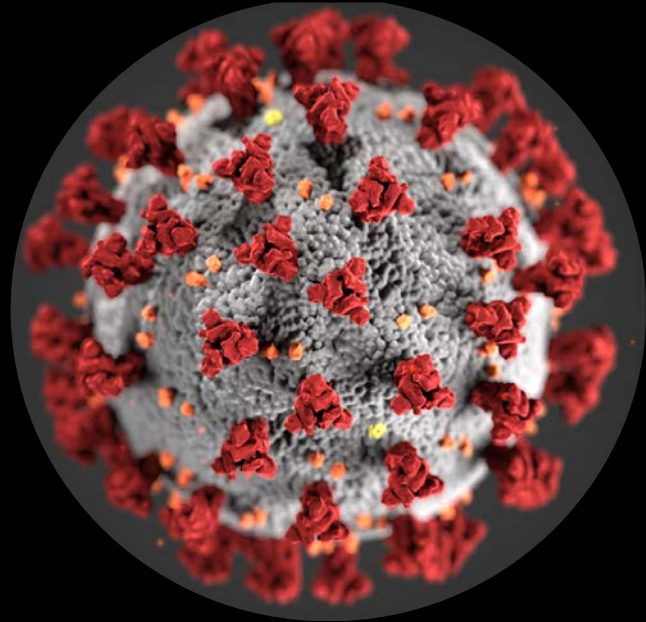


Community-led responses to the COVID-19 pandemic as pathways to thriving

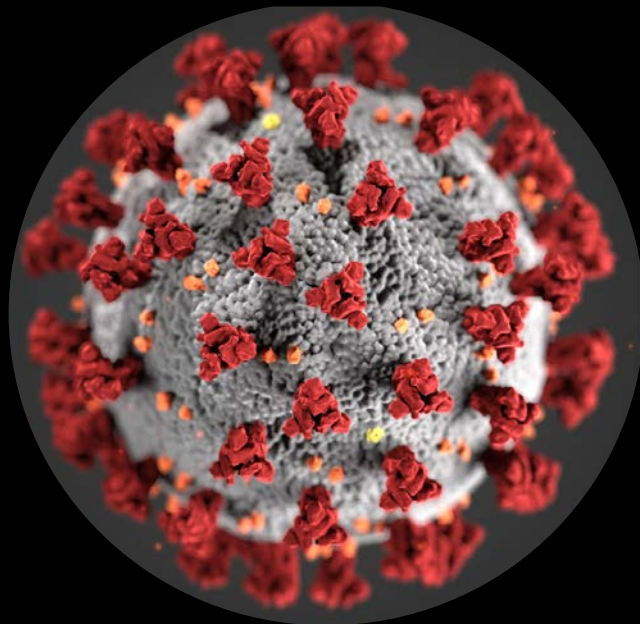
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The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the interconnectedness of risks and disconnectedness of responses



Diverse local leadership may be well-positioned to understand and address underlying vulnerabilities



A light gray world map serves as the background. Several countries are highlighted in a solid orange color: Alaska and Mexico in North America; Peru in South America; the United Kingdom and Germany in Europe; India and Ethiopia in Africa; and Indonesia in Southeast Asia. The text "TRANSLOCAL HEALTH" is centered over the map in a large, black, outlined font.

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CBOs rapidly understood how COVID-19 would amplify vulnerabilities

Global challenges engage with local factors

Political decision-making outside of communities and without their input

Social conditions that exclude and marginalize certain groups

Poverty and lack of opportunities

Environmental degradation and conditions that are hazardous and in flux

Geographic remoteness



Communities also have important assets

Collaborative networks and community connections

Shared values and interests and desire to provide support

Inclusive knowledge production

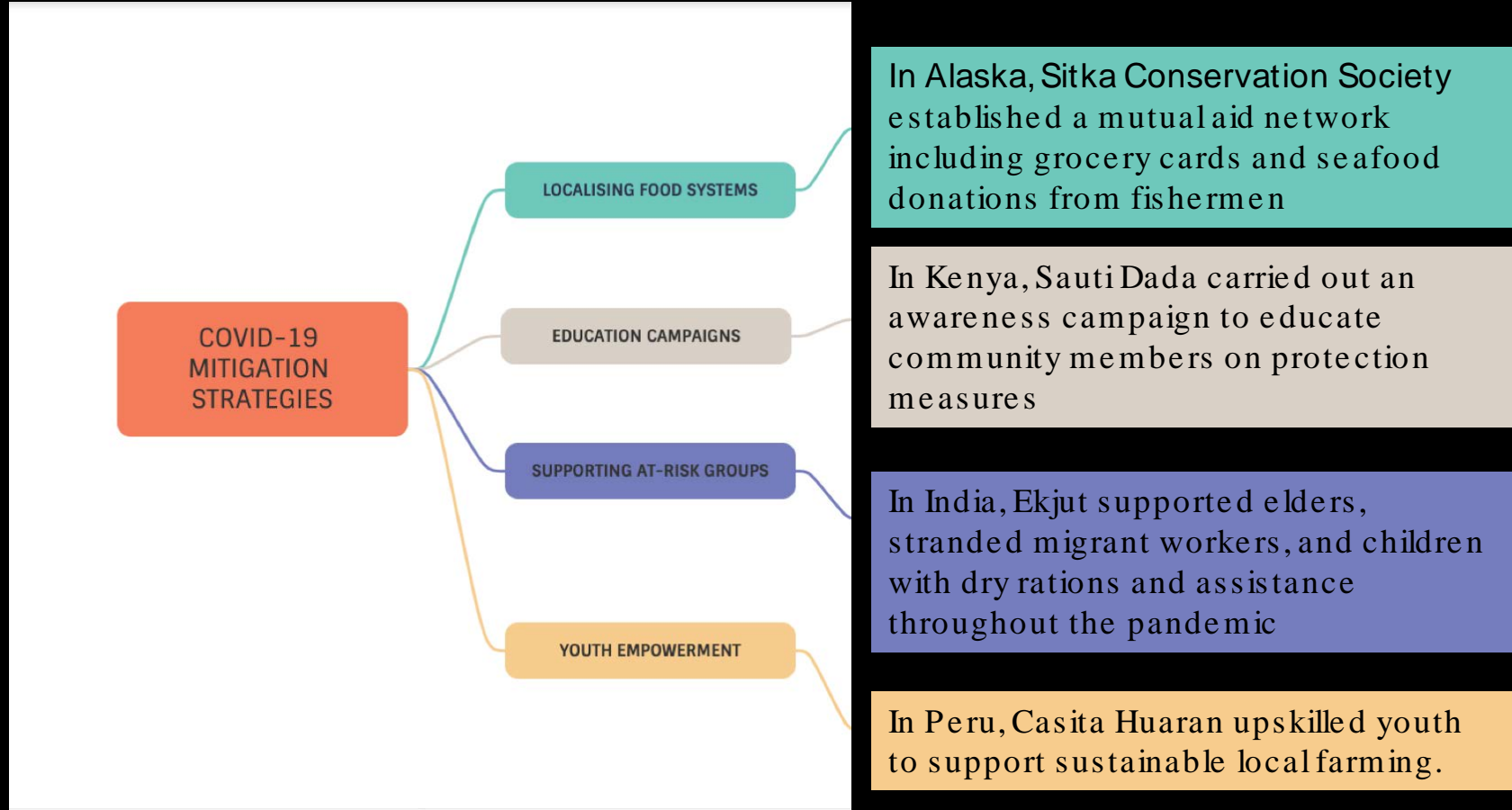
Understanding social determinants and root causes

Local natural resources and systems of governance

CBOs developed pandemic responses centering on equity and youth

- Linking livelihoods, equity, health, wellbeing, and the environment through a rights-based approach
- Focusing on supporting the pandemic's impacts on the most vulnerable populations
- Developing and strengthening local resources and systems for long-term health

Examples of CBO-led COVID-19 mitigation initiatives

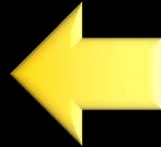


Promoting community health must be approached from multiple directions

1. Support community agency and leadership in pursuing their health goals and values
2. Challenge inequitable power relations and environmental practices that degrade local capacities for health



Solutions can come from small-scale but connected-up community initiatives



Thanks for your attention!

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