

# The Local Side of Wellbeing

*insights from the Negev  
pilot*

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# Context:



Think Global  
Act Local

Measures of  
Wellbeing

Local  
Sustainable  
Development



State of Israel  
Ministry of Environmental Protection

# WELL-BEING INDICATORS FOR ISRAEL



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- **Quality of employment**
- **Material standard of living**
- **Citizen involvement and governance**
- **Education and skills**
- **Environment**
- **Health**
- **Personal and social welfare**
- **Personal security**
- **Housing and infrastructure**

# Two key research questions:

- Is it possible to identify indicators that are particular to this region?
- Do the indicators offered by the regional level complement those that are being produced on a national level?

# Characteristics::

## Workshops in regional authorities

- Ramat Negev
- Al Kasum
- Neve Midbar
- Tamar

## Workshops in towns

- Dimona
- Hura
- Yeruham
- Arad
- Mitzpe Ramon

Education	%
<b>Elementary or JH</b>	5%
<b>High school</b>	20%
<b>Tertiary education</b>	4%
<b>Academic</b>	70%

# Process:

- Suggestions for additional domains
- Suggestions for sub-domains
- Hierarchy of ideas for improving wellbeing in **that region**

Outputs

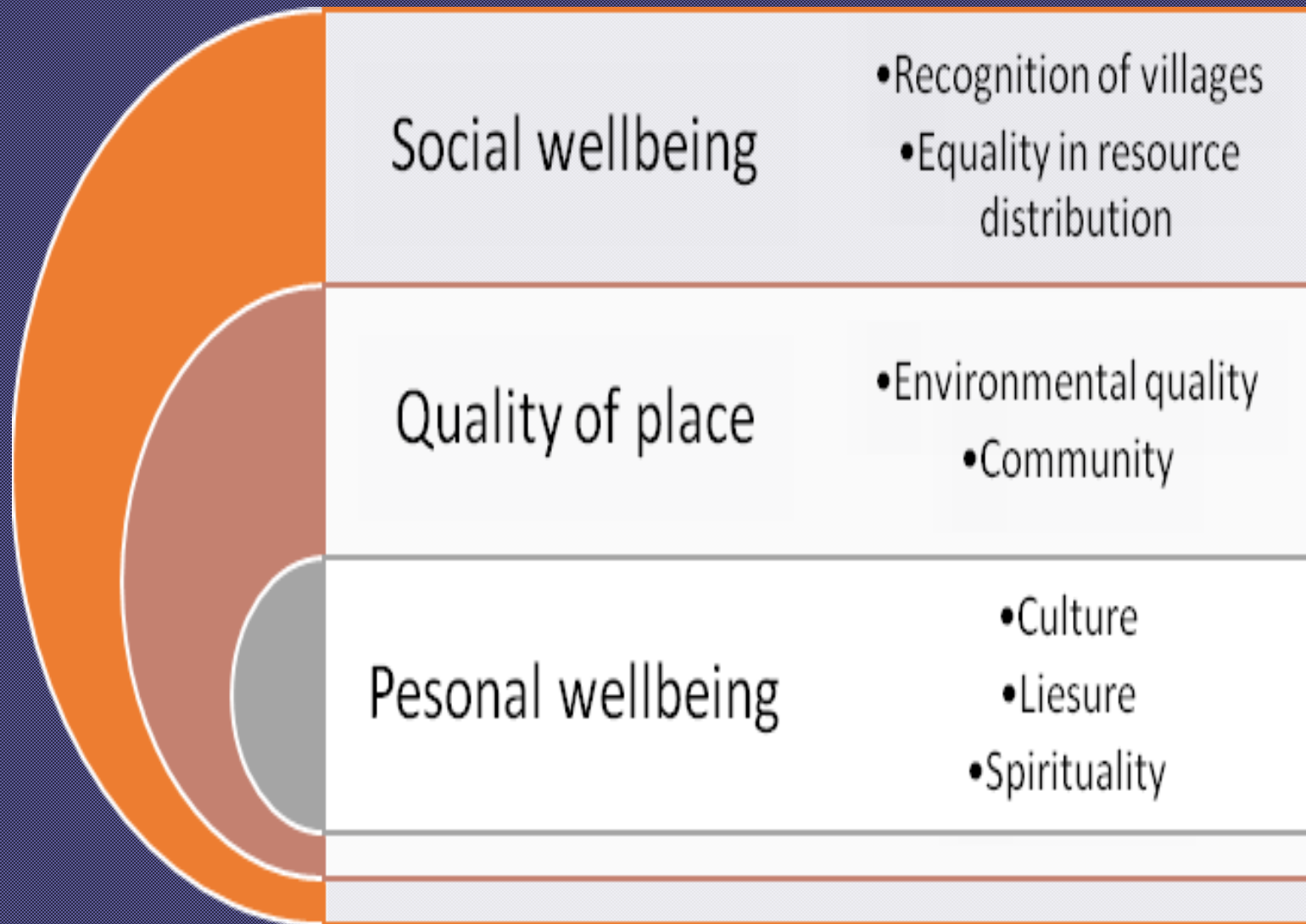
Ideas for improvement by domain

- Brainstorming ideas for improving regional wellbeing
- Sorting and organizing the important ideas

- Presenting 9 national domains
- Suggestions for additional domains important for wellbeing in **this region**

Domains

# Framework:



# Main findings according by domain

**Environment** – mostly at the government level  
very different from national level

**Health** – striking regional identity  
primarily personal and regional  
access to medical care

**Education** – greatest number of indicators  
fewest local and regional aspects

**Employment** – most regional/local  
more quality less availability  
local businesses development



**Personal security** – most strongly “local”  
75% - local infrastructure

**Personal and social** – individual and community  
concern for others

**Government** – willingness to participate  
preference for activism  
local and regional level  
central

**Housing/infrastructure** – transport central  
local issues not visible at  
national resolution.

**Material wellbeing** – cost of living  
disparities in Israel

# Regional particularity

- **Seeking justice**
- **An increasing awareness of LSE**
- **A place-based perception**
- **Bedouin society - relations with the Bedouins and their wellbeing**
- **A unique domain – relations to the other**
- **Periphery – Be'er Sheva is the urban center**
- **Concern for Young people**

“Places matter. Their rules, their scale, their design include or exclude civil society, pedestrianism, equality, diversity (economic and otherwise), understanding of where water comes from and garbage goes, consumption or conservation. They map our lives.”

**Rebecca Solnit, Storming the Gates of Paradise: Landscapes for Politics, 2007**