

# MATRIX

**M**icrobicide Research and Development (R&D) to **A**dvance HIV  
Prevention **T**echnologies through **R**esponsive  
**I**nnovation and **eX**cellence



# MATRIX Investigators Meeting

Southern Sun Rosebank, Johannesburg,  
South Africa

28<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023



## How to say 'hello' in South Africa's 11 official languages

Afrikaans: Hallo!

English: Hello!

IsiNdebele: Lotjhani!

Sesotho: Dumela!

Northern Sotho: Dumela!

Setswana: Dumela!

SiSwati: Sawubona!

Xitsonga: Avuxeni!

Tshivenda: Ndaa!

IsiXhosa: Molo!

IsiZulu: Sawubona!



# Welcome to Johannesburg !

## Meeting Objectives & Desired Outcomes



# Meeting Objectives

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- To get to know one another and build on the collaborative spirit of MATRIX between all partners, site teams and donors present
- To ensure clearer understanding about the goals and approach of MATRIX from the local and global perspective
- To better understand all technical areas and domains of MATRIX
- To use the understanding of each area to identify touch points with each other for collaboration with each other and the PDs
- To meet and engage in person with the Prime team, USAID MATRIX Agreement Officer's Representative (AoR) and alt AoR in person
- To better understand USAID expectations and priorities of all partners within the MATRIX collaborative

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- To identify Hub synergies and merge key intended shared deliverables into the draft workplans through identification of areas for collaboration and coordination
- To align all support pillar deliverables cohesively and synergistically to further advance the early stage products on the critical path
- To create awareness and acknowledge understanding of each of the support hubs role in what in what has been achieved to date
- To invest time in reviewing and refining Year 3 Workplans prior to submission through hub and pillar specific breakaway sessions
- To inform strategic planning and workplan development for all activity hubs
- To inform best design and implementation practices as the 2024 MATRIX workplan is conceptualized and finalized based off learning from Year 2

# Desired Outcomes

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- Greater appreciation for and understanding of the roles each member of the expanded MATRIX team is playing and how the dots connect among us all as MATRIX investigators and USAID partners
- Team cohesion and synchronicity - Unity in Diversity as we bring in more sites to implementation
- Gaining more clarity on cross collaborative efforts within hubs and between the hubs and PDs
- Development of a shared purpose and renewed energy towards the completion of Year 2- 2023 workplans and refinement of Year 3 - 2024 Workplans





If you want to go fast go alone, if  
you want to go far go together

African Proverb

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