

STRiDE:

Strengthening responses to dementia in developing countries

An introduction

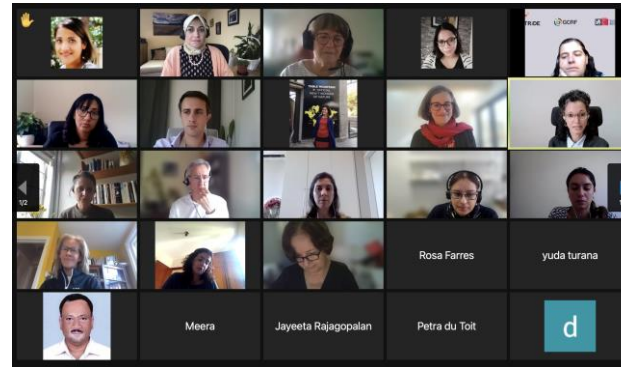
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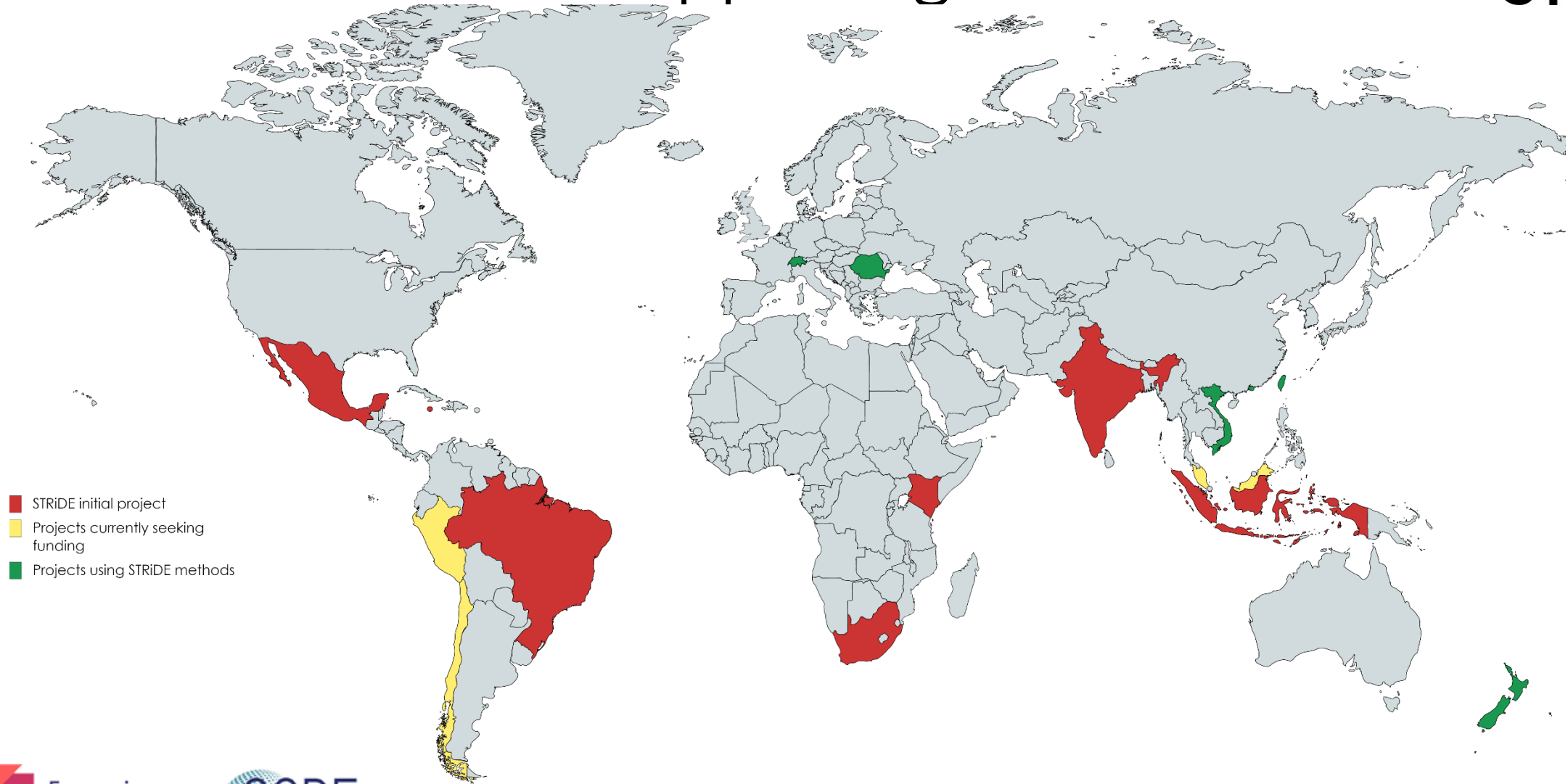
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What is STRiDE

- A four year **research capacity building** programme funded by the UK's Global Challenges Research Fund
- Synthesizing and generating **policy-relevant evidence** to support development of policies to respond to dementia
- **Formative research to inform dementia policies**
- Find out more at <https://stride-dementia.org/> and on twitter: [@STRiDEDementia](https://twitter.com/STRiDEDementia)



Where is STRiDE happening so far?



Core STRiDE project collaborators



Academics

- London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)
- University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- Brighton and Sussex Medical School (UK)
- University of Plymouth (UK)
- Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Brazil)
- National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (India)
- Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia (Indonesia)
- University of the West Indies (Jamaica)
- Africa Mental Health Foundation (Kenya)
- National Institute of Geriatrics (Mexico)

NGOs

- Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)
- Dementia Alliance International (DAI)
- FEBRAZ - Federation of Brazilian Alzheimer's Associations
- ARDSI - Alzheimer's and Related disorders Society of India
- Alzheimer's Indonesia
- Alzheimer's Jamaica
- Alzheimer's & Dementia Organisation Kenya
- FEDMA - Mexican Federation of Alzheimer's
- Alzheimer's South Africa NPC

Policy advisers

- WHO
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- Help Age International
- National stakeholders – governments, universities, other NGOs, GCRF (RCUK)

STRiDE components: all countries

Co-production of priorities
(for the project and for
national policy) through
Theory of Change

Qualitative research to learn
about understanding and
attitudes towards dementia
and stigma

Analysis of “dementia
situation”/political
economy: health/LTC
systems, policies, contextual
factors, views of
stakeholders

Case vignettes to capture
expert knowledge of
dementia care experiences,
filling evidence gaps and
enabling systems analysis

Systematic reviews of
prevalence of dementia in 7
countries and of dementia
interventions evaluated in
LMICs

Research and
policy/advocacy capacity
building, “learning by doing”
approach

STRiDE components: in some countries

Qualitative study of the costs and impacts to families providing care to people with dementia (India, Jamaica & Mexico)

Development, implementation and evaluation of an intervention to reduce stigma (Brazil and Kenya)

Survey of households with older people to establish prevalence of dementia and other care-relevant needs, use of care and services and costs of care (Indonesia and South Africa)

Estimates of costs of the care of people with dementia and of the resources needed for improved access to care (close to completion in India, later on in other countries?)

Whole team academic publications so far:



Open access

Protocol

BMJ Open Effectiveness of interventions for dementia in low- and middle-income countries: protocol for a systematic review, pairwise and network meta-analysis
















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A systematic review and meta-analysis of dementia prevalence in seven developing countries: A STRiDE project

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Active inclusion of people living with dementia in planning for dementia care and services in low- and middle-income countries

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Abstract

Involving people living with dementia in service design and planning has become more common in high-income countries. It remains rare in low- and middle-income countries where two-thirds of the world's people with dementia live. In this commentary article, we explore the barriers to inclusion of people with dementia in planning in low- and middle-income countries and make a case for the inclusion of

Beyond the project: Building a strategic theory of change to address dementia care, treatment and support gaps across seven middle-income countries

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"How to do STRiDE": Research tools so far (many more under development)



THEORY OF CHANGE WORKSHOPS: Guidance and resources

STRiDE Research Tool No.1

Version 2: 18 October 2019



STRiDE GUIDE TO ACADEMIC WRITING

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STRiDE Research Tool No.4

Version 2: June 2021



STRiDE GUIDE TO CONDUCTING LITERATURE SEARCHES

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STRiDE Research Tool No.2

Version 2: December 2020



IN-DEPTH SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS: DESK-REVIEW TOPIC GUIDE

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STRiDE Research Tool No.3

Version 2: 15 July 2021



STRiDE GUIDANCE ON BASELINE CASE VIGNETTES:

CASE VIGNETTES TO MAP ACCESS TO DIAGNOSIS,
CARE AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH
DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARE PARTNERS

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Sumaiyah Docrat, Marguerite Schneider,
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STRiDE Research Tool No.5

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Costing unpaid dementia care in India

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Strengthening responses to dementia (the STRiDE project)

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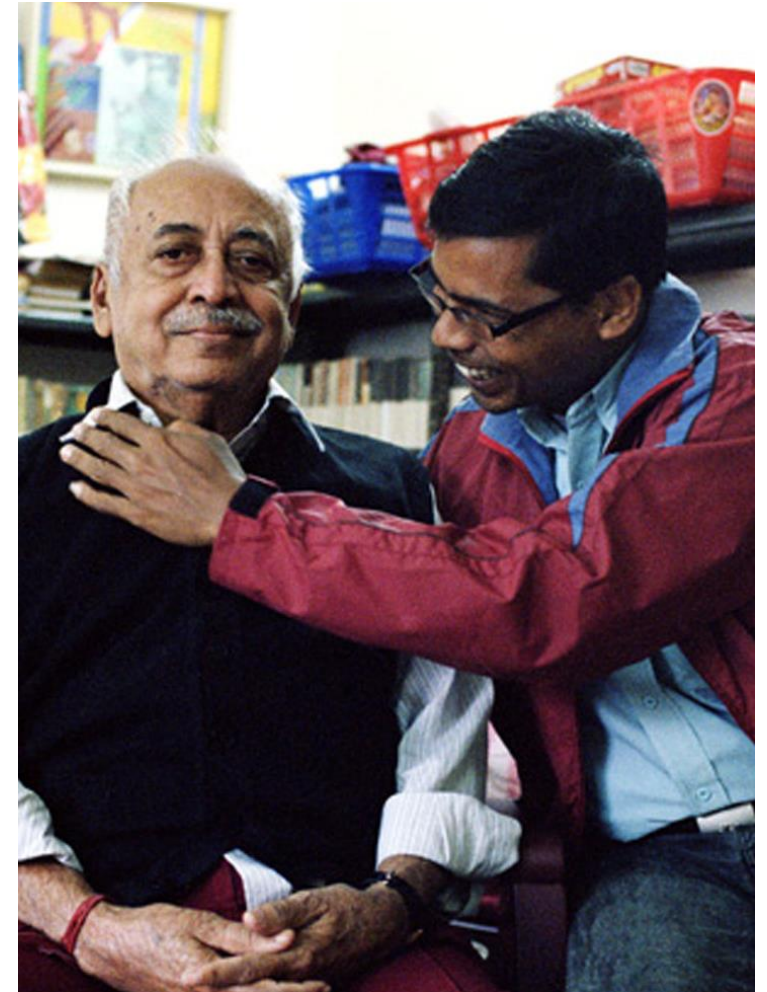
MONEY MATTERS

- Especially to those tasked with building, maintaining and funding systems for long term care
- Demonstrating that unpaid care is not 'no cost' care is therefore a key goal for researchers and care advocates alike
- Answers to the key question of how unpaid care should be economically valued are not yet sufficient, especially outside high-income countries
- Along with questions about which direct and indirect costs should be measured (Mattap 2022), are the knottier issues about how care itself and its costs should be conceptualised



STRiDE FOCUS

- We reflect on the economic cost of unpaid care for people with moderate or severe common dementias (PWD) in Bangalore and Hyderabad, **South and East India**
- Here, the LTC system **relies on families** to pay for access to private or subsidised public specialist **healthcare**, and to provide needed **social care**, either directly, or indirectly through securing it from the unorganised care labour sector
- India is now among the most economically unequal countries in the world; focus on **families with low- and middle-income**



ARDSI, <https://ardsikolkata.org/>

DATA

- Data were generated in March-September 2021 using remote audio-recorded **repeat in-depth interviews (N=56) with family members of PWD (N=24)** and simultaneous review of translated transcripts to direct further interviews
- Where relevant, and where possible, we interviewed **multiple members of a family**
- Iterative and in-depth theme- and case-based analysis following generation of dataset is ongoing



NATURE OF ECONOMIC COSTS

- Exploring PWD's care pathways from the family's first recognition of symptoms to the moment of the interview, identified **costs that are, and are not, routinely considered in quantitative costing studies**
- Nature of costs are **routed in the specific** geographic, economic, health system and social **context of study locations and individuals' situations**, and may or may not be shared elsewhere ➡ Calls to improve quality of international evidence base by using standardised indicators not unproblematic
- Costs were not experienced by all. Where they were, they were **manageable for some families and catastrophic for others**

➡ highlighting and exacerbating economic and care inequalities



DIRECT COST

Healthcare

Consultations with GPs, Specialists, Ayurveda practitioners; Diagnostic tests; hospital stays

SIGNIFICANCE

For some met by private insurance or Government subsidies, for others these are out-of-pocket expenses

Medication

To address dementia symptoms and co-morbidities

If someone buys medicines at least it will be good I feel. I don't know what to do. Nothing, no wealth... nothing is there ... just pain, torment. What else can I do?

[P23, 70-79, Spouse, Moderate dementia, Very low income]

➡ 1.75 higher than reported monthly income

All her medicines and all medical expenses are borne by [participant's former workplace]

[P4, 80-89, Spouse, Severe dementia, Middle income]

Travel to healthcare

Inter- and intra-state travel for health services (e.g. train, bus, auto, taxi) and accommodation

Last time we came [to specialist hospital] we took [loans] from people from our village...what will we do? We are poor people, we don't get enough money for food then how will we manage the medicines and travel cost?

[P6, 30-39, Son, Moderate dementia, Very low income]

➡ 6 times higher than reported monthly income

DIRECT COST	SIGNIFICANCE
Supportive services ('social care') Home-based care (attenders, domestic workers), Daycare	<p>P4, paid R15K for an attender and R2K for daycare monthly. He sold land to meet costs ➡ 42.5% of reported monthly income</p> <p>P10, 30-39 years, Daughter, Severe dementia, Middle/upper-middle income, paid R35K monthly for two domestic workers 2015-2018 ➡ 88% of reported monthly income</p>
Supporting goods Specific foods, vitamin supplements, incontinence aids, housing modifications	<p>Only purchased by those who can afford them</p> <p><i>[PWD always asking for food, but] the gas will get over, if we cook many times a day right? So, I will think who will again go and get? So, I will cook once in the morning...We will keep that and eat that only till night...[if he asks for food] I will keep prolonging saying I will give, I will give [P23]</i></p>



Impact of costs *not* linearly related to income (e.g. P4 meets healthcare costs easily, but not social care costs)



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COST OF PAID SOCIAL SUPPORT

- Discussion of paid home-based care highlights some of the nuances involved in costing seemingly straightforward cost components
- For the concept of ‘home-based supportive services’, international use of ‘formal and informal care’ as shorthand for ‘paid; organised; non-family’ and ‘unpaid family or friends’ comes unstuck: participants hired trained homebased caregivers, referred to as “attenders”, through e.g. agencies, *and* untrained “attenders” identified through their social networks
- Nevertheless, cost of these workers straightforward
- But what of previously-employed domestic workers who now provide needed supportive dementia care? Some workers perform additional or different tasks, but some don’t; Some are paid more, others are not; Some participants explicitly recognise activities as supporting dementia care, others don’t



INDIRECT COST

Reduction in PWD’s income

Real reduction that has an impact on the participant or other caregivers

Reduction in family caregiver’s income

Real reduction in earnings due to caregiving (e.g. reducing working hours); Potential or likely reduction in earnings (e.g. not being offered or not accepting a higher paid position; not obtaining paid employment)

Changes to employment/higher education trajectory

SIGNIFICANCE

Some PWD in this sample were previously main earners and money managers within families

So, not only in Hyderabad, I got good company offers from Bengaluru also. But I was not able to relocate myself due to family reasons [so I declined]... And here [by parents] I needed to look out for the timings and what I do and equally I need to support my family without stressing out myself. Accordingly, I chose the job [I have] now.
[P1, 18-29, Son, Moderate dementia, Middle to upper-middle income]

We were [at specialist hospital] for 17 days [for diagnosis]. We didn’t work, we lost that money [daily wages], it cost so much
[P6, 30-39, Son, Moderate dementia, Very low income]

I did not get to complete my degree in the U.S. So, when I came back...my credits never transferred over, I had other things to take care of, so I finally decided to start college all over again
[P10, 30-39 years, Daughter, Severe dementia, Middle/upper-middle income]

INDIRECT COST	SIGNIFICANCE
Reduction in savings and investments	All of P1's [18-29] income is taken up with care for his parents, preparing for his sister's marriage next year and household upkeep, leaving him nothing to save for his future or prospects to increase earnings
Reduction in other unpaid work Including childcare and household work	<p>Direct and indirect reductions in both quality and quantity of unpaid care:</p> <p>P17 [c.30-39, Daughter, Middle-income] was relying on her mother's childcare provision for her to manage work. When her mother needed to care for her father with dementia, she had to stop work</p> <p>P8 [60-69, Spouse, Middle-income] (reluctantly) relies on her son's care for her, which has lessened as he tries to find balance between caring for her husband with dementia, his work and dependants</p>
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CONCEPTUALISING CAREGIVING TIME

- Time spent caregiving is hard to conceptualise, both for families, researchers and service providers, and for the individuals experiencing them
- Perhaps not surprising, but these data contextualise challenges and highlight gaps in understanding
- P12 and P23 provide constant ('24/7') care, including hands-on care and indirect supervision to the PWD, but both performed many care tasks – domestic work like cleaning and cooking – for PWD and the rest of the family prior to dementia

[PWD] was not helping [with housework]... I alone used to do everything that time also...it has been 30 to 40 years since she worked [P12]

- The *impact* of caregiving time and tasks is also difficult to decipher for participants: P12's narratives circle between minimising the influence dementia care has on her domestic work and time, and strongly lamenting it as significant



CONCEPTUALISING CAREGIVING SPACE

- While time spent caregiving versus doing other domestic work is nuanced, the **spatial dimensions of caregiving were much clearer** for participants
- Caregiving **ties P12 and P23 to the home** and geographically **shaping their time**. This restriction in movement presents the biggest cost to them
- Should it be economically valued? Significantly for them, it was *not* valued by these participants' families

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- Caregivers may not have ‘accurate’ answers ready for researchers ➡ **Calls into question reliability of cost data generated in cross-sectional research using single (qualitative or quantitative) interviews**



PERCEPTIONS OF CARE COSTS

- When considering impact costs have on family caregivers, these **data also suggest the need to pay attention to which caregiver is answering the questions**
- People frequently provided primarily 'hands-on' or economic care, and the **associated indirect and direct costs are not considered equal to those bearing them**. For some cases in our sample, **families providing care are composed of individuals who perceive themselves to be caring alone**
- E.g. Across 3 interviews P12 consistently presents herself as providing all care alone. Her narrative **minimises any contributions from other family members**. While she reports that her brother-in-law, P11, facilitates medical care, she dismisses this as a form of 'care'

"I alone take care of her ... [others] help in the sense, that when she goes out, they get her back and leave her here, that's it, but other than that, I alone have to do everything"



PERCEPTIONS OF CARE COSTS

- Her brother-in-law, P11, on the other hand **emphasises the importance of the care he gives** – complete financial responsibility for PWD's healthcare ("I alone") – and appears to **minimise the hands-on care provided by his brother and sister-in-law** ("simply they take care that's all")

"for treatment and all I alone take care, whatever happens, I alone take care of the treatment, if I have to bring her here, I alone send the auto, car or whatever is needed, simply they take care, that's all"

- While P12 reports it is not difficult for her brother-in-law to meet the direct costs, he reports the opposite

"It's tough only madam, what to do, she is my mother, we have to take care right?"



CONCLUSIONS

- Our findings subsequently make three important contributions:

- 1 Join a growing body of research in highlighting the (re)production of long-term care inequalities
- 2 Highlight costs and care inputs that are not often considered in valuations of unpaid care
- 3 Call for greater critical engagement with ostensibly unambiguous components in the unpaid care costing debate: the enumeration of caregivers' hours, 'the family' in family care, and the parity assumed in the cost and value between different caregivers' hours



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STRiDE Network

Strengthening Responses to Dementia

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Why a network

- STRiDE 2018-2022 created a network with strong links and outputs across 7 countries and the UK
- Additional countries joined in the project by using and expanding on the STRiDE methodologies
 - Hong Kong, New Zealand, Switzerland, Romania, England
- Covering additional topics and areas of policy-relevant research:
 - The COVID-19 pandemic and long term care issues
 - Rapidly changing global population demographics - increased longevity
 - Risk reduction, post-diagnostic support, etc
- A network is the next logical step to harness this interest and develop relevant methodologies and build a database on dementia – policies, services, care and financing, and appropriate methodologies to research these

What will the network be?

- Have a global focus
- Bringing together interested
 - Individuals (researchers, advocates, individuals living with dementia, carers, etc.)
 - Research groups
 - Advocacy groups
 - Non-profit organisations
- To
 - share information, methodologies, resources and expertise
 - collaborate on research projects
 - Build partnerships

Initial aims and objectives

- Provide guidelines for research and coordination on policy-relevant research on dementia care
- Engaging with people living with dementia
- Facilitating collaborative work across regions
- Influencing and tracking policy implementation at national and global levels
- Capacity building

Examples of projects already part the STRiDE Network

Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for dementia



www.ucl.ac.uk/international-cognitive-stimulation-therapy



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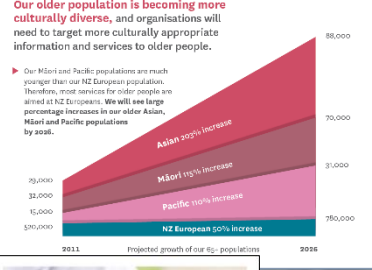


CST-International
BRAZIL, INDIA & TANZANIA

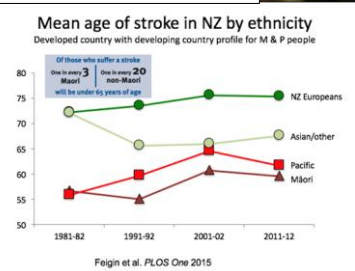


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GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CHRONIC DISEASES
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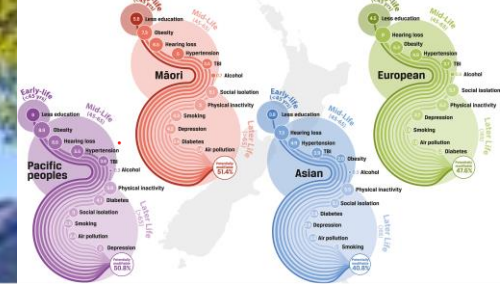


Dementia Economic Impact Report 2016
March 2017
Deloitte



	European	Māori	Pacific	Asian
Average cost per person with dementia in 2020				
ARC & HBSS	\$19,750	\$15,001	\$15,130	\$9,117

Source: TAS (2021) and NZACA (2020) national datasets



Open access Protocol

BMJ Open Living with Dementia in Aotearoa (LiDiA): a cross-sectional feasibility study protocol for a multiethnic dementia prevalence study in Aotearoa/ New Zealand

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Dementia Economic Impact Report 2020
Prepared for Alzheimers New Zealand
September 2021

Improving Dementia Māte Wāhanga Services in Aotearoa New Zealand
Action Plan

First presented to government in May 2023
Updated and incorporated to government in September 2024

Māte Wāhanga Advisory Group

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
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STRiDE England

STrengthening Responses to Dementia in England

February 2022 to March 2024

About the project

- Funded as part of the NIHR Three Schools: Dementia Research Programme
- Building on methods developed as part of the [STRiDE project](#)
- Focusing on how national and local factors contribute to inequalities in access to dementia care in England
- Collaboration across multiple universities and organisations, led from the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre at LSE.

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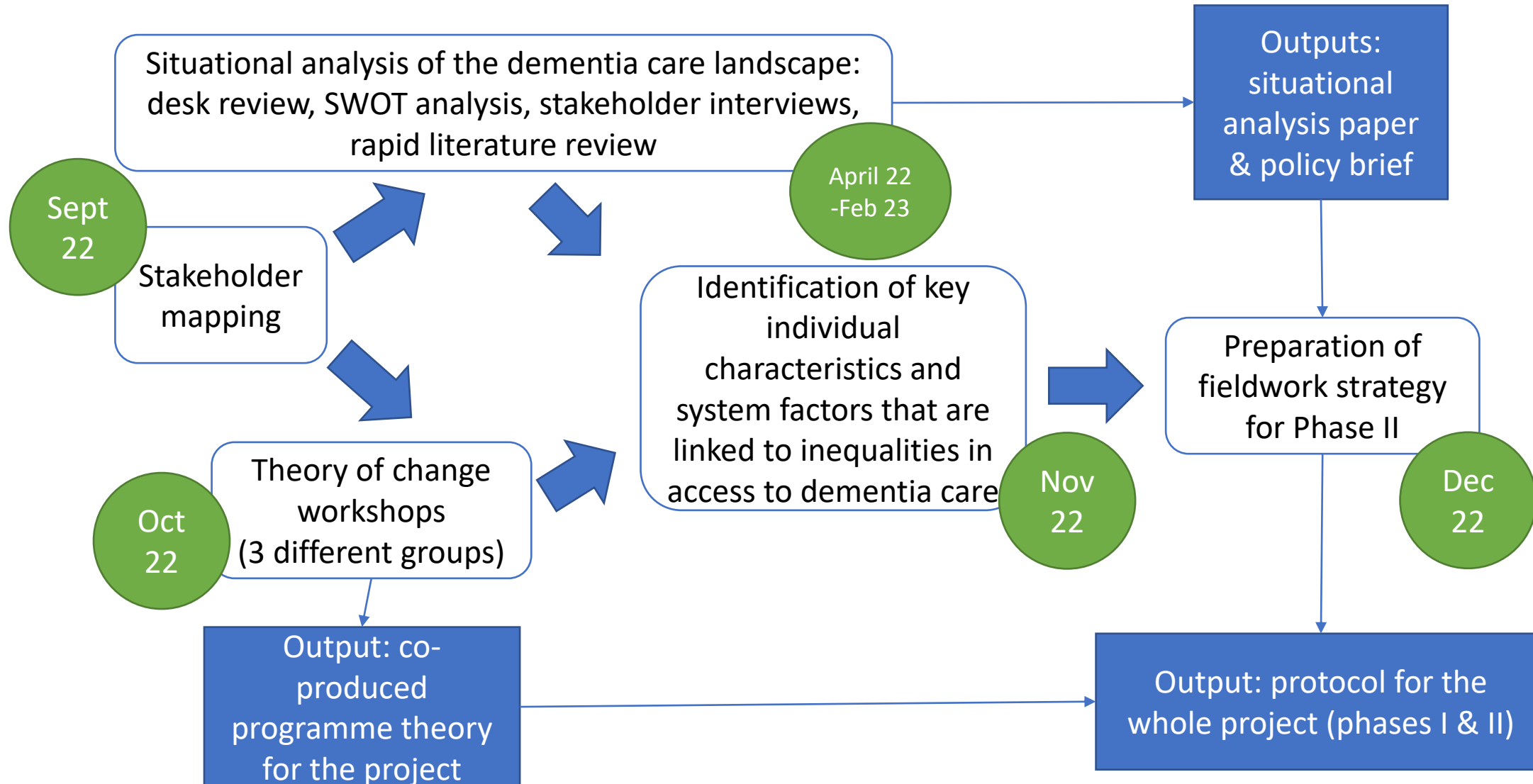
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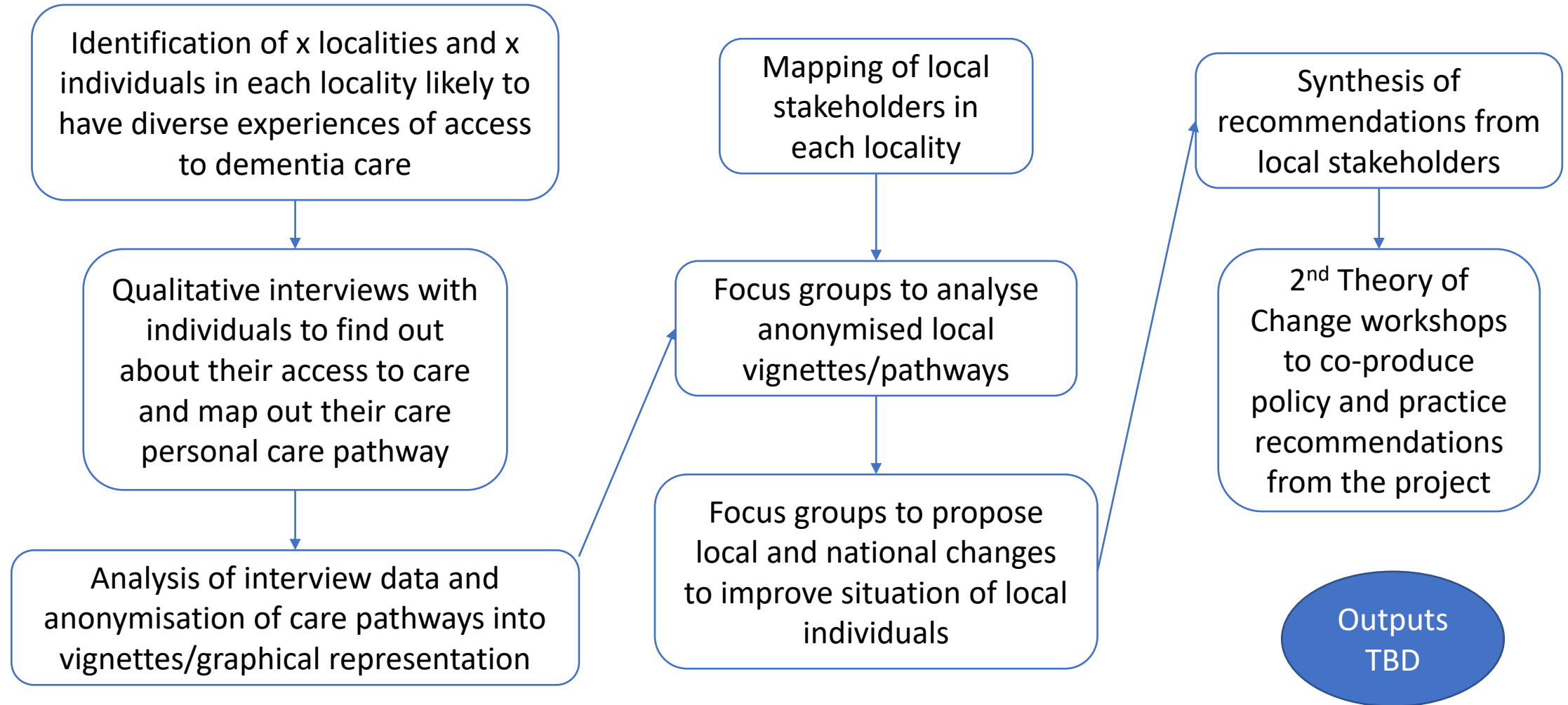
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Structure of STRiDE England, Phase I



Structure of STRiDE England, Phase II

(start January 2023 if plans approved, to March 2024)



How to get involved with the STRiDE Network

- Complete the survey on what the network should look like
- Let us know what your thoughts are:
 - <https://stride-dementia.org/network-questionnaire/>
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How to improve dementia care in Hong Kong

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People with dementia in Hong Kong

- Elderly population (65 +): 19.6% in 2021.
- Median age: 46.3 years.
- 80+ population: 5.3% or 380,968 people.
- # of people with dementia: 79,400 patients receiving treatment in the public hospital system in 2020.
- Estimated: >300,000 people in less than 20 years (2039)



Health care expenditure is low

- Health care expenditure: 6.8% of GDP in 2020.
- Public: 3.6%.
- UK: 11.9% (2021)
- US: 17.8% (2021)
- Canada: 11.7% (2021)
- New Zealand 9.7% (2020)
- Korea: 8.4% (2020)
- Japan: 11.1% (2020)
- Singapore: 5.9% (2021)



Source: <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?DataSetCode=SHA>

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Health care expenditure

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(HK\$ million)

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Medical goods	901	15,546	-	-	-	-	16,447
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The health care system

- Built on the model developed for acute care.
- Most resources go to inpatient care (41.8%) and specialist outpatients (12.7%).
- Primary health care accounted for only 29.5% of health care expenditure, and most of them came from private (16.8%) and out-of-pocket (10.1%).
- The system is not “fit-for-purpose.”

Social welfare expenditure

Chart : 2020-21 Recurrent Government Expenditure by Policy Area Group

Policy Area Group	Percentage for 2020-21 (Percentage for 2019-20)
Education	20.8% (21.1%)
Social Welfare	19.0% (18.6%)
Health	18.8% (18.7%)
Security	10.9% (11.5%)
Infrastructure	6.3% (6.2%)
Environment and Food	4.4% (4.2%)
Economic	3.1% (3.0%)
Housing	0.1% (0.1%)
Community and External Affairs	3.1% (3.3%)
Support	13.5% (13.3%)




Social welfare expenditure

Chart 1: SWD's Expenditure by Programme in 2020-21

Programme	Percentage for 2020-21 (Percentage for 2019-20)
Social Security	69.1% (70.5%)
Services for the Elderly	12.7% (11.9%)
Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	10.1% (9.7%)
Family and Child Welfare	4.5% (4.3%)
Young People	2.9% (2.9%)
Services for Offenders	0.5% (0.5%)
Community Development	0.2% (0.2%)

2.4% of
total
government
expenditure



About 34% of elderly care expenditure went to community care.

Dementia care system

- There is no citywide dementia care plan or strategy for Hong Kong.
- Dementia care is mainly provided in specialist clinics. However, we have very few psychiatrists, geriatric psychiatrists, and geriatricians (400+ psychiatrists, 300+geriatricians, & 40-50 geriatric psychiatrists). Most are working in public hospital system.
- Primary healthcare professionals are not involved in the diagnosis and management of dementia.
- LTC system was built before the dementia era. The government uses supplemental funding to provide incentive for LTC providers to take care of people with dementia.
- The medical-social collaboration is weak. E.g Dementia community support scheme in 2017.

Building a fit-for-purpose dementia care system

- Top-down decision making: lack of consensus on what are the purposes for supporting people living with dementia. In other words, what are we trying to optimize?
- We definitely need to shift away from a specialist-driven model to a specialist-supported primary care driven system.
- The system needs to be supported by the existing health care infrastructure:
 - Public-private partnership to provide private primary care to get involved.

Building a fit-for-purpose dementia care system

- Strong medical–social collaboration to optimize healthy aging for people with dementia.
- Training to enhance the skills of social care staff to provide support to people with dementia and their family members.
- How about a stepped-care model for people with dementia and their families.
- Please come to section F.3.A at 2:15-3:30 today @4.02 to engage in a discussion on supporting developing countries/places to develop a “fit for purpose” dementia care system.

Thank You

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