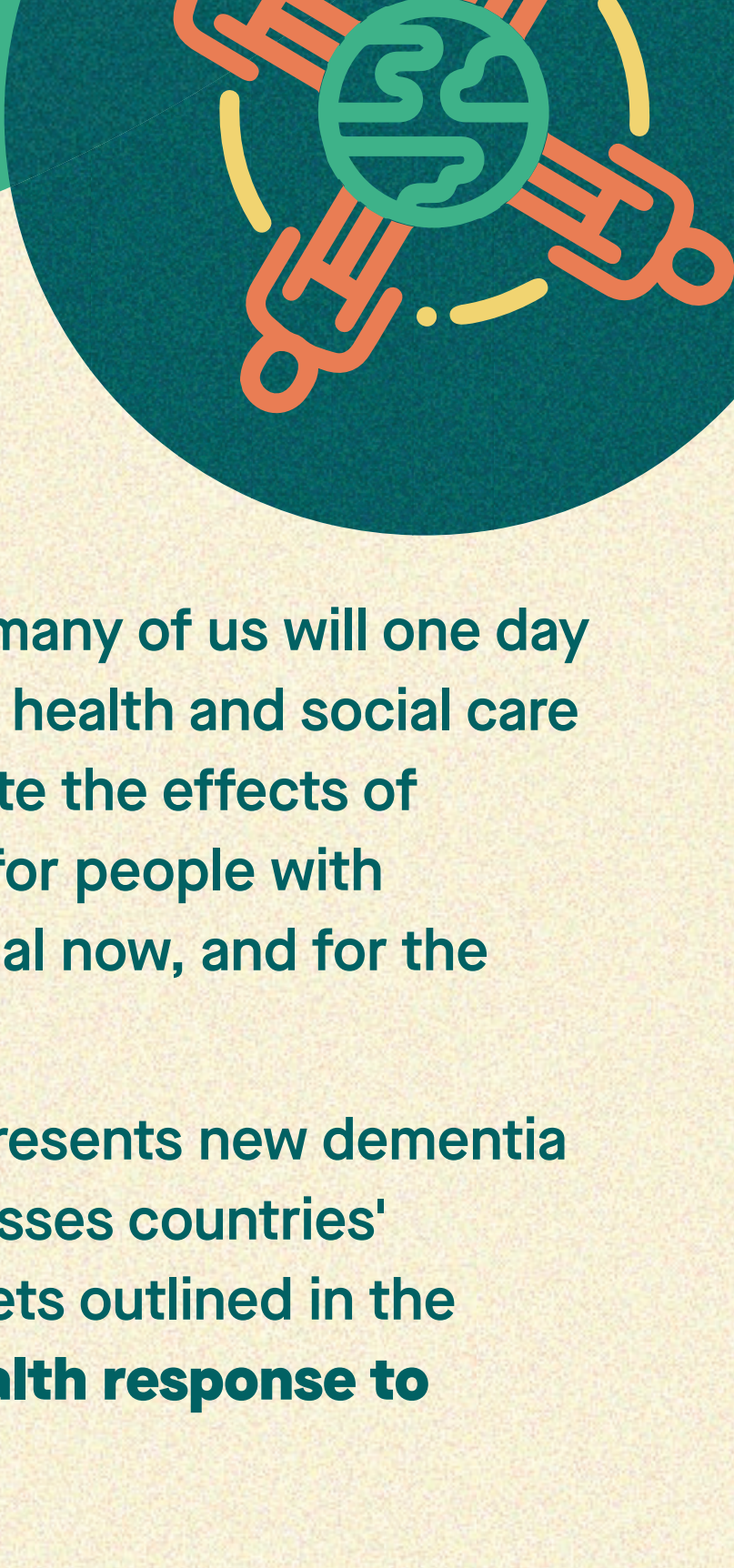




Global status report on the public health response to dementia

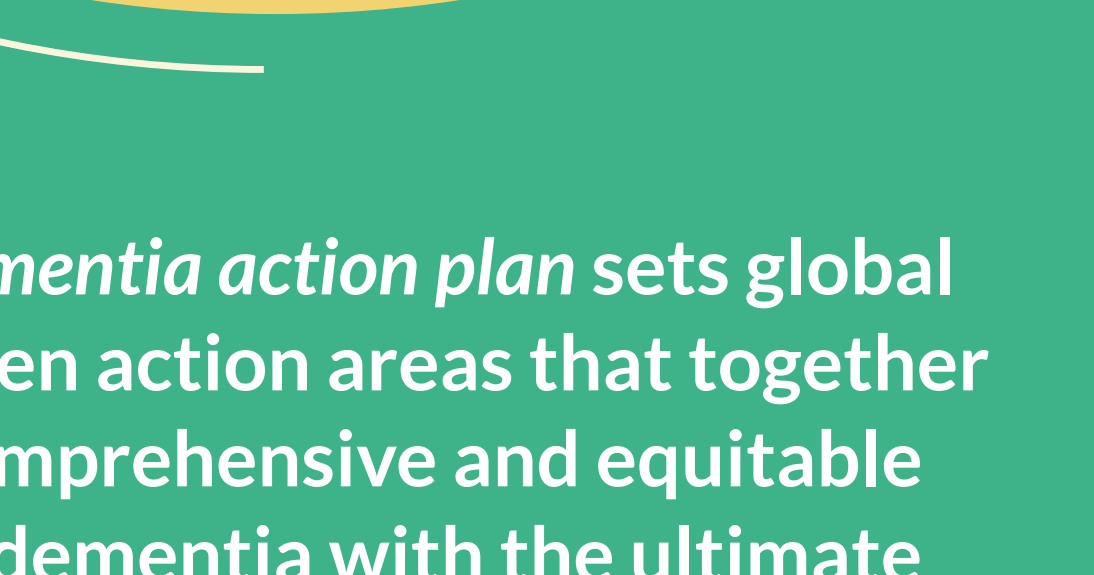


As the world's population is ageing, many of us will one day need services for dementia. Building health and social care systems to prevent, delay and mitigate the effects of dementia and providing quality care for people with dementia and their families is essential now, and for the future in our ageing world.

The Global dementia status report presents new dementia burden and cost estimates and discusses countries' progress in achieving the global targets outlined in the **Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017-2025**.

55.2
million people with dementia globally, over 60% in LMICs*

PROJECTIONS FOR NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA



7th
leading cause of death

65%
of dementia-related deaths are in women

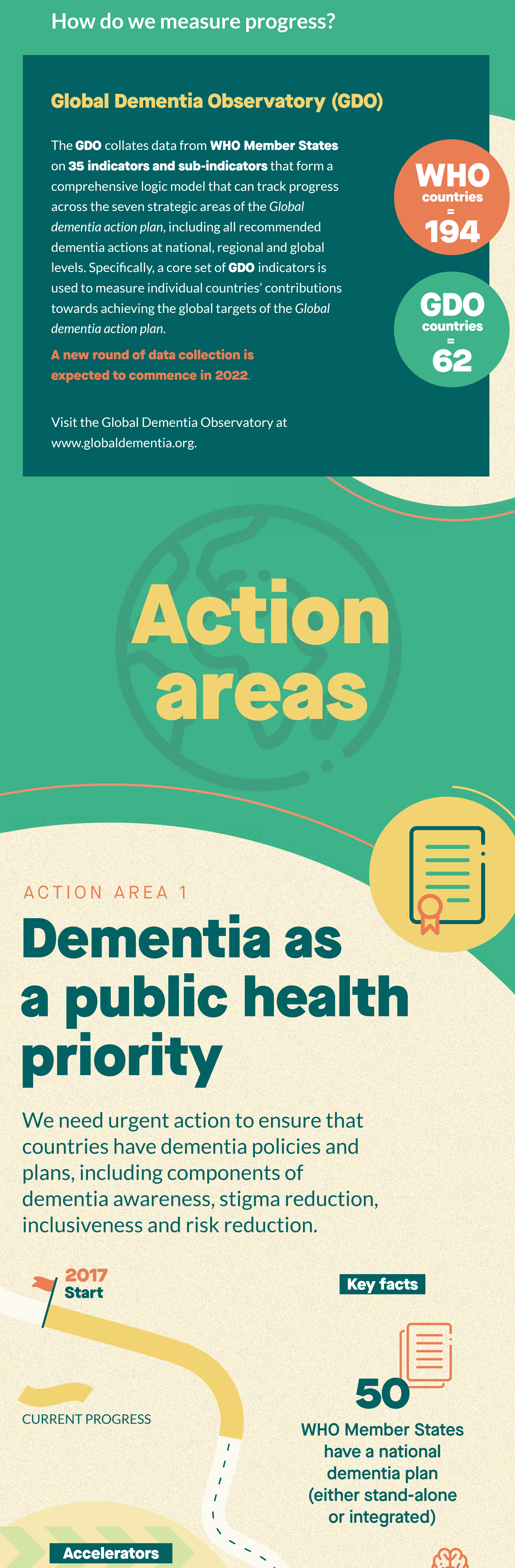
1.3
trillion USD estimated global cost of dementia in 2019

* Low- and middle-income countries

The *Global dementia action plan* sets global targets for seven action areas that together support a comprehensive and equitable response to dementia with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of people with dementia, their families and carers.

Global targets overview

The report clearly shows that we need renewed, coordinated efforts by all stakeholders across all action areas if we are to achieve the targets set by the *Global dementia action plan* for 2025.



How do we measure progress?

Global Dementia Observatory (GDO)

The **GDO** collates data from **WHO Member States** on **35 indicators and sub-indicators** that form a comprehensive logic model that can track progress across the seven strategic areas of the *Global dementia action plan*, including all recommended dementia actions at national, regional and global levels. Specifically, a core set of **GDO** indicators is used to measure individual countries' contributions towards achieving the global targets of the *Global dementia action plan*.

A new round of data collection is expected to commence in 2022.

Visit the Global Dementia Observatory at www.globaldementia.org.

WHO countries = 194

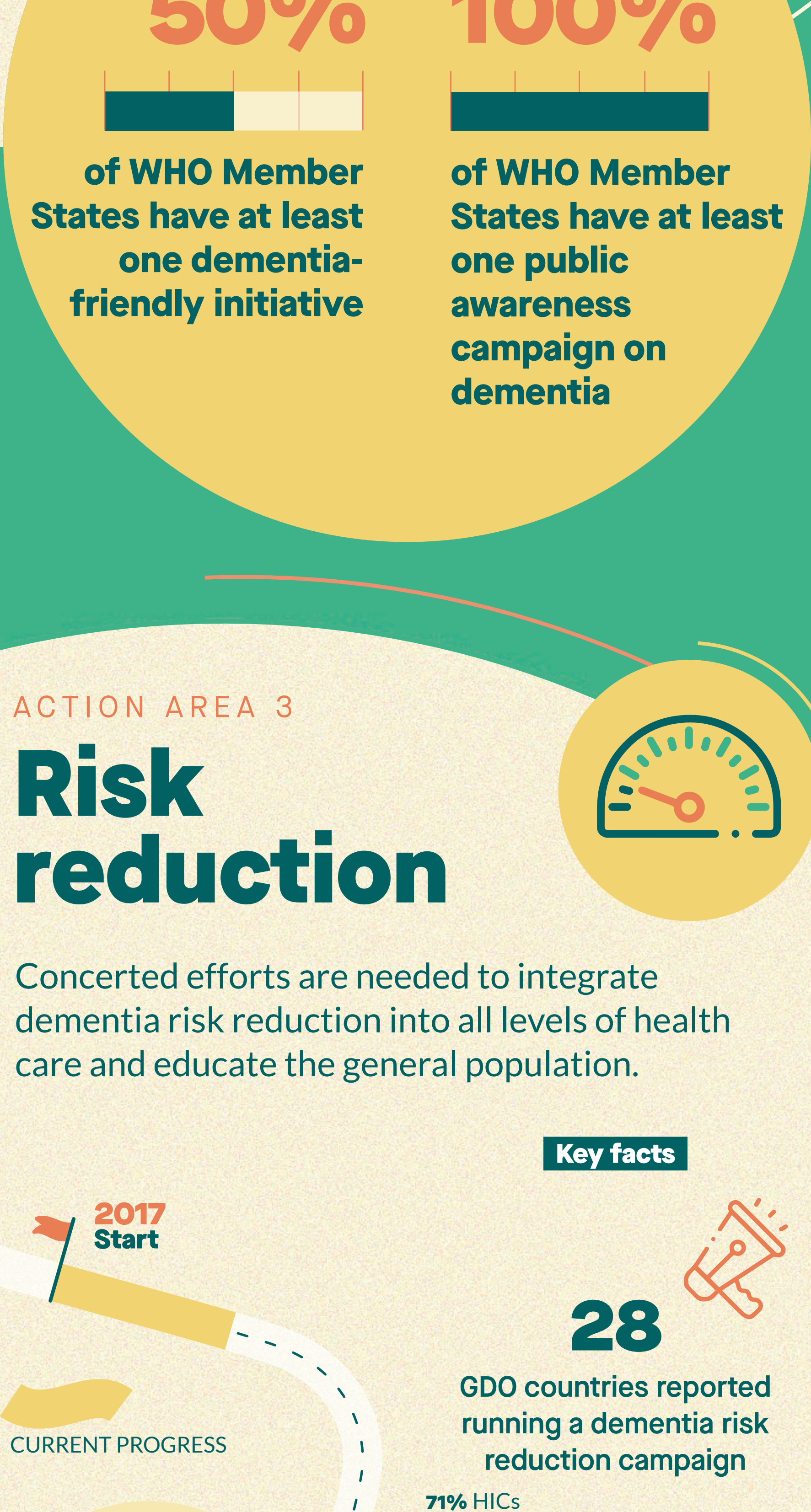
GDO countries = 62

Action areas

ACTION AREA 1

Dementia as a public health priority

We need urgent action to ensure that countries have dementia policies and plans, including components of dementia awareness, stigma reduction, inclusiveness and risk reduction.



ACTION AREA 2

Awareness

Increasing public awareness, acceptance and understanding of dementia and making the physical and social environment more dementia-inclusive will help to decrease stigma and enable people with dementia to participate in the community.



ACTION AREA 3

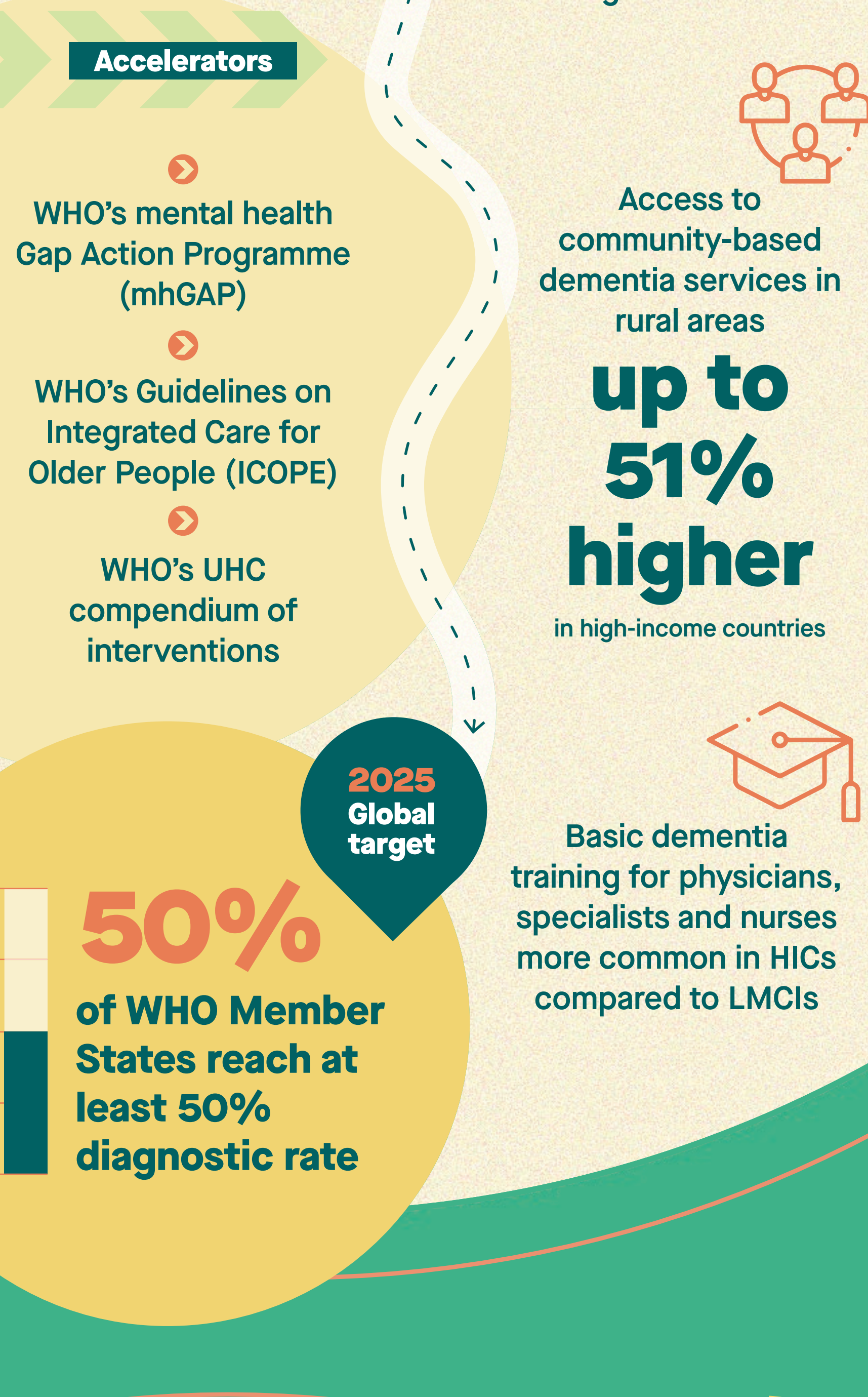
Risk reduction

Concerted efforts are needed to integrate dementia risk reduction into all levels of health care and educate the general population.

ACTION AREA 4

Diagnosis, treatment and care

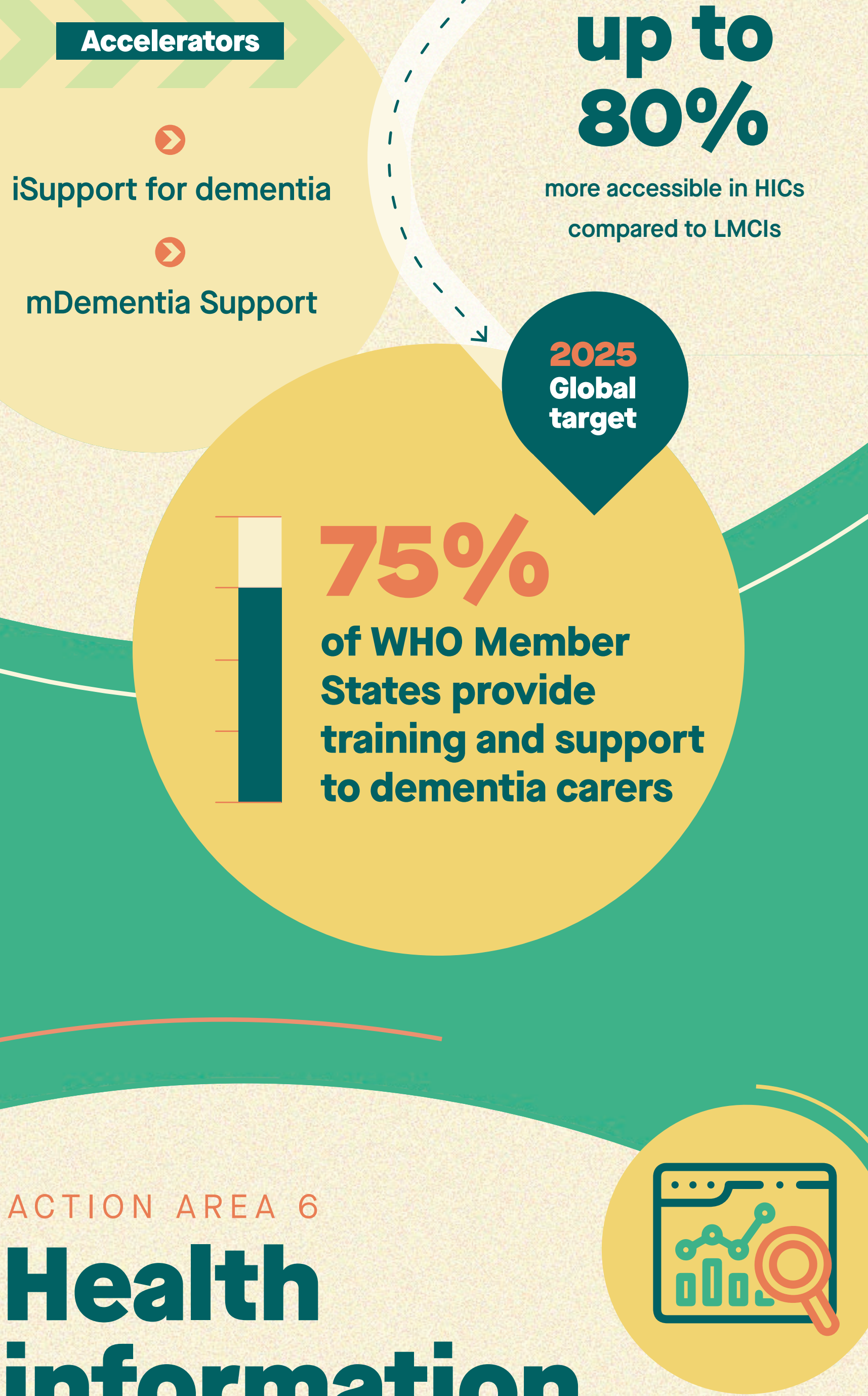
We must improve equitable access to integrated, person-centred, community-based health services for people with dementia, from diagnosis through the entire care pathway.



ACTION AREA 5

Support for dementia carers

Carer programmes and services must be developed, funded and equitably implemented to reduce the burden on families and support carers.



ACTION AREA 6

Health information systems

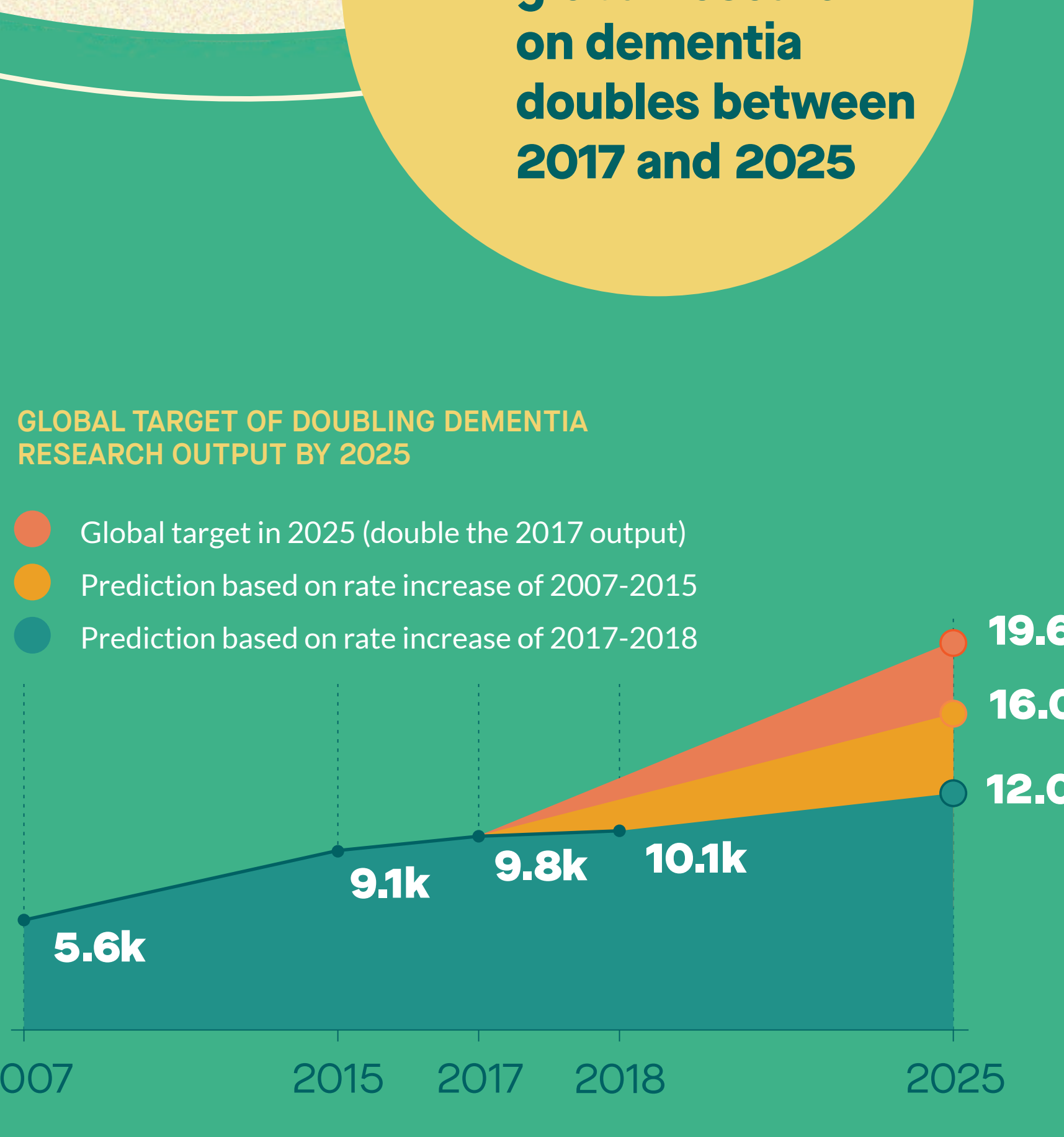
It is imperative to increase countries' capacity to maintain health information systems for dementia and monitor core indicators that are vital to guide evidence-based actions and monitor progress over time.



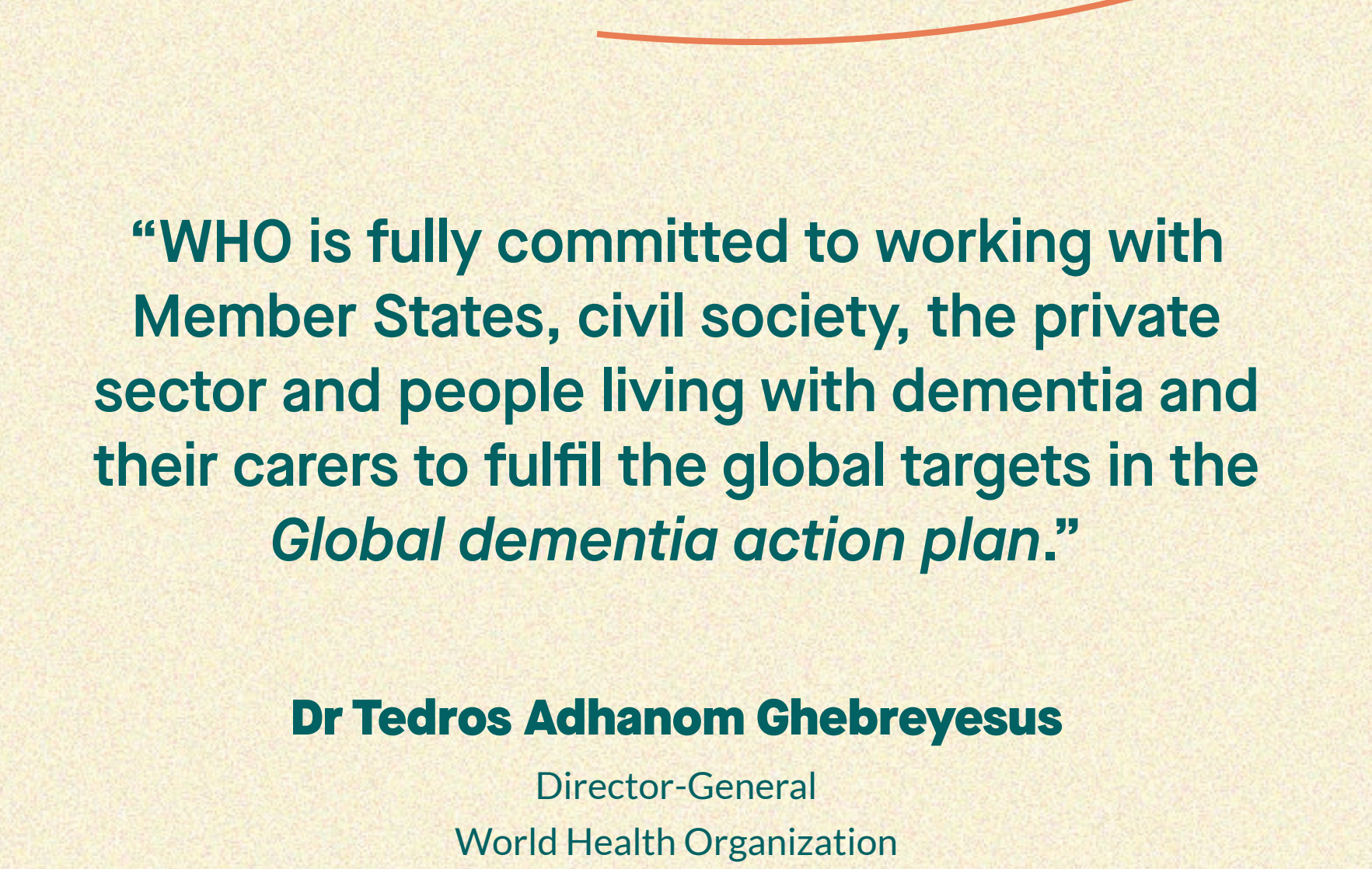
ACTION AREA 7

Research and innovation

Global investment and coordination are needed to promote innovation and scientific development for dementia. These efforts must be rooted in equity with the active participation of LMICs and people with dementia.



GLOBAL TARGET OF DOUBLING DEMENTIA RESEARCH OUTPUT BY 2025



“WHO is fully committed to working with Member States, civil society, the private sector and people living with dementia and their carers to fulfil the global targets in the *Global dementia action plan*.”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

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