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RCAN

Refugee Community
Advocacy Network

Strength-Based Approach to Refugee Settlement

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What are we going to discuss today?

- Refugee Communities Advocacy Network (RCAN)
- Global Scenario and Key Players
- Refugee Resettlement: Key findings from an international study
- Redefining Refugees with their Strengths
- Successful Settlement: External & Internal Factors
- Proposed Settlement Approach.

Refugee Communities Advocacy Network (RCAN)

RCAN Story

- * Inaugural Conference on 21 May 2016
- * Official launch 21 February 2017
- * Supported by RCOA and STARTTS

RCAN has been initiated on a foundation of strength

- * A network led by and representing people from refugee and asylum seeker background
- * Platform where the refugee communities come together and build an enduring relationship with each other as new Australians
- * Creating a platform for learning, capacity building and knowledge sharing
- * Collaborative approach - Joint advocacy and policy input.

Principles of: Inclusiveness; Engaging the grass-root; Accountability; Empowering communities and individuals; Leadership; Collaboration with the sector and beyond.

Global Scenario

Then (1950)

- ❖ UNHCR established
- ❖ 1 m people uprooted after WW II
- ❖ Budget: US\$0.3million

Now (2017)

- ❖ 65.6m forcibly displaced people
- ❖ 22.5m refugees
- ❖ Budget: US\$7.7B

Refugee - Global Scenario; Strength-based Approach to Refugee Settlement, Om Dhungel, Sept17

Key Players and Potential Solutions

Origin countries

UNHCR

- Home
- Host
- Third country

Host countries

Resettlement countries

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Refugee Resettlement

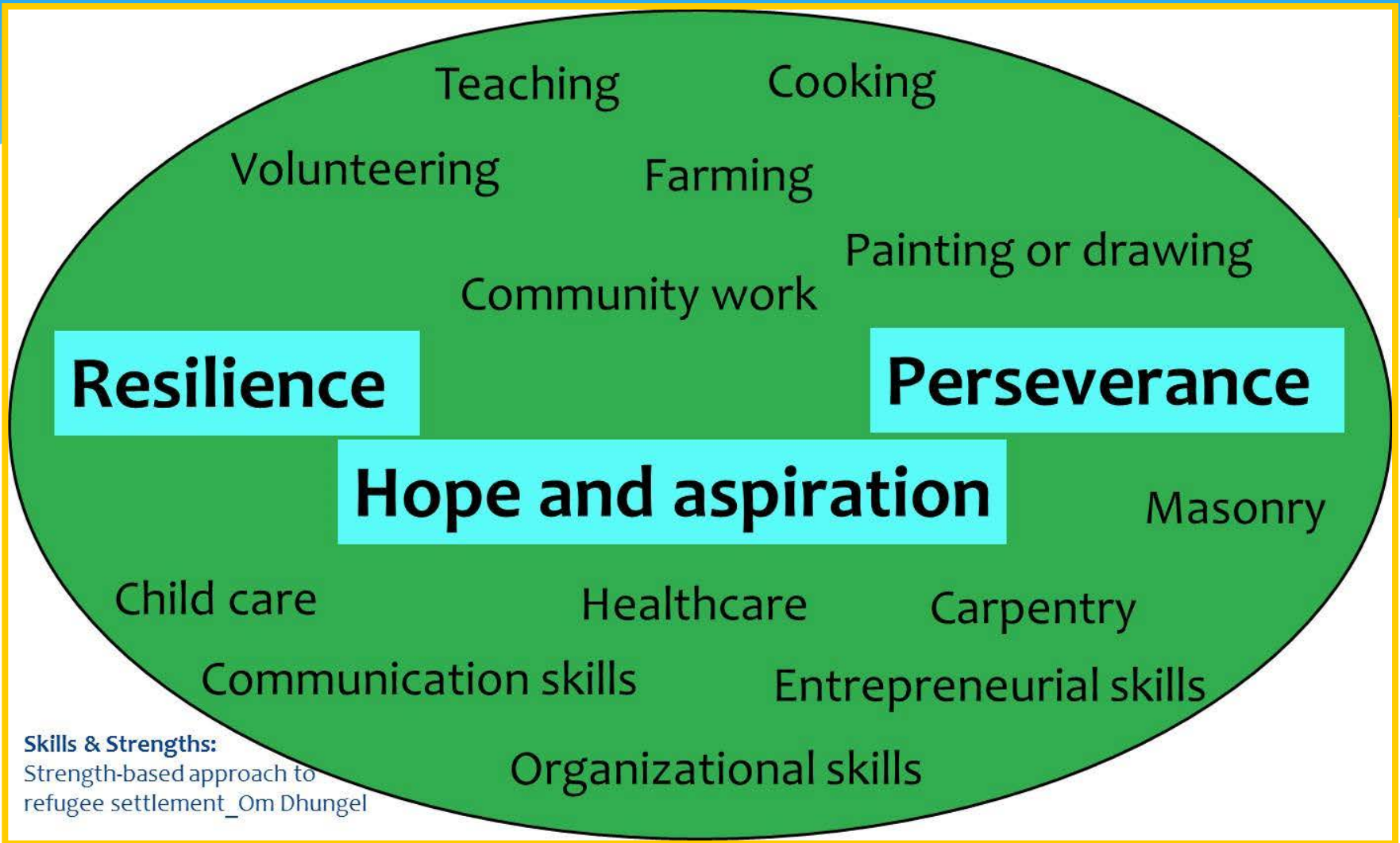
Sharing the Burden to Sharing the Opportunity

Moving the debate on refugees from sharing the burden to sharing the opportunity

Key findings from an international study as part of Westpac Social Change Fellow

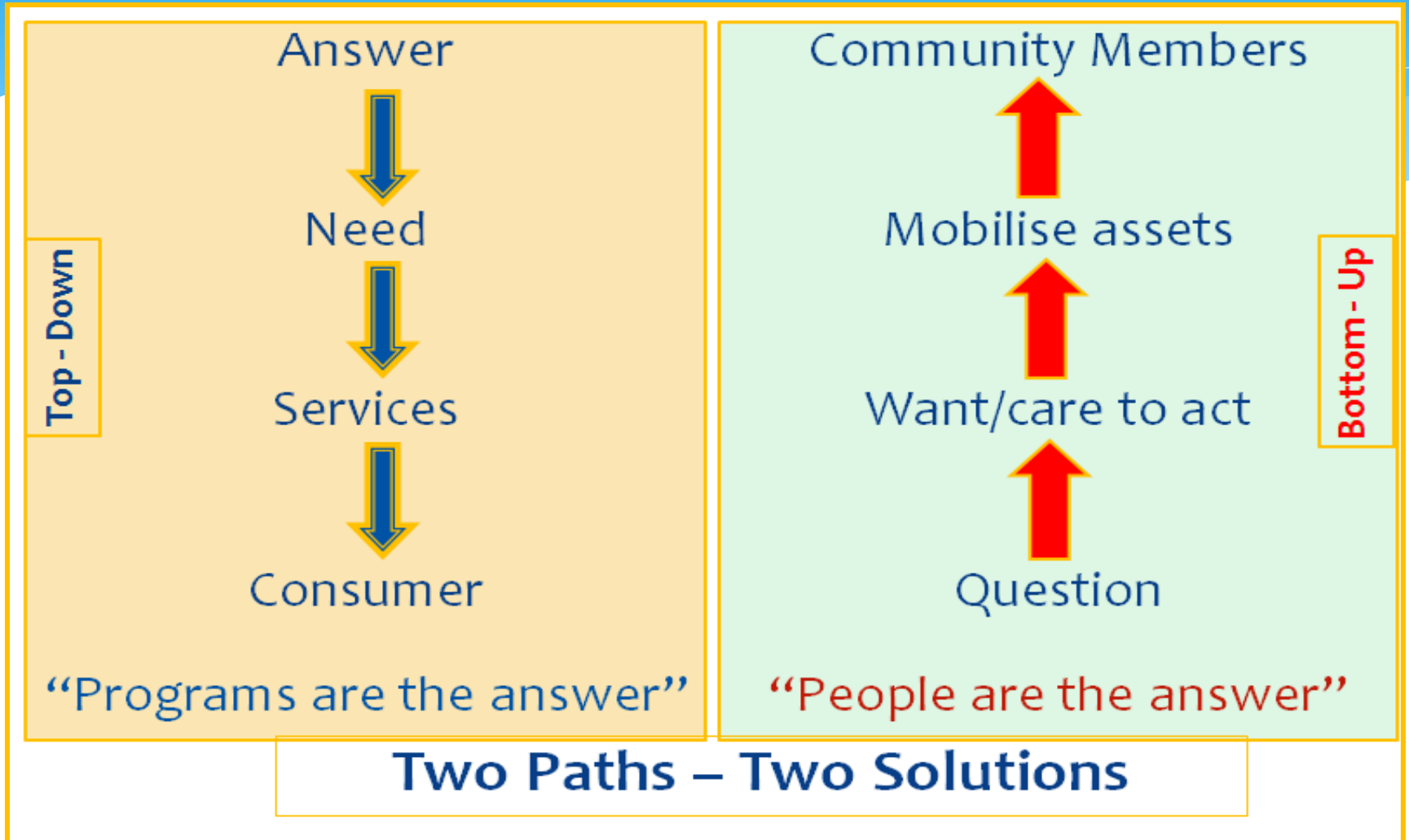
- Defining refugees by their strengths and assets
- Strength-based, holistic approach to refugee settlement
- Utilisation of lived refugee experience
- Working collaboratively and driving community engagement.

Redefining Refugees with their Strengths



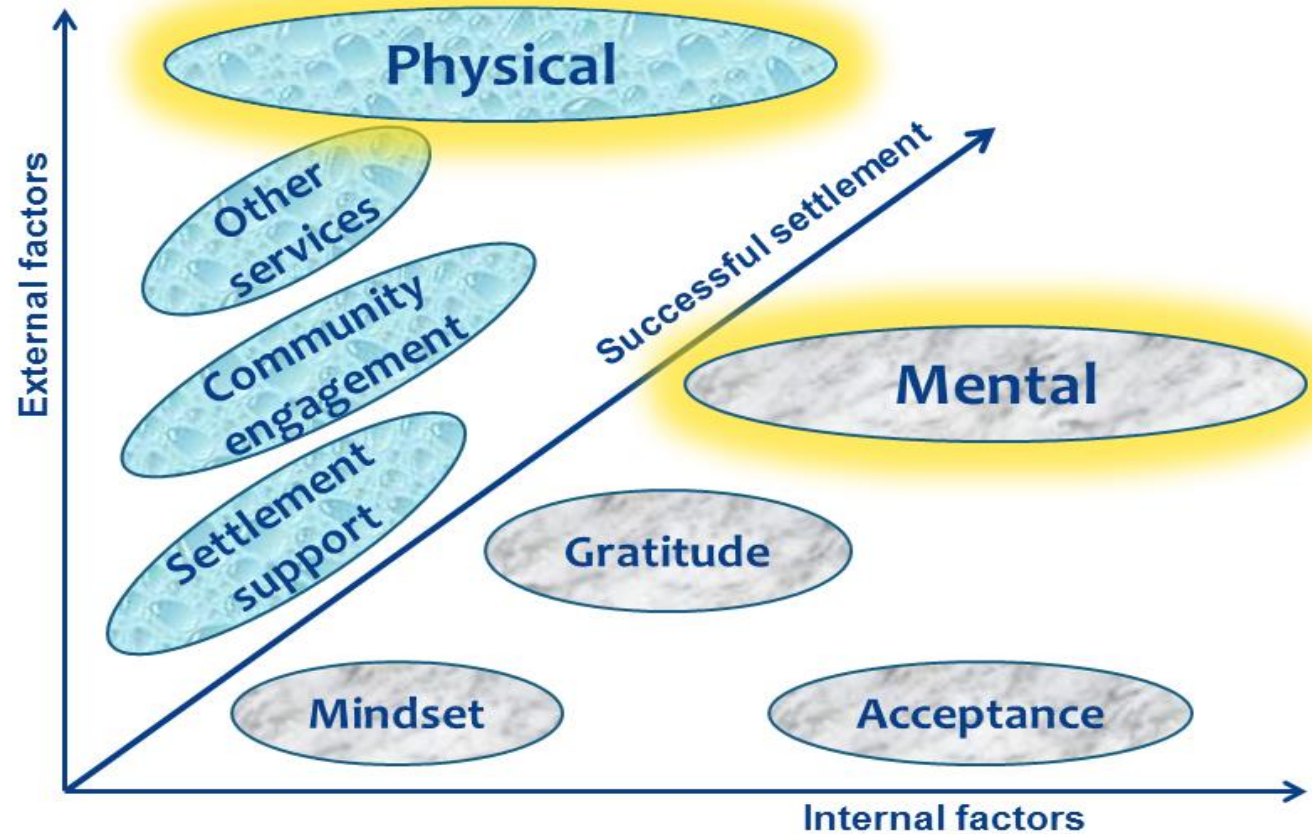
Skills & Strengths:
Strength-based approach to
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How Settlement Providers Can Approach Service Provision & Delivery



Successful Settlement: External & Internal Factors

- Mental aspects
- Close-knit families and communities



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Proposed Settlement Approach

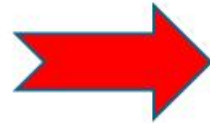


Happiness as the purpose of life

Finding happiness from within

Living in the:

- Regret of the past
- Fear of the future



Living in the:

- Learnings of the past
- Possibilities of the future

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***You have no cause for anything but Gratitude and Joy
– Gautam Buddha***

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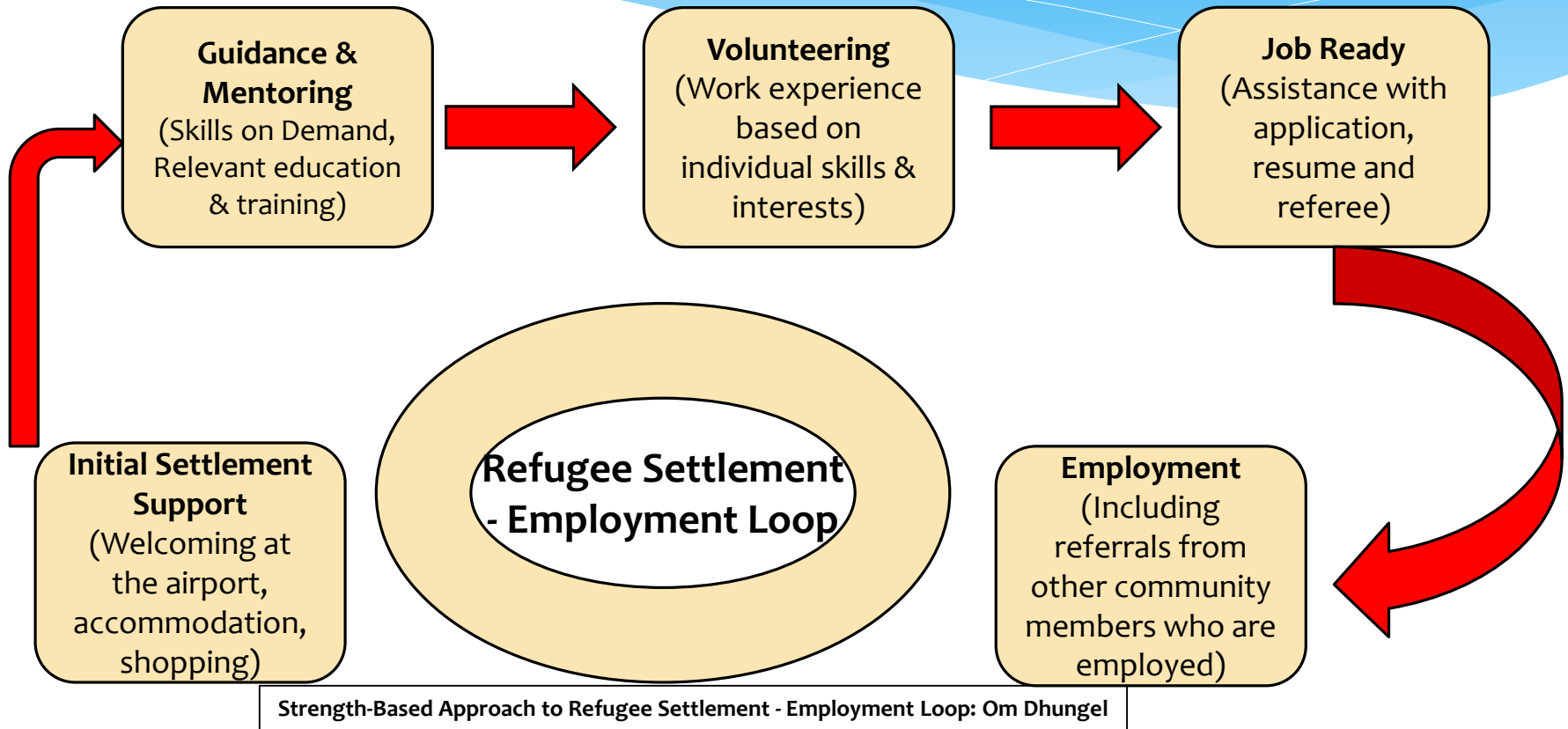
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Appendix

Employment Loop



Five Steps to Successful settlement

