



**Tanzanian Adolescent HIV Prevention and Treatment
Implementation Science Alliance**

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AIMS of T-AHISA

- Aim 1: To formally establish a sustainable network of key Tanzanian stakeholders engaged in adolescent HIV-focused interventions and programs.
 - Aim 2: Develop an evidence informed Implementation Science Research agenda
 - Aim 3: To build coordination and capacity of high-impact implementation research and researchers in country
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Inaugural Meeting (November 15, 2021)

- Held jointly with GRASP team for AMH focus
- Identify key stakeholders and our network
- Internal and external network ISR mentors (senior and mid-level) and mentees (ESC +/- YPLWH)

Time between

- Created a website (t-ahisa.org)
- Hired a dedicated study coordinator, Fortunata Nasuwa
- Starting a quarterly newsletter
- Plans to officially register T-AHISA

Second Meeting (April 13, 2022)

- Determine our mission and vision
- Identify possible implementation science research mentors to help mentor early career researchers
- Discuss and prioritize ISR gaps in adolescent HIV prevention and treatment in Tanzania

Future plans

- Grow our network
- Pair mentor/mentee teams to work towards grant proposals in topical areas identified as priority
- Capacity building of rising cadre of ECI in Tanzania (ISR short courses)
- Stay sustainable

Mission

- Leverage implementation science research to bring innovative and evidence-based solutions across multiple sectors to prevent and treat adolescent HIV in Tanzania
- Elevate the youth voice and support early-stage investigators in implementation science research, preparing the next generation

Vision

- Working across sectors together to end HIV for adolescents and helping them to thrive

Expected outcomes from this meeting

- Shape T-AHISA together
 - Build an active network of key stakeholders engaged in Adolescent HIV research and programming across Tanzania
 - Incorporate a comprehensive and collaboratively reviewed database of current research projects and programs that aim to impact adolescent HIV prevention and treatment outcomes
 - Develop an evidence informed research agenda for Adolescent HIV ISR priorities
 - Identify potential Tanzanian Implementation Science Research mentors
- **Ongoing communication plan**
 - Website with regularly updated information and links to good on-line implementation science courses, high impact webinars on adolescent HIV topics, links to grant relevant grant applications, grant writing workshops, and upcoming meetings related to adolescent HIV prevention and treatment and implementation science
 - Quarterly newsletter
 - Host an annual T-AHISA meeting with key partners



Welcome any questions
