

Most at Risk Adolescents in Eastern Europe

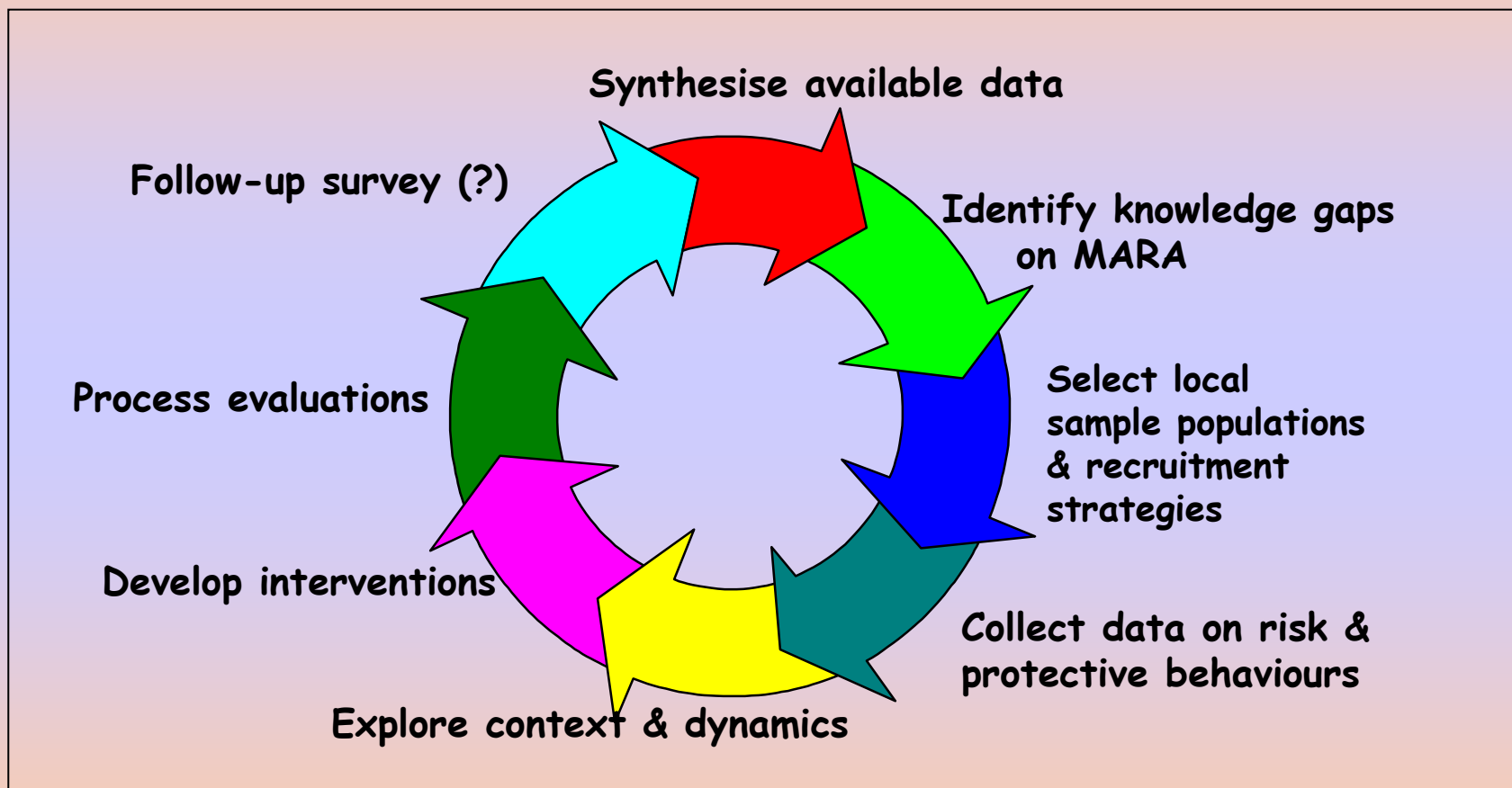
Evidence to Intervention

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Technical Assistance through the Research Cycle



Risk vs. Vulnerability

What % of MARP are adolescents and what are their needs?

OR

What % of specific adolescent groups are already engaging in risk behaviours?

Diversity of Study Populations & Methods

Focus on Risk

- * Young **IDU** in Serbia, Moldova, Romania & Albania
- * Young **sex workers** in Romania & Albania

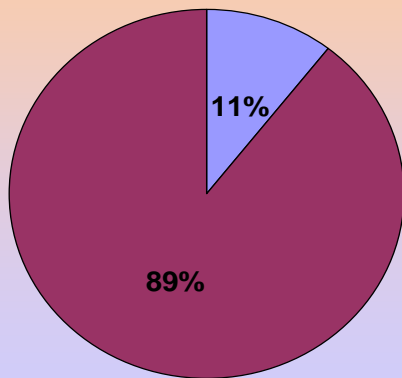
Focus on Vulnerability

- * Young people in **Roma** settlements in Montenegro
- * **Institutionalised settings** in BiH
- * **Street children** in Ukraine

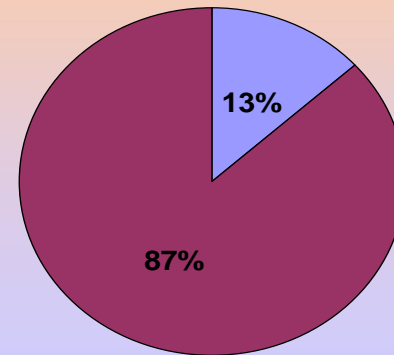
Data Collection

- * Demographic profile
- * Injecting drug use (frequency, drug choice, and sharing practices)
- * HIV knowledge
- * Sexual behaviour (including commercial & casual partnerships)
- * MSM behaviour
- * Access and use of services (including condoms & HIV testing)
- * Experience of police harassment/detention

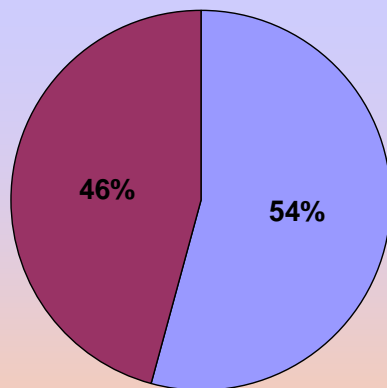
Albania IDU



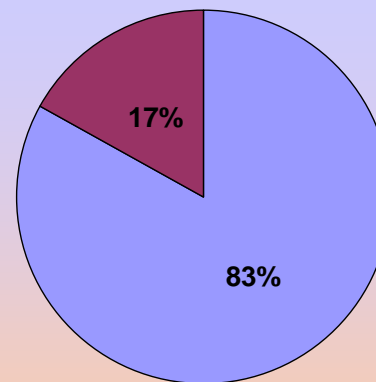
Serbia IDU



Montenegro IDP Roma



BiH Institutions



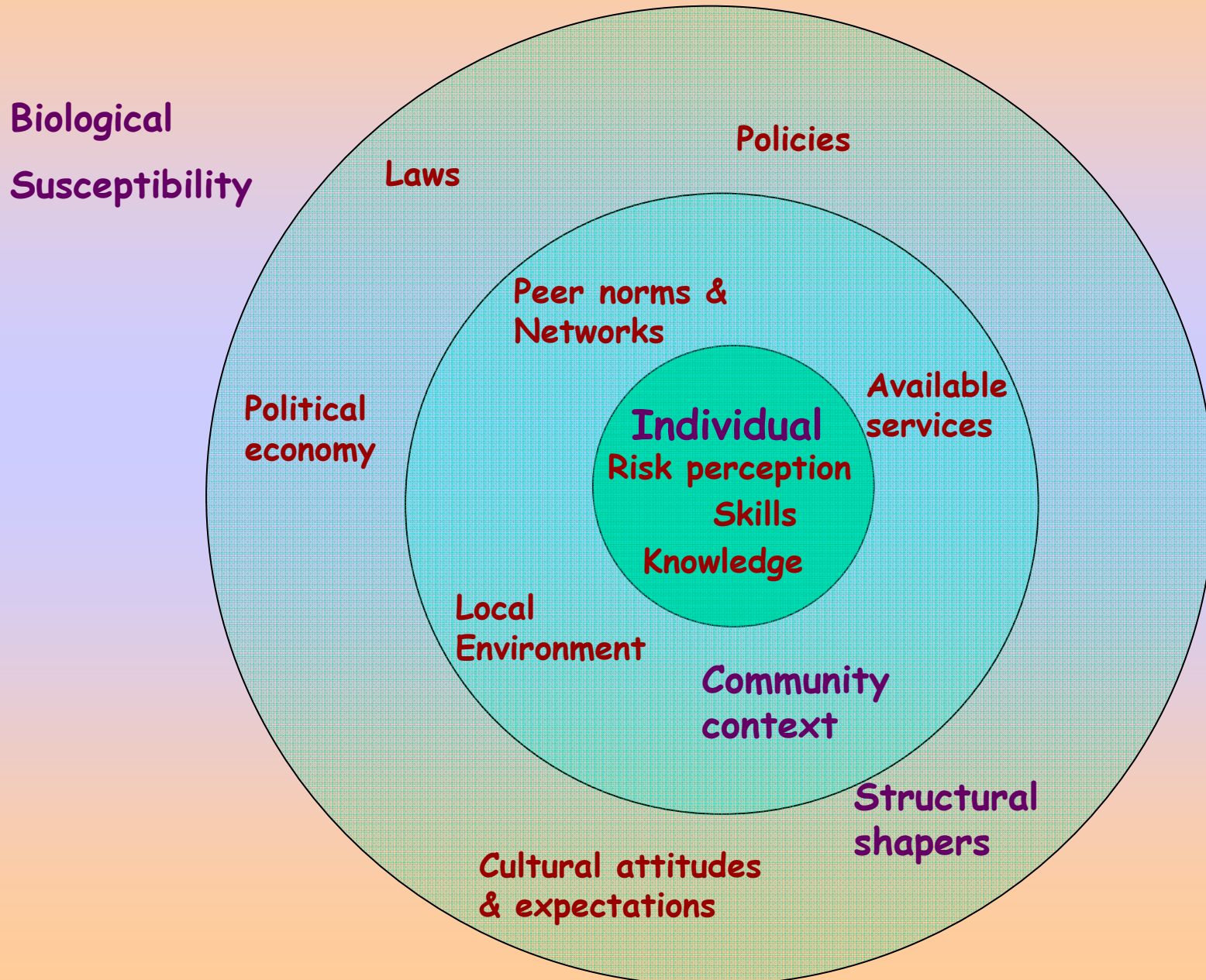
Summary Findings: Risk

- * Younger IDU have poorer knowledge and are less likely to **seek formal services**
- * **In Serbia** 4.8% IDU under 18 obtained needles from NEP or outreach worker compared to a quarter of adult IDU
- * Adolescent sex workers report more experience of **forced sex** and are less likely to use **condoms consistently**

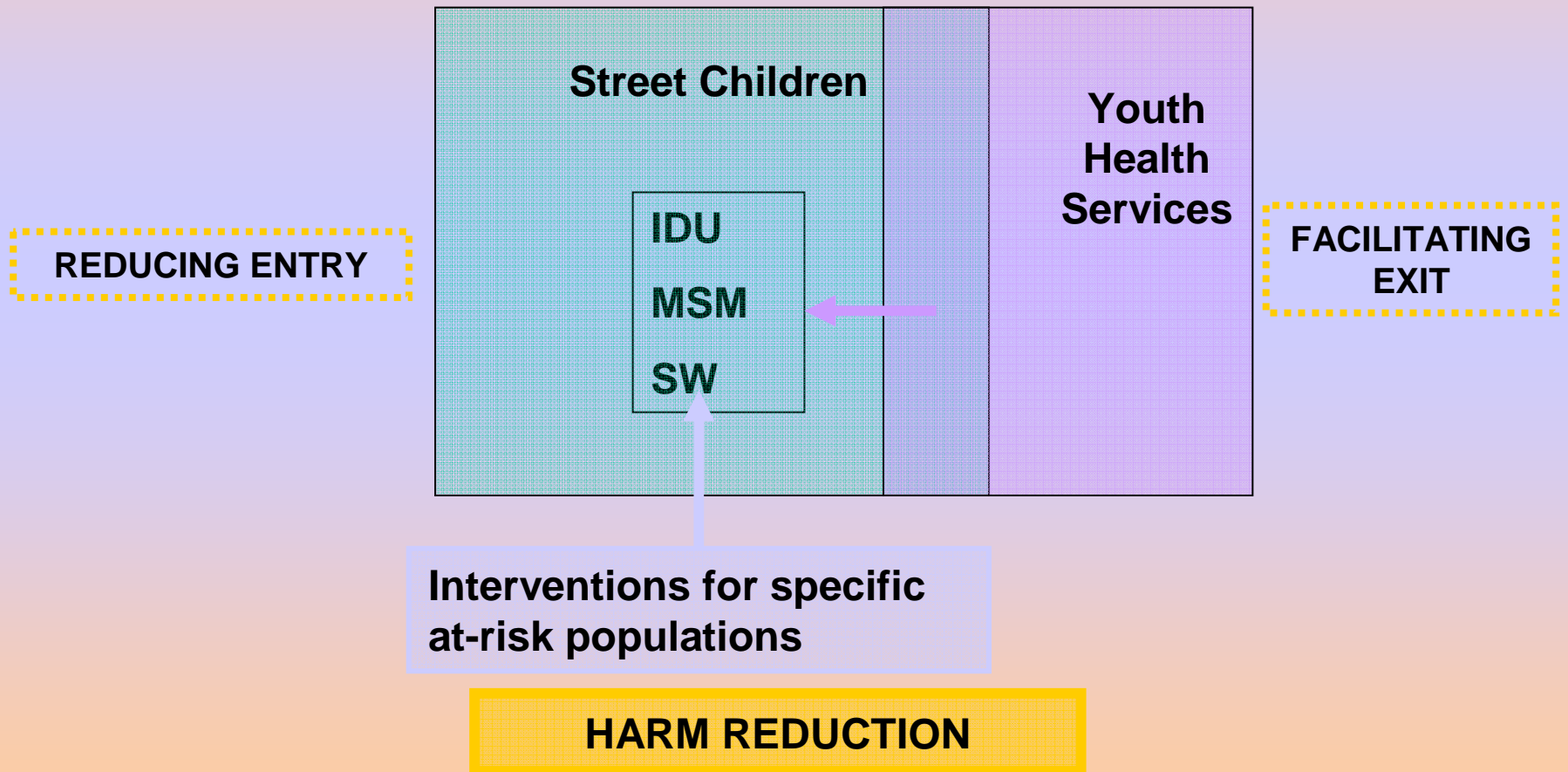
Summary Findings: Vulnerability

- * No IDU among displaced Roma in Montenegro, but clear reproductive health needs and gender inequity
- * 35.4% Roma sample never enrolled in school; 27% under 18's married
- * Among the unmarried sample 20.4% females and 56.4% males ever had sex
- * Police harassment a concern throughout the region among vulnerable adolescents

Eco-social framework for Risk



Interventions Framework



Developing Interventions

- * Understanding local patterns of behaviour
- * Choosing a position on the continuum
- * Harm reduction as entry point
- * Linking with relevant social services - what are the wider needs of MARA?
- * Theoretically-defined intervention pathways
- * Process and outcome indicators