Dear Designathon Team,

Congratulations on your winning project idea to scale up lenacapavir (LEN) for youth-centered HIV prevention and care across Africa! careful and intense deliberation, your team was selected for your originality, relevance, feasibility, and scalability. Your team has been awarded **US$10,000** in seed funding to pilot or implement your winning project idea. Over the course of the next year, you will work with INSPIRE and your affiliated PATC^{3}H-IN Clinical Research Center to bring your strategies to life.

You will start an intensive **Project Development Bootcamp**, which consists of five one-hour sessions. This bootcamp will help teams get their projects ready for implementation by following along with the Community Needs Assessment Protocol. Teams will prepare a section of the protocol prior to each session, learn and discuss during the session, and refine their work along the way. By the end of this bootcamp, teams will have their Community Needs Assessment completed and their IRB application ready for submission - seed funding payments are contingent on these two deliverables being completed.

Steps to take *before* the Project Development Bootcamp

Resources can be found on this webpage: https://inspireyouthhealth.org/2026bootcamp/

- Complete and sign the Participation Agreement — you will need to include your team's banking details.
- Watch the Ethics of Research video under the pre-bootcamp module on the bootcamp webpage
- Begin preparation of IRB submission (work with your CRC on this)
- Complete the EPIS table from Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Protocol
- Submit an abstract of your project using the Abstract Guide **by Friday, June 26**.

Deliverables should be uploaded to this Dropbox Folder:
https://www.dropbox.com/request/csytydmdc8aoml4aoy1w

Project Development Bootcamp

Five one-hour sessions: **June 25, July 2, July 7, July 9, and July 14 from 4–5:00pm WAT.**

Participation is a required component of your award. If a team member cannot be present at a session, please contact ehickner@wustl.edu ahead of the session to make arrangements. See syllabus for additional information.

We look forward to supporting your work throughout this journey. Congratulations again!

Warm regards,

The INSPIRE Team