

VISION PAPER

Executive summary

Healthcare



| Analysis of issue structures: Regional Economy

SIIF categorized healthcare into three components, health systems, health literacy, and social capital. Then, mapped the issues connected to these components around (1) patients with physical and emotional health issues and (2) senior citizens with physical and emotional health issues. This page shows the definitions of these components.

Health systems

Any organizations, institutions, and people's actions for preventing diseases, providing treatments, **achieving recovery from illness, and improving and maintaining health.**

Health literacy

Knowledge, motivation, and ability to discover and utilize health information for making critical decisions daily regarding healthcare, disease prevention, and health promotion, to maintain and enhance the quality of life (QOL).

Social capital

The social functions to improve its efficiency, such as **trust, discipline, and network, facilitate people's collaborations.**

| Issue summaries: Regional Economy

To explore the healthcare issues, SIIF considered the problems stem from individual illnesses as preconditions of the analysis, rather than issues to be solved. Based on that, SIIF identified the key issues of healthcare-related challenges as below.

About Patients with Physical and Emotional Health Issues

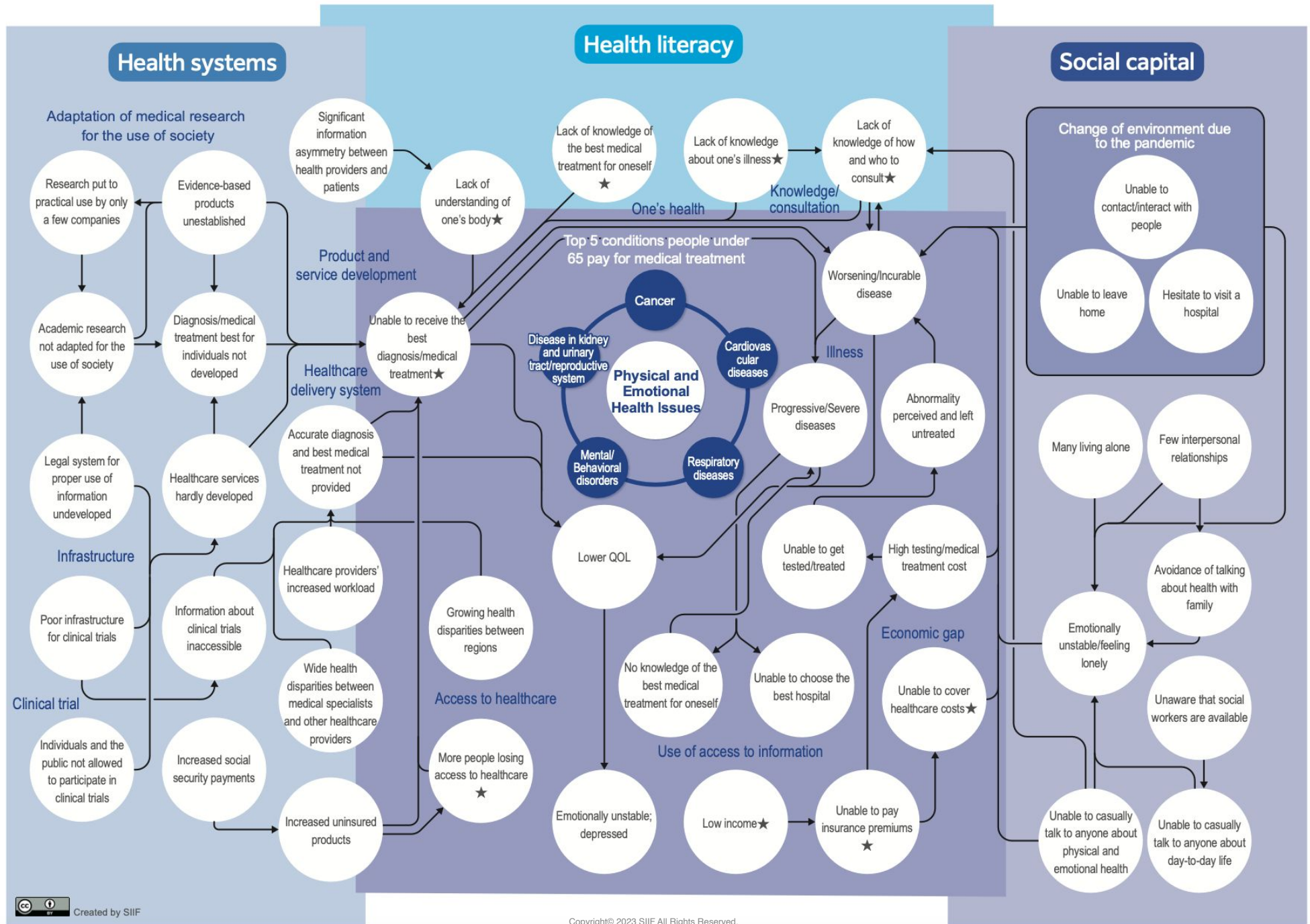
- **Health system-related issues:** The slow development processes of adaptive medical products and services which fit for individual user needs with two reasons. The first is the inactive applications of medical research, and the second is the lack of support system to engage individuals to participate in clinical trials.
- **Health literacy-related issue:** The information asymmetry that individuals cannot choose the appropriate treatments and hospitals due to the lack of understanding of their physical conditions and illnesses.
- **Social capital-related issue:** The lack of social connections that patients cannot talk about their health to anyone, aggravate their illnesses. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted to increase the downsides of this issue.

About Senior Citizens with Physical and Emotional Health Issues

- **Health system-related issue:** The barrier to develop the new, non-insurance services due to current nursing care insurance system.
- **Health literacy-related issue:** The complicated nursing care system and its process limit users' self-decision making.
- **Social capital-related issues:** The weakened social capital due to the decline of local communities and negative influence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

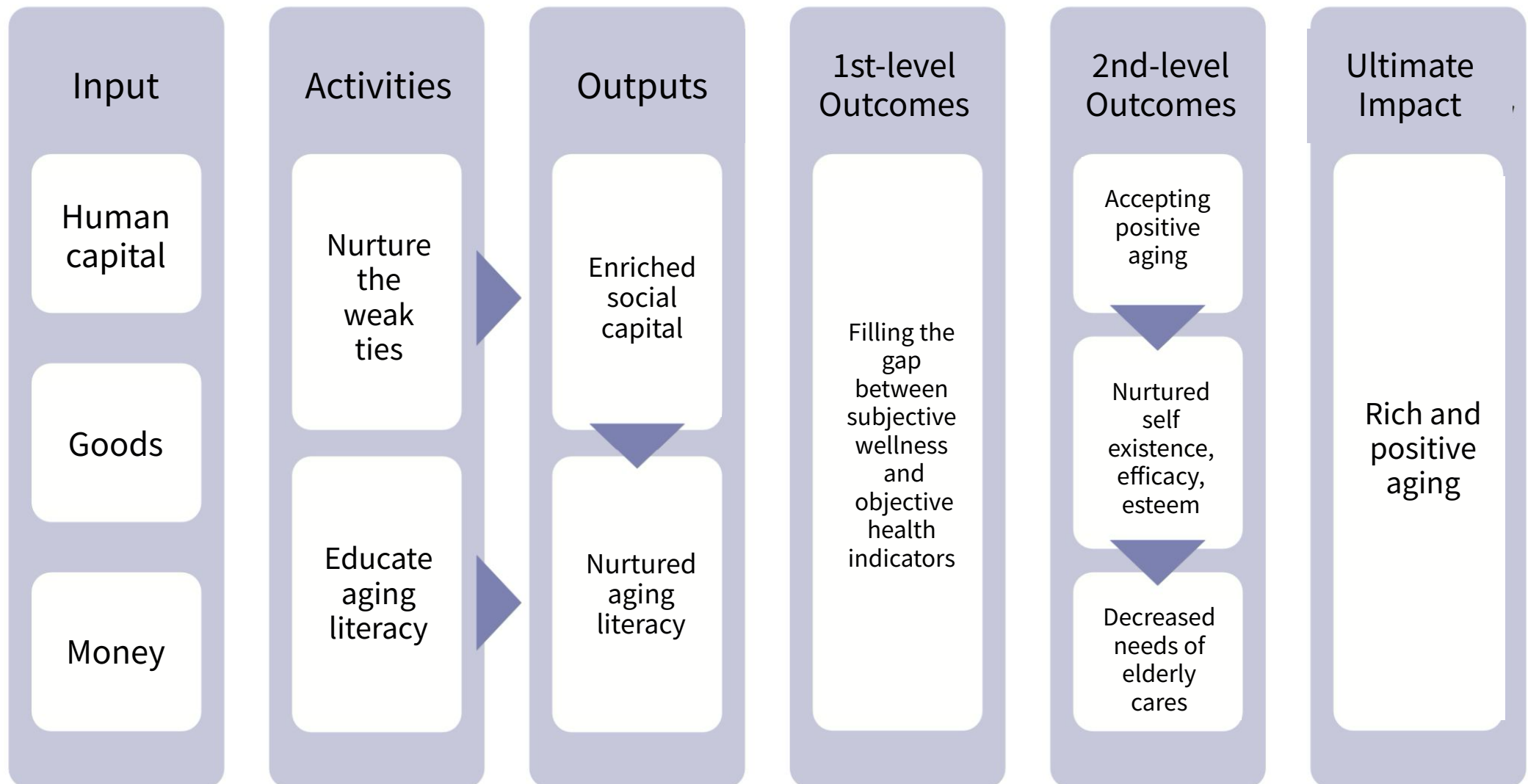
Issue Design Map: Healthcare - Patients

★: Correlation between income gaps and health disparities confirmed



| Theory of Change: Regional Economy

ToC for the Society without the isolation of elderly people



| SIIF's key actions

1.

Nurturing the weak ties of elderly people to improve their wellness.

2.

Nurturing the aging literacy to raise awareness and readiness to become elderlies.