The importance of social intervention assessments

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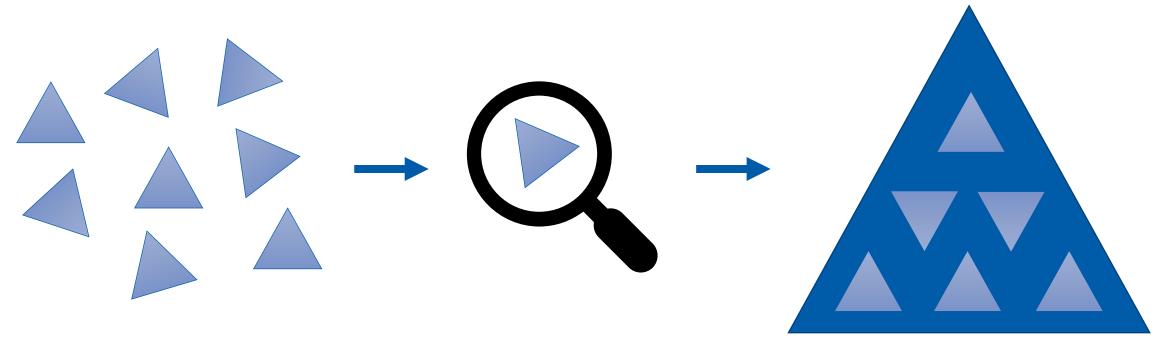
Why social interventions assessments?

We want to make informed decisions, however

- scientific knowledge is published daily
- relevant research is difficult to identify
- requires an ability to evaluate research quality







Primary research studies

Systematic review of research



The systematic review of research Access certainty Synthesizing Assessing risk of bias Selecting studies Searching for studies Defining research questions



SBU's mission

Social intervention assessments to

- use societal resources in the best way
- contribute to evidence-based practice
- facilitate informed decisions that benefit users
- Science-based knowledge provides better health and welfare





How does SBU contribute to evidence-based practice in social care?



Presents available research for different interventions



Contributes with scientific knowledge to national guidelines



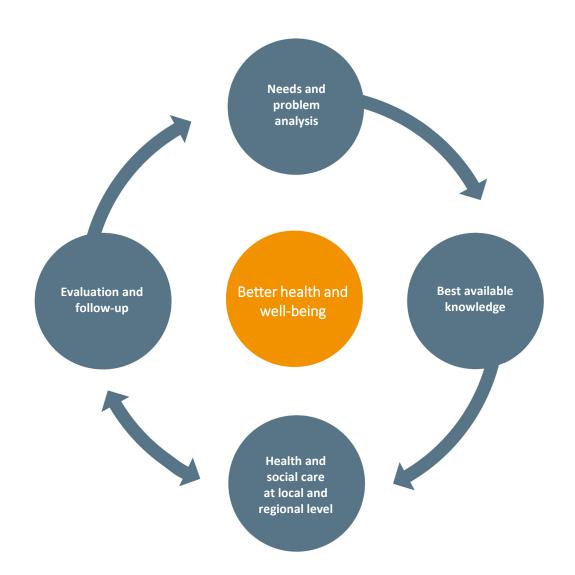
Supports researchers and research funders

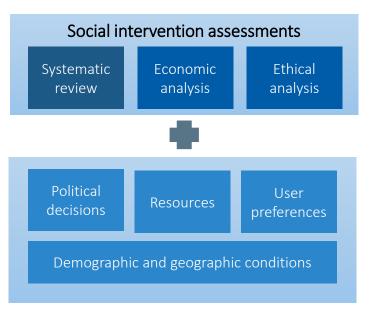


Supports governmental agencies and decision makers



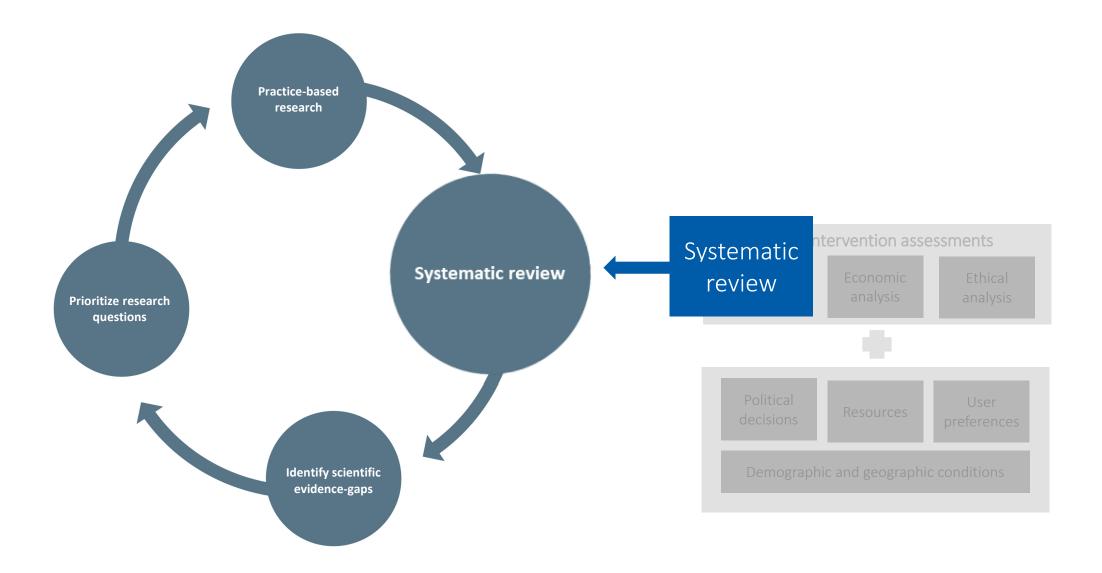
Practice-based generation of knowledge







Scientific research generation of knowledge





What are the problems?

- Few or no studies
- Lack of studies in a Swedish or Nordic context
- Too few participants in the studies
- Weaknesses in study design or structure
- Inadequate reporting of studies
- Important populations are missing or excluded
- Studies use many different outcomes as well as different ways of measuring outcomes
- More studies are needed to investigate combinations of interventions





Possibilities for the future

- Practice-based research
- Research in a Nordic context
- Research on the implementation of new interventions
- Prioritize research based on the needs of users and professionals
- Strengthen systems for dissemination of knowledge to support implementation





International network for social intervention assessment

- A network that supports evidencebased social welfare decision-making
- Better people's lives by promoting the use of evidence-informed social care interventions
- www.insia.network





Thank you!

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