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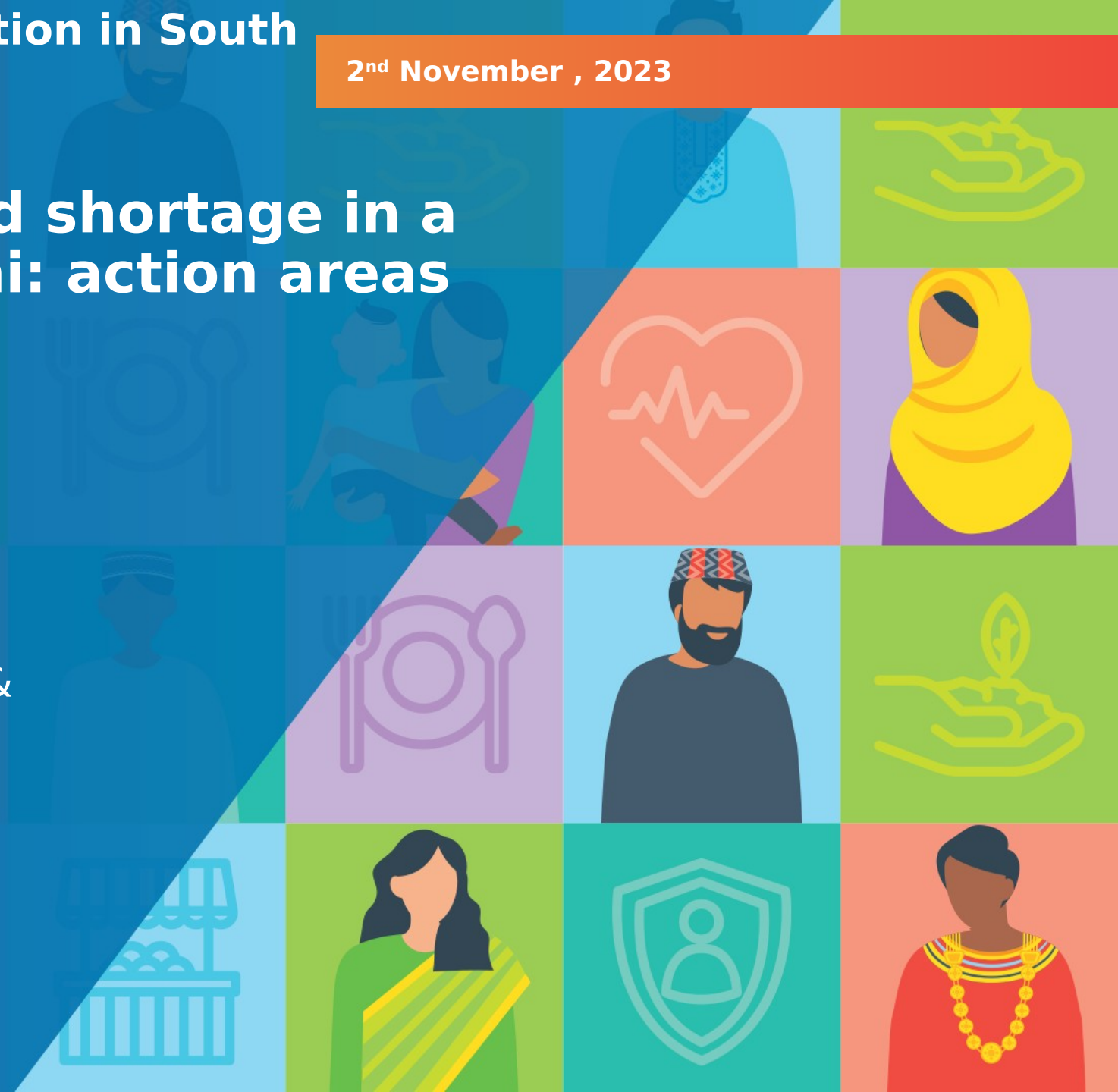
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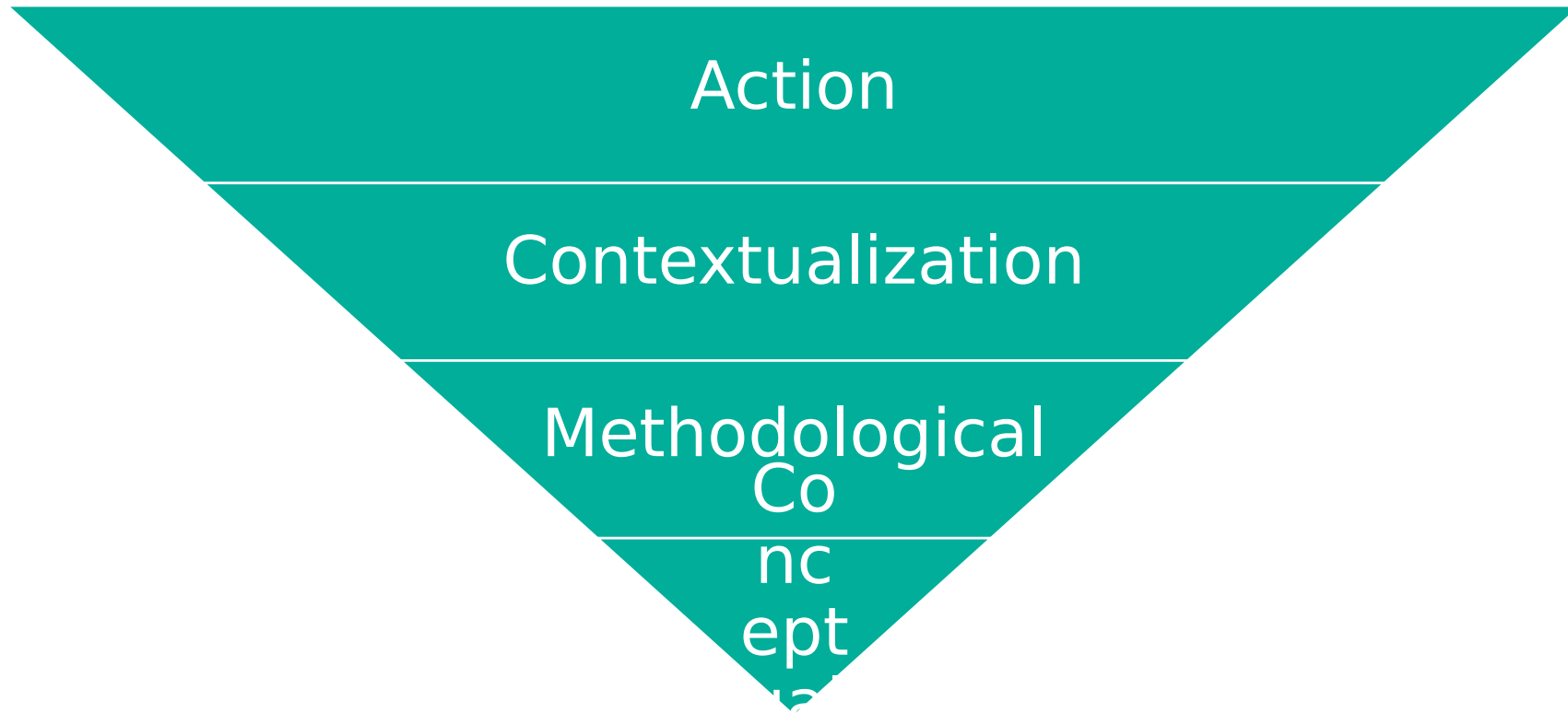


# Studying Experience of Acute Food shortage: Answering the whys?

## Overcoming Identified Literature Gaps: A Perspective

1. Conceptual gaps: Problematization in the concept of Acute food shortage
2. Methodological gaps: Household-Level vs. Community-Level
3. Gaps in Contextualization: Reconceptualizing the Context
4. Action Gaps: Action-Oriented Factors, Pathways,

# Holistic Bottoms-up Vision?



# Methodology

- Objective: To explore the experience of acute food shortage in an urban poor context.
- Study design: Qualitative
- Study site: A pocket of the JJ Slum Cluster, Seelampur, New Delhi in India.
- Method of data collection: Focused group discussions with ever-married women above 18 years of age were conducted
- Tools & techniques: Checklist on change in pattern of food consumption, its causes and manifestations, Unstructured interviews on change in food consumption pattern, its causes and manifestations were conducted with key community persons
- Method of data analysis: The responses were recorded with due consent and transcribed or key points were immediately noted for non-recorded data. Raw data was coded and grouped into sub-themes under a broader theoretical framework

# Findings



*Change in the food consumption pattern* : Deterioration in food diversity, quantity of food items purchased under change in the food consumption pattern

*Factors of acute food shortage:-*

1. Increase in food prices
2. Deterioration in available work or decline in incomes
3. Increased alcoholism, domestic violence
4. Financial distress from illness treatment
5. Dropping out of school
6. During high financial distress (e.g. covid-19 waves), specific extreme measures might be taken by the extremely poor

*Coping mechanisms* : debt, mortgages and/or sale of valuables

Change in food consumption pattern could be affected by the known and unknown factors

# Interpretation

- Better understanding of the proximal and distal factors
- Offers insights for macro nutrition sensitive and specific policies
- What additional research is needed for further understanding on this topic?  
Community - based solutions?  
Preparedness mechanism for the unknown factors?

Thank You!