

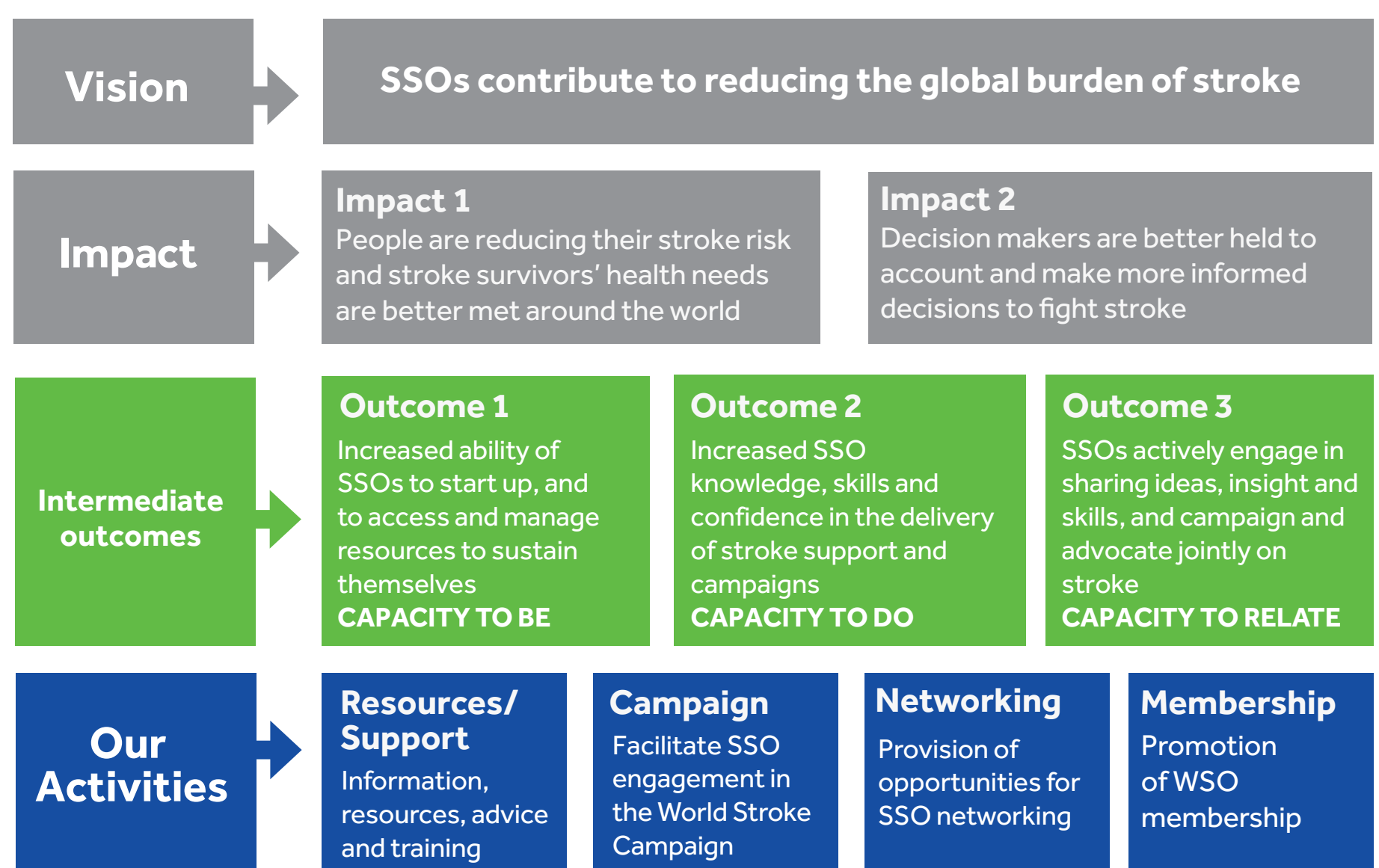
Establishing, supporting and strengthening a global network of stroke support organizations (SSOs)

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Background: Theme A of the WSO Strategy 2016-2020 is to strengthen global capacity to reduce the impact of stroke, with a priority to establish, support and strengthen a global SSO network, particularly in low and middle income countries. SSOs are non-governmental organizations that are focused on the needs and issues of people affected by stroke. Within the WSO this work is led by the SSO Committee and the International Development Manager. Since 2017 the work of the International Development Manager has been jointly funded by the WSO and the Stroke Association, the UK's leading stroke charity.

Theory of change:

Our capacity building activities are focused on the capacity of SSOs 'to be', 'to do' and 'to relate'. This is reflected in the intermediate outcomes detailed in the theory of change for the SSO Development Programme (see diagram).



Intermediate outcomes:

Through the basic data collection methods currently used in the SSO Development Programme we can identify the programme's outputs to date in 2018 and progress towards our intermediate outcomes.

Outputs	Progress towards intermediate outcomes
The WSO now has 50 SSO members, the highest number it's ever had. The number of members has increased by over a third since 2017.	The increasing SSO membership has contributed to the success of the World Stroke Campaign, with the largest number of SSO events registered and prominence of stroke survivor stories. The establishment of the African SSO online network. SSOs in Nigeria have developed a joint funding bid. The SSO in Sri Lanka has registered formally and there are plans to establish SSOs in Jamaica, Argentina and Tanzania.
We have developed the SSO blog, SSO Spotlight case studies, Linking Initiative and SSO workshop at the World Stroke Congress.	
45 SSOs registered World Stroke Day events in 2017. This is an increase of 42% from 2016. There were 22 stroke survivor blogs for the campaign, with 11,535 views to date.	
The International Development Manager is a dedicated WSO focal point for SSOs. In the first six months of 2018, there have been 18 new SSO contacts made.	

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Next steps: During 2018, the theory of change has been used to articulate the vision and desired impact of the SSO Development Programme. From 2019 it will be used to inform the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework.