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SOCIAL IMPACT BOND

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50
YEARS




HEALTH FINANCING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Situation

- South Africa is plagued by social and health inequalities
- High burden of disease
- Shift in donor priorities
- Insufficient fiscal envelope for social and health combination interventions

Solution: Outcomes-based contracting

- Harness private sector investments and generates interest in social and responsible investment
- Serves as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and governance
- Contributes to advocacy efforts and a paradigm shift in health financing reforms



A SOCIAL IMPACT BOND TO improve OUTCOMES RELATED TO HIV AND PREGNANCY for SCHOOL-GOING ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

for collaboration

- Developed by the South Africa Medical Research Council (SAMRC) with the support of Social Finance UK, Susan de Witt, UCT Bertha Centre and Genesis Analytics

Imagine Programme Background

The Imagine Programme is a school based health initiative that brings together the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), Departments of Basic Education (DBE), Departments of Health (DoH), Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) as well as NACOSA and private investors to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes for adolescent girls and young women in 8 x selected Newcastle (KZN) high schools and 6 x selected Moretele (NW) high schools. The programme is funded via a social outcomes based contract mechanism where payment of implementation and outcomes funds are earned by achieving targets against the four identified health proxy outcomes indicators.

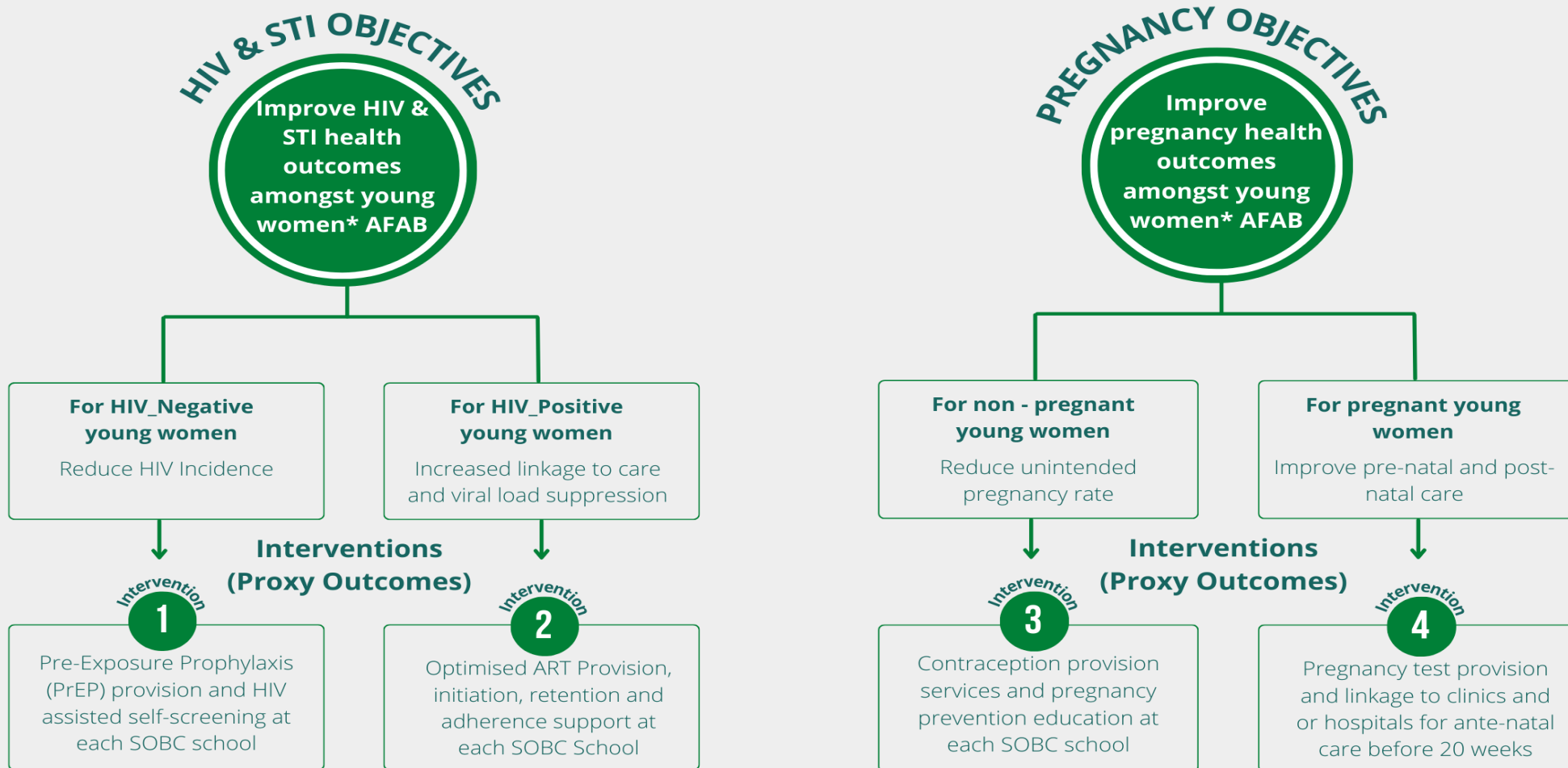


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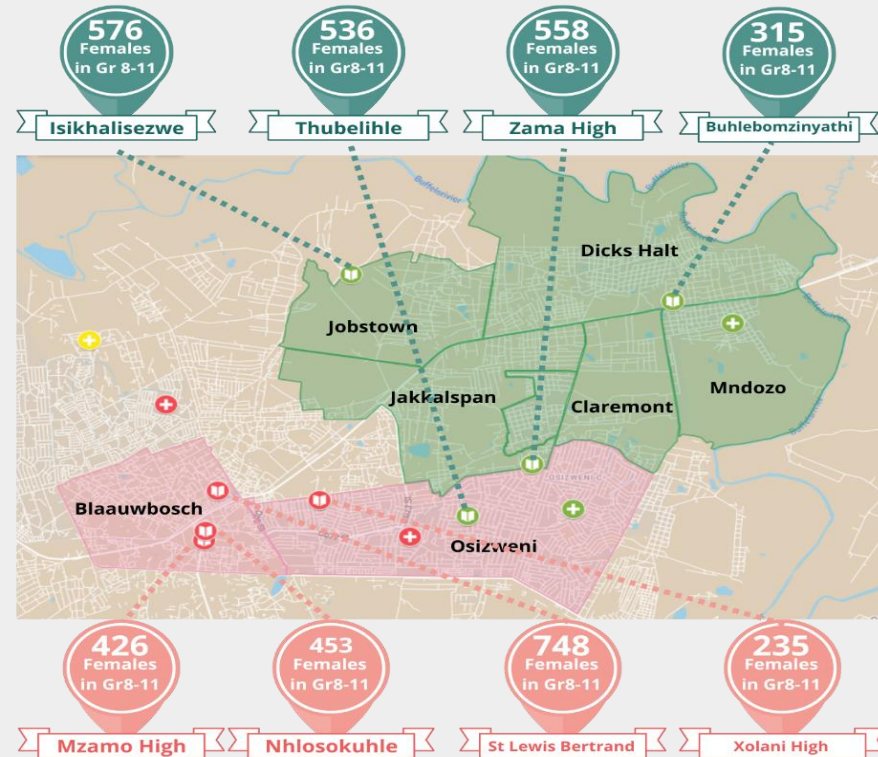
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES



GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AND TARGET POPULATION

Newcastle Sub-District Demographics for 8 Target Schools

Est No. Female (F) Learners:	Est No. (F) HIV Positive (6.1% Prev):	Est No. Females Older than 15:	Est No. (F) Older than 15 Ever Had Sex:	Est Pregnancy rate for >15 Yr olds (5.4% Prev):
3874	236	2777	1130	150



← Newcastle & Moretele →

No. of unique AGYW Learners All Ages

Est No. Female (F) Learners: (*2022 Gr8-11)	Est No. (F) HIV Positive Learners (*6.1% Prev):	Est No. Females Age > 15:	Est No. (F) Age > 15 Ever Had Sex: (40.7%)	Est Pregnancy (F) Age > 15 (5.4% rate):
6248	381	4373	1780	236

No. of unique AGYW All Ages receiving PrEP

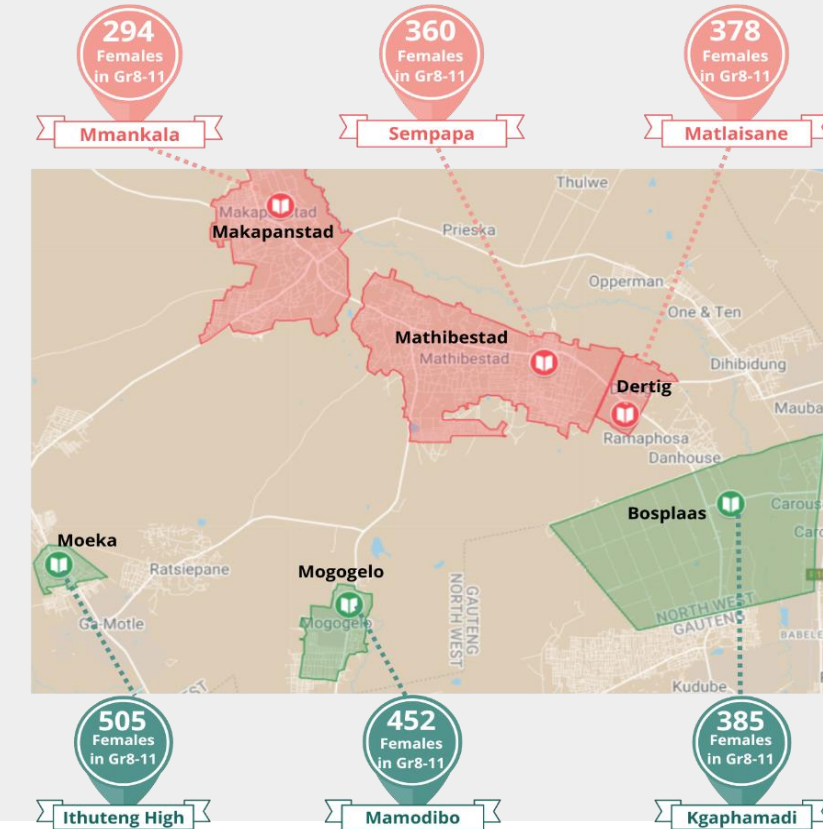
PrEP Coverage:	Year 1 (12 months)	Year 2 (12 months)	Year 3 (3 months)
• No. of unique AGYW receiving PrEP:	334	480	136
• As % of all HIV Negative AGYW:	12%	25%	30%
• As % of Sexually Active HIV Negative AGYW:	6.1%	8.8%	10%

No. of unique AGYW Learners Age >18

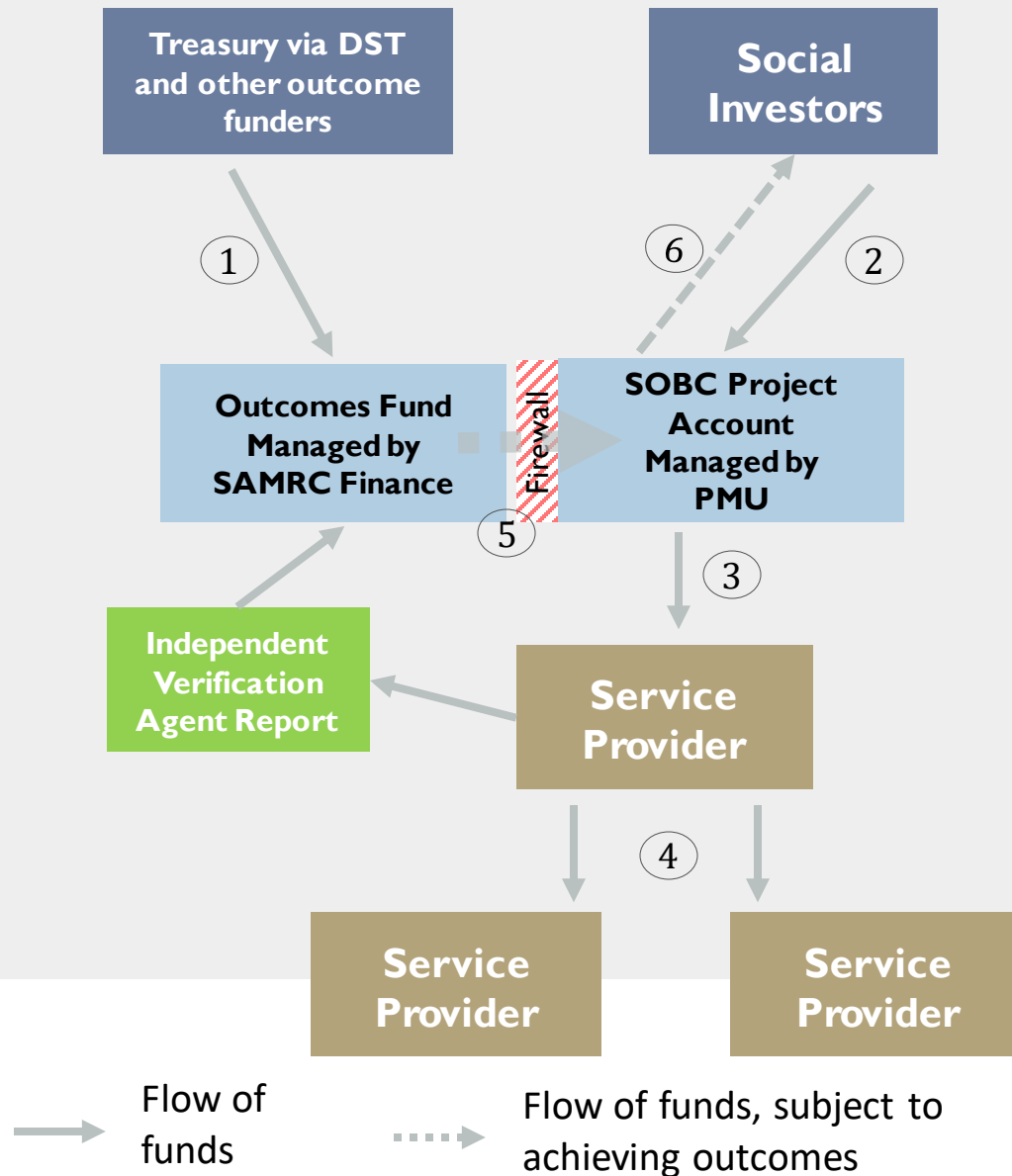
Est No. Female (F) Learners Age >18 (*2022 Gr8-11)	Est No. (F) HIV Positive Age > 18 (6.1% Prev):	Est No. (F) HIV Negative Age > 18 eligible Dapivirine Ring	Est No. (F) Age >18 Ever Had Sex: (40.7%)
949	58	891	363

Moretele Sub-District Demographics for the 6 Target Schools

Est No. Female (F) Learners:	Est No. (F) HIV Positive (6.1% Prev):	Est No. Females Older than 15:	Est No. (F) Older than 15 Ever Had Sex:	Est Pregnancy in (F) Older than 15 (5.4% Prev):
2374	145	1596	650	86

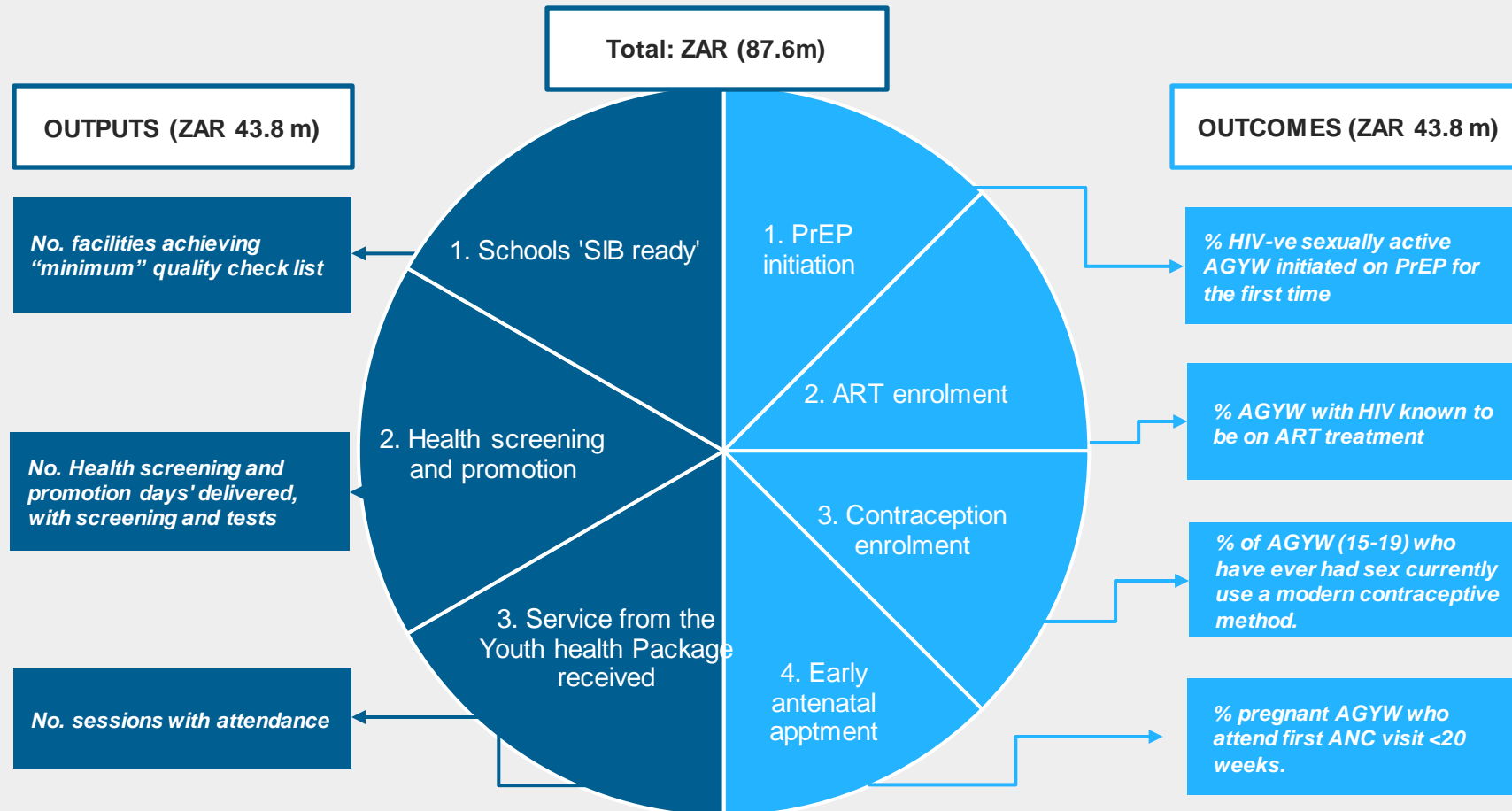


SIB Structure: Flow of Funds



- **SAMRC Office of AIDS and TB** plays an intermediary role
- **Rand Merchant Bank** is the social investor
- **NACOSA** has been appointed as the implementer
- **National Treasury** approved the SOBC after ensuring compliance with the PFMA. Outcomes funding will be channeled through DSI and DoH
- **The Global Fund** supports operational expenditure, development costs and impact evaluation
- **ABSA Bank** will provide funding for the economic evaluation and LAN development
- The **Independent verification agent** and **performance manager** have been appointed

PAYMENTS ARE BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SERIES OF PRIMARY OUTPUT & OUTCOME METRICS



➔ **OUTPUT AND OUTCOME METRICS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BALANCE RISK AND INCENTIVIZE OUTCOMES THAT HAVE DIRECT LINKS TO THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES OF REDUCED HIV INCIDENCE AND PREGNANCY**



Imagine Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Agenda

Impact Evaluation

Performance monitoring

Economic Evaluation

Process evaluation

Outcomes evaluation

Programmatic

Financial

Cost Analysis

Efficiency Analysis

Cost effective Analysis

Budget Impact Assessment

INVEST4HEALTH



- Invest4health is an emerging initiative situated within SAMRC that seeks to establish a centre of excellence for outcomes-based contracting for health
- The initiative will incubate projects, develop and disseminate knowledge, build capacity and activate a learning community of practice, through partnerships with government, donors and academia.
- This work will be done through 3 pillars:

DIRECT	INDIRECT	
1. Intermediary Testing and scaling outcomes-based approaches (OBA) and other innovative finance (IF) mechanisms in public health priority areas by fund raising, designing, procuring for outcomes	2. Thought leadership Building evidence for and demonstrating expertise in OBA/IF that can guide and accelerate the development of the market in public and private sectors	3. Network facilitator Facilitating learning and connection between public/private sector and civil society for purpose of building I4H pipeline and facilitating opportunities in the wider market

I4H LEARNING ACTION NETWORK



The I4H LAN has been designed to contribute to 2 pillars of the I4H initiative, **thought leadership and network facilitator**, and will specifically support the dissemination of learnings from the Imagine Contract.

Learning and Action Networks have had great success in Africa in advancing public health and social agendas and goals.

Why a learning network?

Peer-to-peer learning through a facilitated network can progressively strengthen individual level and organizational capacity related to OBA

To address knowledge-to-action gaps, the LAN is guided by a **learning agenda** that outlines a set of:

- Identification of broad questions to address critical knowledge gaps
- Delivery of associated learning activities, e.g., webinars, to answer them and,
- Strategic dissemination of knowledge products



TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Search for implementer and investor

Steps in order:

- ✓ RFA launch
- Selection process:
- ✓ Scientific Advisory Committee
- ✓ Financial and technical review committee
- ✓ AGYW SOBC Steering Committee
- ✓ Pre-approval SAMRC EMC
- ✓ Ongoing investor engagement

Co-design of SIB

Steps in order:

- ✓ Schools identified
- ✓ SOBC intervention refined
- ✓ Operational plans and budgets
- ✓ M&E framework with targets
- ✓ IT solution confirmed
- ✓ Evaluation methodology finalized
- ✓ Ongoing engagement with investors now includes implementer
- ✓ Financial model finalized including financial flows

Engagement and approvals for contracting

Steps:

- ✓ Outcome funders & investors engaged and confirmed
- ✓ Preparation of documentation for approvals and contracting
- ✓ Approvals from SAMRC EMC and Board, Dept Health, Basic Education, National treasury
- ✓ **Contracts negotiated & signed with implementer, investor, DSI**

Mobilisation

- ✓ Prepare schools, employ and prepare team
- ✓ Finalize IT, performance framework, dashboard, M&E plan
- ✓ Appoint Performance Manager and Independent verification agent
- ✓ Appoint evaluation team and perform baseline evaluation

Key

- ✓ Not yet started
- ✓ In progress
- ✓ Complete

SIB implementation

- ✓ **Commence implementation**
- ✓ Monthly project management Committee Meetings
- ✓ Quarterly progress reports to stakeholders

Implementer selected

Operational Plan

SIB launch

LESSONS LEARNT

- Stakeholder buy-in and commitment takes longer than you think
- Enabling public sector policies and regulations are needed, as this is a time-consuming process but is necessary to reduce transaction costs
- Governance and stakeholder coordination
- Trust and data sharing to build an evidence base
- Document and share findings to generate interest



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