



Refugee Cancer Screening Project

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Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

We pay my respects to Elders past and present.

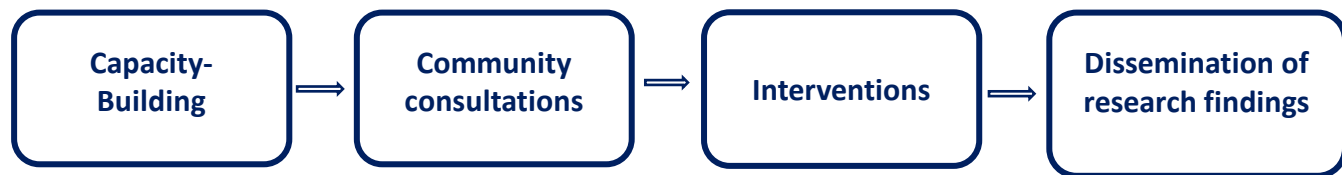
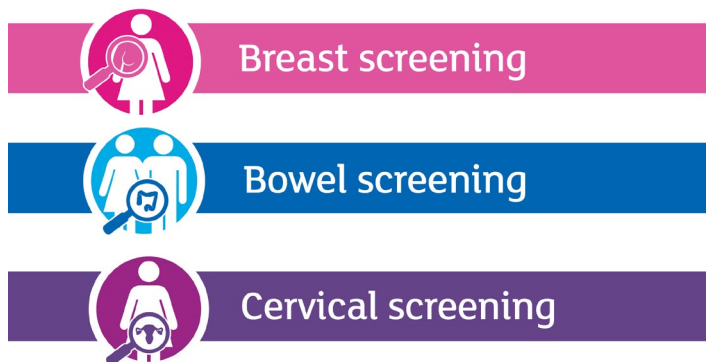
The Cancer Institute NSW acknowledges the diverse and powerful voices of those with lived experience from refugee background and recognise them as key partners in our efforts to lessen the impact of cancer.

In generously sharing their experiences and perspectives, they help ensure that the experiences and outcomes of all people diagnosed with cancer in NSW continuously improve.

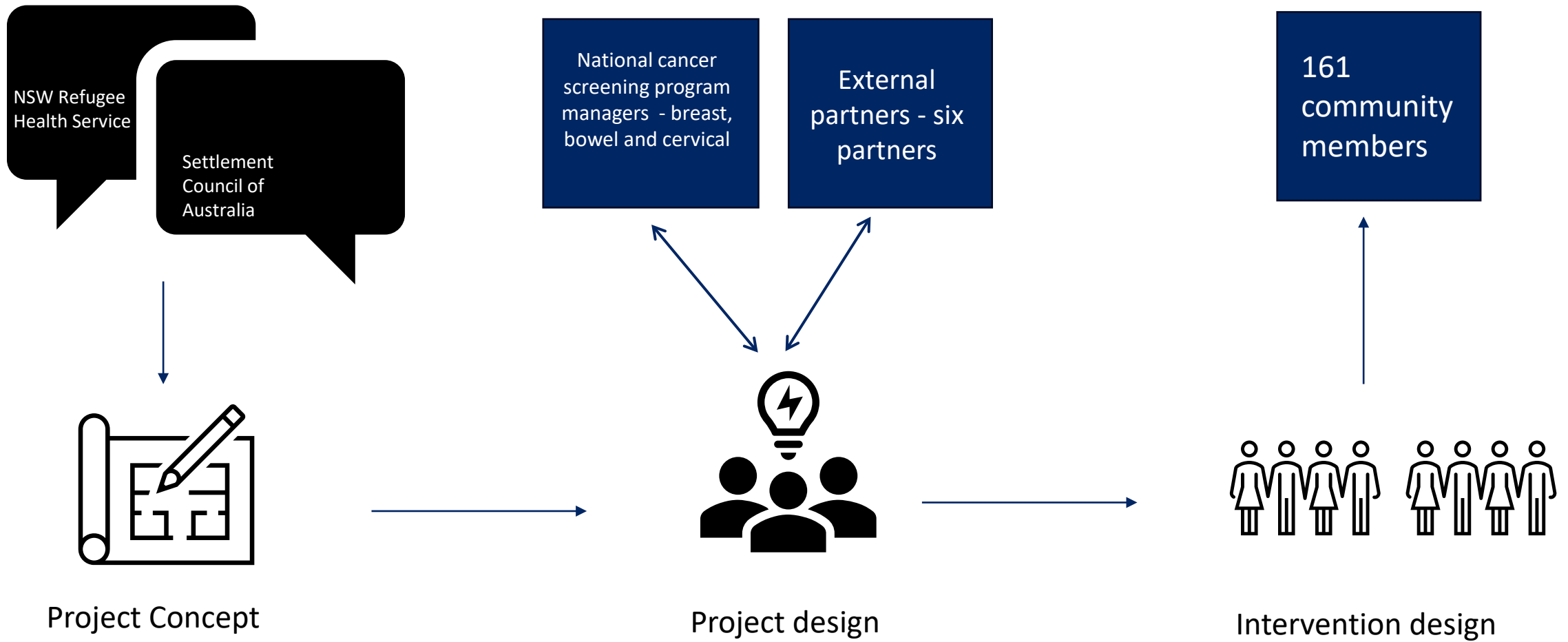


About the project

Cancer screening in refugee communities from Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East



Co-design



Project design – Phase 1

Capacity-Building Inform, Educate and empower



TRAINING



SUPPORT

Co-design “Train
the Educator”
training



National Screening Program Teams



Breast screening



Bowel screening

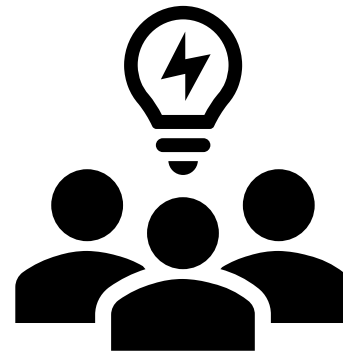


Cervical screening

Community Consultations

Mosaic Multicultural Connections
Metro Assist
STARTTS
Illawarra Multicultural Services

Co-design



- community consultations approach
- cultural sensitivities
- literacy
- times, locations,
- resources,
- budget, timelines.

Co-design



- It takes time if done well
- Joint ownership
- Trust, respect and empowerment
- Logistics and adequate resourcing
- Support to address needs of partners and value of peer support
- Health literacy needs of community members

Mosaic Multicultural Connections



Assist people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and their communities across Newcastle, the Hunter, Lake Macquarie, the Central Coast, and New England.



Mosaic Multicultural Connections

Congolese, Banyarwandan, Ezidi, and Arabic communities in Armidale and Newcastle

Improved awareness, intention to screen, and seven people went for screening directly



Case Study- Mosaic Multicultural Connections

- Congolese community in Newcastle. Kirundi, Swahili and Kinyarwanda languages
- Two consultations- Breast screening and bowel screening
 - No previous knowledge
 - High interest in cancer screening and sharing the knowledge
 - Uptake of screening
- BreastScreen clinic group visit
- Education sessions with female nurse
- Video or audio to share with the community



Outcomes



“It’s so important we’re having this conversation”



Thank you

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