

# SIREN 2012 – 2020: FROM PILOT TO PROJECT

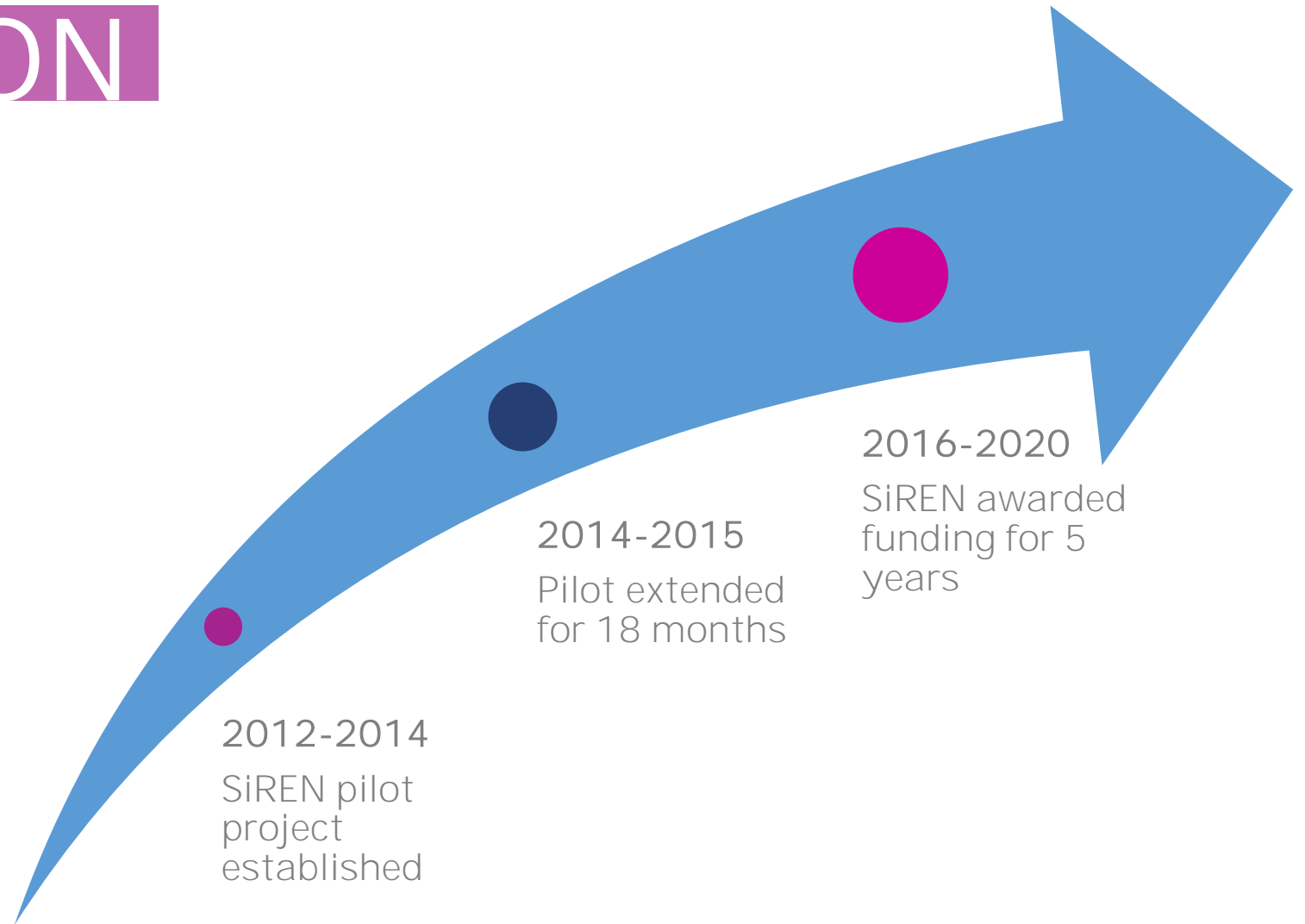
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We respectfully acknowledge the past, present and future traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting, the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation.



# THE EVOLUTION

1. Strengthen research, evaluation & health promotion skills of those promoting sexual health or preventing and managing STIs and BBVs
2. Promote & facilitate opportunities for collaboration between sexual health & BBV service providers, policymakers & researchers
3. Foster links with national sexual health & BBV research centres and contribute to appropriate national research agendas in order to raise the profile of SHBBV concerns affecting WA



# THE HOW & THE WHO

## SIREN STRUCTURE

- Project team – 8 part time staff (3.8FTE)
- 1.3FTE base funding per annum; 2.5FTE additional grants
- PhD/Masters students and student volunteers
- Tiered governance structure increases potential for research & evaluation, capacity building, knowledge dissemination, participation & cross-sector collaboration.

## FUNDING

- Sexual Health & Blood Borne Virus Program (WA Health)
- Curtin University
- Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) Scholarships, NGOs, Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project, Commonwealth, Gilead Research

## HOW WE OPERATE....

- **In partnership!**



# PARTNERSHIPS/LINKAGES



hepatitis *wa*



napwha national association of people with HIV australia



afao AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AIDS ORGANISATIONS



# THE WHAT

## TRAINING & RESOURCES

- SHBBV Program Planning Toolkit
- Ethics Toolkit
- Partnerships guide
- Workforce development

## TAILORED PROJECT SUPPORT

- Project planning
- Evaluation planning
- Project reference groups
- Research design

## CAPACITY BUILDING

- Sector Needs Assessment
- CoPAHM (2015)
- PhD/Masters/Honours projects
- AHPA Scholarships

## RESEARCH & EVALUATION PROJECTS

- Law and Sexworker Health Study (LASH 2.0)
- Service providers' experience of WA PrEPIT
- Migrant SHBBV projects
- Peer education evaluation projects
- Aboriginal access and engagement in NSP

## RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- HIV & Mobility: Road Map for Action (2014)
- Risk factors for gonorrhoea
- ARC Linkage Grant (2018)
- Research publications

## KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

- [siren.org.au](http://siren.org.au)
- Evidence Updates
- SiREN E-news
- SiREN Symposium
- Case studies/videos
- Twitter

# CHALLENGES

- Capacity and resources
- Reach, especially regional
- Level of support we would like to provide
- Cost of specific and specialist knowledge translation activities

# WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Bigger team leading key areas of research and evaluation including nationally
- More consistent and longer term agency support and mentoring
- More competitive grants, PhD and Masters student projects
- More publications
- More knowledge translation
- Shaping the research agenda
- Business planning to meet demands and extend reach

# THANKYOU

- SIREN PROJECT TEAM
- MANAGEMENT TEAM
- STEERING GROUP
- INTEREST GROUP
- NETWORK MEMBERS
- RESEARCH COLLABORATORS
- FUNDERS
- SUPPORTERS

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