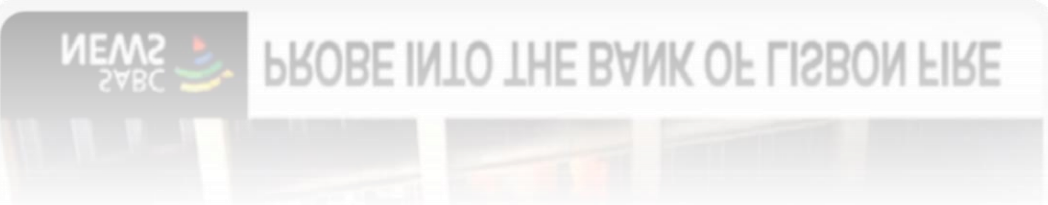


Future Proofing the South African Health System



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- All systems are governed by their responses to **internal** and **external** pressures
- How responses are **weighted** depends on the extent to which any of these pressures threatens the survival or promotes the flourishing of individuals that form part of a system
- Most systems that we can relate to are the **organisations** we form part of – even though organisations form part of **wider systems**

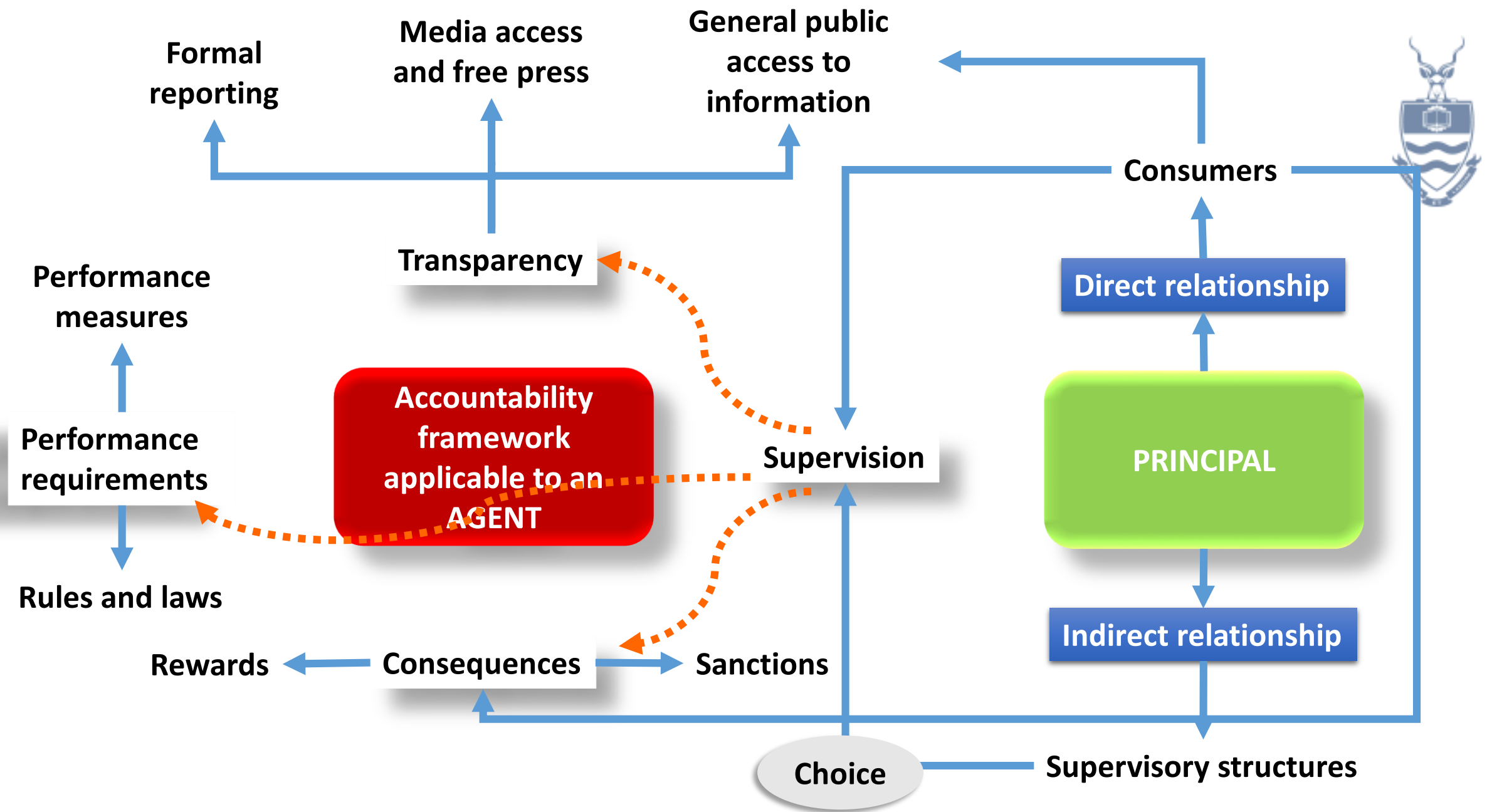
Economics refers to three forms of efficiency important to optimise

- **Technical efficiencies** (optimal use of resources)
- **Allocative efficiencies** (goods and services distributed in accordance with preferences (individual) and/or need (social preferences))
- **Dynamic efficiencies** (innovation)

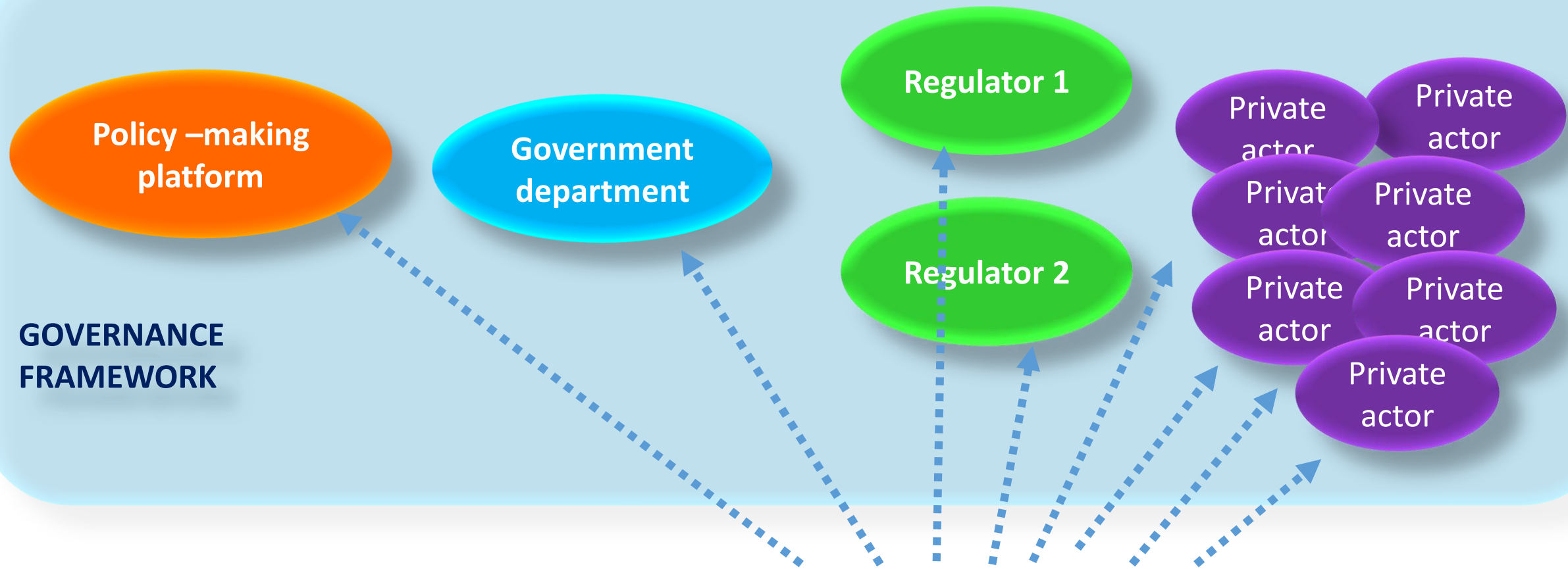
Well-designed organisations internalise their responses to internal and external pressures such that they **optimise all three forms of efficiency** in realising their **organisational purpose**



Accountability regimes, the direct effects of which are highly localised, are used to **internalise responses** to internal and external pressures in relation to a set of **objectives** and **goals** that define the organisation or system

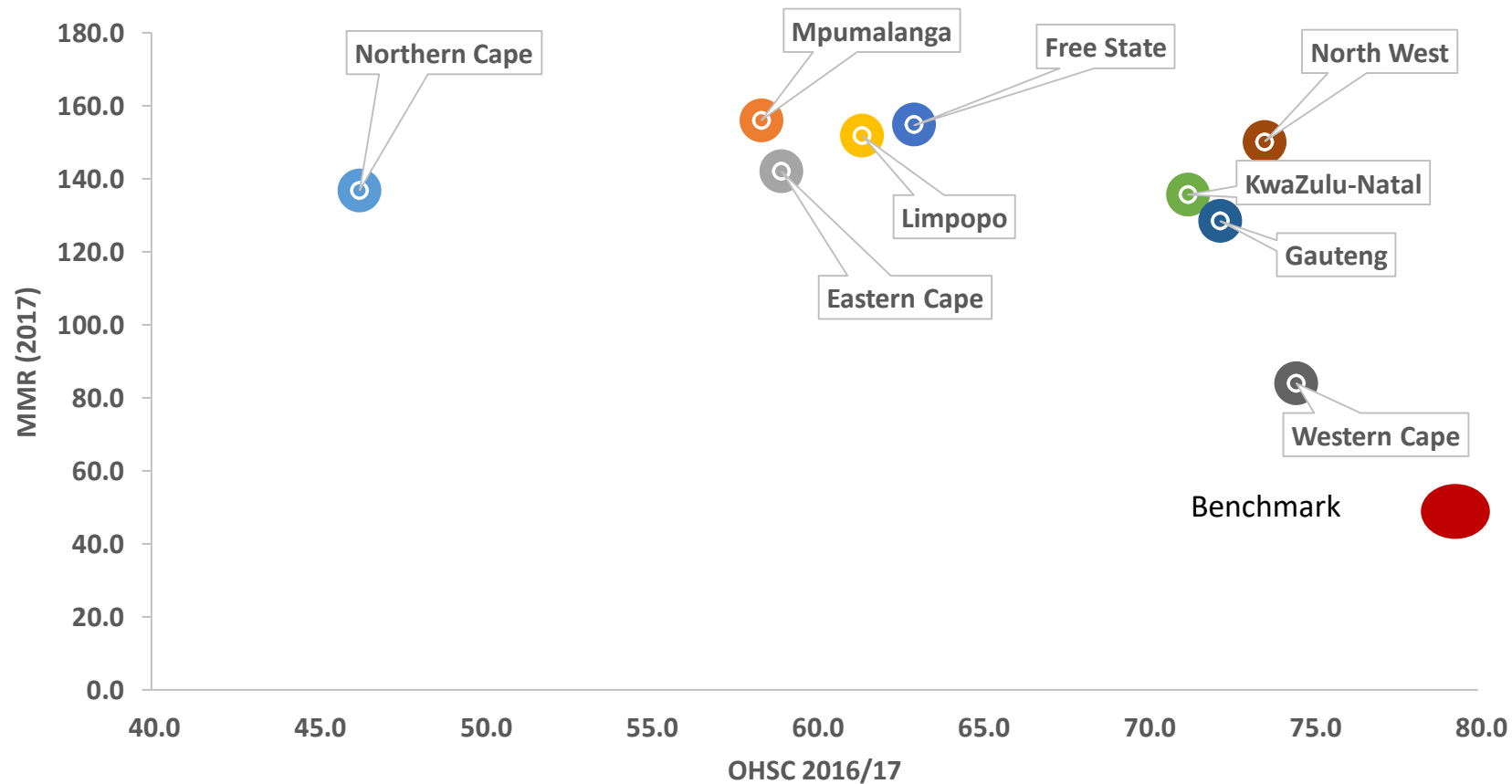


Governance frameworks and accountability frameworks



Dedicated accountability structures

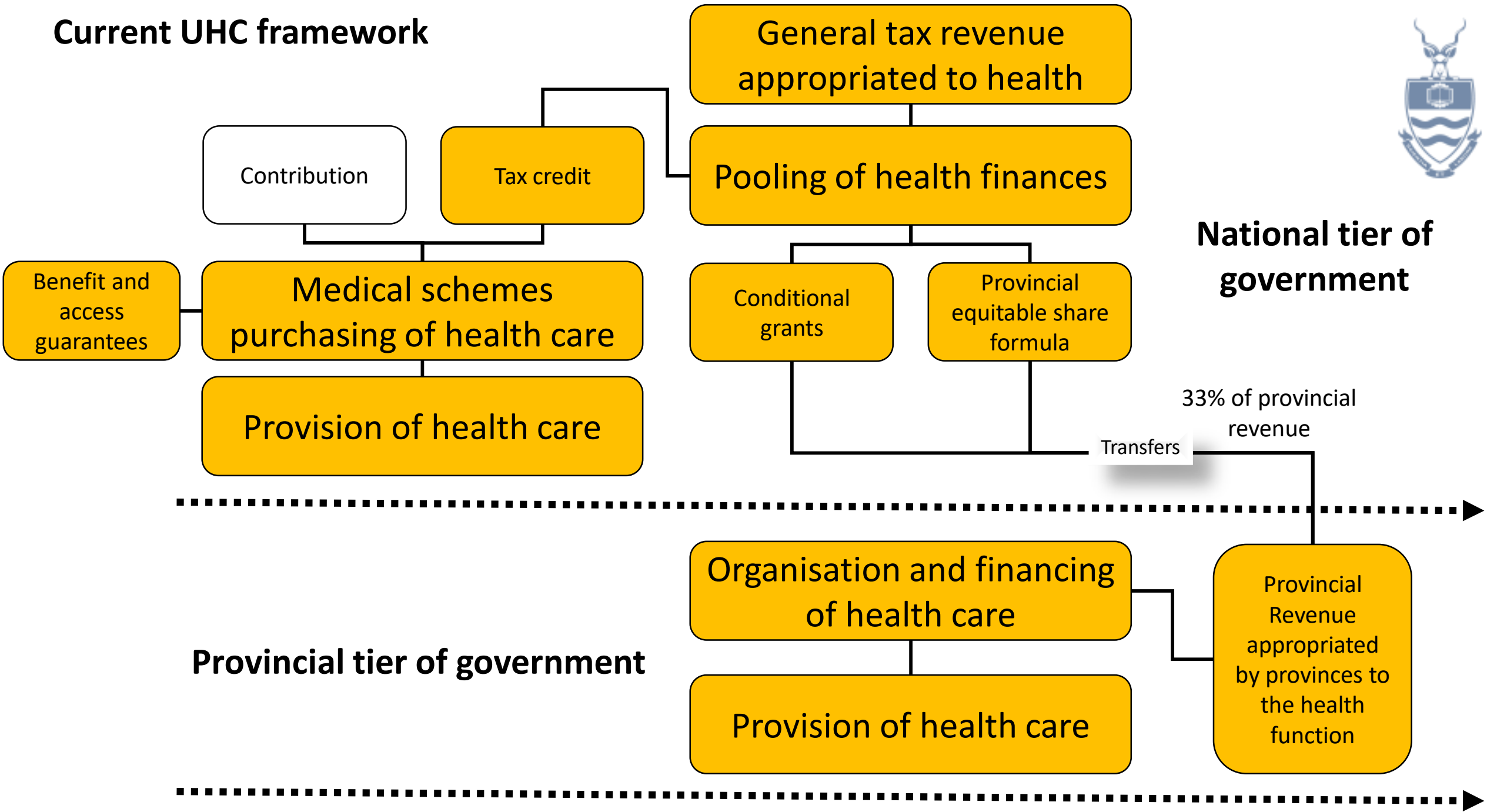
Maternal mortality ratios and the results of the OHSC hospital audits



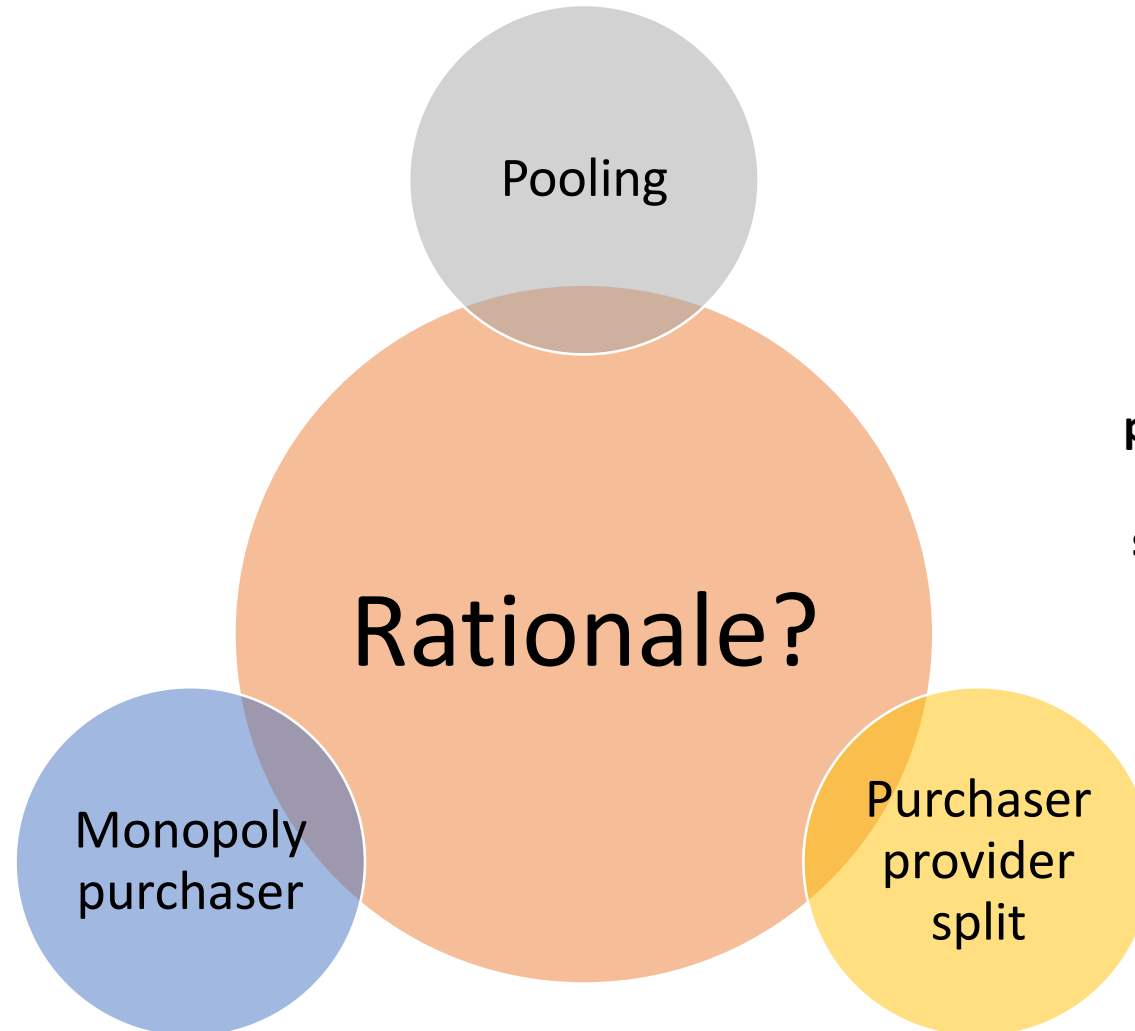
The MMRs are structurally worse in the ANC-run provinces

As are the OHSC reviews

Current UHC framework

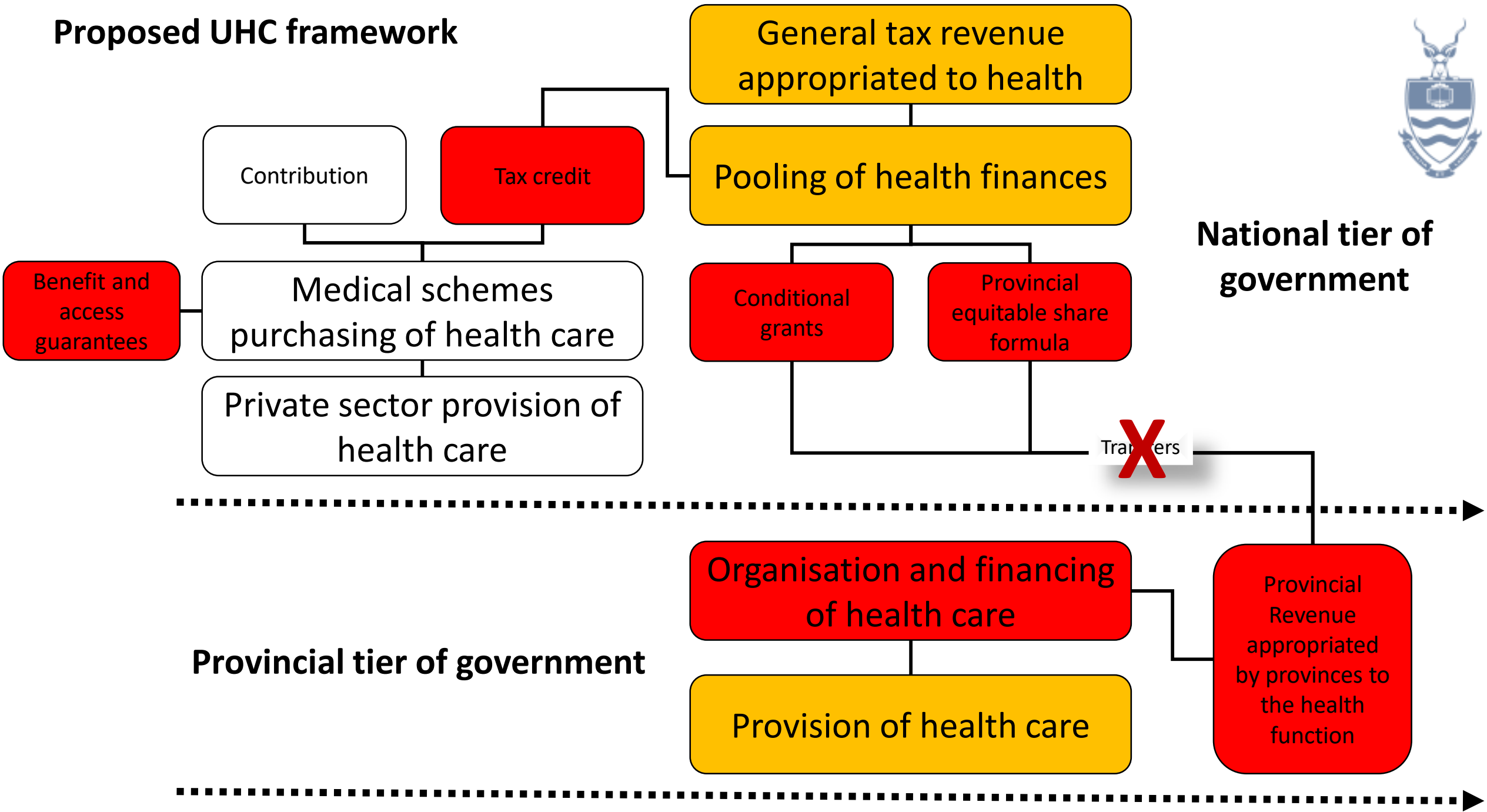


What is the rationale for the proposal



Note that no evidence/report/feasibility study of any form has been produced to clarify the causes of weaknesses in the health system and their relationship to proposed reforms

Proposed UHC framework



Ultimate



Contribution

Medical schemes purchasing of health care

Private sector provision of health care

General tax revenue appropriated to health

Pooling of health finances

NHI Fund organises and purchases all healthcare in SA

Contracts with facilities

National tier of government



Provinces lose 33% of their revenue

Provincial tier of government

Provision of health care





Thank you