

# Social Ecological Model Visioning Tool

This visioning tool can be used to create a collaborative vision for health equity in your community. The first part of the visioning process asks participants to describe the current state – where are we now? Instruct participants to think about their community and the issue they are working to address. What do they see? What do they hear? What words come to mind? Then, beginning with the individual level ask:

**INDIVIDUAL:** What are people doing?

**INTERPERSONAL:** What interactions are happening between people?

**INSTITUTIONAL:** What is happening within organizations and institutions?

**COMMUNITY:** What is happening within the community?

**SOCIETAL:** What is happening beyond the community

The second part of the visioning process asks participants to describe their vision for the future. Instruct participants to think about their community and the issue they are working to address. What do they want to see? What do they want to hear? What words come to mind about this ideal state of the community? Then, beginning with the individual level ask:

**INDIVIDUAL:** What will people be doing?

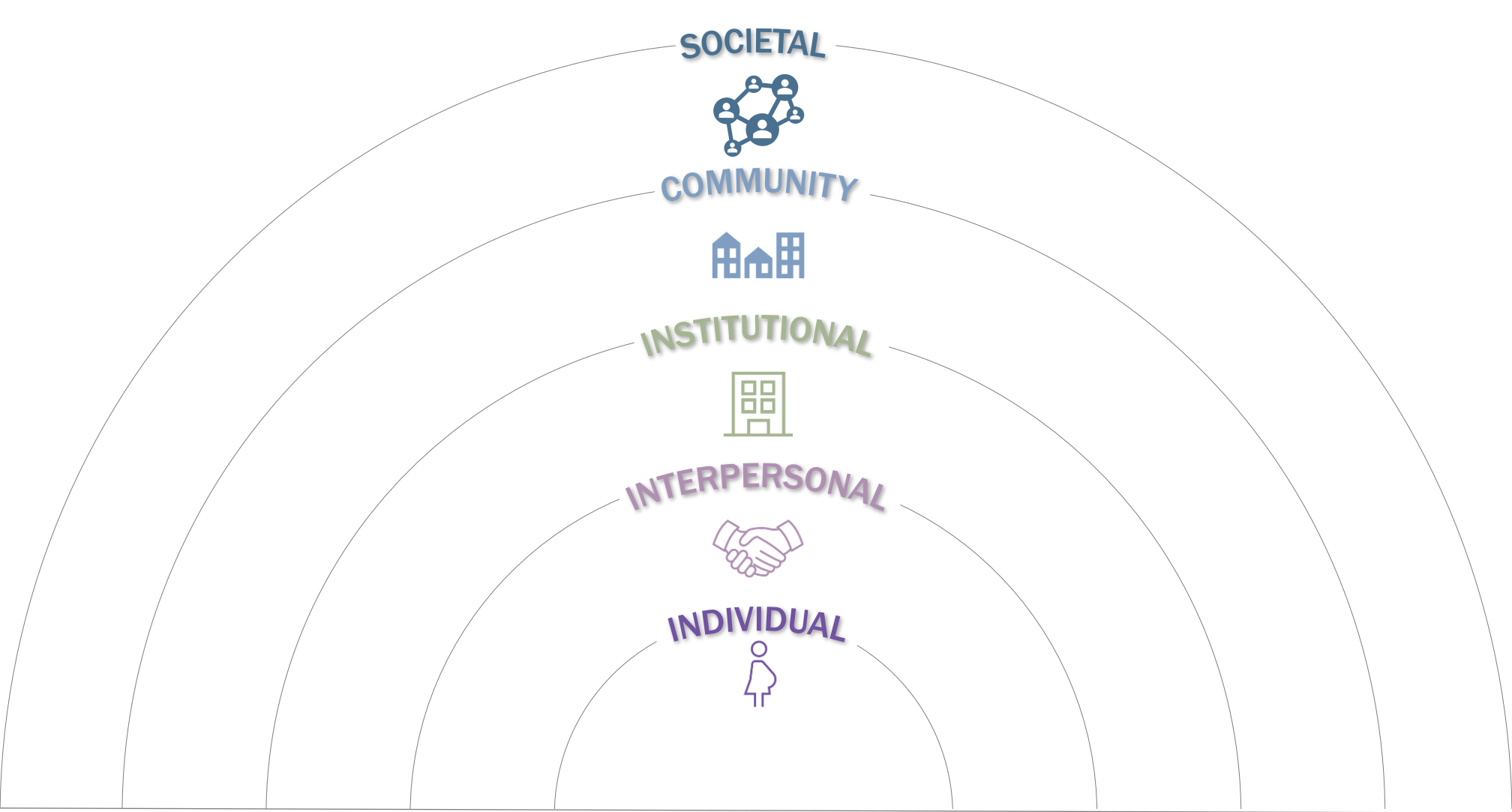
**INTERPERSONAL:** What interactions will be happening between people?

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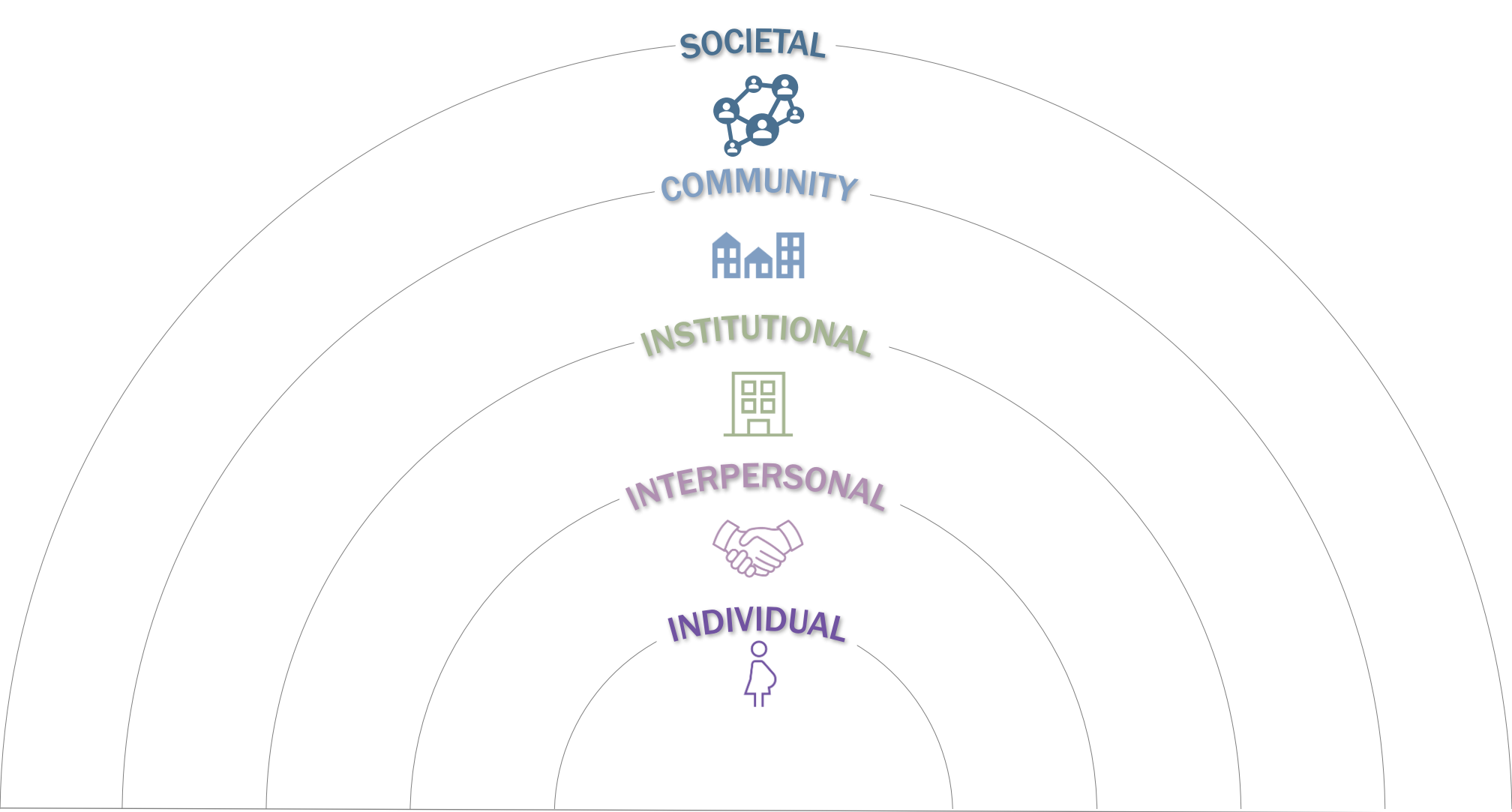
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The worksheets on the following pages can be used as brainstorming sheets for participants before the facilitated visioning discussion begins.



Where are we now?



Our vision for the future