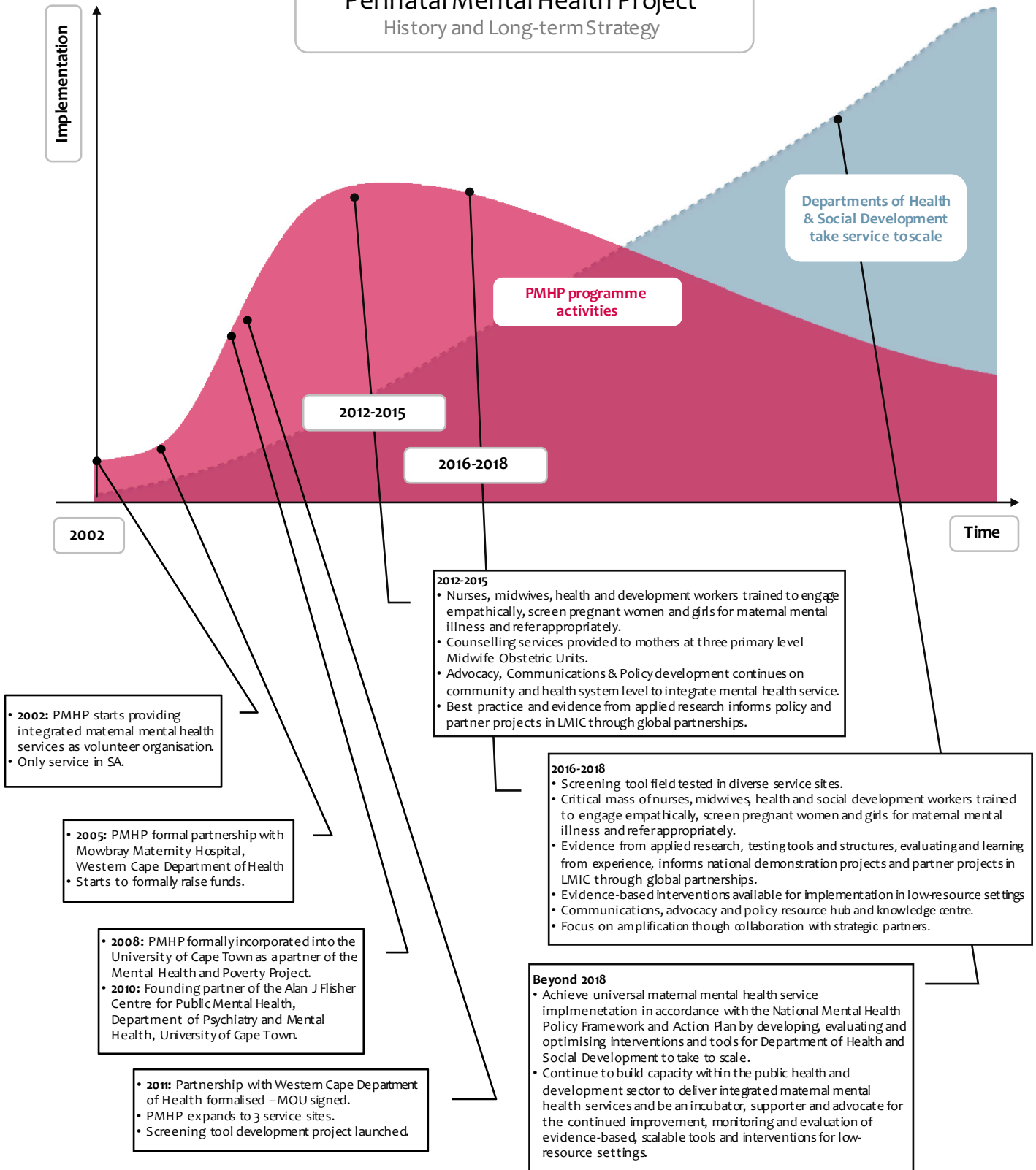


Perinatal Mental Health Project

History and Long-term Strategy



From decade 1 to decade 2

The mission of the Perinatal Mental Health Project (PMHP) is to develop and advocate for accessible maternal mental health care that can be delivered effectively at scale in low resource settings. Since 2002, the PMHP has developed and expanded 4 inter-related programmes supporting this mission. Several strides forward have been made through the development of strong stakeholder partnerships and working relationships, increasing health system and workforce capacity, refinement of service models and the development of policy in several arenas.

It is anticipated that in the second decade of the development of PMHP, the Departments of Health and Social Development will at many levels, and increasingly, be integrating components of PMHP models and lessons into maternal and child care. This process will require the on-going support and experience of the PMHP to inform service quality, reach and uptake. Thus, over time, the PMHP envisions that its role will change to be less of a service provider and more of a service supporter, resource and knowledge hub for the refinement of best practice models.