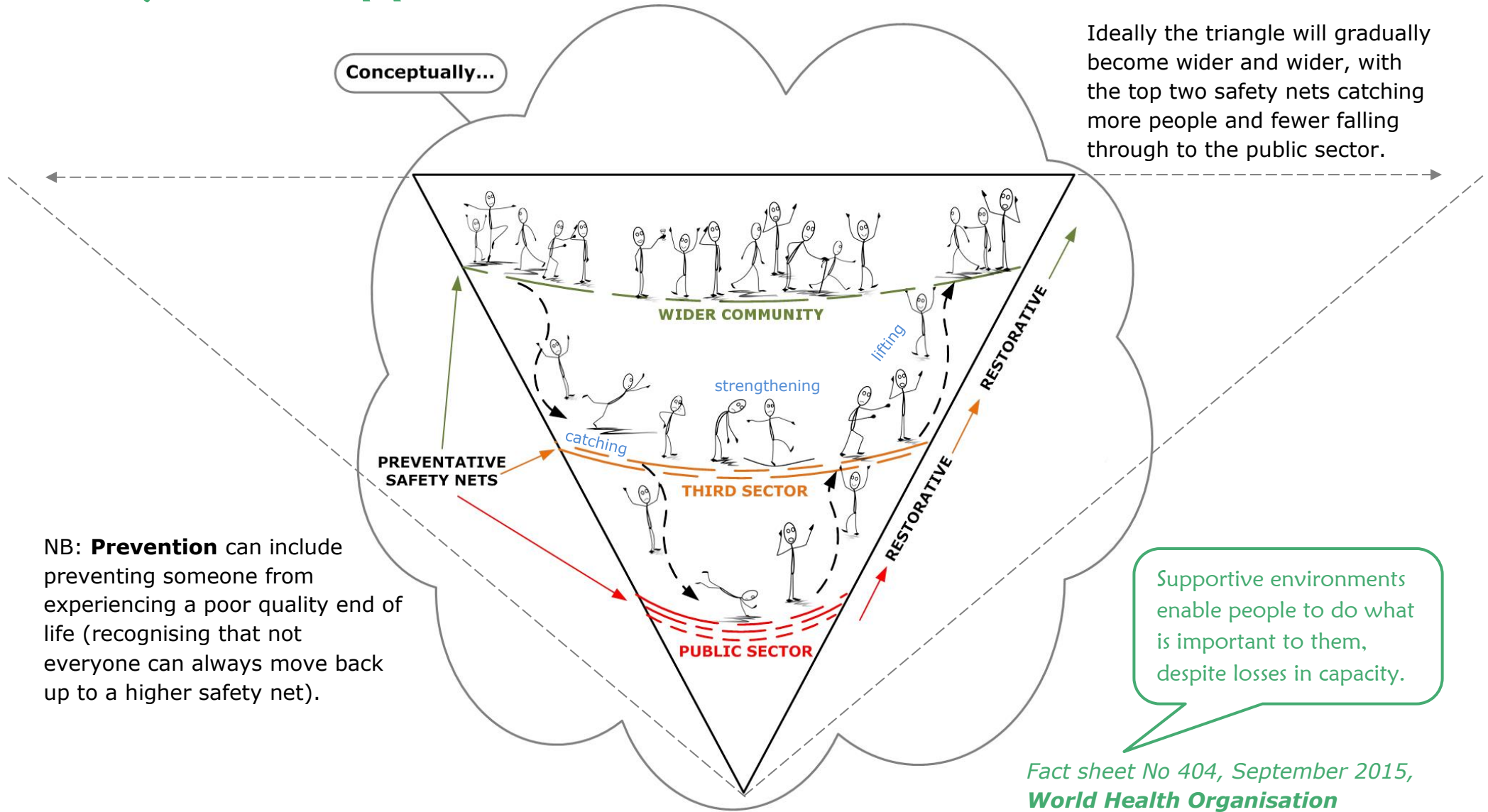


Layers of Support

Conceptually...

Ideally the triangle will gradually become wider and wider, with the top two safety nets catching more people and fewer falling through to the public sector.



NB: **Prevention** can include preventing someone from experiencing a poor quality end of life (recognising that not everyone can always move back up to a higher safety net).

Supportive environments enable people to do what is important to them, despite losses in capacity.

Fact sheet No 404, September 2015, World Health Organisation

The *Layers of Support* diagram is a way of understanding how the different types of support within society (from organic unofficial networks through to statutory provision) fit together.

This model not only represents **prevention**, **early intervention** and **acute service provision**; it also shows how people may be able to be kept safe and restored to the highest possible level for them.

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We would love to hear what you think about this diagram, how you use it or develop it.

Further information and Threading the Needle resources can be found on the ESS website.



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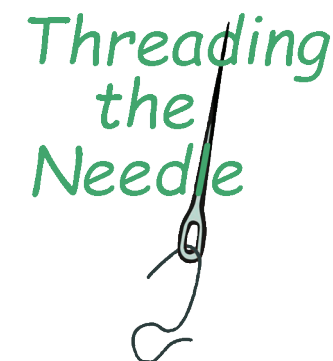
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