



MIND, SOCIETY, AND BEHAVIOR













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Development policy 1.0:

Humans make decisions deliberatively, on the basis of consistent and self-interested preferences and explicit information.

All policy rests on assumptions about choice

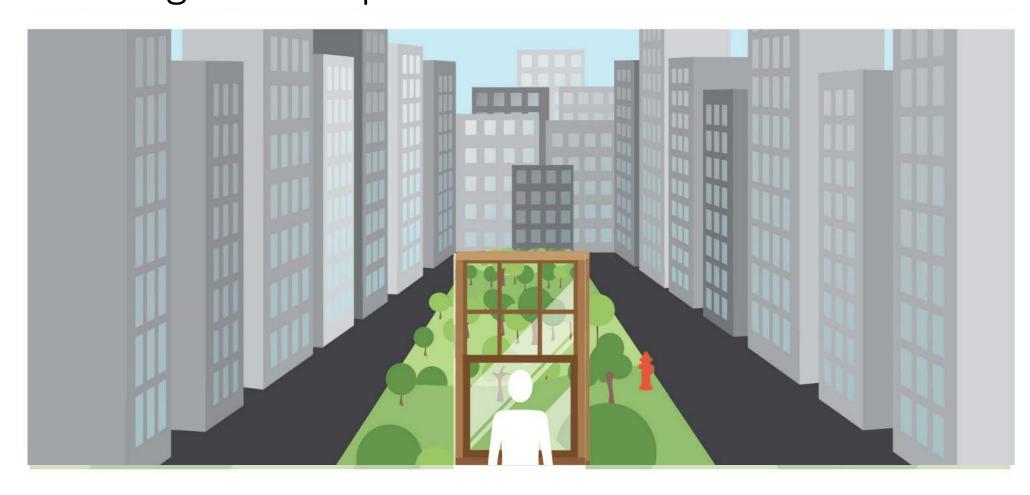
Development policy 2.0:

People think automatically: when deciding, we usually draw on what comes to mind effortlessly

People think socially: social norms guide much of our behavior, and most of us are conditional cooperators

People think with mental models: what we perceive and how we interpret the world depends on concepts and world-views drawn from our societies and shared histories

We think automatically This gives us a partial view of the world.



 $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 = ?$

$8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = ?$

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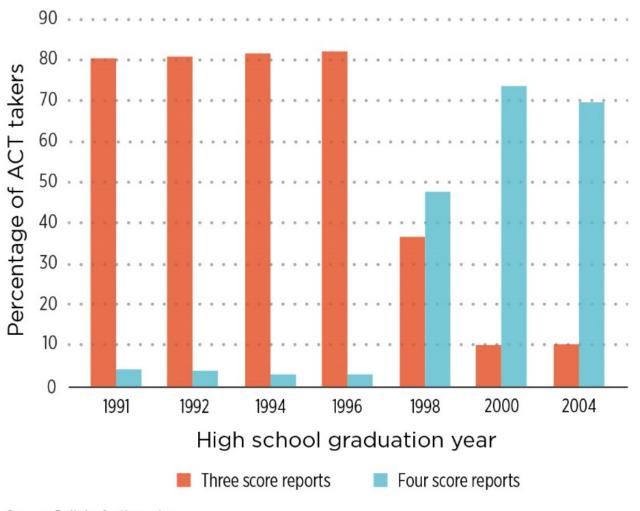
Median answer is 512

 $8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = ?$

Median answer is 2,250

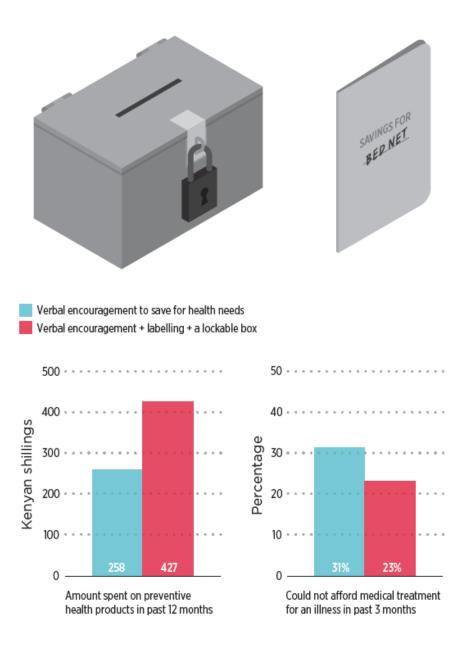
The correct answer is 40,320

Number of ACT scores sent, by high school graduation year



Source: Pallais, forthcoming.





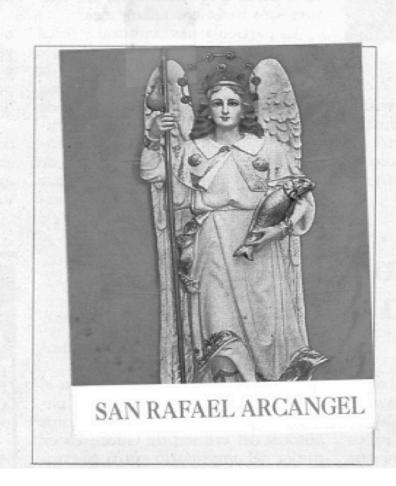


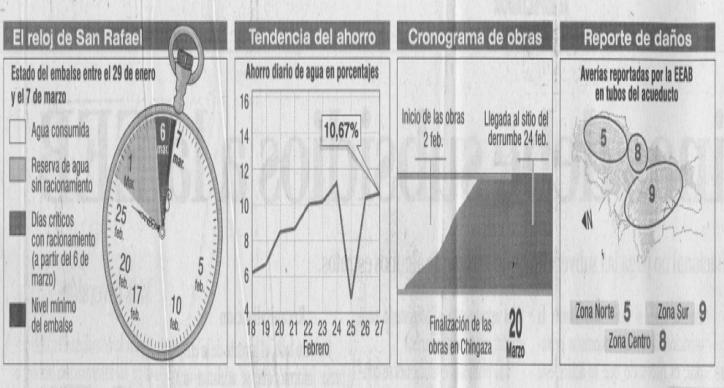
We think socially

What others think, expect, and do influences our preferences and decisions



Coloque la imagen de San Rafael junto a la llave que más usa





Ojo a los tubos

Luego de los incidentes que hace algún tiempo entre la y Alcantarillado de Bogotá de Obras Públicas (SOP) y l gas, porque algunos contratrías, el gerente Alejando De está superado. Ahora el protratistas de Telecom.



MARGARITA ROBAYO recibió un afiche como premio por su ahorro de agua durante esta emergen

Cómo están economizando los ciudadanos

- 1. ¿De qué manera está economizando agua?
- 2. ¿Qué sugiere que se debe hacer para ahorrar agua?

EDGAR DUCÓN

Empleado, 37 años

- 1. Ahorro agua lavando la ropa por grupos.
- 2. Mayor control sobre los lavaderos de carros y sobre las líneas de conducción del acueducto.

LUIS ESQUIVEL

Empleado, 40 años

- 1. Cierro la llave de la ducha cuando me estoy enjabonando y la del lavamanos cuando me cepillo los dientes.
- 2. No desperdiciarla regando jardines ni lavando carros.

MIGUEL CASTELBLANCO

Representante de ventas, 34 años

- 1. Cierro la llave cuando me enjabono y me baño lo más rápido posible. Lo mejor es seguir los consejos de la Alcaldía.
 - 2. Estar pendiente del tan-



EDGAR DUCON



LUIS ESQUIVEL



MIGUEL CASTELBLANCO



ALEJANDRO GÓMEZ



LEONOR ALVARADO



RICARDO

que de agua y hacerle un mayor control, especialmente cuando es de una sola casa.

ALEJANDRO GÓMEZ

Vendedor, 25 años

- 1. Solo lavar ropa los fines de semana.
- 2. Casi todos los métodos ya son conocidos. Bajar el agua de la cisterna cada tres usos, bañarse en parejas o cerrar la llave cuando se estén enjabonando.

LEONOR ALVARADO

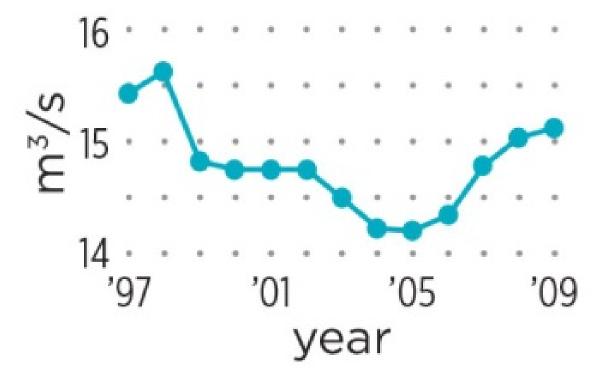
Estudiante, 22 años

- 1. Lavo la loza en una sola tanda y no bajo el agua de la cisterna todas las veces.
- Bañarse con el marido y lavar la ropa cada ocho días.

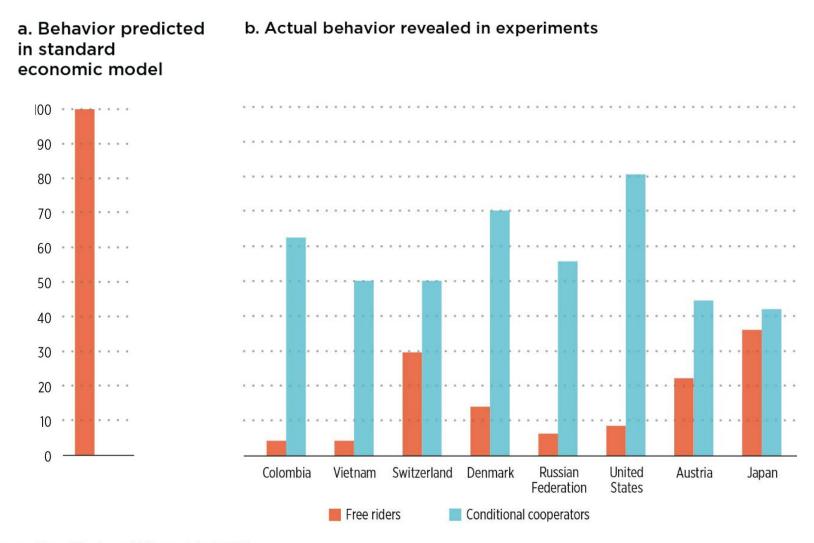
RICARDO DÍAZ

Ingeniero de sistemas, 26 años

- 1. Ahorro lavando la mitad de la ropa y cerrando la llave de la ducha mientras me enjabono.
- 2. Tener más conciencia cuando se está en el baño. Muchas veces uno abre la llave antes de comenzar a lavarse las manos. Hay que cerrar la llave se cepillan los dientes.



Percentage of the population demonstrating contributor behavior



Source: Martinsson, Pham-Khanh, and Villegas-Palacio 2013.

Note: Because some individuals demonstrate patterns of behavior that do not fall into either of the two categories, the bars do not sum to 100 percent.





Activating social norms to make roads safer

Don't just Sit there as he drives dangerously! STAND UP. SPEAK UP. NOW!

This message has been given in the interest of passenger safety with support from









Je, ukiendeshwa Vibaya, utafika? KAA MACHO. KAA CHONJO. TETA!

Huu ujumbe umeletwa kwa manufaa ya usalama wa msafiri na usaidizi kutoka:









Activating the social norm of tax payments

(Hallsworth et al 2014)

"Nine out of ten people pay their tax on time."

1.3%

"Nine out of ten in the UK people pay their tax on time."

2.1%

 "Nine out of ten people pay their tax on time. You are in the very small minority who have not paid us yet."

5.1%

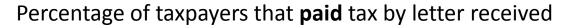
• "Paying tax means we all gain from vital public services like the NHS, roads, and schools."

1.6%

 "Not paying tax means we all lose out on vital public services like the NHS, roads, and schools."

1.6%

Getting people to pay their taxes





Activating the social norm of tax declaration (Battiston and Gamba 2013)



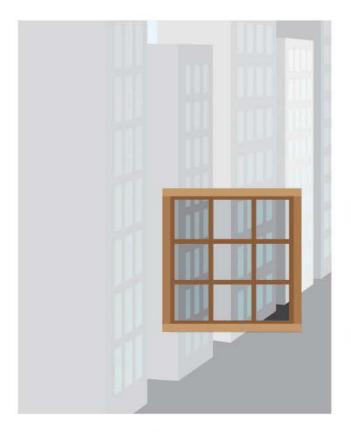
Consumers as tax auditors

(Naritomi 2014)





We think with mental models This gives us a partial view of the world.



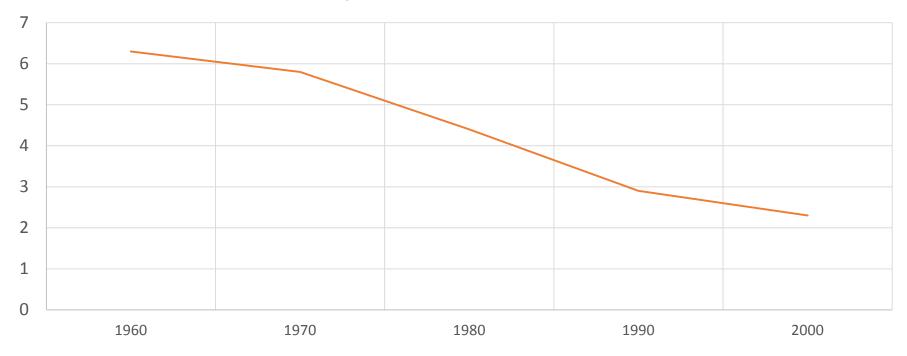






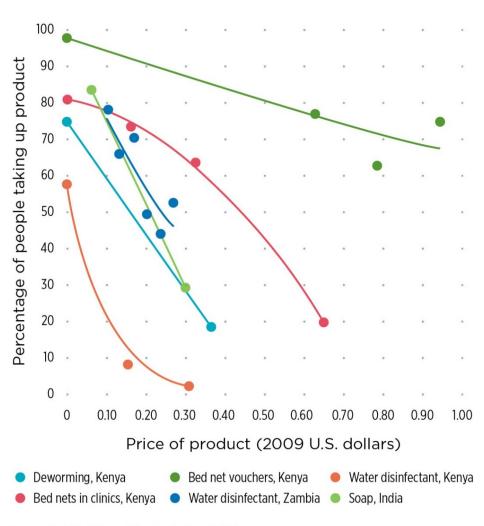
Shifting mental models with role models







Free! as a mental model



Poverty

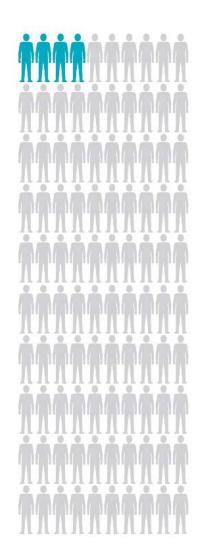
Poverty is a decision making context



Percentage who had pawned their belongings

Before

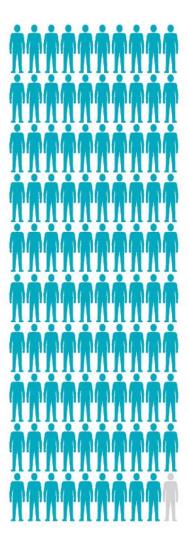


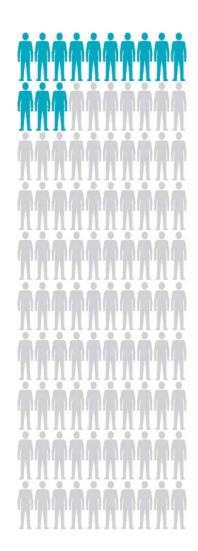


After

Percentage of people with loans

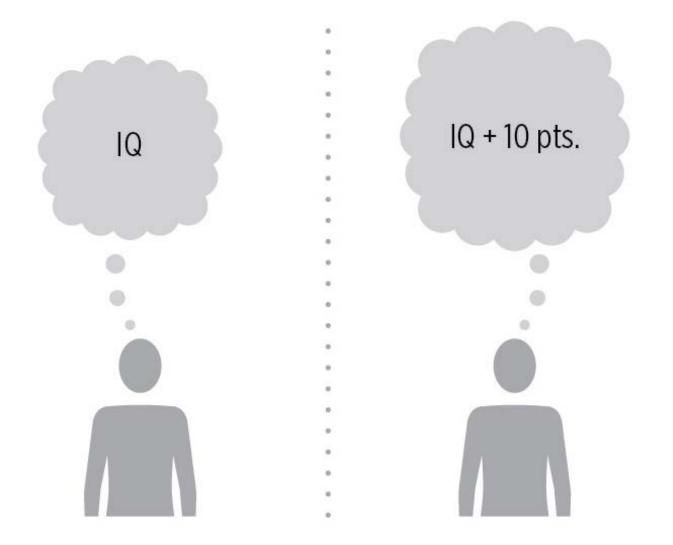
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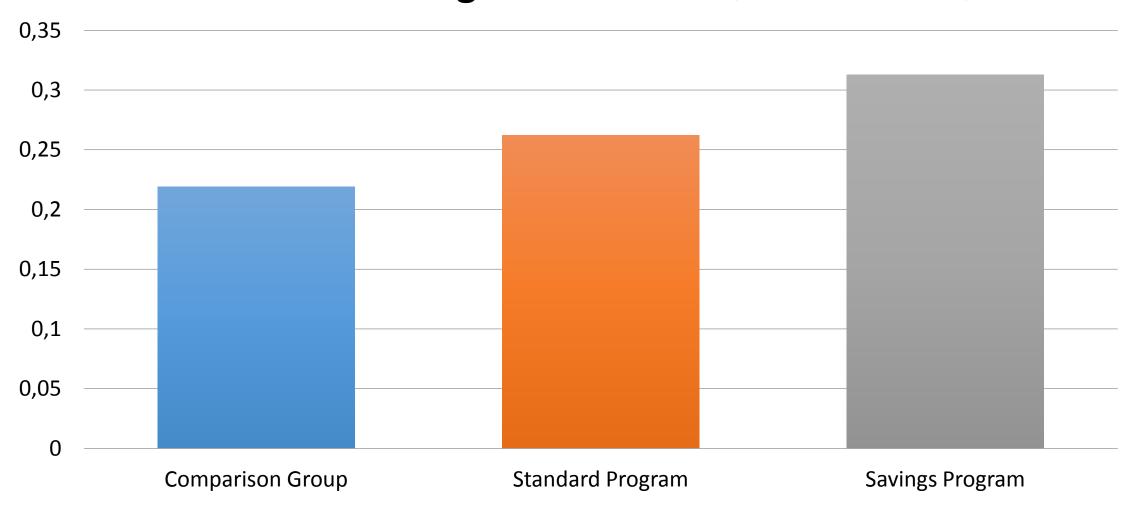


After

Cognitive cost of poverty: test scores



Effect of The Timing of Transfer Programs on Enrollment in Higher Education (Barrera-Osorio 2011)



A mirror to ourselves:

Are experts exempt from biases?

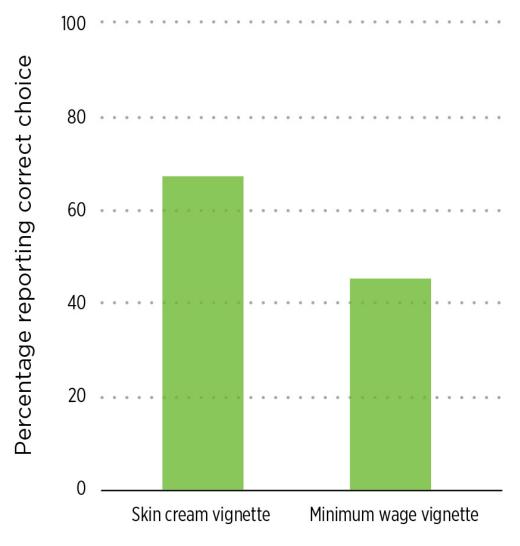




The same data in two different contexts

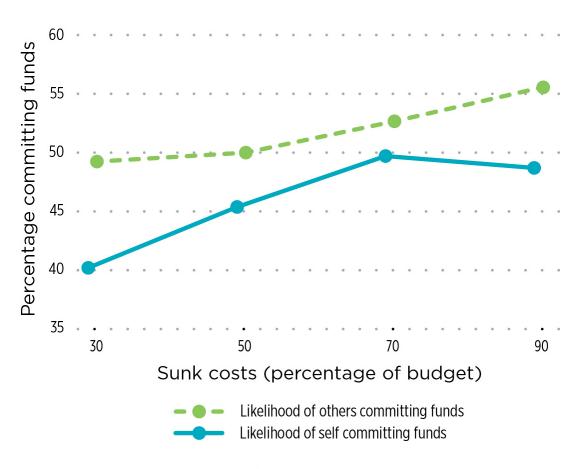
	Good Outcome	Bad Outcome
Individuals taking action X	223	75
Individuals taking action Y	107	21

A mirror to ourselves: Are experts exempt from biases?



Source: WDR 2015 team survey of World Bank staff.

Our own biases—sunk costs



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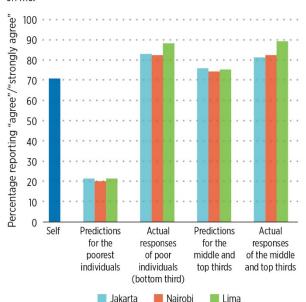
It can be difficult for development professionals to accurately predict the views of the poor

Figure B10.3.1 How World Bank staff predicted the views of poor people

a. Control of the future

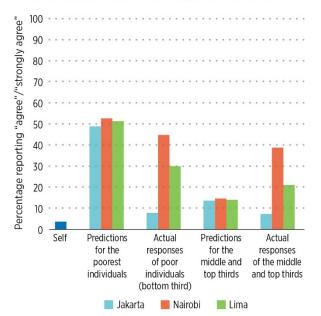
Source: WDR 2015 team survey data.

Survey question: What happens to me in the future mostly depends on me



b. Helplessness in dealing with life's problems

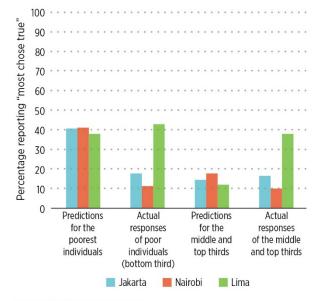
Survey question: I feel helpless in dealing with the problems of life.



Source: WDR 2015 team survey data.

c. The dangers of vaccines

Survey question: Vaccines are risky because they can cause sterilization.



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Operationalizing social and behavioral insights

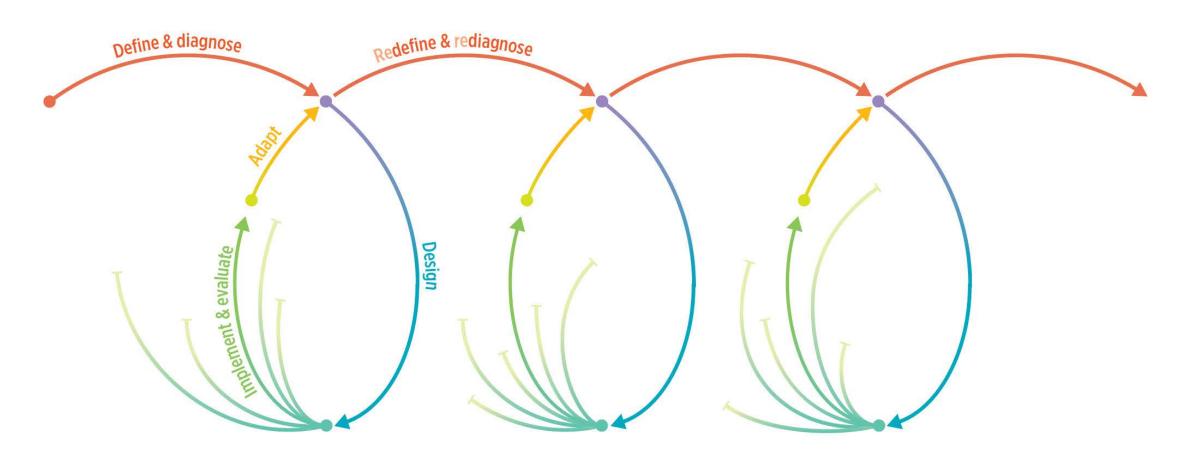








Embedding diagnosis and experimentation into implementation



Source: WDR 2015 team.











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