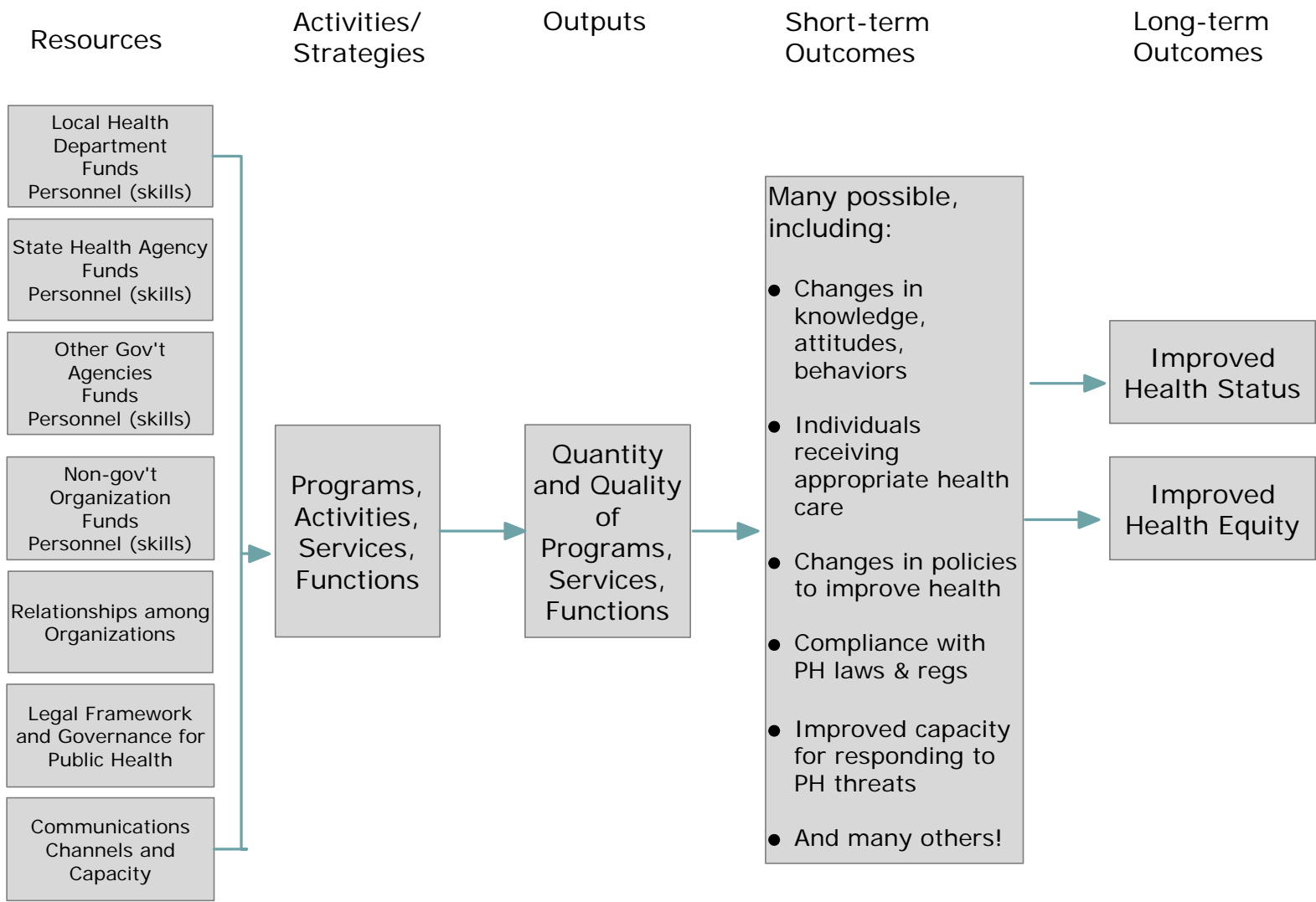


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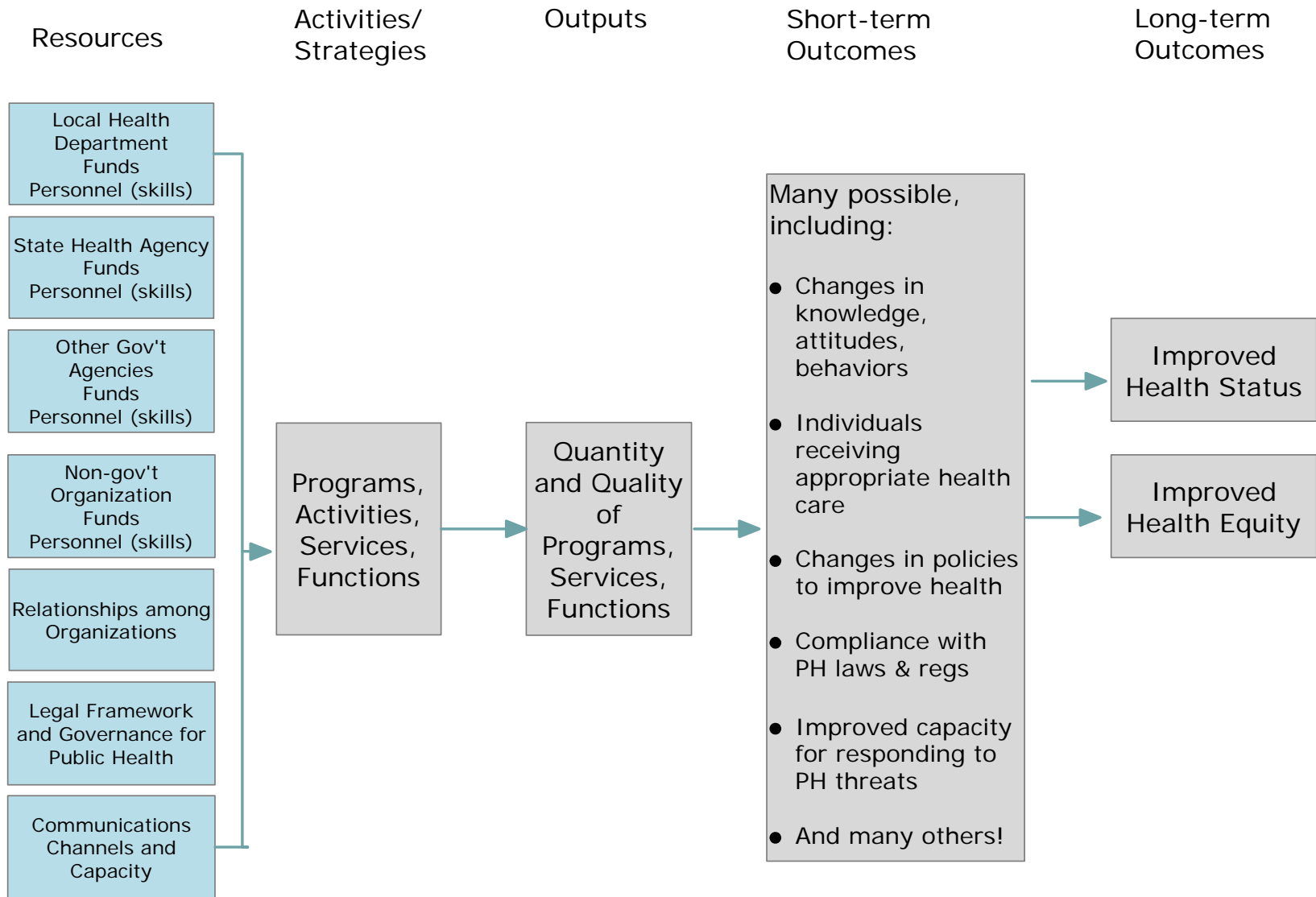
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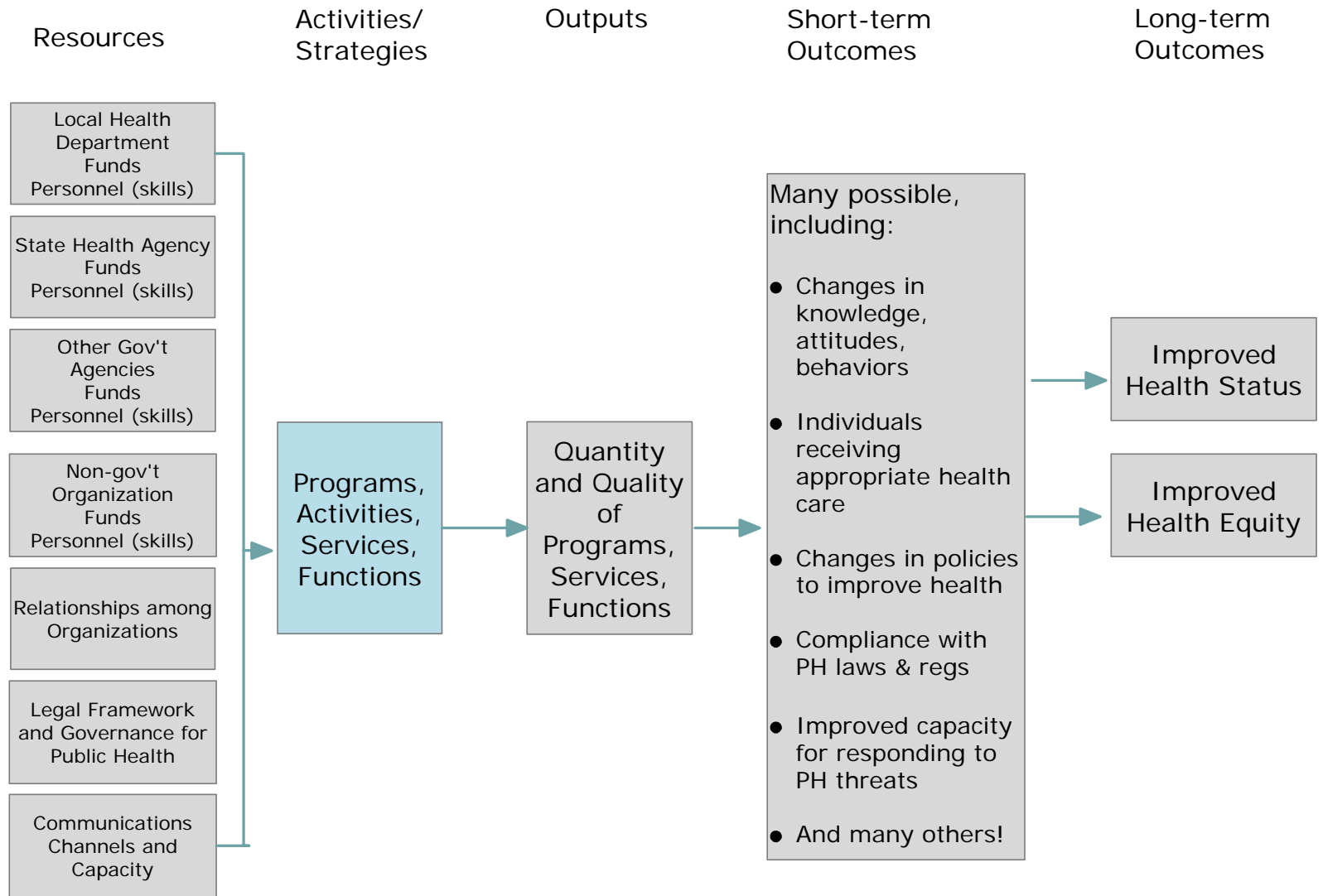
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Resources

- NACCHO and ASTHO collect extensive data on LHD and SHA resources
 - But, can be hard to analyze together, especially for centralized PH systems
 - Surveys do not break down resources by programmatic area
- No systematic collection of data from other members of the local PH system
- Measuring relationships among system members is in its infancy





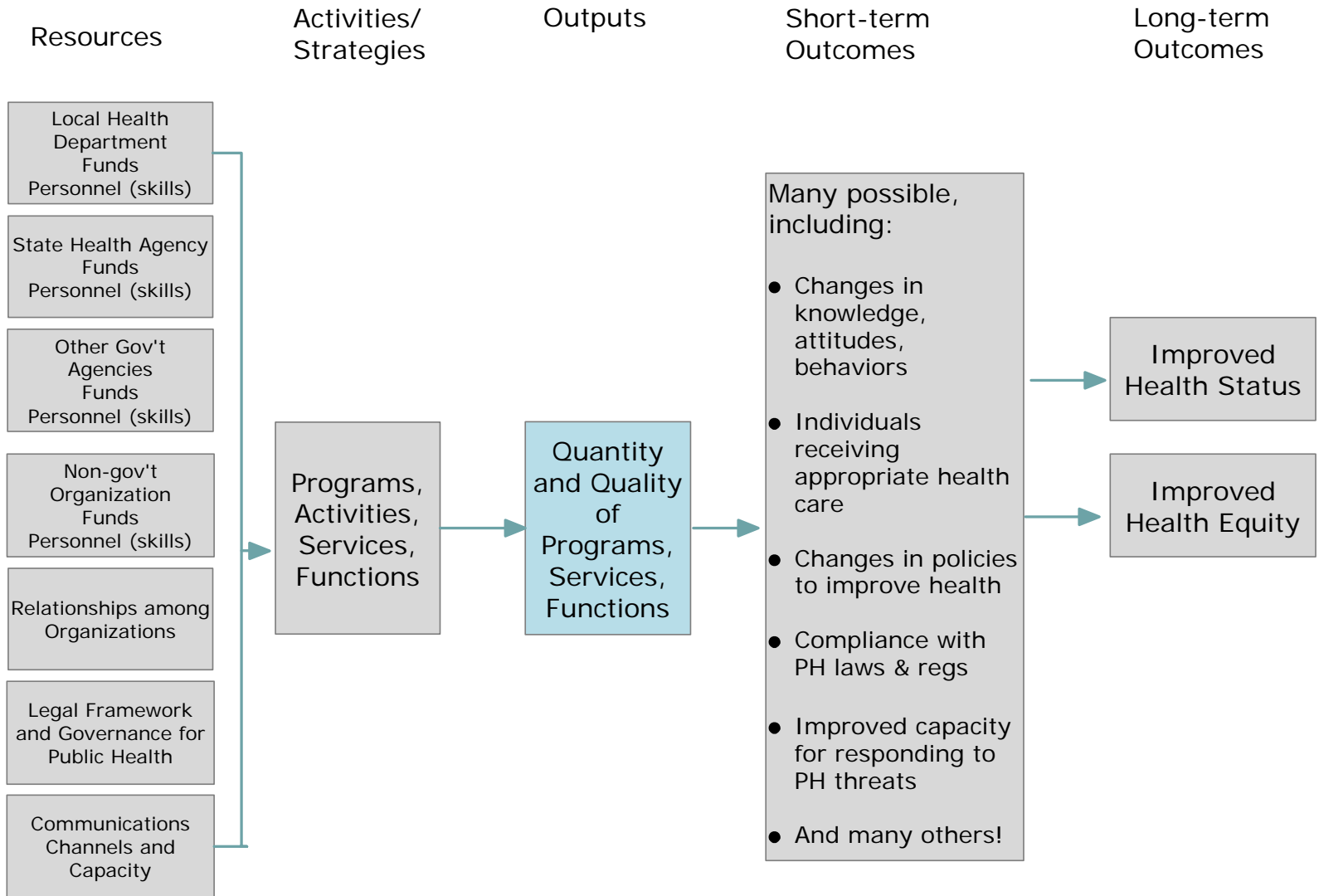
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Activities/Services/Functions

- NACCHO & ASTHO collect extensive information about what activities/services LHDs & SHAs provide
- Collect general information about what other organizations provide





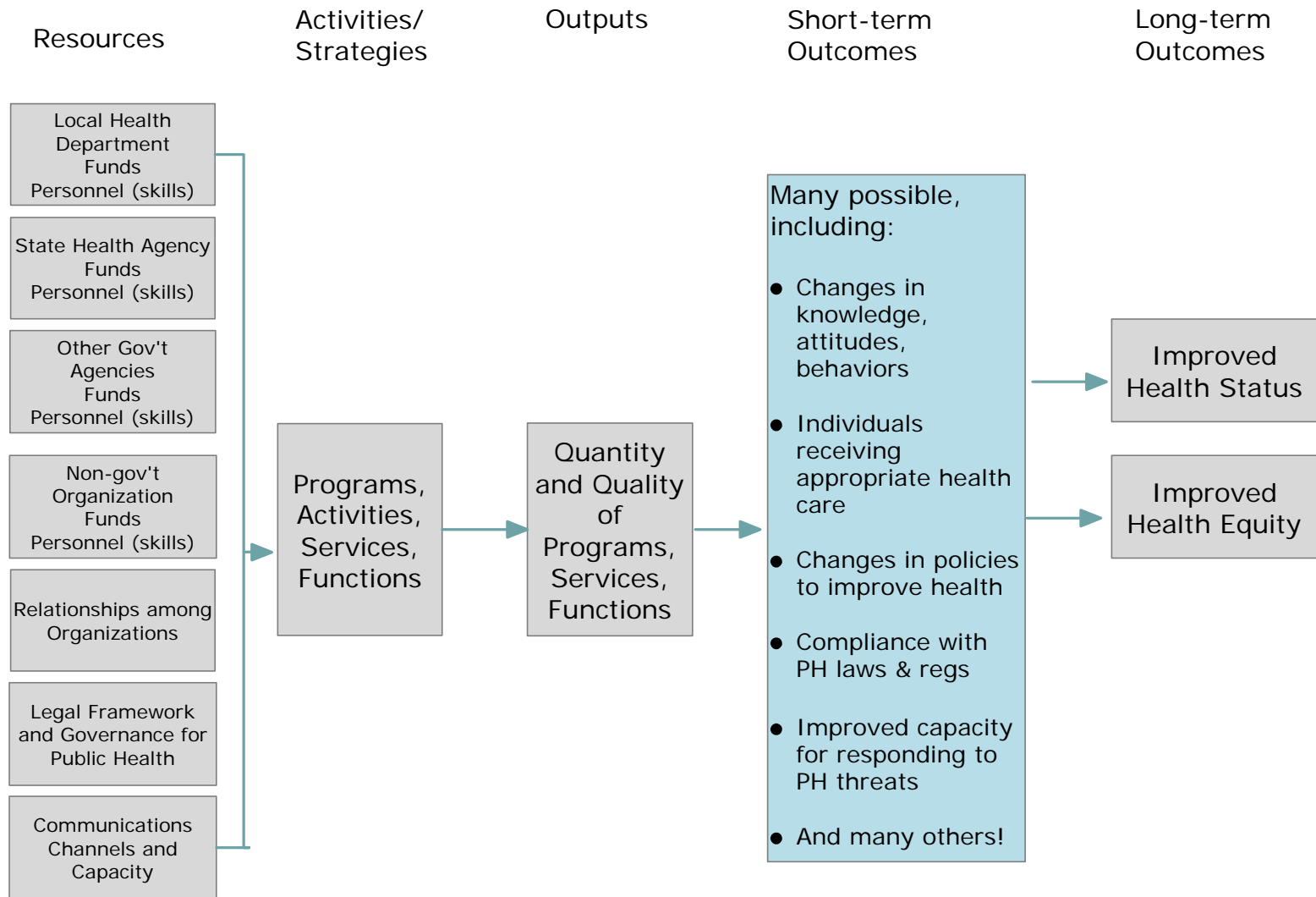
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Outputs

- Do NOT measure these in NACCHO & ASTHO surveys
- Few standardized metrics or indicators for quantity and quality of PH services
- NPHPSP indicators – useful for intended purpose, but limited utility for research
- Will public health accreditation process establish and measure these??





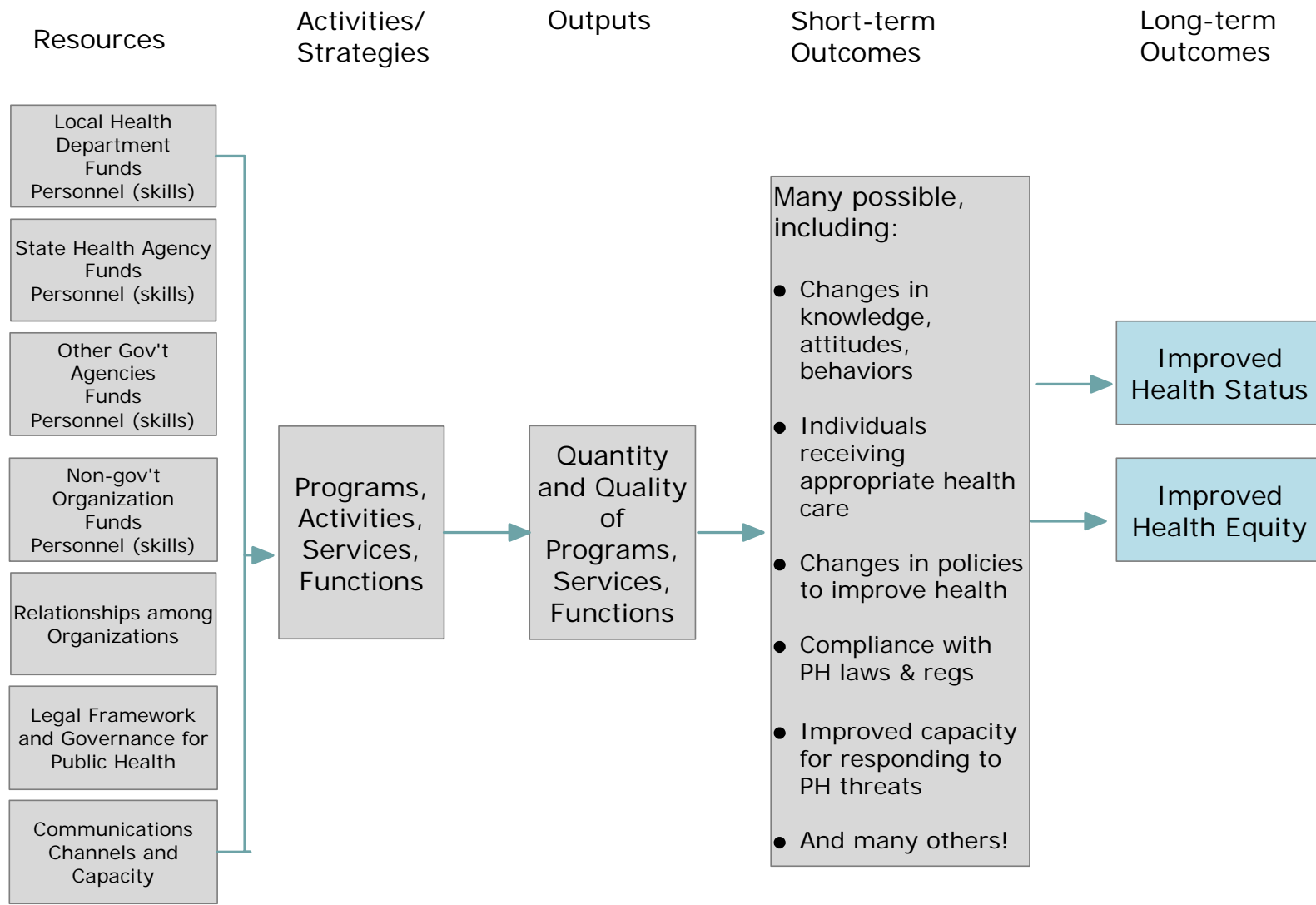
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Short-term Outcomes

- Some of these are widely collected
 - BRFSS, YRBSS
 - Access to health care services
- Some have been debated for a long time
 - Indicators of emergency preparedness
- Others have been developed & tested in smaller-scale research programs or evaluations





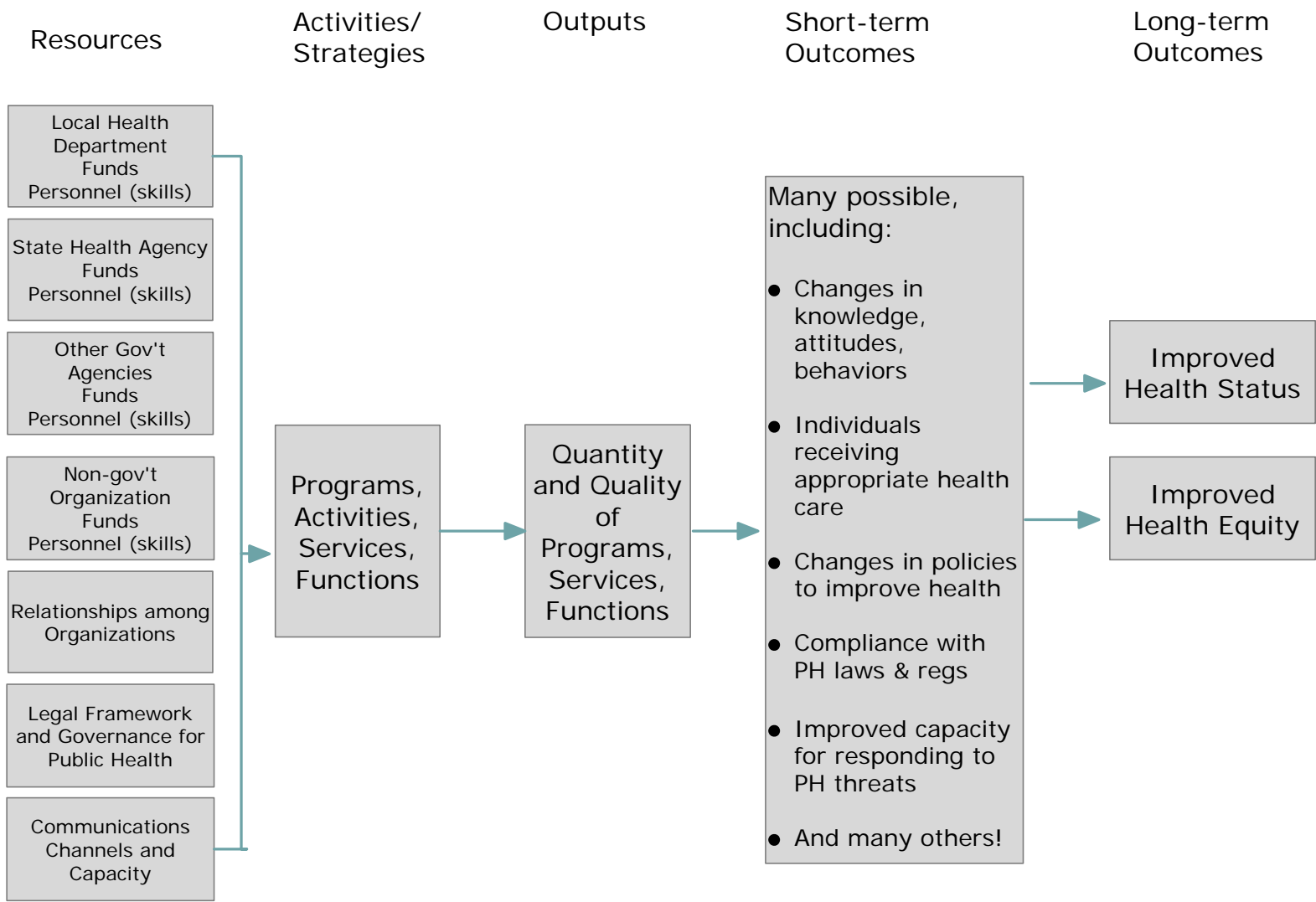
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Long-term Outcomes

- A number of widely collected indicators of health status
 - E.g., HP 2010 leading health indicators
- Many analyzed by race, ethnicity, SES, etc.
- Not always available at meaningful levels of analysis
 - States
 - LHD jurisdictions
 - Neighborhoods





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