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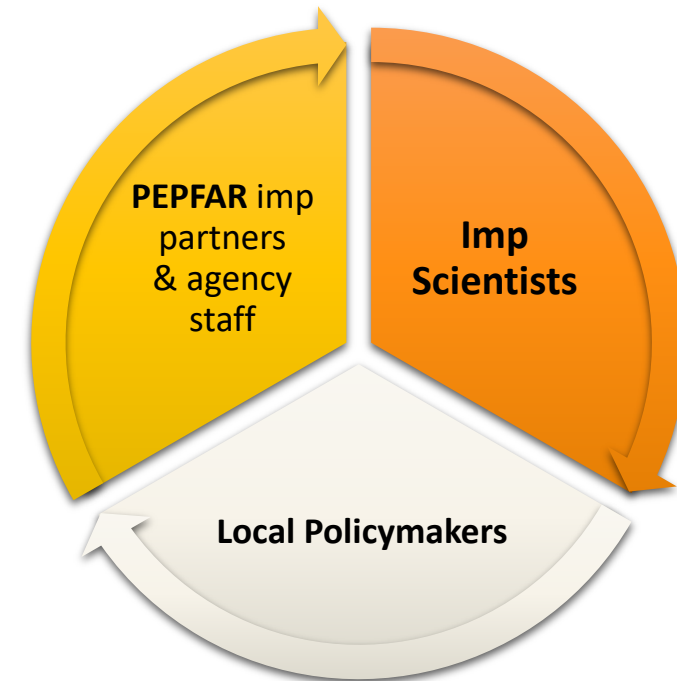# NIH-PEPFAR Local Implementation Science Network (LISN)

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Purpose

- PURPOSE: To build and strengthen local IS alliances by catalyzing long-term, sustainable, region/country-specific collaborations that aim to enhance the quality of HIV prevention and treatment through use of IS.

- Key Characteristics:
  - Responsive to local context and challenging implementation issues
  - Positioned to leverage IS to address emergent and pressing priorities related to HIV
  - Help to develop a base of sustainable in-country IS capacity
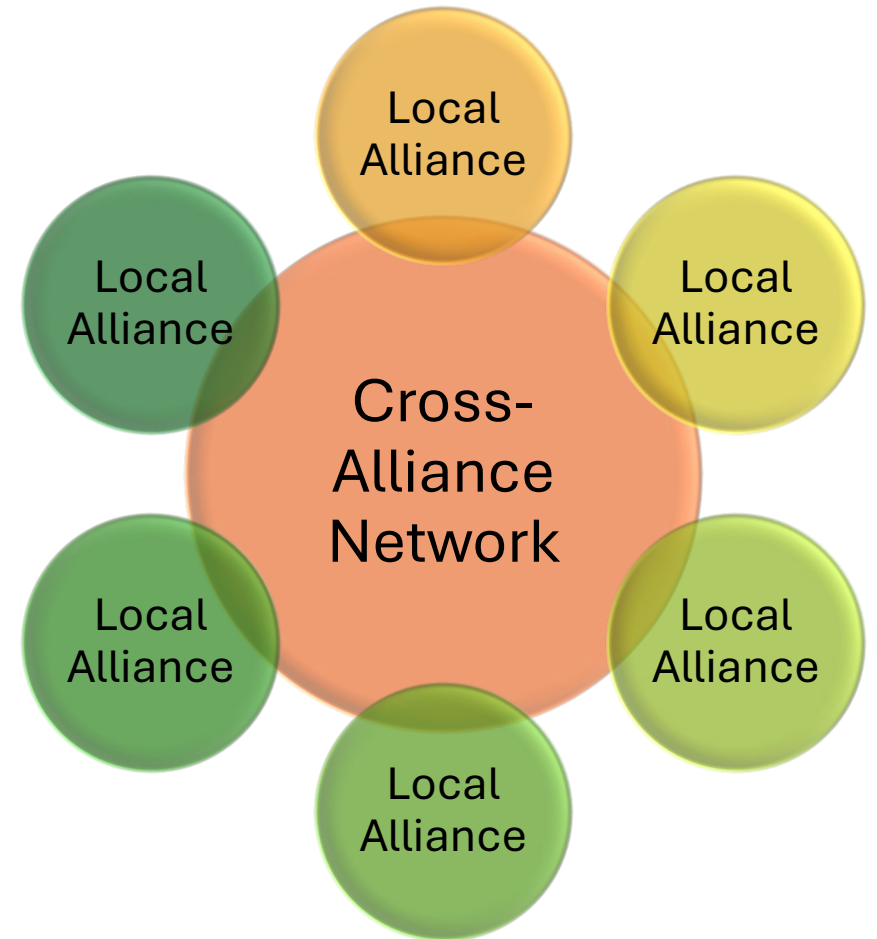
Anchored on multi-sector collaborations that engage:

PEPFAR imp partners & agency staff

Imp Scientists

Local Policymakers

In partnership with PEPFAR/GHSD, the Office of AIDS research, and other NIH Institutes, Centers, and Officers

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LISN Architecture

Membership includes:

1. Development of a local IS alliance that responds to the local priorities and contexts

2. Engagement with the larger cross-alliance network comprised of members of all the local alliances

Potential Local Priority Areas
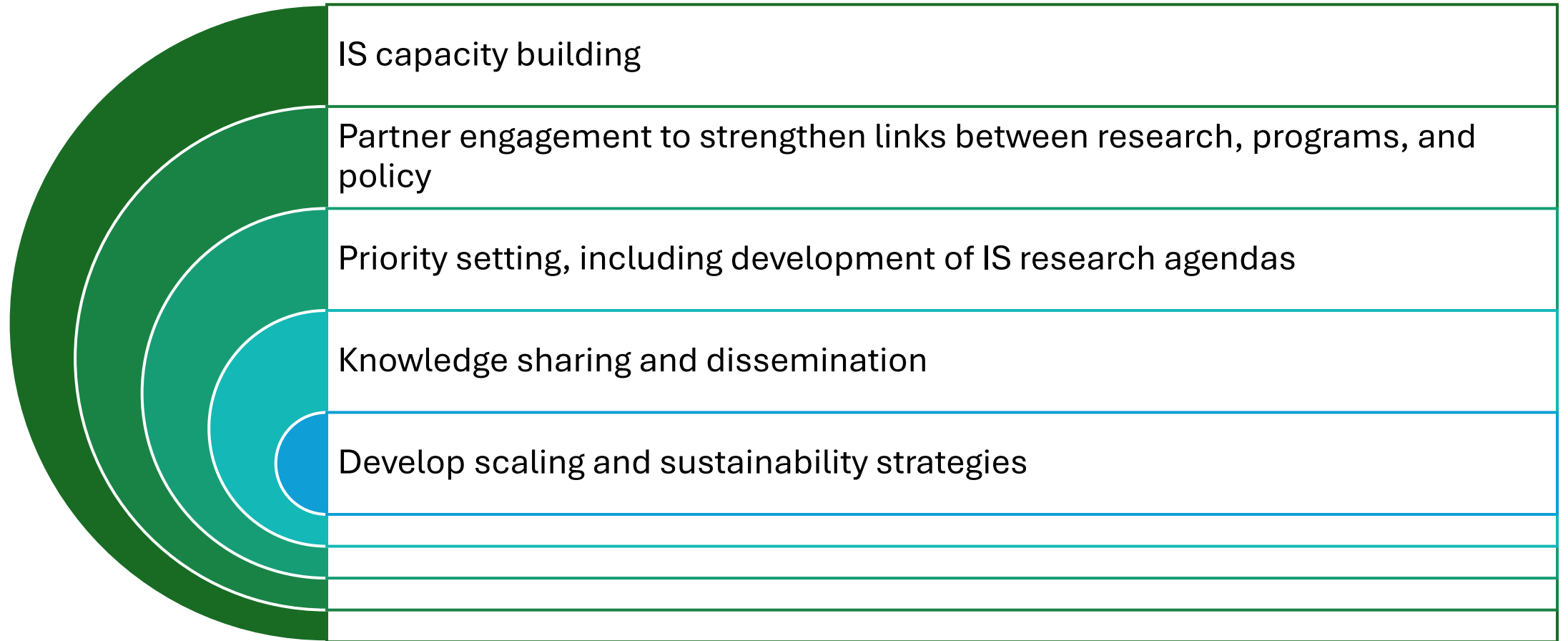
Developing Local IS Agenda for:

Integrated HIV and NCD care

Youth Interventions

Scaling Long-Acting Injectables for Priority Populations

Retention in Care

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Activities

IS capacity building

Partner engagement to strengthen links between research, programs, and policy

Priority setting, including development of IS research agendas

Knowledge sharing and dissemination

Develop scaling and sustainability strategies
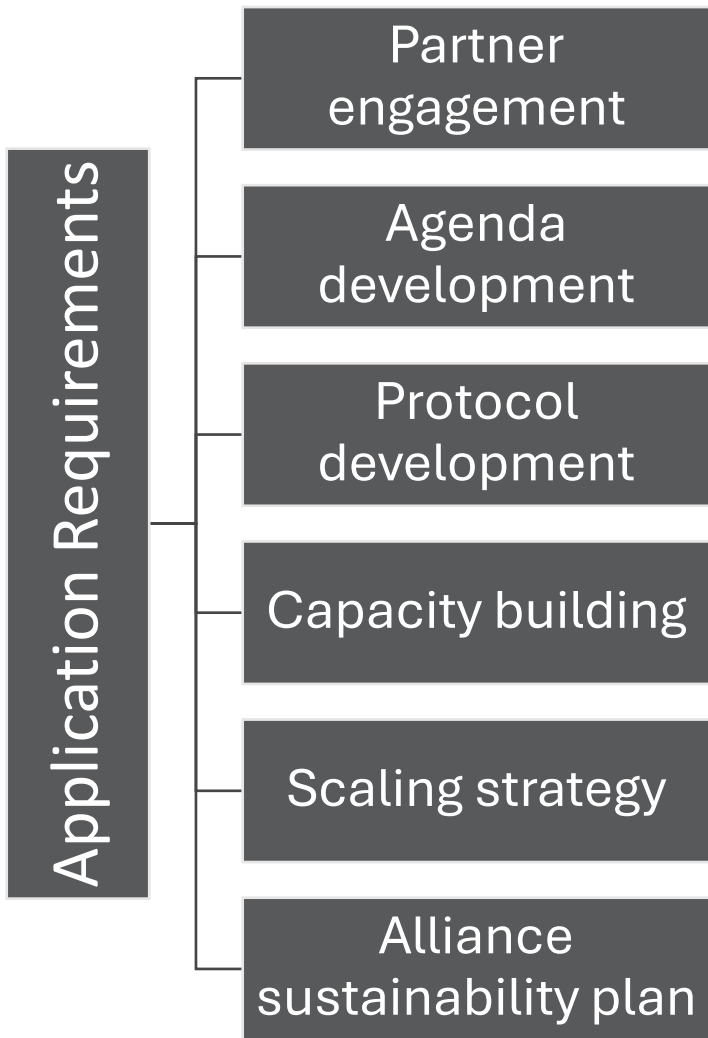
LISN Eligibility

- Led by NIH-supported researcher with a relevant, active project (2019- present)
  - Co-PIs and other leadership roles on the grant are eligible
  - Demonstrated expertise in HIV and IS
- Must have 2- 5 in-country partners as part of the local alliance leadership team
- Partners must be primarily located in the PEPFAR country and can be
  - PEPFAR implementing partners and in-country staff
  - Government representatives, and/or
  - In-country research collaborators

Focus countries: sub-Saharan African countries with 2024 PEPFAR Country Operational Plans.

Application Requirements

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- Partner engagement
- Agenda development
- Protocol development
- Capacity building
- Scaling strategy
- Alliance sustainability plan

HOW TO APPLY
- Submission through the CRDF Global Grant Portal
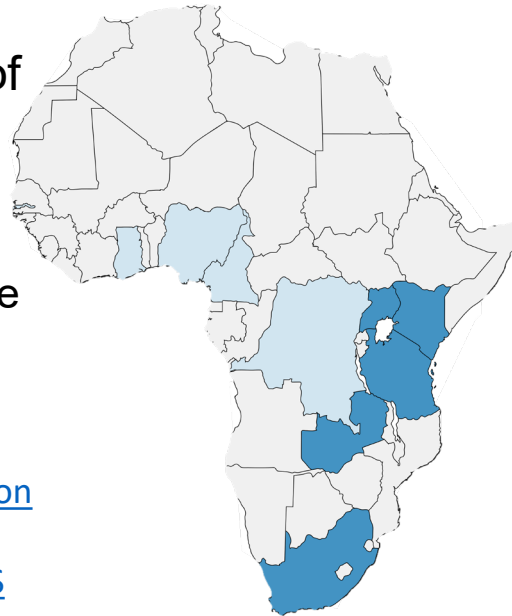- To register, email Annie King (aking@crdfglobal.org)

Models of Local ISAs

AHISA Local IS Alliances

- Goal: Catalyze long-term, sustainable, region/country-specific collaborations that aim to enhance the quality of HIV prevention and care for adolescents through use of IS by:
  - Responding to local context and implementation issues
  - Increasing implementation science capacity

Frontiers | Building Locally Anchored Implementation Science Capacity: The Case of the Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance-supported Local IS Alliances (frontiersin.org)

"Building Locally Anchored Implementation Science Capacity"

New

- Key Themes
  - capacity building- long-term mentorship between junior and senior researchers and short-term training for non-research partners
  - priority setting- identifies local research needs and streamlines activities
  - engagement- incorporate substantial engagement between partners, particularly youth, who may serve as leaders and co-create activities
  - knowledge dissemination- shares activities and results broadly

Application Materials

- FIC Call for Applications: [Call for applications: NIH/PEPFAR Local Implementation Science Network - Fogarty International Center @ NIH](#)

- CRDF Website: [NIH-PEPFAR Local Implementation Science Network – CRDF Global](#)

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FAQs

- See separate FAQ sheet for questions and answers

Audience Q&A