

Strategic Training Partnership to End AIDS in Georgia

Scientific Focus, Activities, and Schedule

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International Research Training Award



Funding Opportunity Title

Fogarty HIV Research Training Program for Low-and Middle-Income Country Institutions (D43 Clinical Trial Optional)

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Grant Recipient: Partnership for Research and Action for Health

Sub-awardees: SUNY Downstate Medical Center, UAlbany SPH

Period of Performance: 2020-2024

Partners

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Current program built on previous Fogarty International Center investments

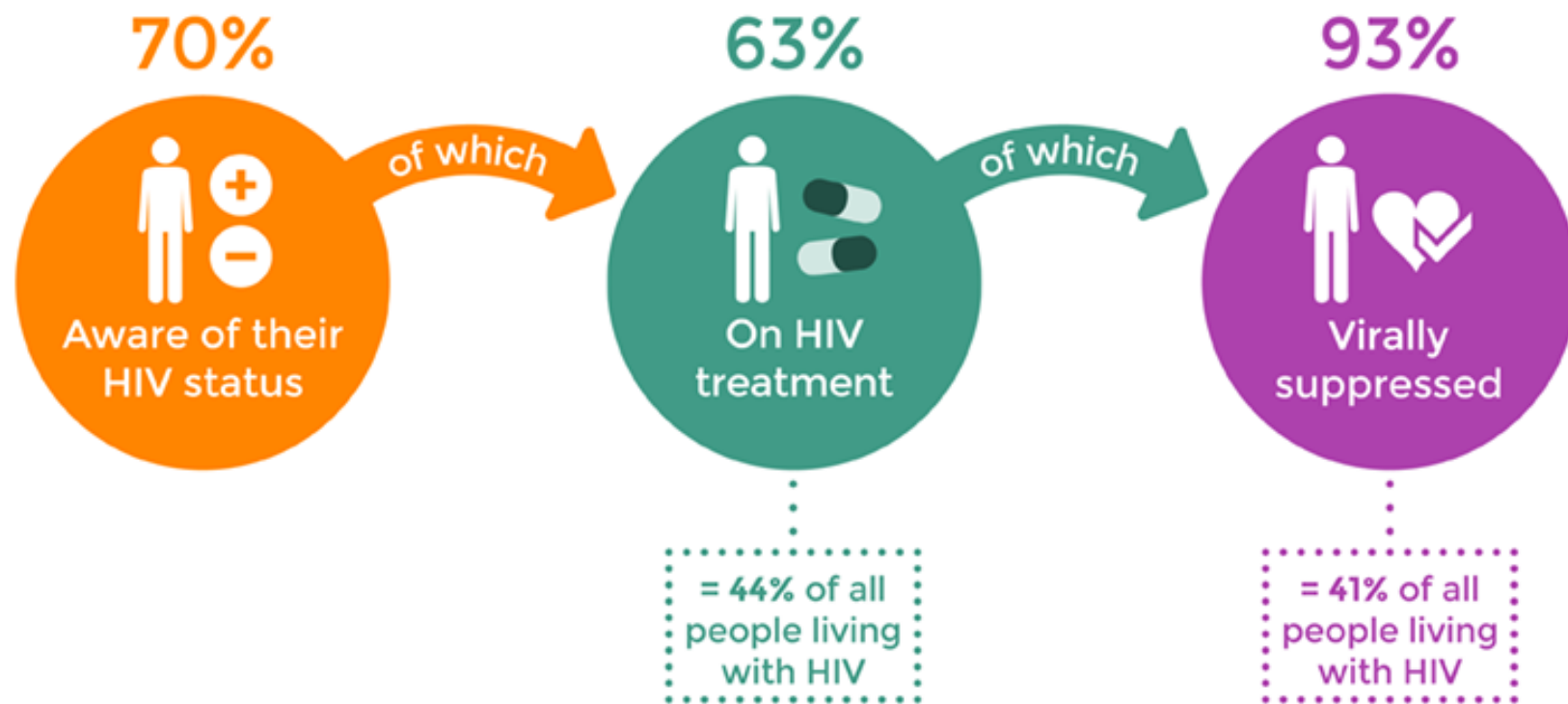
- New York State International Research Training Program (1996-2014), PI: Jack DeHovitz
- Emory University AIDS International Training and Research Program (1998-2013), PI: Carlos Del Rio
- Emory-Georgia TB Research Training Program (2004-2020), PI: Henry Blumberg
- Planning Grant - Building Capacity Ending AIDS in Georgia (2016-2017), PI: Mamuka Djibuti

PROGRAM PLAN – Training Program

- A five-year training program supporting the doctoral level education and locally-relevant HIV implementation research in Georgia
- **Long-term training:** 10 doctoral students will be trained and mentored at public health doctoral program at Tbilisi State University, Georgia, including for 8 months in the US (coursework at UAlbany SPH and a practice-based internship at the NYSDOH-AI)
- **Short-term training:** 30 post-doctoral students/researchers and faculty will receive implementation research training conducted jointly by US and Georgian faculty, featuring hands- on learning and case examples using Georgian HIV/AIDS policies and data
- **Building the institutional capacity** and technical competence needed at TSU to deliver high-quality doctoral degree program in Public health

Scientific Focus – Implementation Research of Testing/ Diagnosis Stage of HIV Care Cascade

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA Progress towards 90 90 90 targets (all ages)

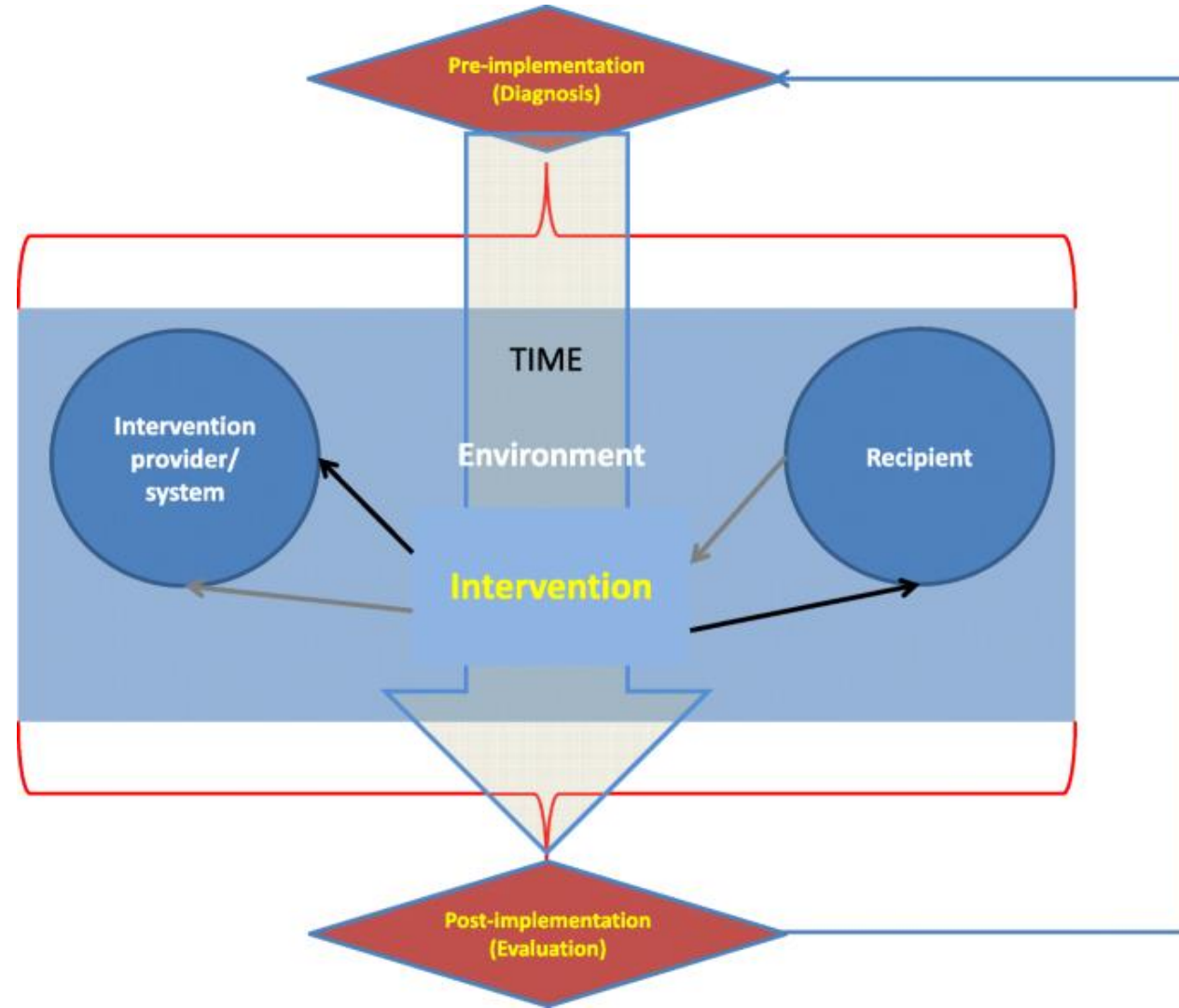


Source: UNAIDS Data 2020

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Implementation Science

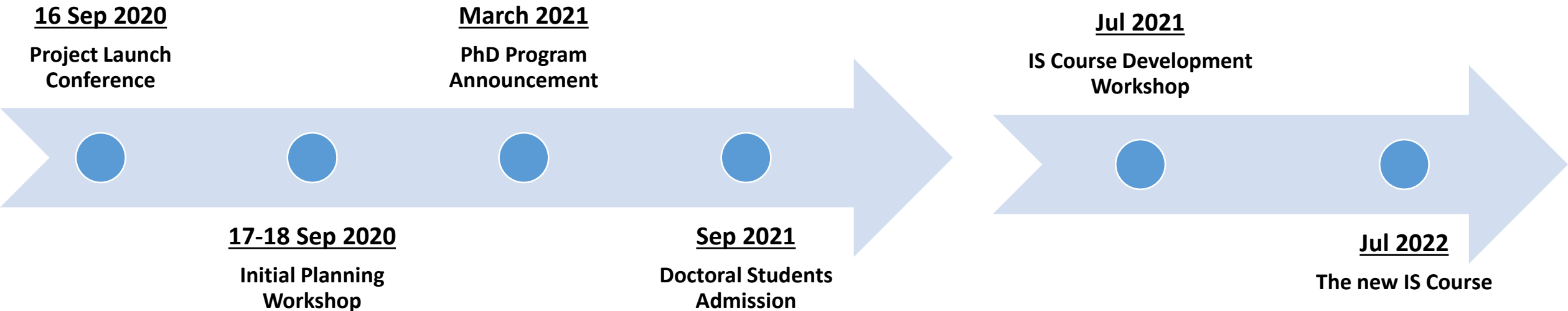


- *"Implementation science is the study of methods to improve the uptake, implementation, and translation of research findings into routine and common practices (the 'know-do' or 'evidence to program' gap)."*

Padian et al.

- Implementation outcomes – acceptability, adoption, appropriateness, costs, feasibility
- Service outcomes – efficiency, safety, effectiveness, equity
- Client outcomes – satisfaction, function, symptomatology

Program Plan – Important Dates Years 1 & 2



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