

# Toronto to Zero

A Means to Building Our Future

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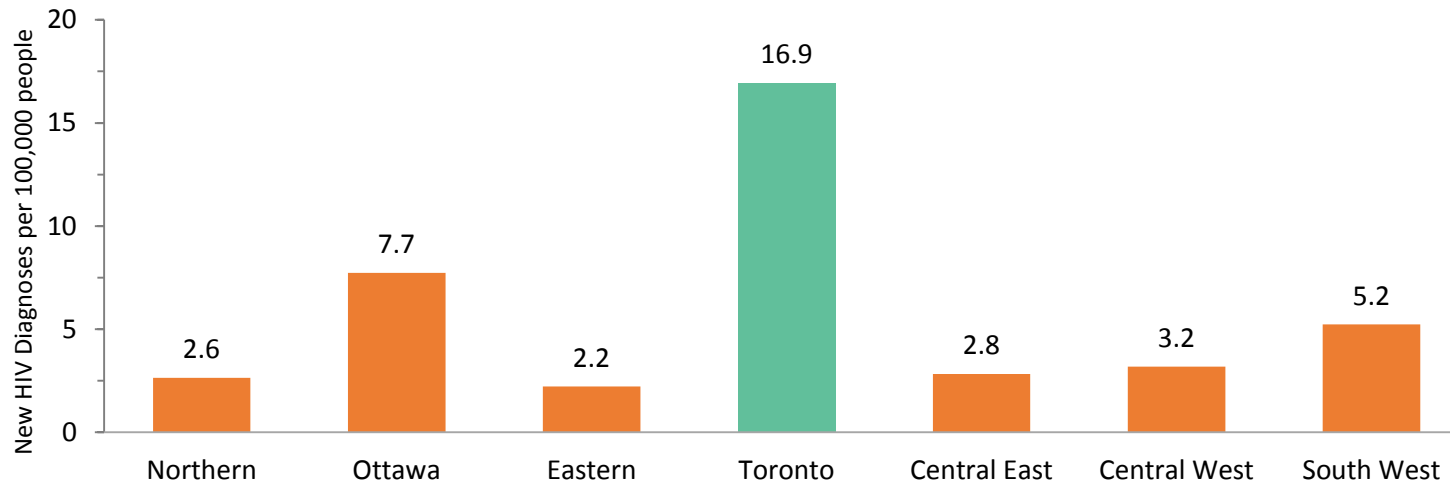
# Overview

- What is **Toronto to Zero** and the global Fast-Track City program?
- Why is Toronto to Zero needed and how is it different from what we do now?
- How will Toronto to Zero work collaboratively with community members living with and affected by HIV?
- What is the role of task groups and co-chairs in Toronto to Zero?



# Why make Toronto a Fast-Track City?

-  Toronto has 20% of Ontario's population but more than half of people living with HIV in the province
-  Each year more than half of all new HIV diagnoses provincially are made in Toronto



Rate of new HIV diagnosis for the City of Toronto and Ontario Health Regions, 2017



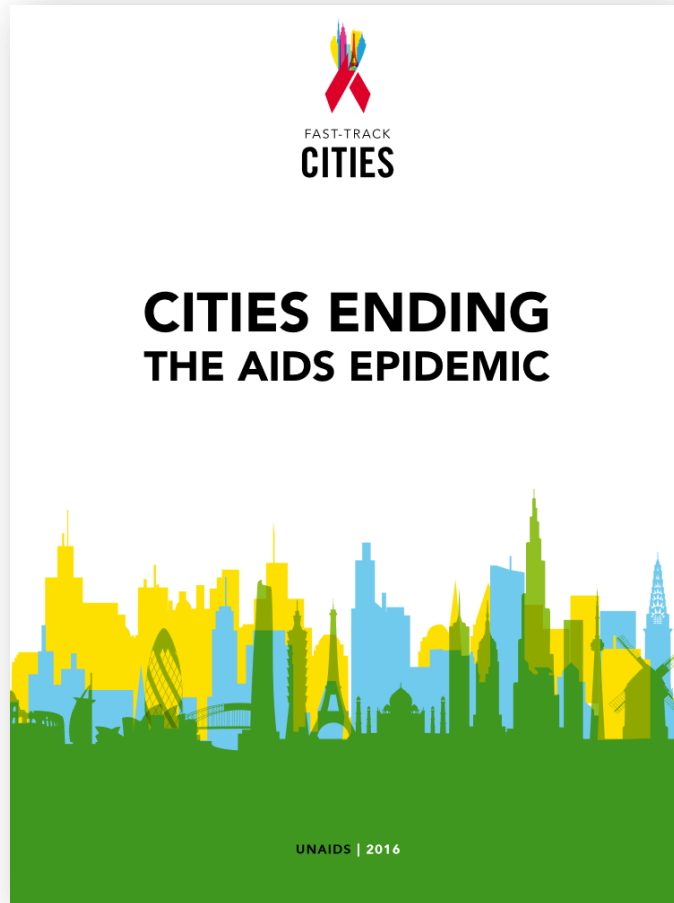
# What will it take to end the HIV epidemic in Toronto?

- 📈 **Dramatically** reduce the number of new HIV transmissions
- 📈 **Maximize** the number of people living with HIV who:
  - are **diagnosed quickly** after contracting HIV
  - are **immediately linked** to care and treatment
- 📄 **Improve the health outcomes** of people **living with HIV** so they can **be fully engaged** in their families, work and social lives
- 🛑 **Stop HIV stigma and discrimination**

# A passionate and engaged community – then and now



# Fast-Track Cities Initiative



- Since 2014 more than **250 cities** have signed up
- Cities involved have made significant progress in:
  - Reducing new infections
  - Expanding access to treatment and care
  - Bringing HIV back into public focus
- Some cities (Amsterdam, London, and Melbourne) have already surpassed their targets
- It's a timely opportunity to build on Toronto's past successes and expand existing resources





# What are our objectives with Toronto to Zero?

•Reduce by two-thirds – from 434 to 145 – the number of **new HIV transmissions** in Toronto annually

•**Surpass the UNAIDS 90-90-90** goals and reach more ambitious targets – **95-95-97**

•Ensure **all populations** most affected by HIV share in the **benefits of care and treatment**

•Establish a **“fourth 90”**: to improve the overall health, longevity and quality of life for people living with HIV

**End HIV stigma** and discrimination



# No one left behind

- Our movement has always been about ensuring that everyone has **equitable access** to health care
- Toronto to Zero re-emphasizes the need for testing, treatment, **care and support for all populations at risk**
- Ensure everyone living with HIV receives **comprehensive, culturally safe care for all their health needs**, leading to improved health and quality of life





# Champion Team

- A team of local stakeholders, with minimum **25%** representation from people living with HIV and/or from populations affected by HIV
- Guiding the project through:
  - Initial formulation
  - Development of a comprehensive action plan
  - Engagement with community stakeholders
  - Oversight of implementation
- Co-chairs: Murray Jose-Boerbridge and Darien Taylor



# Champion Team membership

- Community members
- Toronto HIV/AIDS Network
- AIDS Committee of Toronto
- Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
- Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment
- Maggie's Toronto Sex Worker Action Project
- Toronto People With AIDS Foundation
- Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy
- Women's Health in Women's Hands
- Casey House
- Fife House
- South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- Church Wellesley Health Centre
- University Health Network
- Toronto Public Health
- Toronto Central LHIN
- Public Health Ontario
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Ontario HIV Treatment Network
- Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research
- ViiV Healthcare (technical advisor)
- Gilead Sciences (technical advisor)



# Implementing our vision

The Champion Team, with support from task groups of local stakeholders and input from community consultation, is putting together an action plan oriented around 5 key goals:

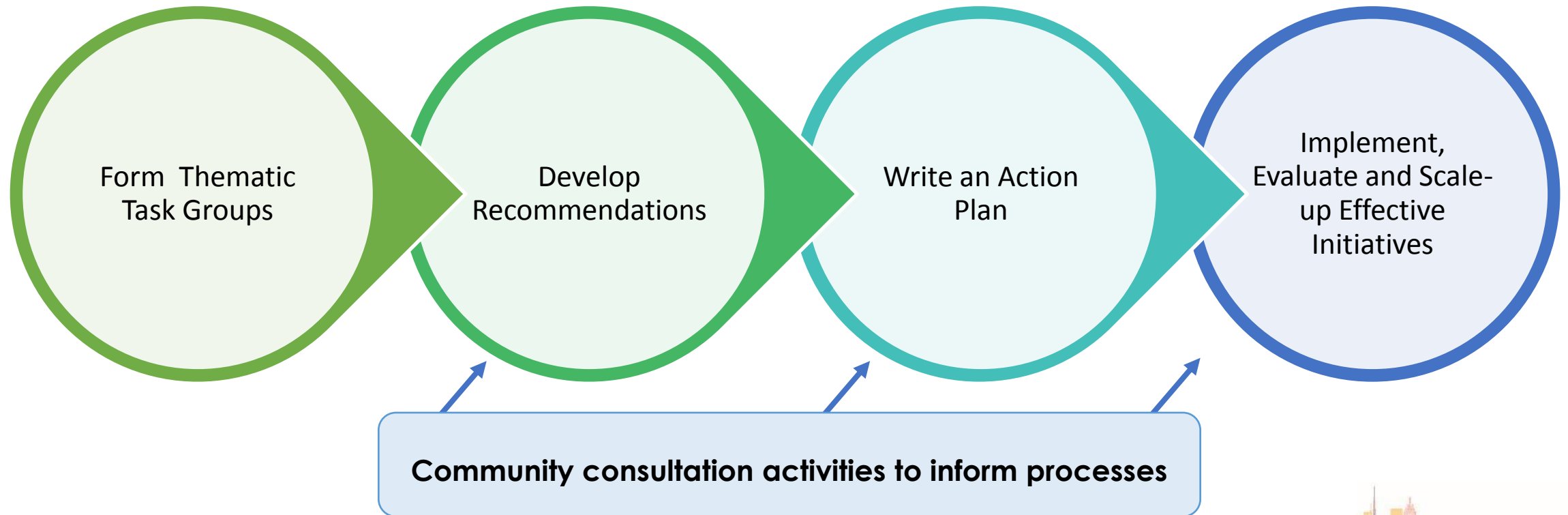
- 1) Drive Down New Transmissions
- 2) Launch Innovative, Accessible Testing Programs
- 3) Link and Retain People with HIV in Care
- 4) Improve the Health and Well-being of People Living with HIV
- 5) Stop HIV Stigma



# Task groups

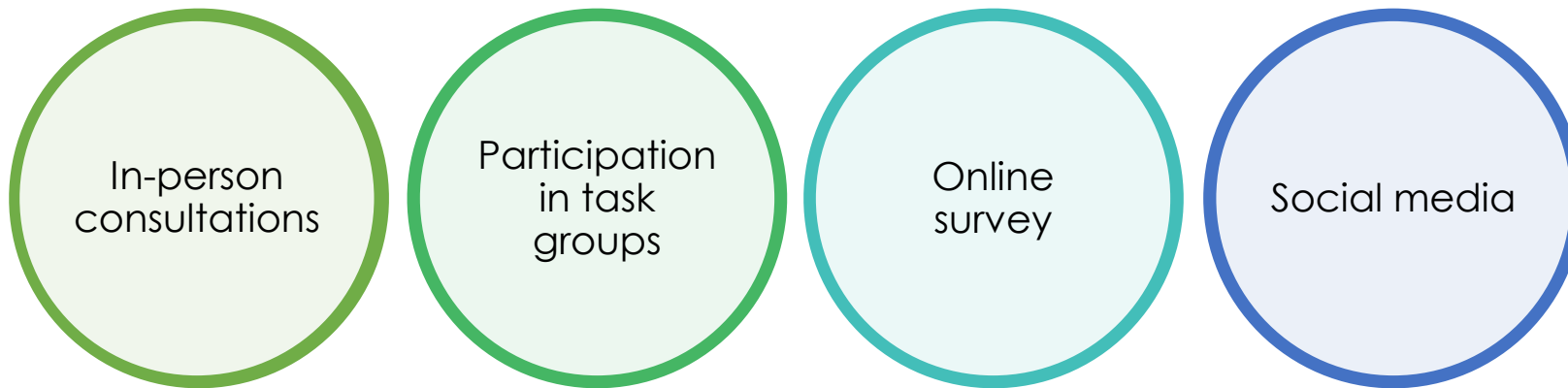
- Prevention – including PrEP & PEP
- Testing
- Linkage, Retention and Adherence
- Stigma
- Metrics, Indicators and Evaluation
- Gay men's health hub
- African, Caribbean and Black Health
- Indigenous Community Health
- Women's and Children's Health
- Newcomer, immigrant and refugee health
- Complex mental health and substance use
- Aging and co-morbidities
- Housing and other social issues
- Community Engagement
- Prisoner and Ex-Prisoner Health

# Developing an Action Plan



# Community engagement

- Community consultation, engagement and action is key.
- Strategies to engage diverse communities most affected by HIV over the course of the initiative:



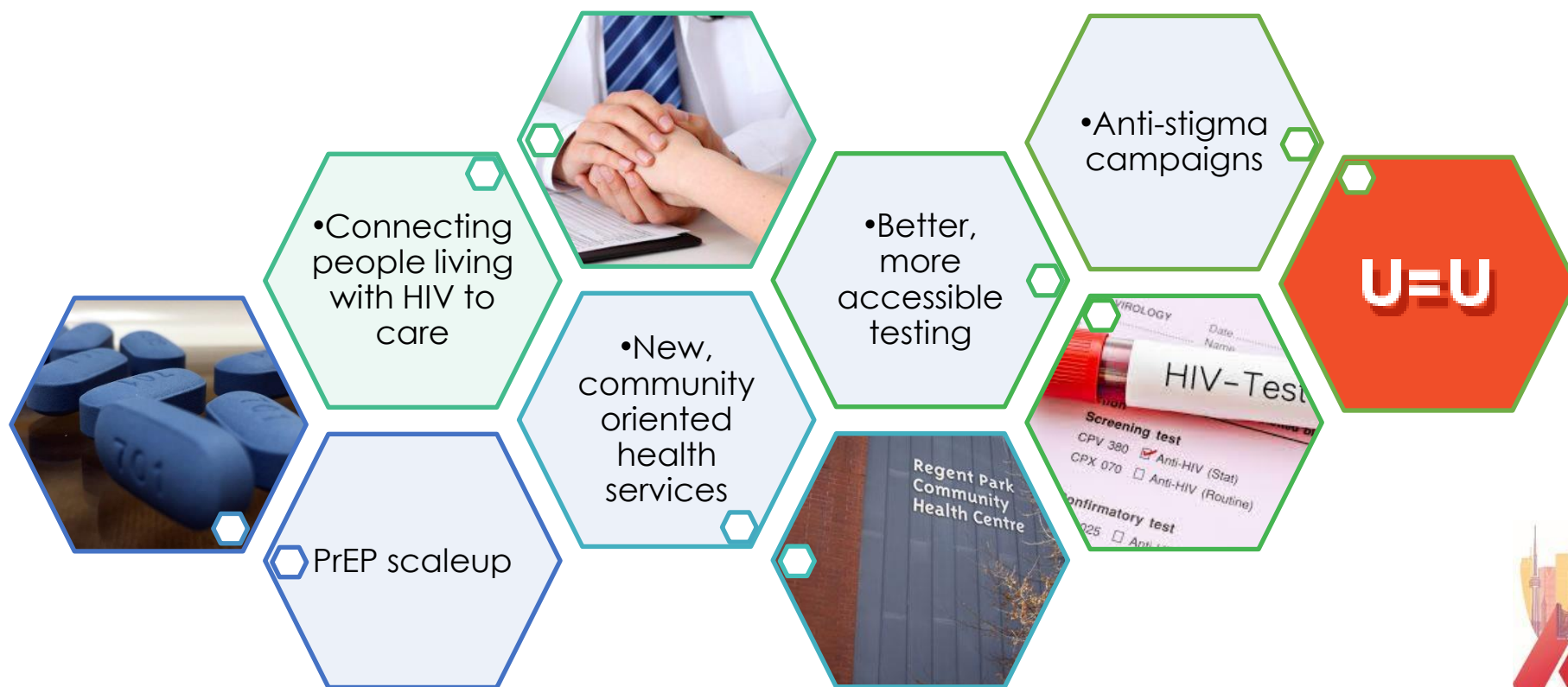
**Ending HIV Stigma.**  
**It starts with us.**

Learn more and add your voice  
November 1, 2018 at The 519  
5:30–8:00 PM.

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# Action and momentum

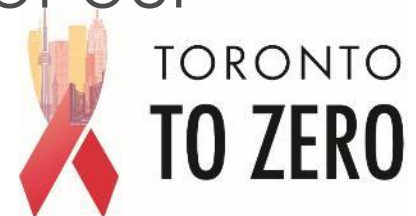
Toronto to Zero will support and build on activities already underway:





# Future of Toronto to Zero

-  An **active partnership** among community members, community-based organizations, health care providers, and government
-  A **shared action plan** to end the epidemic
-  An **opportunity to take what we already do well and do it better**
-  A **renewed energy and focus** on HIV and the needs of our communities



# Stay connected

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