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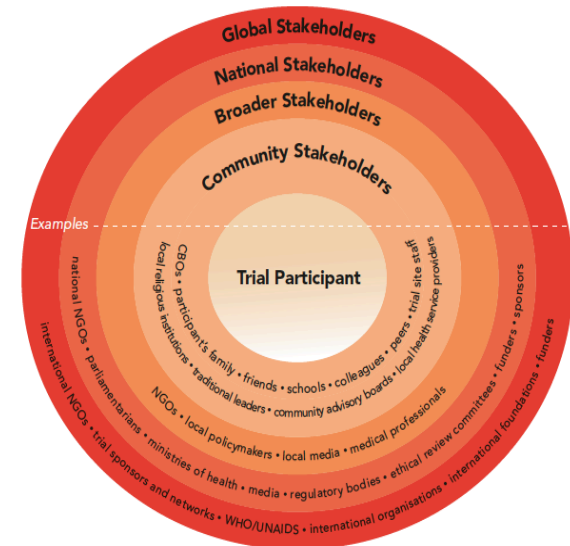
**Engaging Civil Society in South Africa's
biomedical HIV and TB Research
Processes:
Operationalizing GPP Guidelines**

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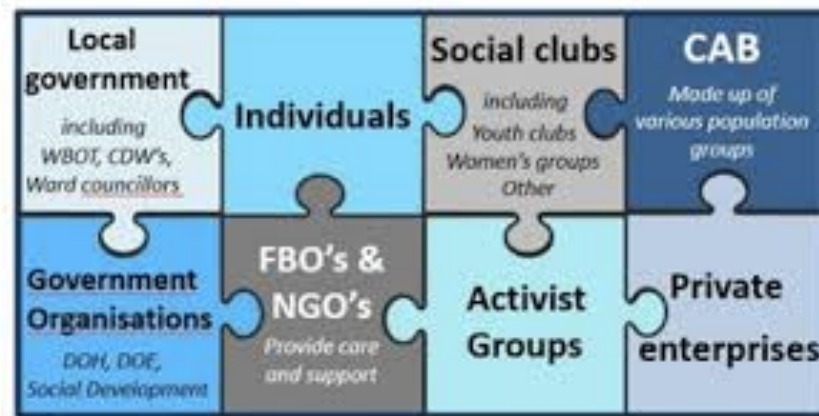


What is the need?

- To strengthen and expand engagement
- Enhances integrity, accountability, support and public relevance
- Break barriers between research and a broad range of stakeholders
- To accelerate research outcomes in to public policy



Various stakeholders may influence or be affected by a biomedical HIV prevention trial. Stakeholders include trial participants and other community stakeholders as well as a broader range of national and international stakeholders.



Community Engagement stakeholders

Approach

- Informed by a nationwide key stakeholder consultation
- Establishment of a national forum
 - Civil society
 - Community engagement practitioners
 - Community Advisory Boards
- Tiered provincial and national structures (forums)
- Served as a platform to sustainably engage
- Create accessibility of researchers, ethics & regulatory bodies, funders, policy makers etc.



Learnings

- Removes barriers between stakeholders and researcher
- Recognition of the power of collaboration
- Appreciation of and support for research
- Opportunities for community influenced research
- Accountability mechanisms between research implementers and communities
- In advance planning and preparing for research outcomes and public health impact



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Engagement



Engagement can be more durable, it lifts suspicion and fear.

- Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States



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