

# **The Best Practices Compendium**

## **A Manager's Guide for Improvement**

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# Topics

- Advance Africa
- Best Practices Compendium
- Pyramid of Practices
- Ensuring Utilization of Best Practices
- Current Activities



# Advance Africa Consortium

A USAID-funded family planning service delivery project designed to rapidly increase the availability and use of sustainable, quality family planning and reproductive health services in Sub-Saharan Africa



# Consortium Members

- Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
- Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
- Center for African Family Studies (CAFS)
- Family Health International (FHI)
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (DTT)
- Academy for Educational Development (AED)



# Best Practices Compendium:

- Enables program managers in the field to **find tested interventions** to successfully implement evidence-based interventions
- **Recognizes** and **publicizes** successful interventions to program managers
- Promotes **higher standards** and **rigor** in the evaluation process

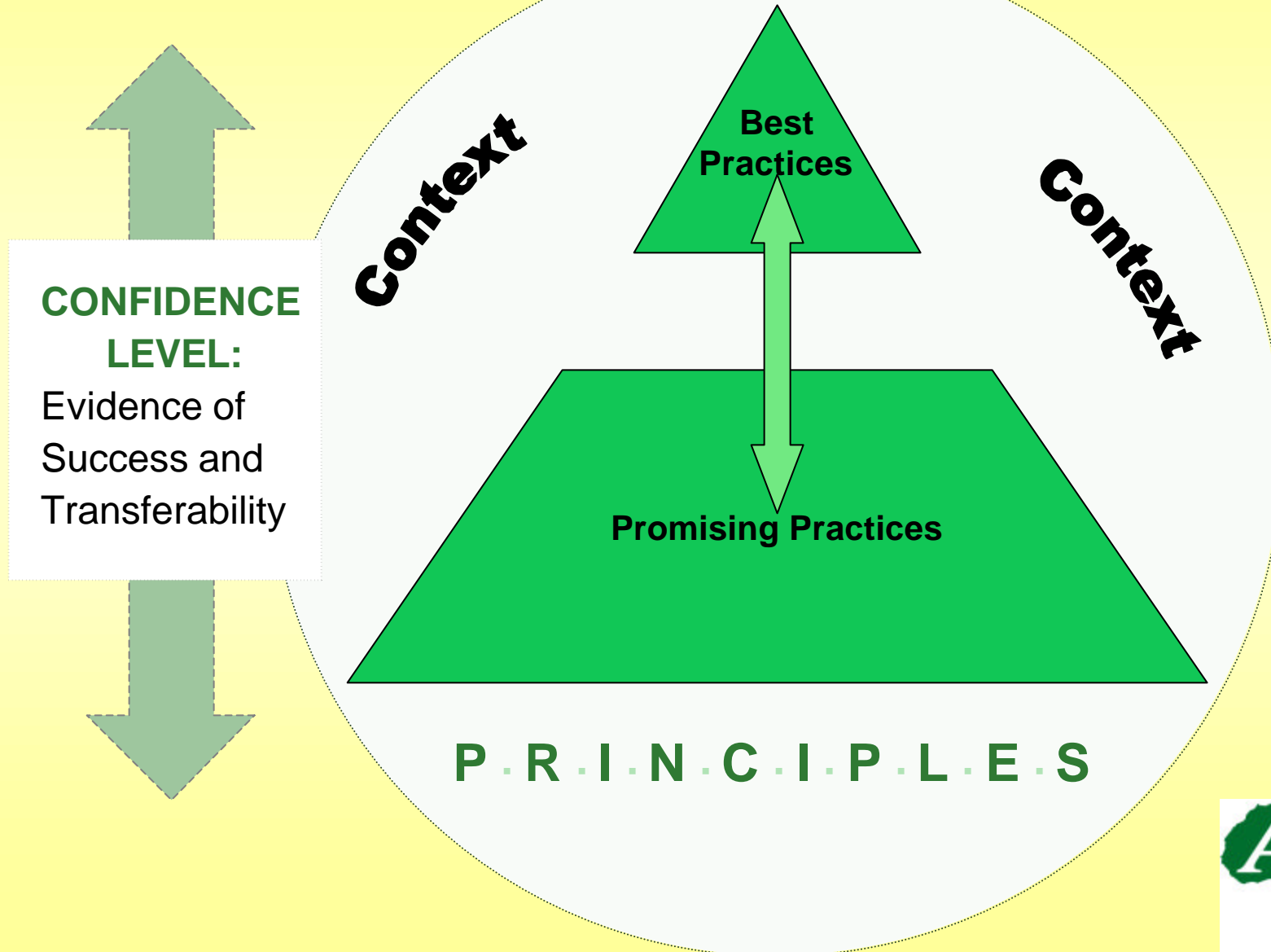


# Niche for This Best Practices Compendium

- A collaborative effort by multiple agencies
- Uses public health criteria, not medical evaluations
- Reviews interventions in FP/RH service delivery



# Pyramid of Best Practices in Public Health Interventions



# Utilization - Objectives

- Increase **knowledge** about BP in public health
- Increase the **use** of BP compendium by program managers
- Increase **ownership** of the BP compendium in Africa





# Ensuring Utilization

- Information exchange
- Training
- Technical assistance



# Utilization- Information Exchange

- Tailor information to fit the needs of end users:
  - 2-page summaries; Topic presentations; Policy briefs
- Reaching the key gatekeepers:
  - Meetings; Presentations; Collaborations
- Increase interaction of the “community” through the internet
- Networking



# Utilization - Training

- Training in the *process* of improving practices using BP
- Training in the *use* of BP, the use of the compendium and database, and the collection of program models
- Advance Africa staff, USAID missions, CAs, consortium members, partners, and African NGOs and PVOs

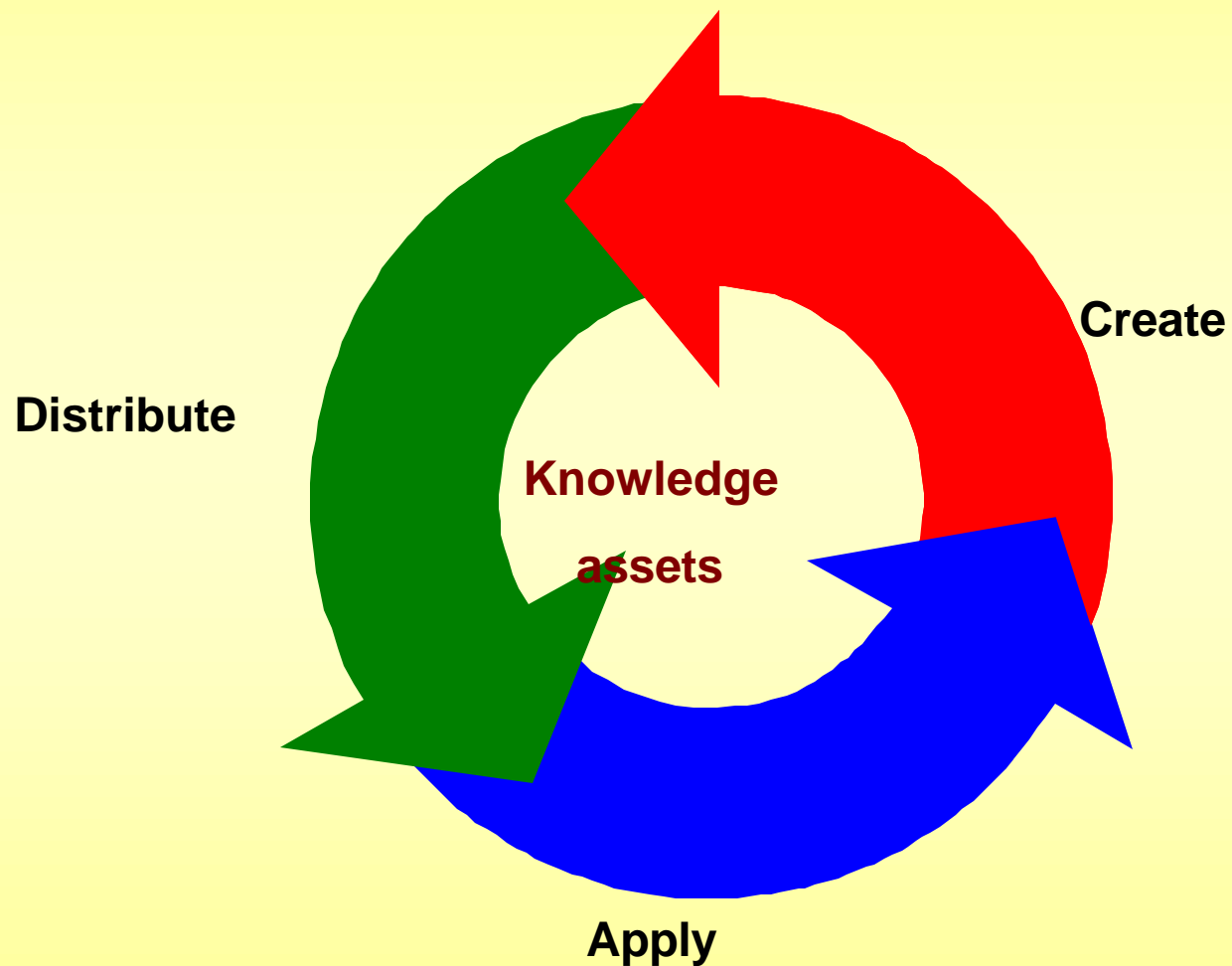


# Utilization- Technical Assistance

- Strategic mapping
  - Used in process of identifying program areas that need to be strengthened
- Best Practices
  - Use compendium to identify best practices to address needs, gaps and opportunities
- Scaling up
  - Implementation of selected best practices



# Achieving Utilization



The Manager's Pocket Guide to Knowledge Management by  
Kathleen Foley Curley and Barbara Kivowitz



# Current Activities: Program Evaluation

## 1- Best Practices Advisory Group (BPAG)

- Validate criteria and approaches
- Develop additional criteria and assessment methods

## 2- Peer Review Board

- Validate proposed interventions
- Determine its level on the basis of evidence or on experts' opinion

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# Current Activities: Online Database

- **Searchable database** (*new July 1*)
  - Advance web-based database
  - Revised submission forms
  - New practices

***Address for the searchable database:***

**[www.advanceafrica.org/bestpractices](http://www.advanceafrica.org/bestpractices)**

***Address to submit your intervention:***

**[www.advanceafrica.org/Compendium/SubmitNew.asp](http://www.advanceafrica.org/Compendium/SubmitNew.asp)**

