

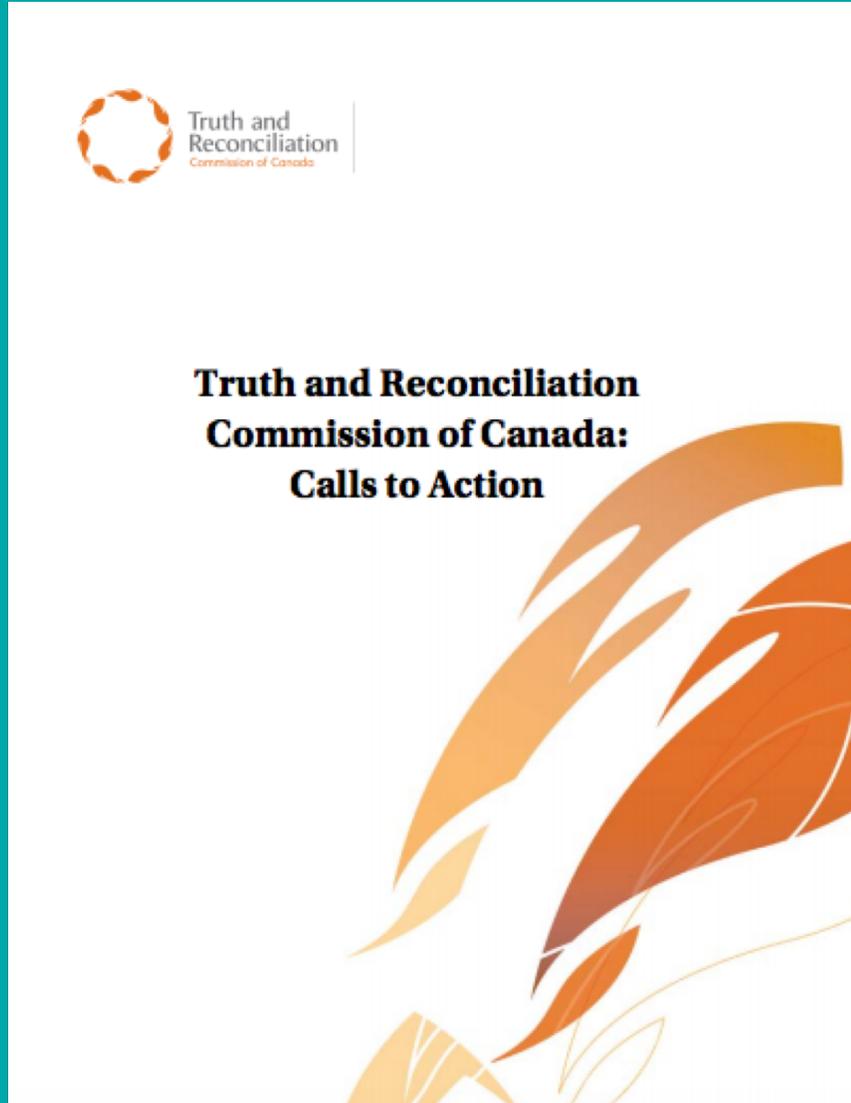
# Barriers and Opportunities for the Genuine Participation of Racialized Communities in CBR: Implications toward HPAs

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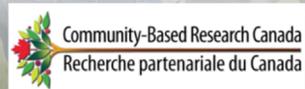
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## **Call to Action #65:**

“We call upon the federal government, through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, post-secondary institutions and educators, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and its partner institutions, to establish a national research program with multi-year funding to advance understanding of reconciliation”

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## Retreat-Style

- 5-day retreat; on the land
- **TB** = Art boxes, homecoming; **BC** = birch bark baskets, letting go; **SKN** = talking sticks, water ceremony; **AB** = capotes & drums, fashion show
- I feel like every essence of my being from within has been touched. ... I just feel like I'm taking a lot with me, and I feel like I even grew taller. I know I probably didn't, but I feel taller. **I feel stronger and I feel ready for what I have to face at home.**

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Tracey Prentice  
It's fine for me

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ok thanks Tracey. Monique, would you like to try logging off and back on?

Monique Fong Howe\_1  
I am calling in.. :)

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## Territorial Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen (Le-kwun-gen) peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees (Song-ees), Esquimalt (Es-qy-malt) and WSÁNEĆ (Wa-saan-ich) peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

... we can genuinely heal!

... the healing of Self is intimately intertwined with the healing of the Other and whatever I do for Others is also what I do for my Self at one and the same time.

Kuwee Kumsa, 2007

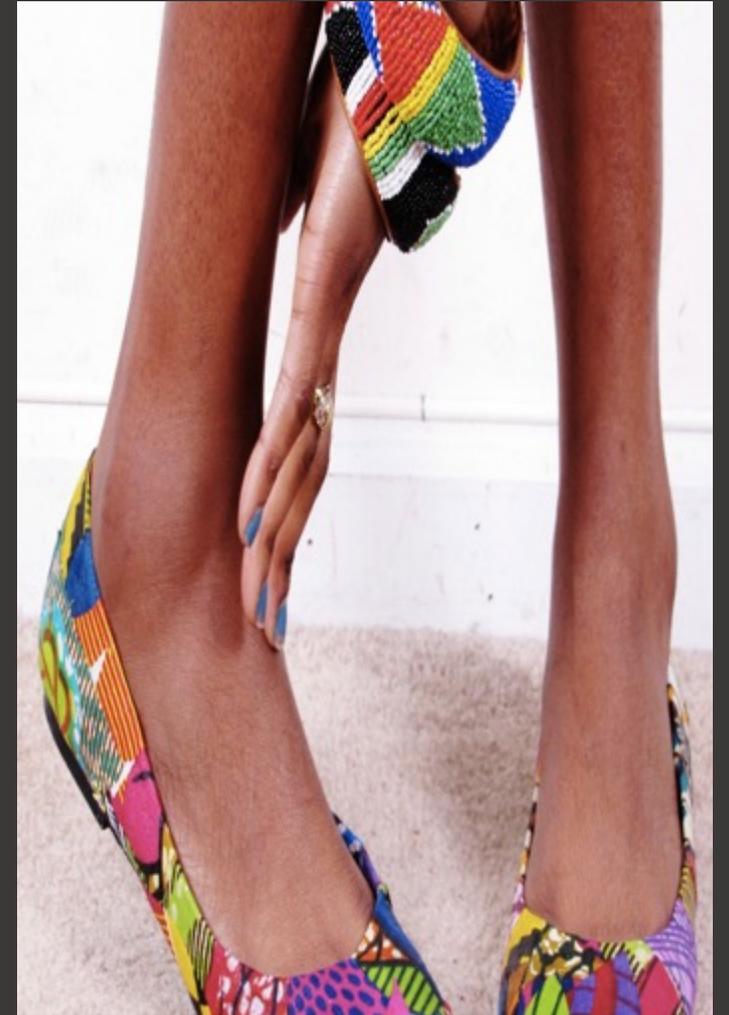
## The Metaphor of SHOE

“it is the one who lives in the house who knows where the roof leaks”

African Proverb

“She that wears the shoe knows where the pinches are felt most”

English Proverb



# Overview of Study with SSAWLH in BC, Canada

- Narrative literature review

  - ❖ Secondary sources

- Domains

  - ❖ Content & Theory: Migration, health, and Intersectionality

  - ❖ Methodology: Community- Based Research and Mixed Methods

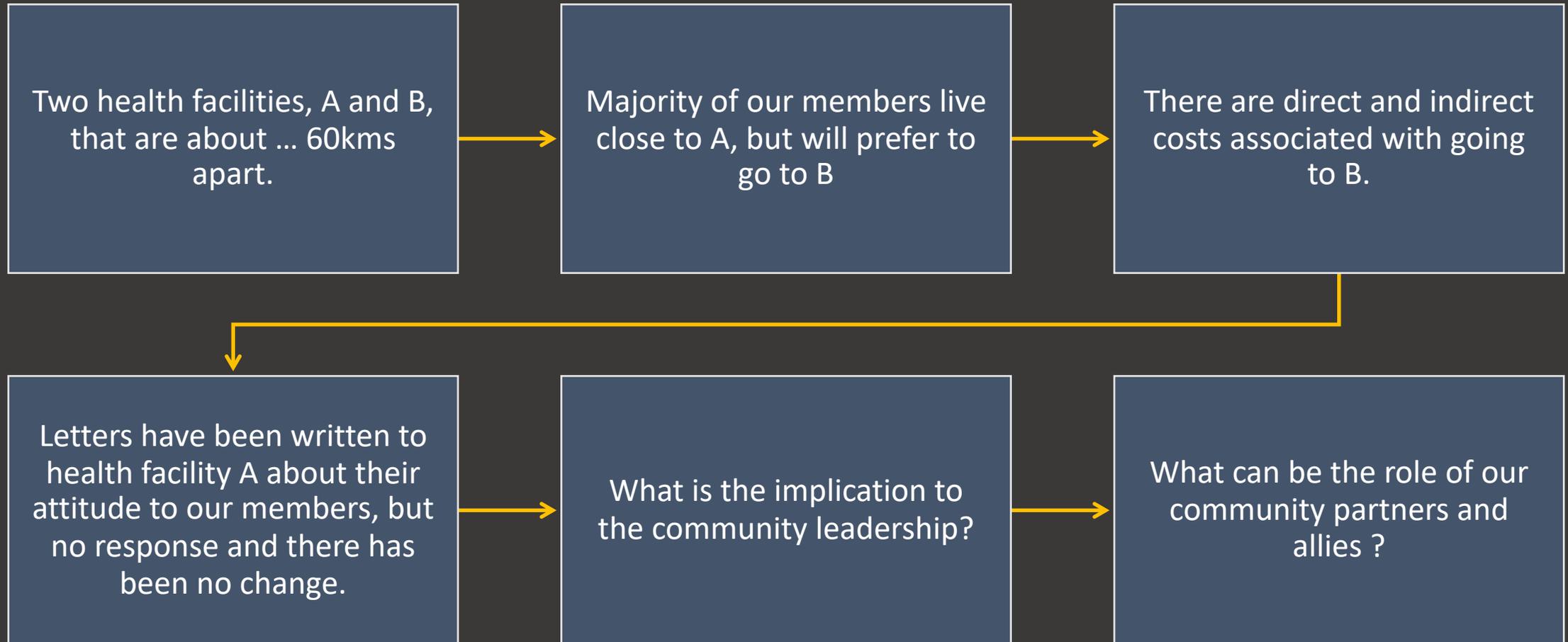
# Sub Saharan African Women Living with HIV in Canada

- Globally, more women are affected by HIV; of 6000 daily new infections globally, two out of three women are in SSA;
- Young women (15-24 years) are disproportionately affected in SSA (Kharsany and Karim, 2016).
- More women than men are moving to global north nations like Canada.
- Source of Black immigration has changed between 2011 to 2016 (Statistics Canada, 2019)
- People of HIV endemic countries (HEC) make up 2.5% of Canadian population and contributed 53.8% of HIV positive test reports from 1997 to 2002, and 42 SSA countries are in the 71 HEC (PHAC, 2012).
- Despite limitations of surveillance data, the second most reported exposure category among adults is the heterosexual contact at 32.3%;
- The maternal region of birth for most infants perinatally exposed to HIV in 2018 was Africa (Haddad et al., 2019).

# Structural Barriers

- Individual Level
  - ❖ HIV through Displacement and Migration: Research blind spot that while on the migrant passage, HIV infection can occur before final country settlement.
  - ❖ Disinterest with research
    - ❖ Power hierarchy seen with traditional academic research
  - ❖ HIV-related stigma and discrimination
- At the community level
  - ❖ Systemic inequalities from structural racism
    - ❖ Lack of funding for community work
    - ❖ Staff Attrition
    - ❖ Challenges of access to institutional socioeconomic products and services, e.g., immigration and health services

# Case Study 1



# Case Study II: Culturally Led Peer Navigators

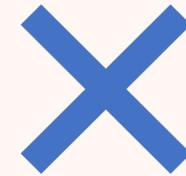


## **Institutional Mazes**

Social and Health systems are like mazes.



## **Communication barriers**



## **Cross-cultural constraints**

# Nonstructural Barriers

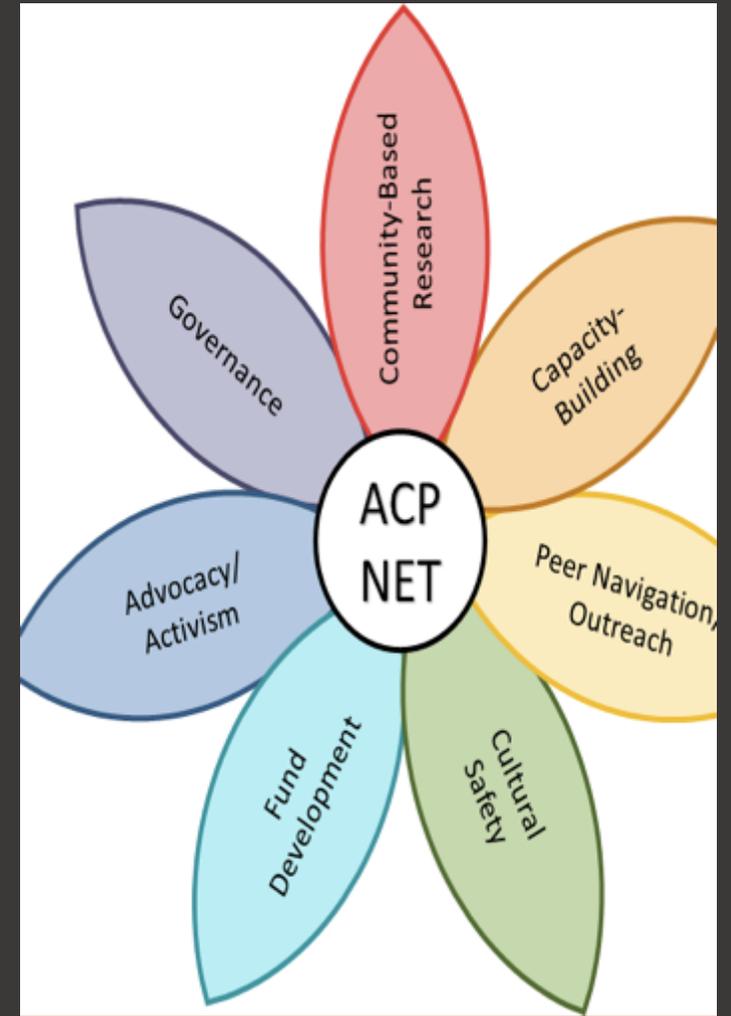
- Food Insecurity
- Social Exclusion
  - The third phase of the HIV epidemic
  - Fear of deportation (violence) and associated mental health challenges
  - Next generation
- Risk Behaviours and their correlates

## Opportunities/Challenges

- Research process with collaborative and transformative research outcomes
  - ❖ Community-based quantitative, qualitative & mixed methods research
- Relational process: Outcomes of genuine leadership/governance
  - Community-academic partnerships, such as ACPNet of BC with UVic HSD.
- Capacity building, strengthening, and bridging
- Challenges of cultural, ethical, methodological, and practical.
- Drawing on research strengths to mitigate challenges
  - Relational strengths & ethical challenges
  - Community buy-in & community mobilization
  - Effective research communication and methodological strengths
  - Cultural Appreciation and safety

# Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC (ACPNet)

- A support organization founded by people of African descent living with and affected by HIV in British Columbia.
- Community work around social programs of individual and community knowledge mobilization, advocacy, and empowerment to reduce HIV spread
- Equity, social justice, and cultural humility.





**The latest CAP Team:  
ACPNNet of BC & Uvic HSD**

## Limitations, Next Steps, and Gaps

- A totally different social context
- Public Health implications
  - Reframing HPAs: A new world of research
  - Using CBMMR, Qualitative or Quantitative CBR
    - CBR and sociocultural processes of knowledge production
      - Cultural humility and knowledge democracy
        - Experiential Voices (knowledge bearers and holders)
- Prior to COVID-19, Research and Home meetings.
- Community Peer liaisons (Institutional Navigators)
- Advocacy for this community work
  - Allies and Partners

## Conclusions

- Using collaborative research with the SSAWLH community can help explore intersecting sociostructural inequalities where they are born, grow, live, work, age, and die.
- Despite research constraints, genuine community-academic partnership can engage the complex and intersecting social, economic, historical, legal, and cultural realities of sub-Saharan African women's experiences with HIV through migration and displacement, which can be adapted within the Western Canadian BC context.

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**Thank you**

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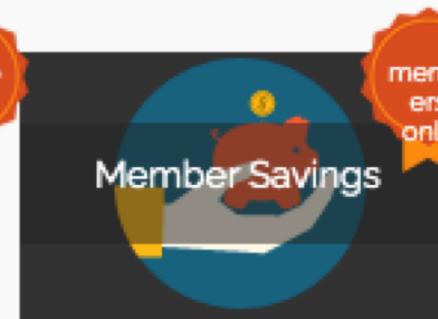
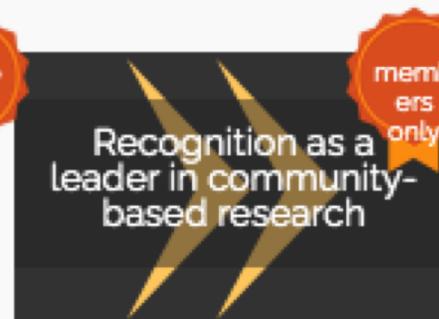
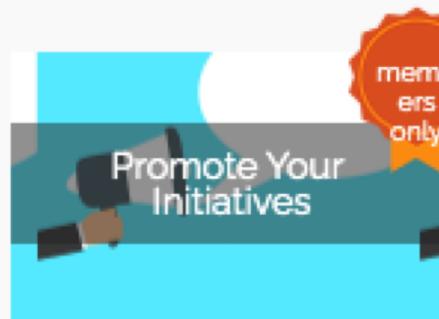
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