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Establishing a health services research node to improve drug and alcohol outcomes in rural, regional, and remote NSW communities.

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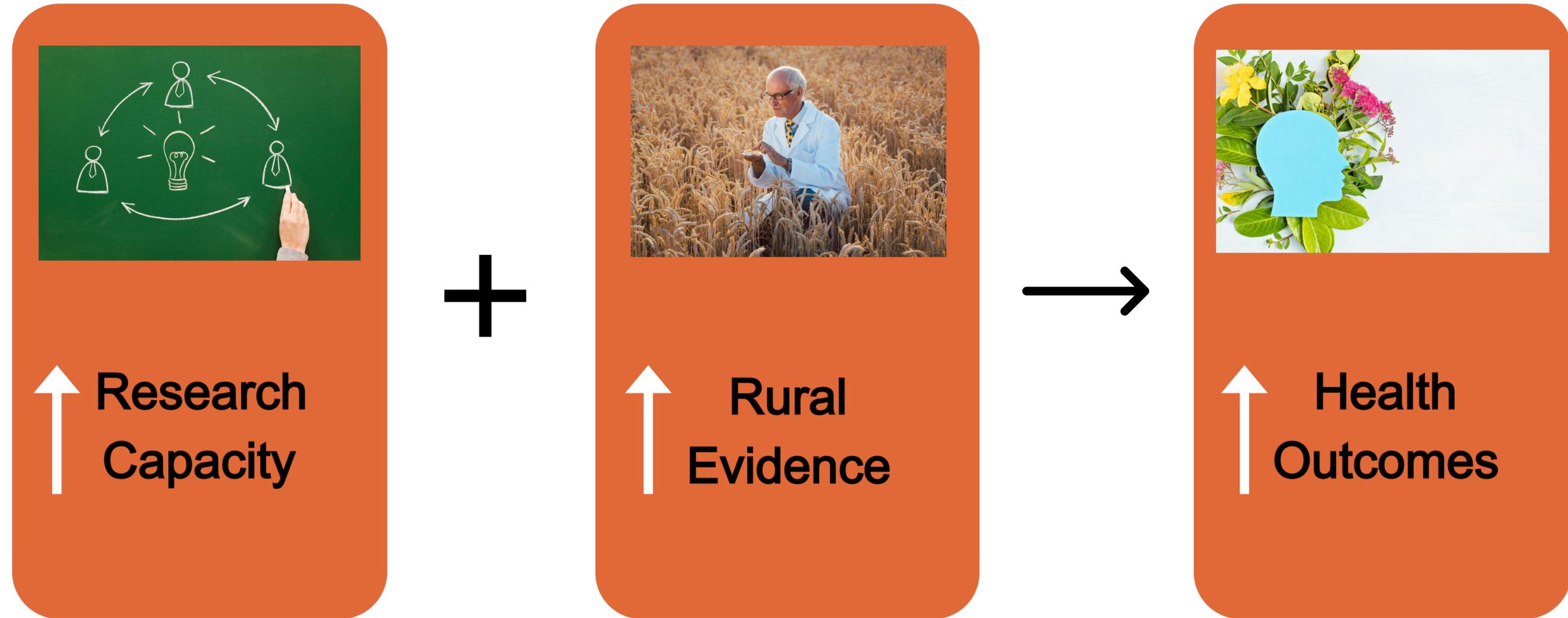
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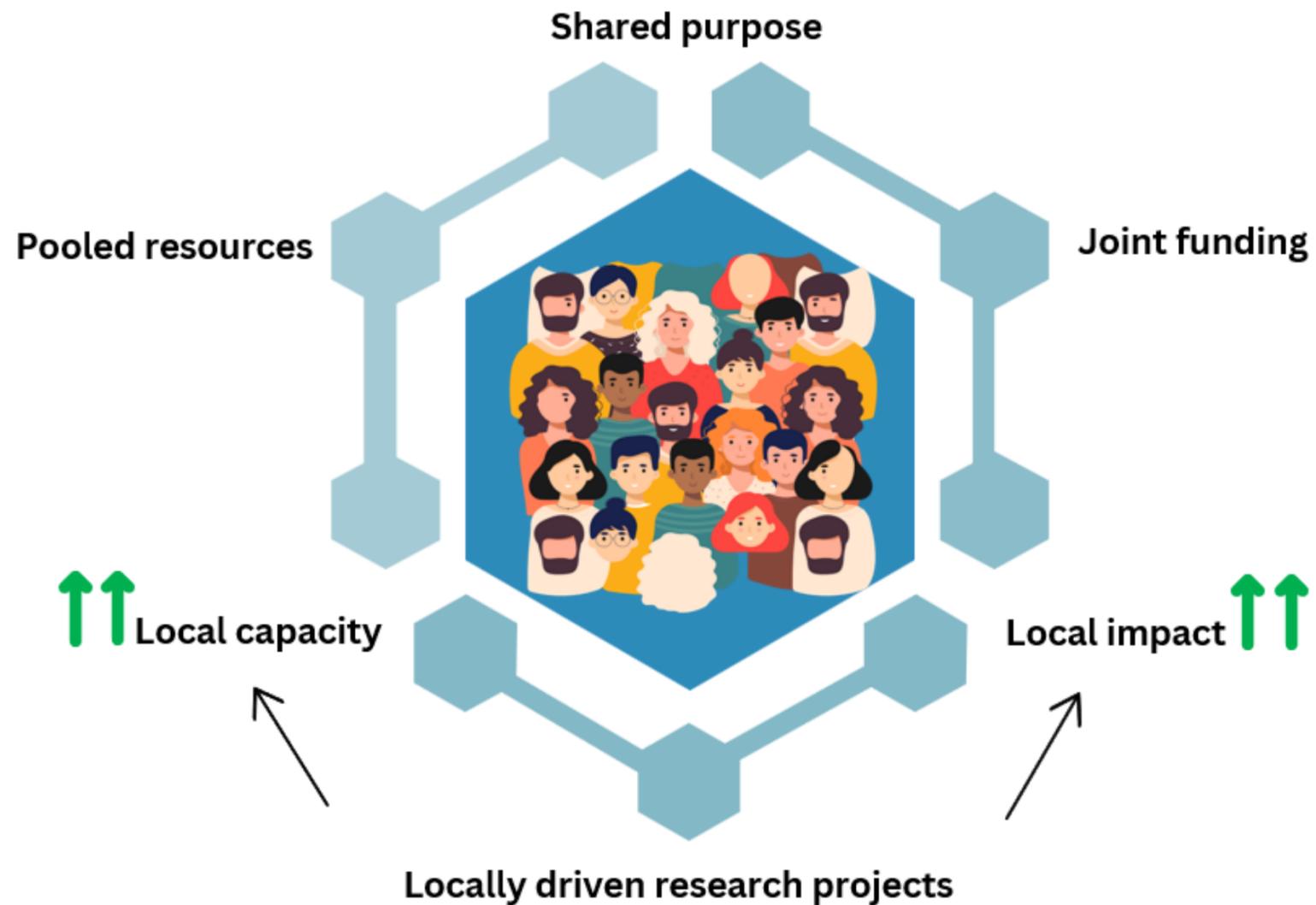
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Background



Intervention



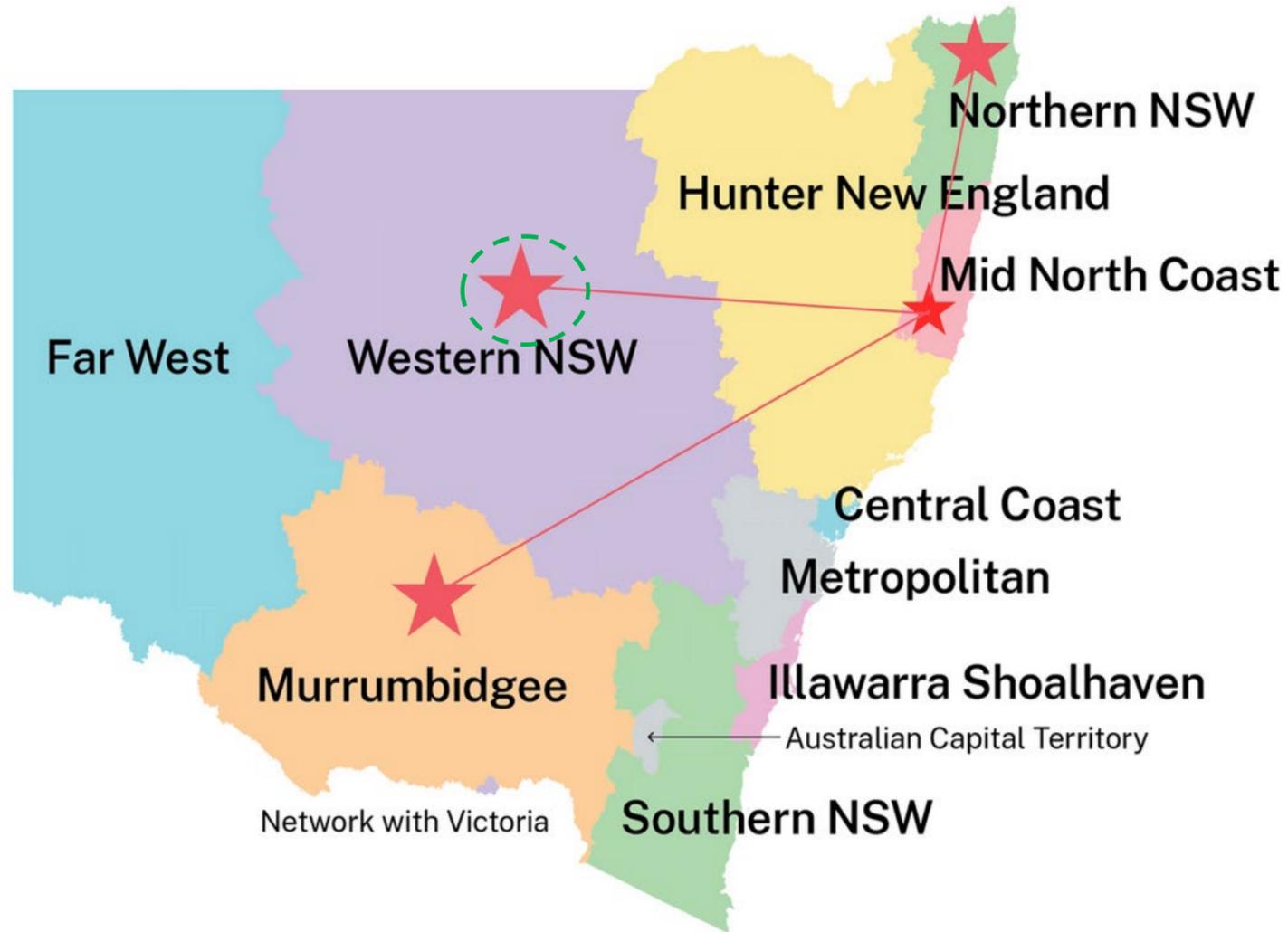
1. Establish a regional base for AOD research.

- shared resources and expertise.
- enhanced research capability.
- designed and led by people living in rural areas.

2. Develop an indicative program of work.

- consumer and clinician-driven research projects.
- locally identified priorities.
- state and/or national alignment.

Acceptability



Joint Statement of Purpose: Research Collaboration

We, the undersigned, hereby express our intent to engage in a collaborative research endeavour with the aim of addressing critical Alcohol and Other Drug challenges in rural, regional, and remote areas.

Mission. Our mission is to combine our expertise, resources, and networks to conduct high-quality research that contributes to better health in rural and regional communities.

Values

Excellence: We are committed to upholding the highest standards of research excellence, integrity, and rigor.

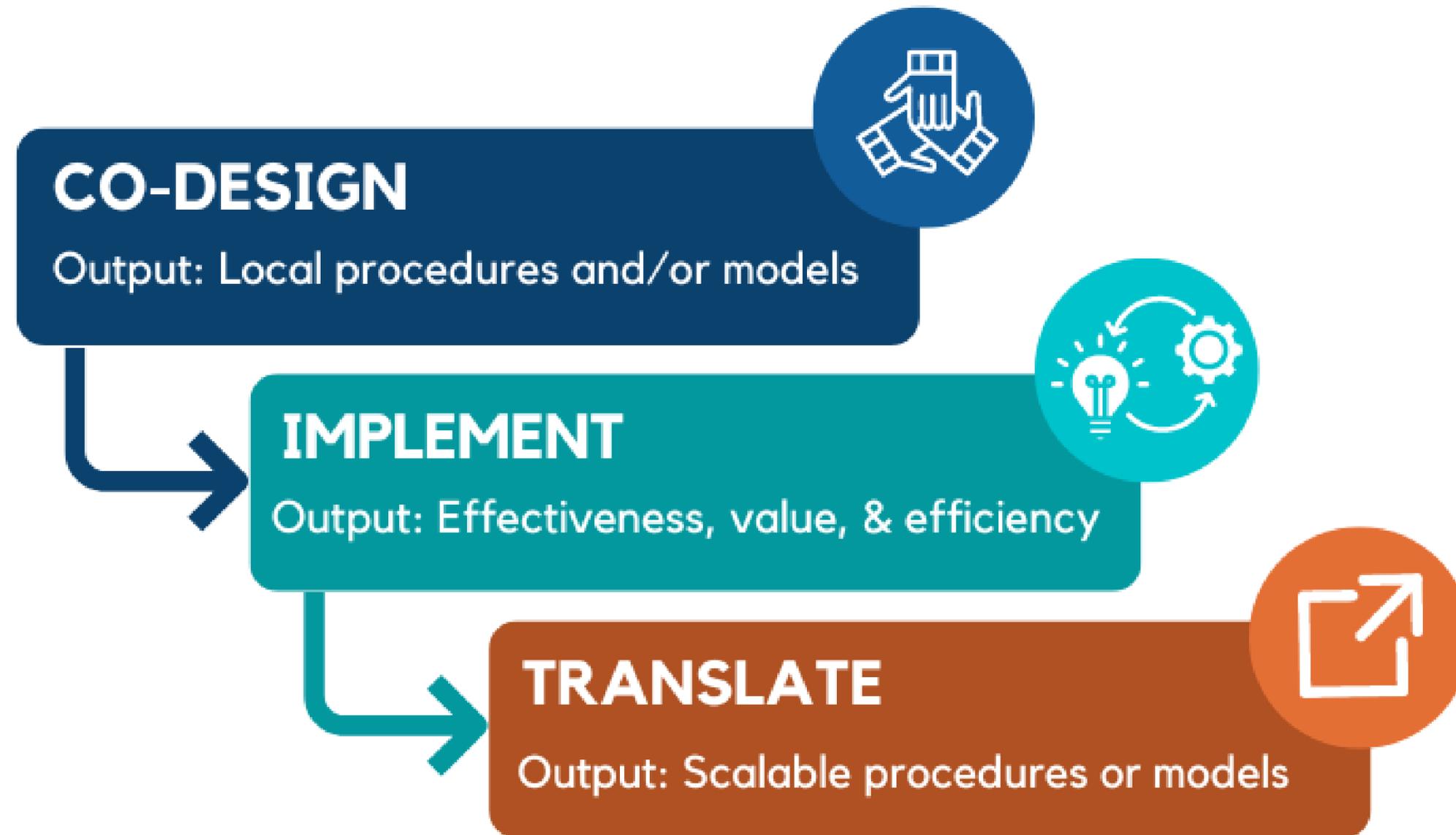
Collaboration: By working together, we can leverage our diverse perspectives, skills, and experiences to tackle complex challenges and create transformative outcomes.

Inclusivity: We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and diverse research environment that values and respects individuals from all backgrounds.

Impact: We seek to translate our findings into practical applications, policies, and interventions that improve the lives of individuals and communities.

Objectives

Next steps



Foley et. al., 2023, PMID 37372904 | Farnbach et. al., 2021 PMID: 33858384 | Farnbach et.al., 2024, PMID: 38634165 | Shakeshaft et.al., 2024 [under development]

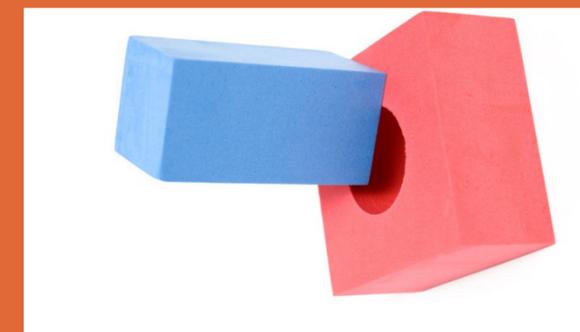
Implications



A framework to build evidence in rural settings.



Potential to inform clinical practice change.



Rapid translation through scalable models of care.

Established links with policy makers



Thank
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