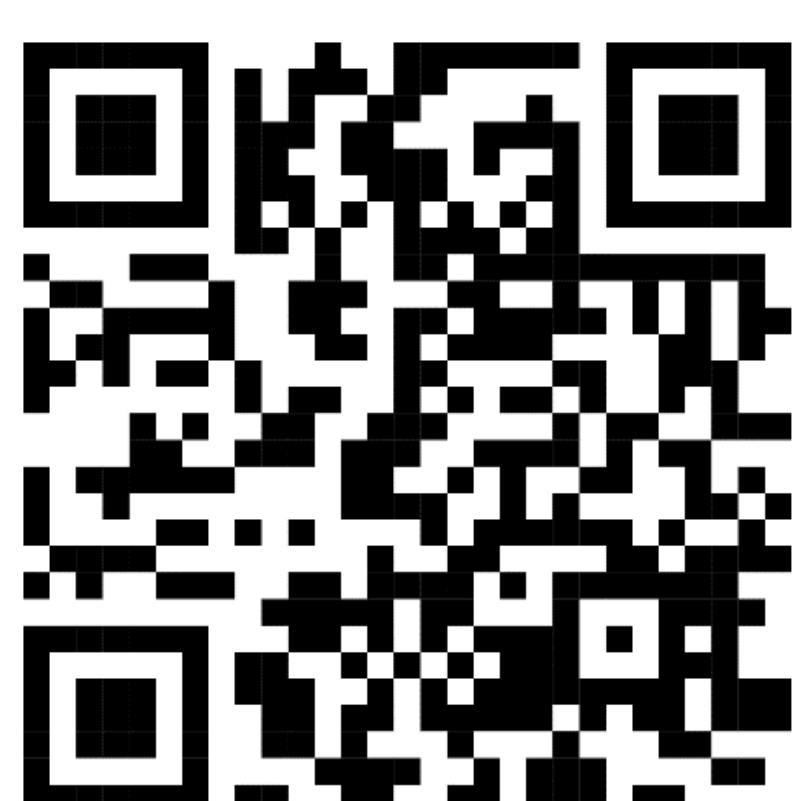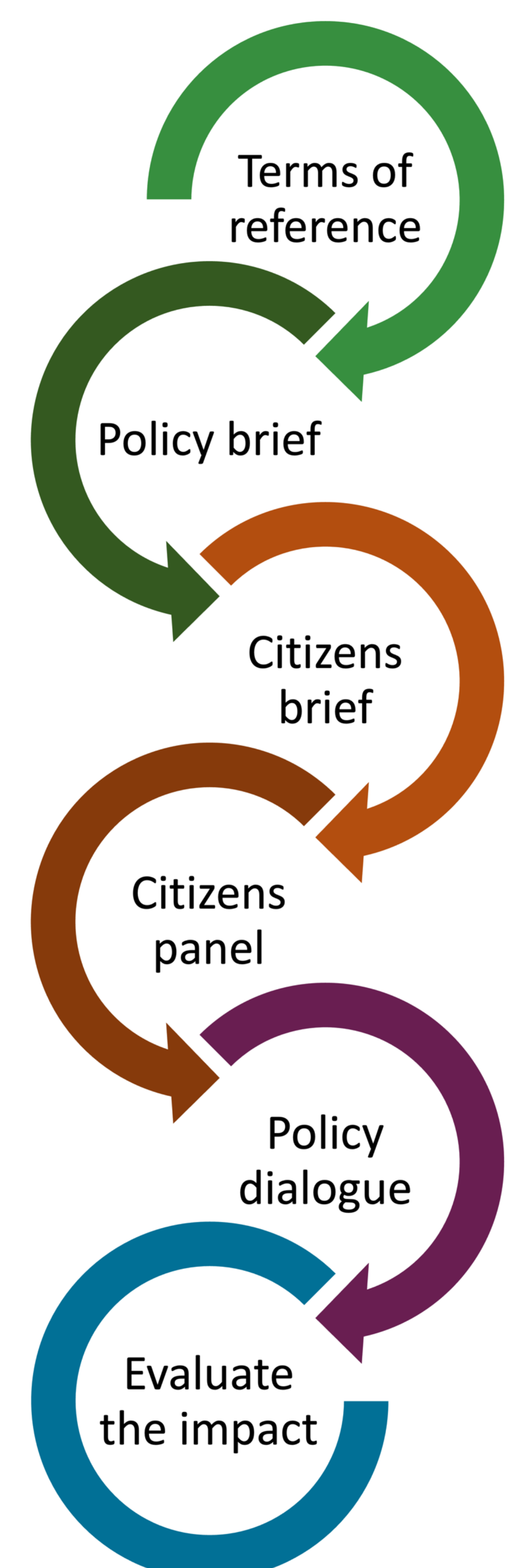
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HOW WE DID IT:

Three options to address the problem.

Best available global and local evidence.

Capture citizens values and preferences on the issue and present them to key stakeholders.

Semi-structured interviews.

Terms of reference → Policy brief → Citizens brief → Citizens panel → Policy dialogue → Evaluate the impact

- Eight months later
- Four key decision makers
- Semi-structured interviews.

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