# Its Not Just About the Trial:

## GPP from discovery to delivery in TB Research.

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# Introducing THINK

## Non-Profit NGO:

THINK South Africa

- Founded 2012
- Head Office Durban

## Purpose:

**To Make a Difference in the lives of those affected by TB and HIV**

# Research and Public Health Interventions

## to impact TB and HIV

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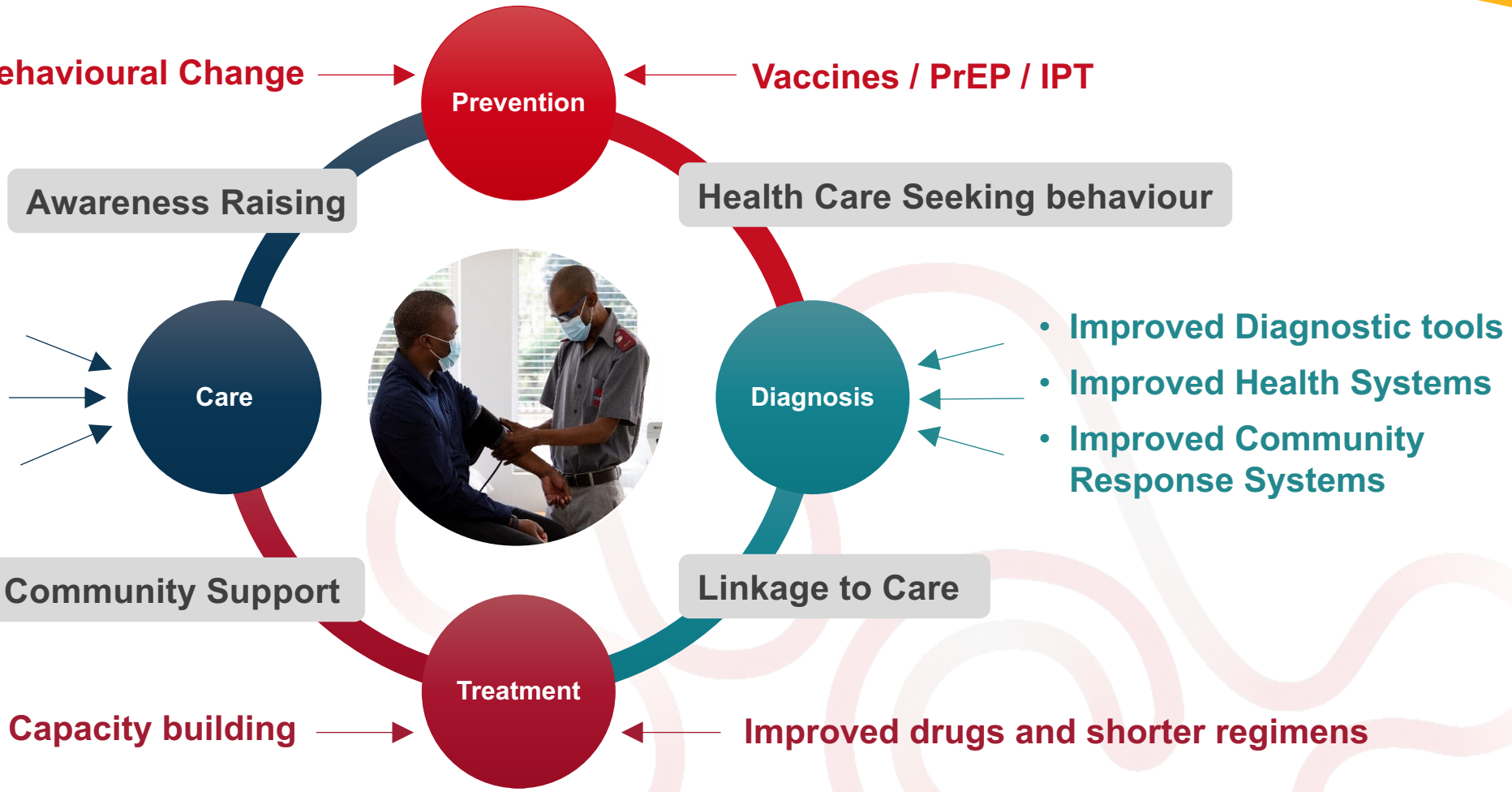
- **Social Aspects**
  - GBV
  - Education
  - Poverty
- **Patient Education**
- **Technology**




- **Improved Diagnostic tools**
- **Improved Health Systems**
- **Improved Community Response Systems**

# Our GPP Journey

# Definition

*A SET OF GUIDELINES AND PRINCIOPLES*

*TO ENSURE **MEANINGFUL** AND **ETHICAL** INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS IN **COMMUNITIES** AND FOR **PARTICIPANTS** AND **RESEARCHERS***

*FACILITATES **RESEARCH** AND **POLICY-MAKING** PROCESSES.*

*ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED FOR **BIOMEDICAL HIV** PREVENTION TRIALS*

*FOSTERS **COLLABORATION, RESPECT**, AND **TRANSPARENCY** BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND THE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED.*

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# How we see GPP –

## Get Involved

- Collaborate
- Engage
- Interact

- *People,*
- *Structures,*
- *Bodies,*
- *Regulators,*
- *Enforcers*

## Assess

- Genuine,
- Optimistic,
- Original,
- Progressive

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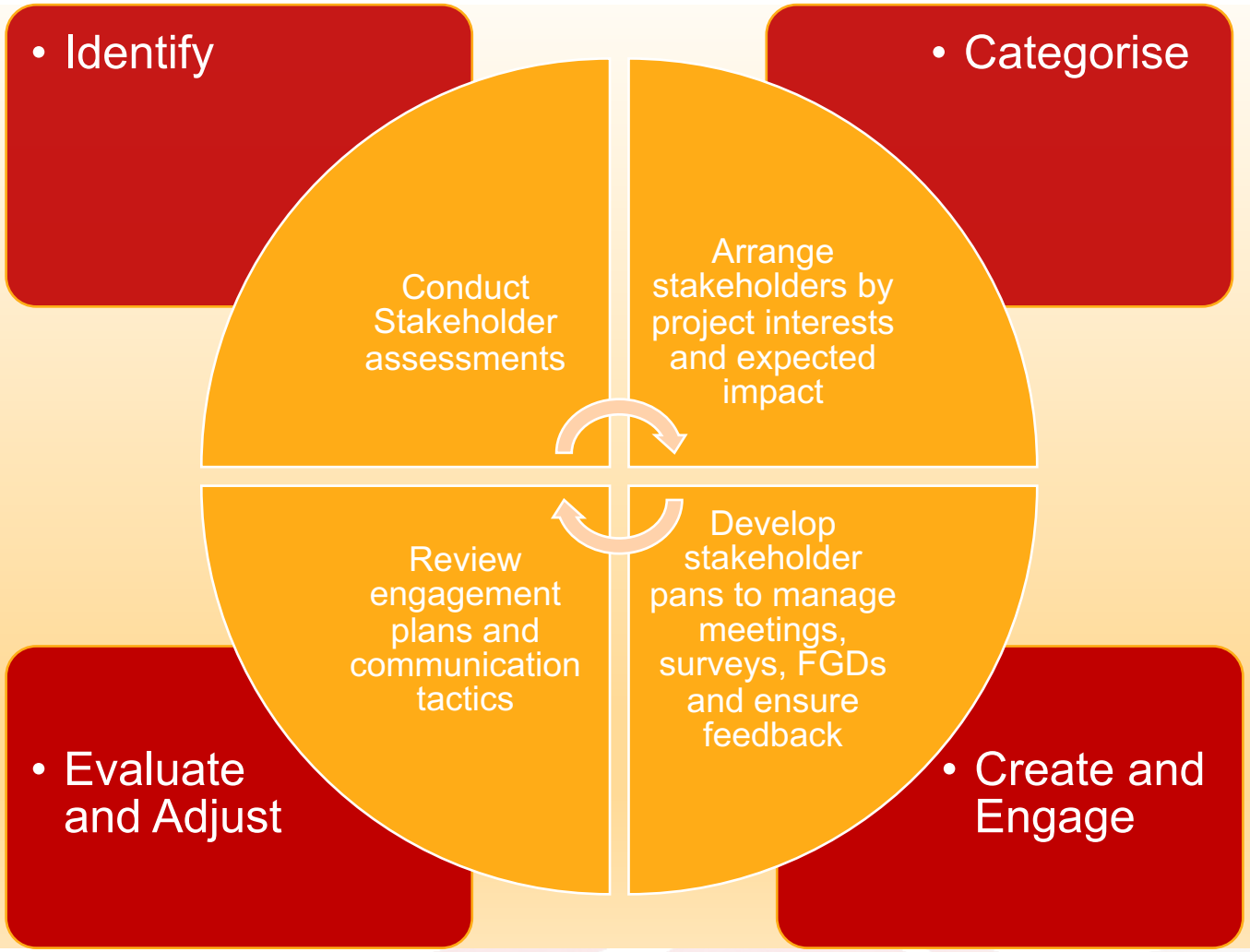
- *Systems,*
- *Processes,*
- *Terms,*
- *Guidelines*

- Norms,
- Values,
- Cultures

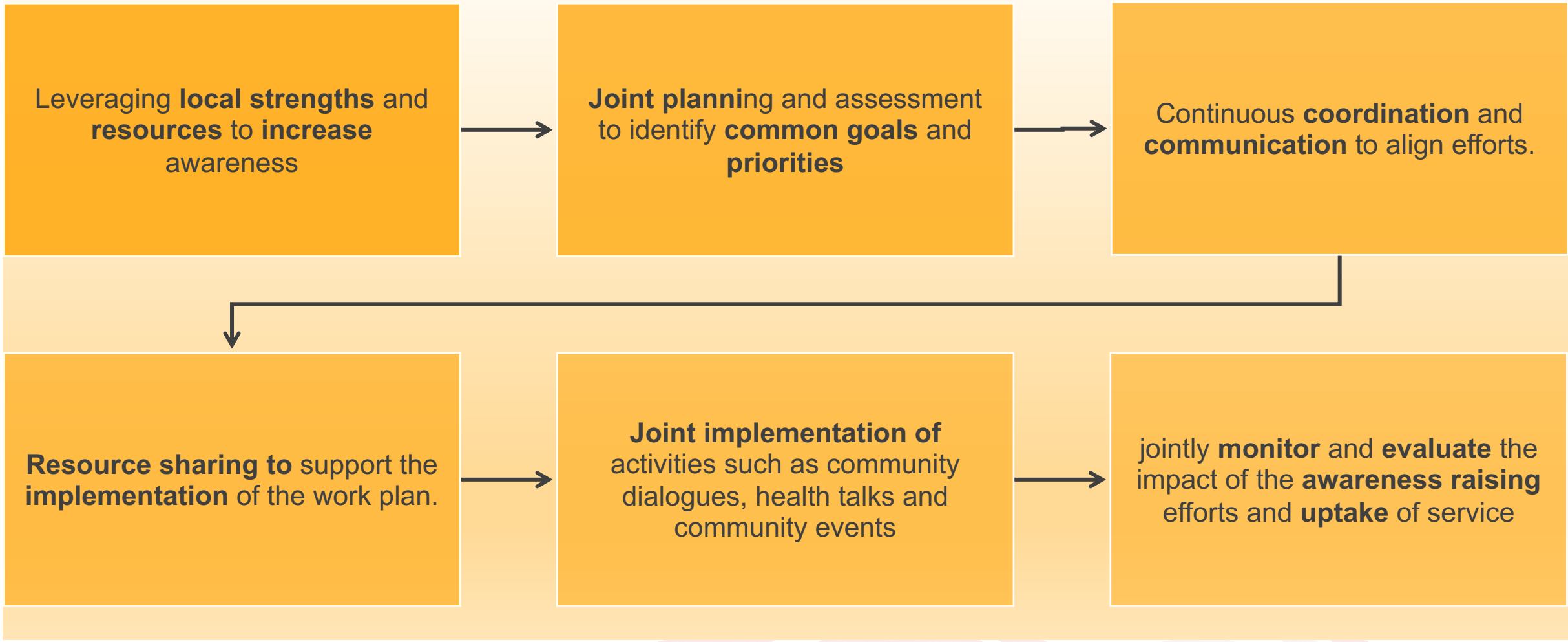
## Drive Change

Method
Approach
Routine
Exercise

# Stakeholder Engagement Framework



# Ensuring Community Participation



# Our Approach

## Pre-Study

- Create awareness in the community about research trials
- Hold community meetings, public seminars, and door-to-door visits
- Prepare terms of reference for setting up a CAB
- Discuss study aims, purpose, and benefits
- Establish community advisory group
- Adopt the constitution
- Facilitate a GPP training (for the CAB)
- Recruit of participants (multi-study)

## Post-study

- Prepare and translated dissemination material
- Attend dissemination workshops
- Conduct dissemination workshops, meetings and discussions

# GPP Driven Journey

Our Community-led approaches contribute to improving **TB diagnosis** and **treatment** in various environments.

# Lessons Learned

- Community-led interventions enable members to **plan and execute initiatives**.
- It's essential to identify community needs and to develop **culturally appropriate** and **sustainable solutions**.
- Community members can help **monitor and evaluate** these initiatives when properly **trained and equipped**
- **Faith and openness** are crucial for community engagement,
- Community Engagement plans requires clear goals, methods, results.
- **Empowered** community members with the necessary tools, skills, and expertise to manage interventions **better.**
- **When you strengthen community members skills,** you empowerthem members to participate in decisions and interventions

# Conclusion

- Our approach demonstrated the importance of **community engagement** in conducting **effective** and **impactful** projects.

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