

Building knowledge through transnational projects: the role of European Universities

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» What is our aim?

- equitable access to MMR and HPV vaccination
- improving access among underserved communities by identifying and removing health system barriers
- adjusting existing and/or developing new system-level interventions tailored to underserved communities

» How?



building partnerships

- within academic and research institutions
- with policy makers
- with health care institutions and professionals
- with organizations working with and/or advocating for target communities
- with community members

» Participatory action research

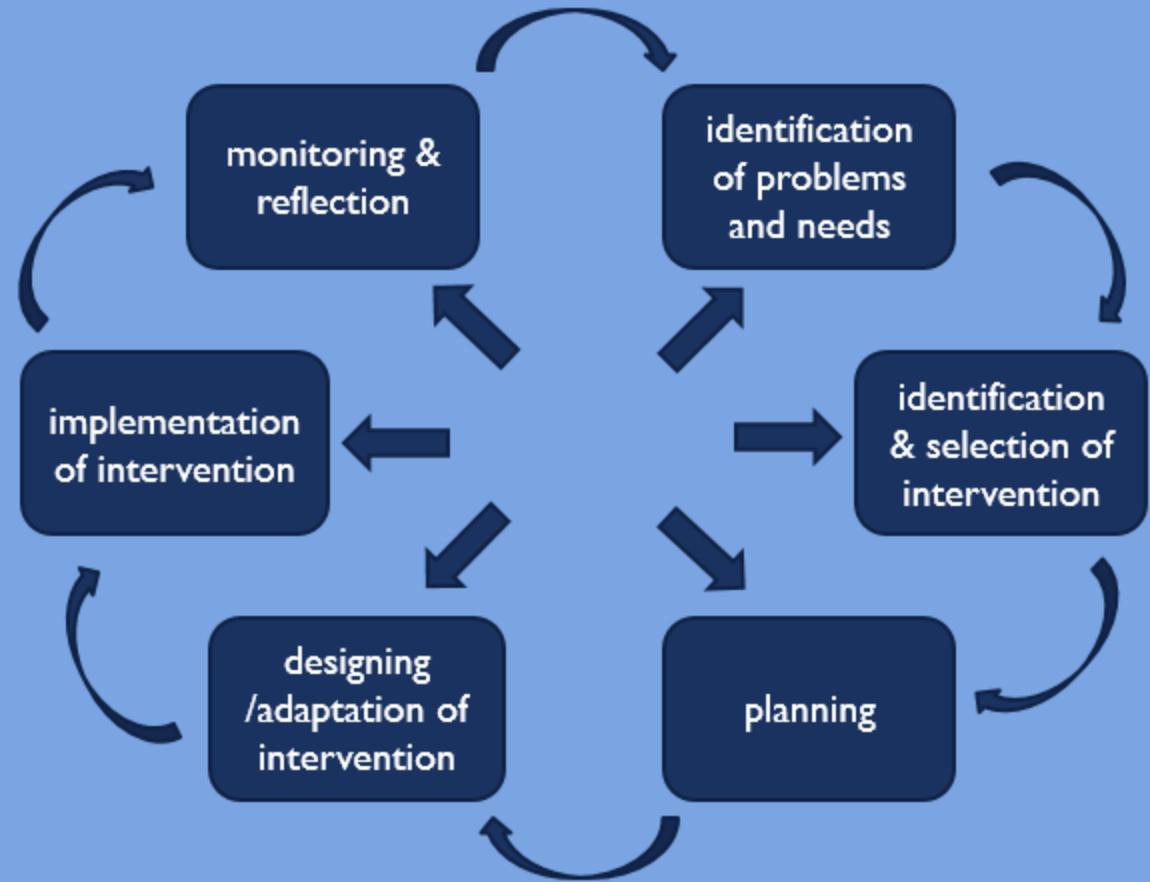


engaging community members and all other relevant stakeholders in each phase of the project

move them from the periphery to the center of the production of knowledge, designing the intervention and evaluation

build partnerships with health care professionals, institutions and societies

» Opportunity to learn from each other



» What is our role?

- demand oriented research, finding overlap between public health goals and actual health needs of communities
- production of knowledge for evidence based policy and practice
- systematize and translate the knowledge of the lay public into scientific knowledge using sound and rigor methodology



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