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Trócaire's Research on Women's Participation November 2013.

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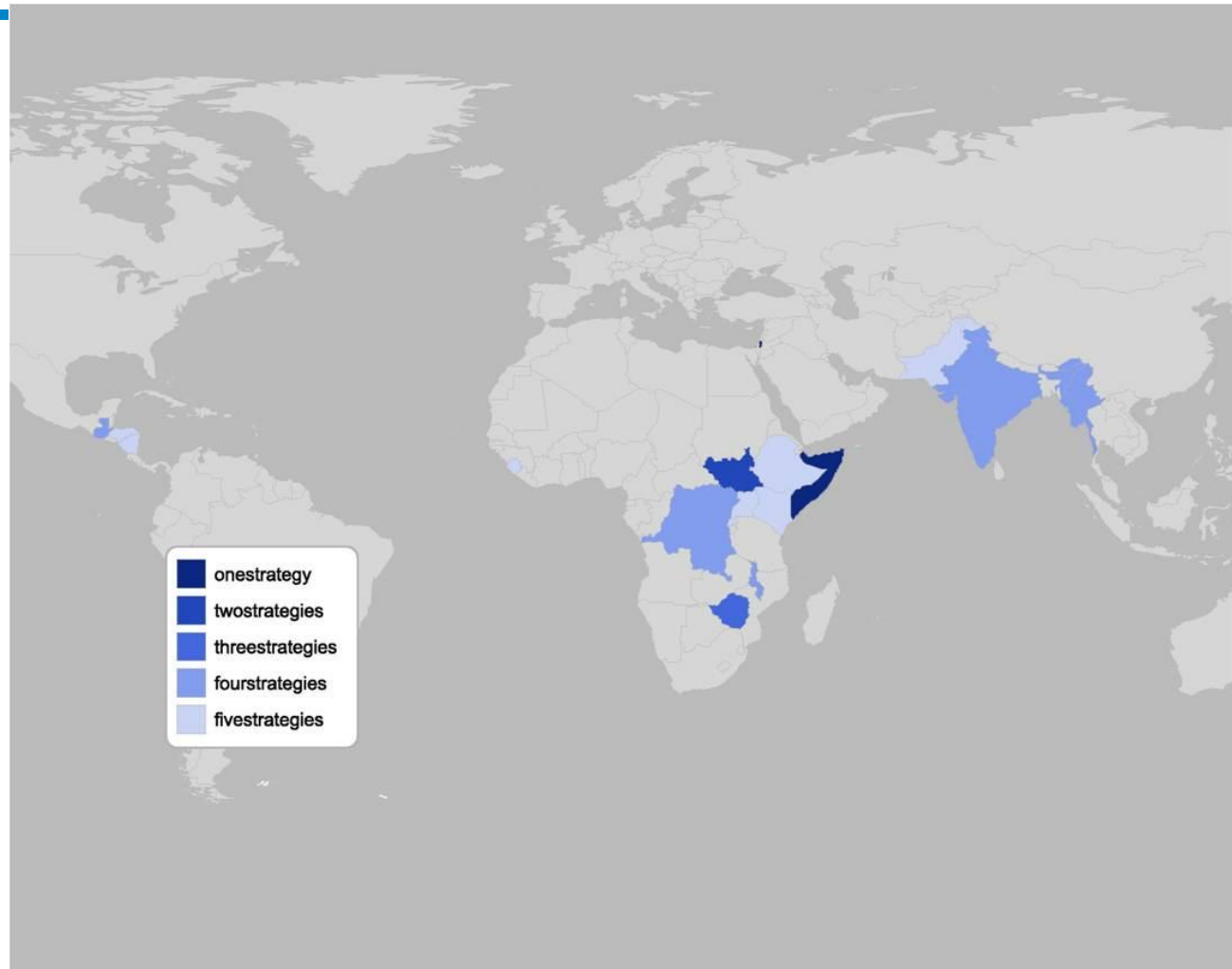
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Presentation Outline

- Mapping and Literature Review
- Objectives of Trócaire's research
- Analytical Framework: sampling and methodology
- Practicalities of research in DRC

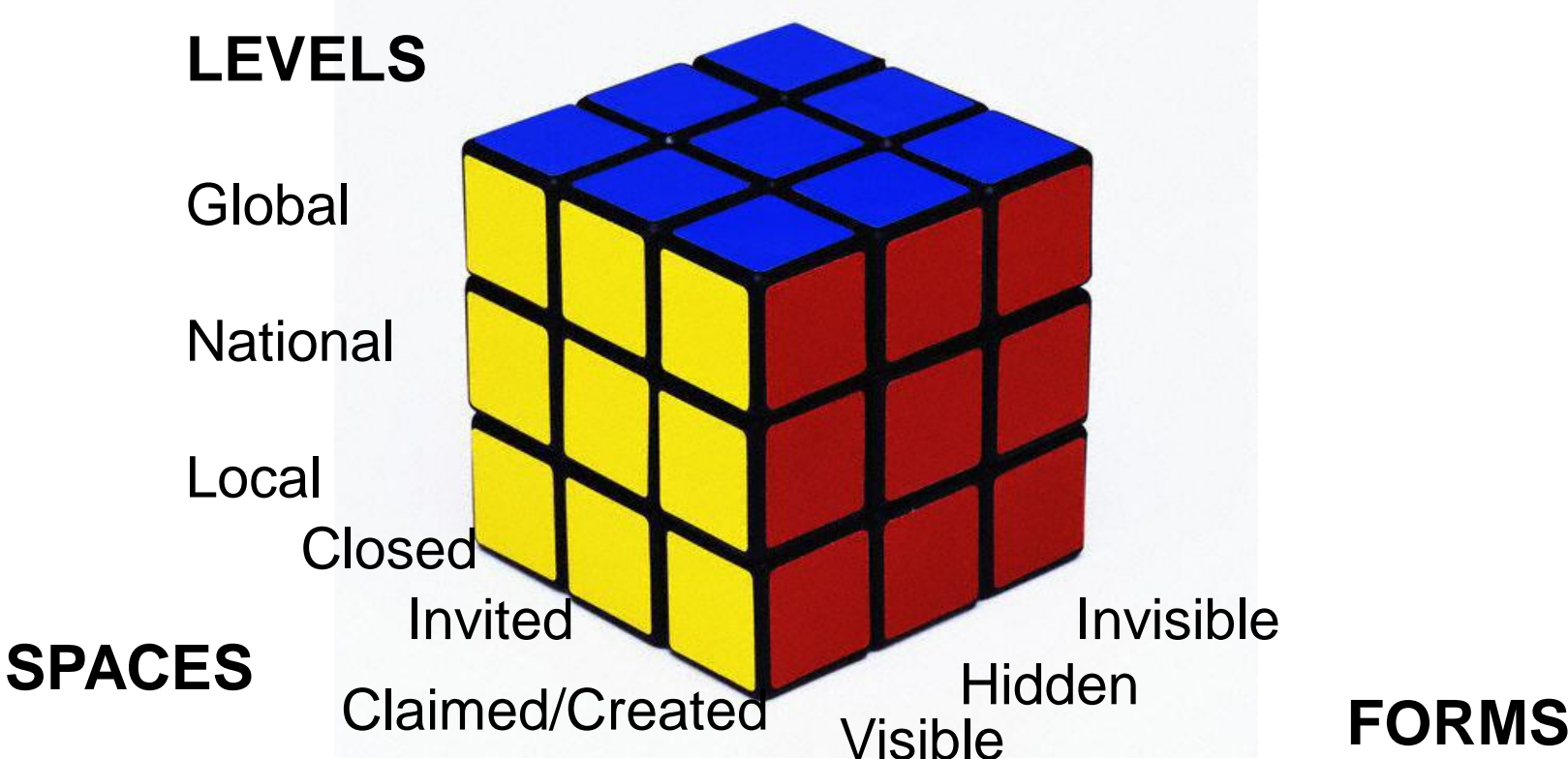
Mapping of Trócaire's strategies on women's participation in decision making



Literature Review

- To identify existing lessons
- Multitude of strategies
- Formal vs informal structures
- Research:
 - Prioritises voice of women
 - Power analysis of spaces for participation

Power Cube



Research objectives

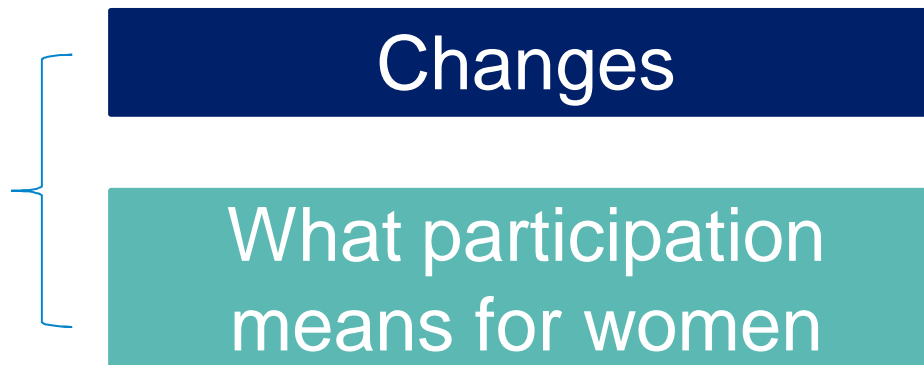
- Explore barriers and enabling factors to women's participation in decision making at community and local/district areas
- Investigate Trócaire's strategies to enable women to participate in decision making spaces
- Trace the effects of participation in these spaces on individual women's lives and the communities they live in

Research Framework

6 months



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Methodology

- Qualitative
- Participatory
- Seeking Voices of Women
- PRA



Geographical Focus

Countries :

- ✓ Geographical spread (Nicaragua, DRC, India);
- ✓ Different strategies on increasing women's participation;
- ✓ Commitment to undertaking research.

Local organisations

- ✓ Implementing strategies to encourage women's participation in decision making spaces at the community level
- ✓ Commitment to participatory principles
- ✓ Strategies that will provide learning for other programmes
- ✓ Will to dedicate time to conducting the research

Geographical Focus

Communities

- ✓ Purposeful sampling based on a stratification of socio-economic factors
- ✓ All women within a community

DRC

- ✓ Bas Congo Province
- ✓ Justice and Peace Diocese Commission
- ✓ Matadi – urban
- ✓ Kinzau-Mvuete – Rural
- ✓ Citizen and Women Committees and Literacy Centres

DRC Research Questions and Tools

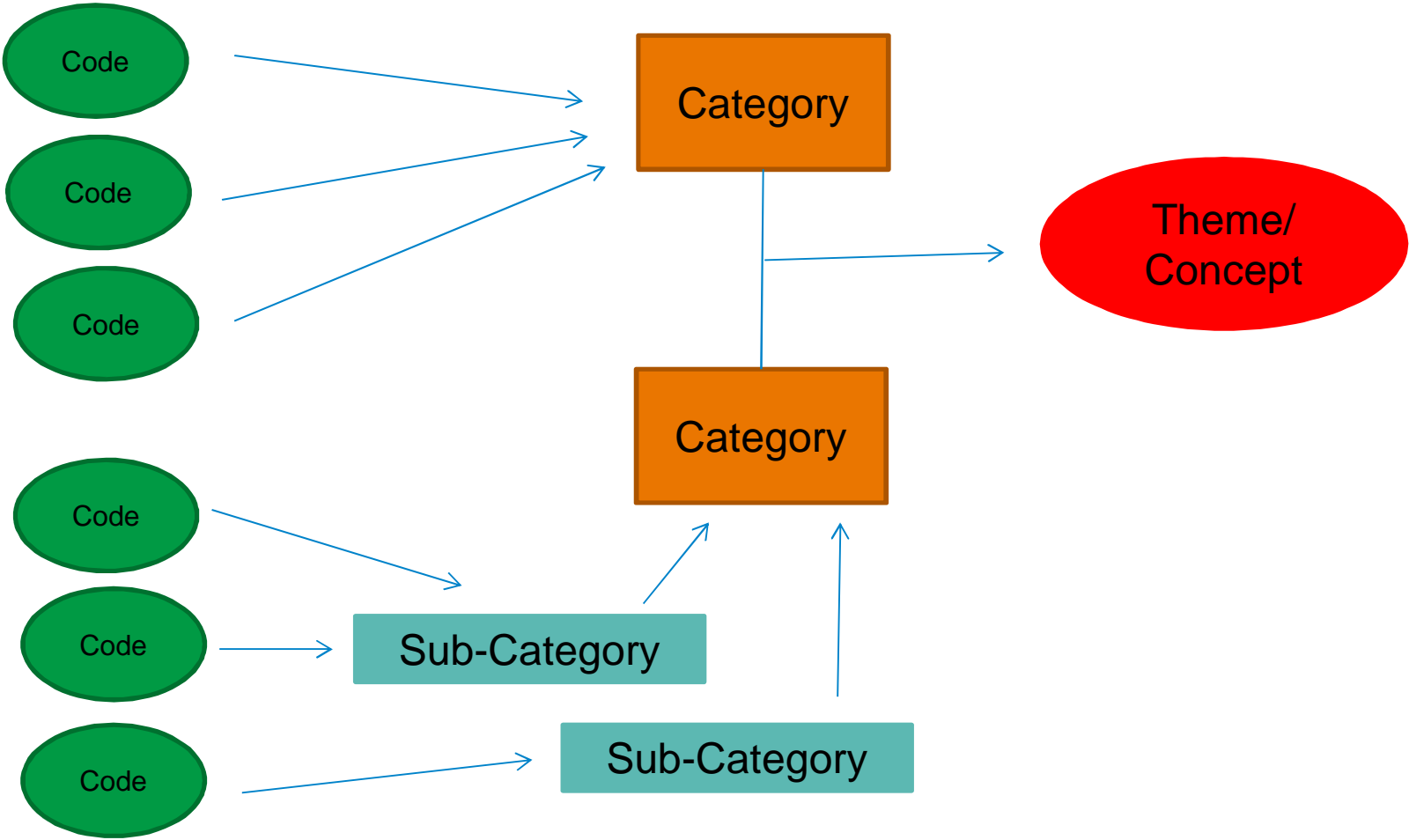
Steps	Research Questions	Tools
Spaces	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What do the women consider are participatory spaces?2. What are the most important spaces for women?3. Why is important for them to participate in those spaces?	Social Mapping and Paired Ranking

Steps	Research Question	Tools
Barriers	<p><u>Access to spaces to express themselves</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓What are the difficulties that women come across in accessing spaces? ✓What stops women expressing their opinion and being listened to in decision making spaces? <p><u>Ability to influence change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓What prevents women from being able to demand changes in their environment? ✓What prevents women to influence decision makers in their community? <p><u>Emergence of leadership/progression of leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓What obstacles do women who have taken up positions of responsibility face in fulfilling their roles? ✓For women in association what prevents them from rising up the ranks? 	River of Life

Social Mapping



CODIFICATION



Key learning from DRC so far

- The methodology was something that resonated with partners there was a clear appetite to learn participatory facilitation skills.
- The partner organisation in DRC responded to visual Learning but struggled with abstract reasoning and divergent thinking
- The need for a robust method for conducting analysis
 - The partner in DRC were taught qualitative coding techniques

Timeframe

Countries	Phase	Date
DRC, Nicaragua	Spaces, barriers, performance, successes	January 2014
India	Spaces, barriers, performance, successes	June 2014
DRC, Nicaragua	Changes, What participation means for women	October 2014
India	Changes, What participation means for women	December 2014

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