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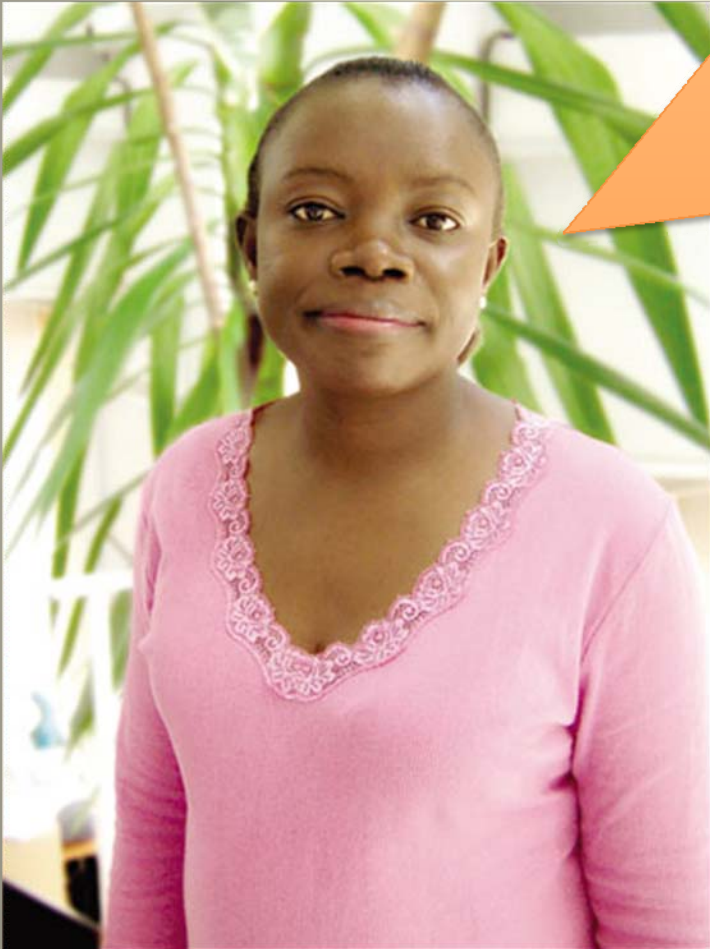
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Social change & the HIV response in Canada

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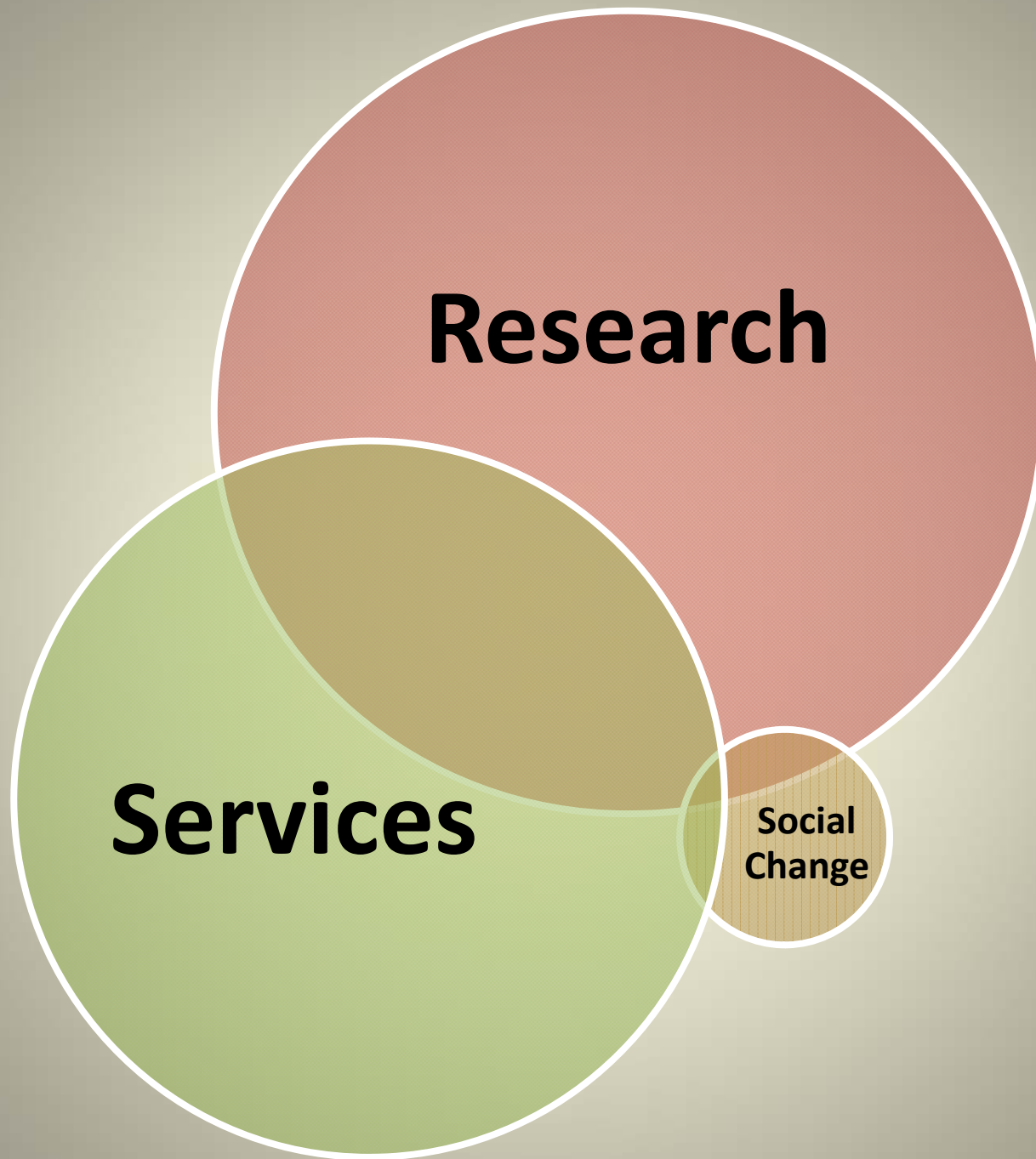
“...as a woman living with HIV, I am often asked whether there will ever be a cure for HIV/AIDS, and my answer is that there is already a cure. It lies in the strength of women, families and communities who support and empower each other to break the silence around AIDS and take control of their sexual lives.”



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2003 Canadian Youth, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Study

“approximately 66% of Grade 7 students and 50% of Grade 9 students did not know that there is no cure for HIV”, and “some students have the misconception that there is a vaccine available to prevent HIV”. (Council of Ministers of Education in Canada, 2003)

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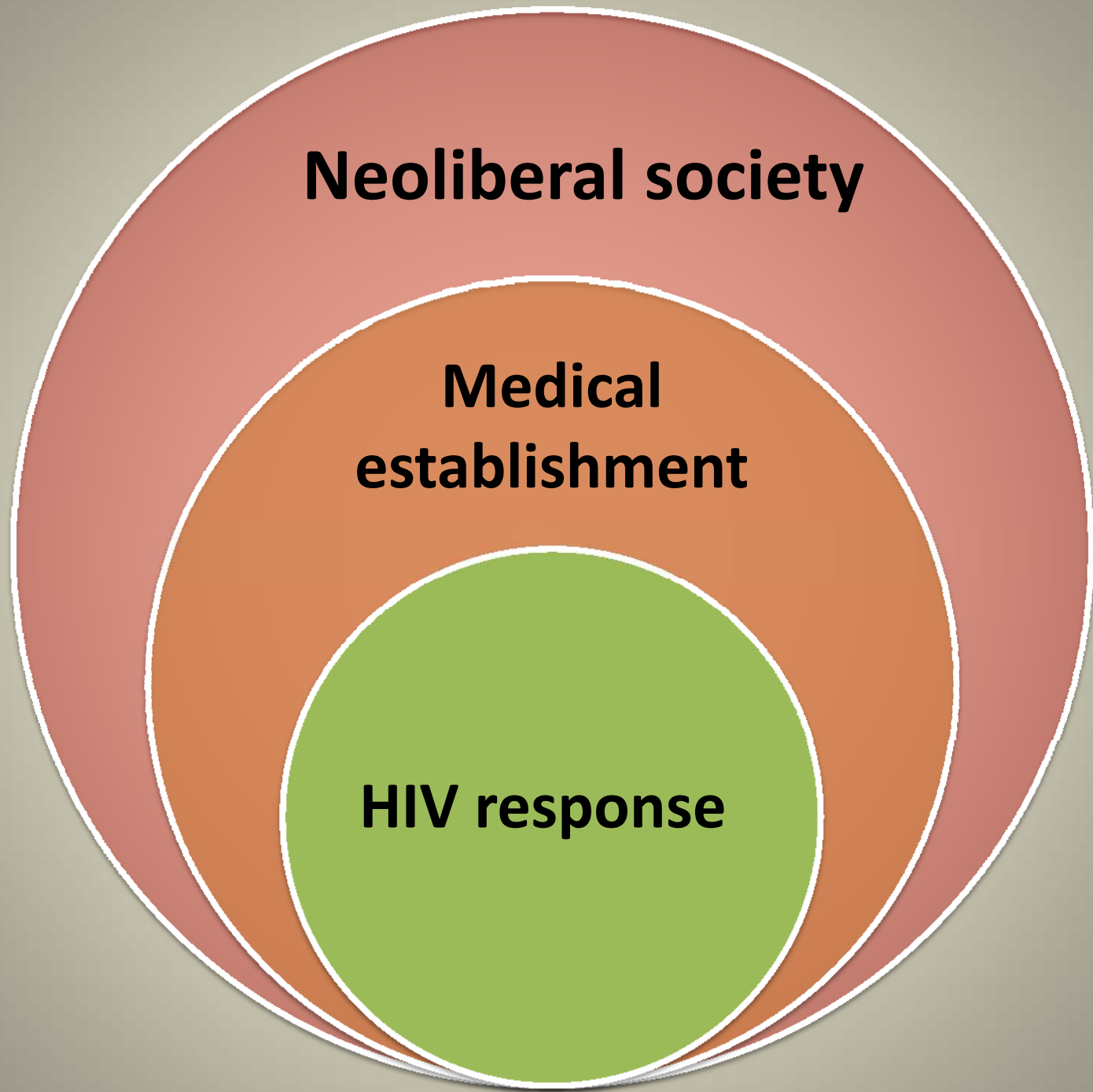
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“The Vienna Declaration is inconsistent with Canada's National Anti-Drug Strategy... Canada will not support the document... **The government of Canada believes that the best way to address the public health consequences of injection drug use is to prevent people from using illicit drugs in the first place.**”

(Charlene Wiles, Public Health Agency of Canada, 2005)



Neoliberal society

**Medical
establishment**

HIV response

“What has become a regular division of discussion at both international and national conferences into four tracks Basic Science, Clinical Care, Epi, Social Response - **has come to suggest that this is the natural way of conceptualizing the epidemic... which has the effect of other topics, particularly with political or cultural content appear peripheral....**” (Dennis Altman, *Power and Community*, 1994).



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You can register in the Trillium Drug Program if :

- you have a valid Ontario health card and are a resident of Ontario; and
- you are **not** eligible for drug coverage as another category of recipient under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB)



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**“If you have come here to help me
you are wasting your time. But if you
have come because your liberation is
bound up with mine then let us work
together.”**

**-Lilla Watson, Aboriginal Activists Group
Queensland, 1970s**

Empowerment:
*Participatory,
creative,
equitable*

- Community development strategy
- Builds skills, networks, rapport,
- Harnesses diverse assets
- Honours 'lived-experience'
- Meaningful participation
- Challenges power inequities

Efficiency:
*Better, faster,
more accurate*

- Protocols and research instruments that are 'community friendly'
- Speeds up recruitment
- Better rapport
- More nuanced analyses
- Obtain validated "proof"
- Easier to mobilize results

Power and people living with HIV





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Promises
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to AIDS
Drugs!

10 Million
people are
WITHOUT
access to the
drugs.
Bill C-393 will
help thousands
of people
SURVIVE!

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“We live in a world that must be changed to survive”





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