

Preparing the Community for VOICE

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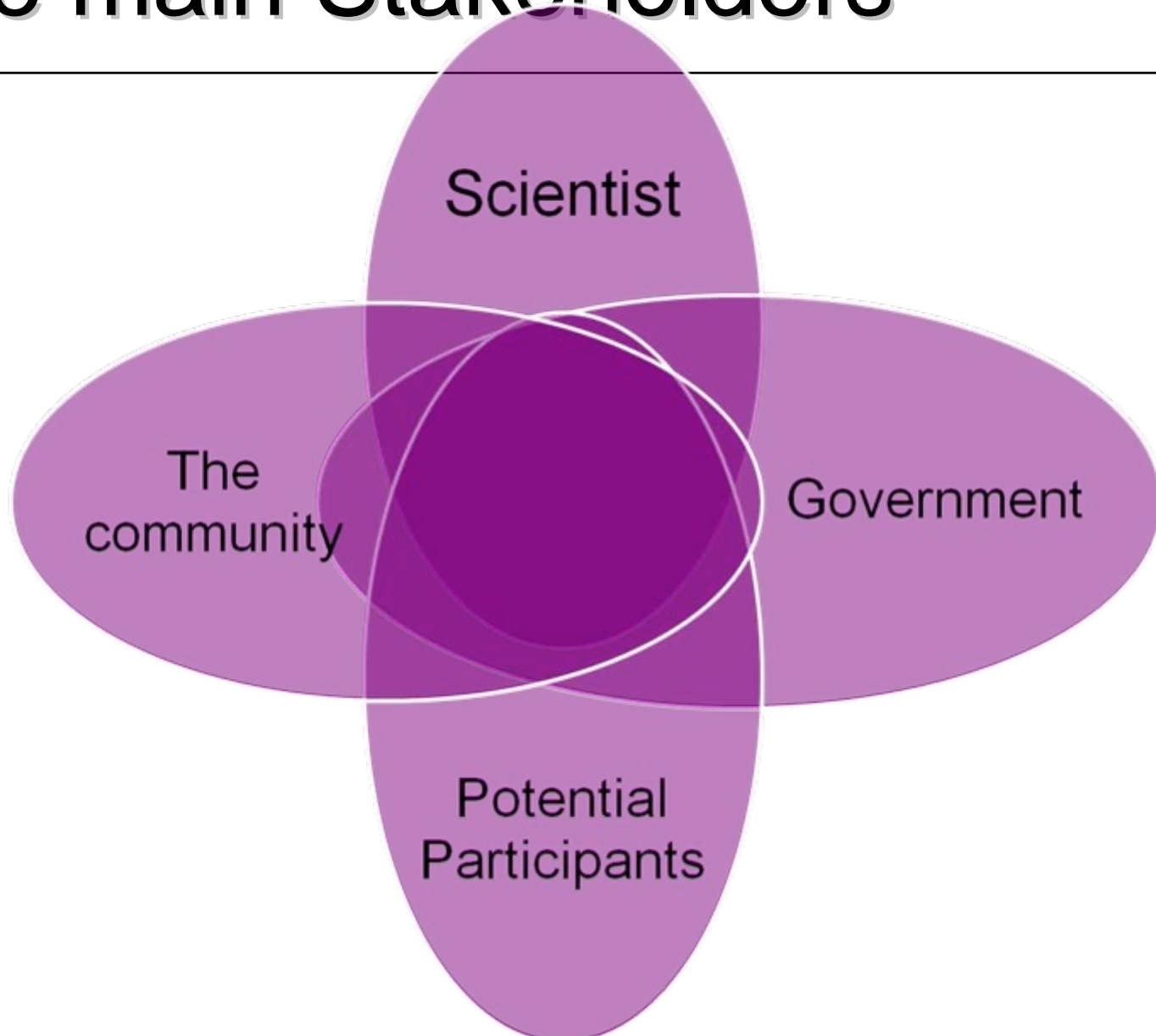


Why Community Preparation

- Involvement of community is a necessary and valuable part of any research effort
- Studies have shown that research is most likely to succeed when the community is involved.

Rivera et al 2004 and HVTN 2006

The main Stakeholders



Main Community Preparatory Activities

- Consultation
- Training Research Team
- Community Sensitization
- Stakeholder Analysis
- Briefing Sessions

Consultation

- Government
 - MOH
 - Local Government
- Community Gate Keeper
 - Opinion Leaders
 - Traditional Leaders
 - Faith Based Leaders



Stakeholder Analysis

- Key Stakeholders
- Secondary Stakeholders
- Tertiary Stakeholders



Training

- Research team
- Community Advisory Board



Community Sensitization

- Potential recruitment areas

 - Social groupings

 - Work Places

 - Health clinics

- General Community

 - Market places

 - Villages

 - Special events

Briefing Sessions

- Government Officials

 - District Health Management Team and staff

- Local Government

- Media

- Other stakeholders

 - Non Governmental Organizations



Lessons Learned

- Briefing sessions build working relationship with stakeholders
- Support groups provide community-derived solutions to problems encountered when undertaking research studies



Lessons Learned

- Stakeholders are essential to successful preparation for research activities
- Training research staff helps to them to relay research information to the community

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