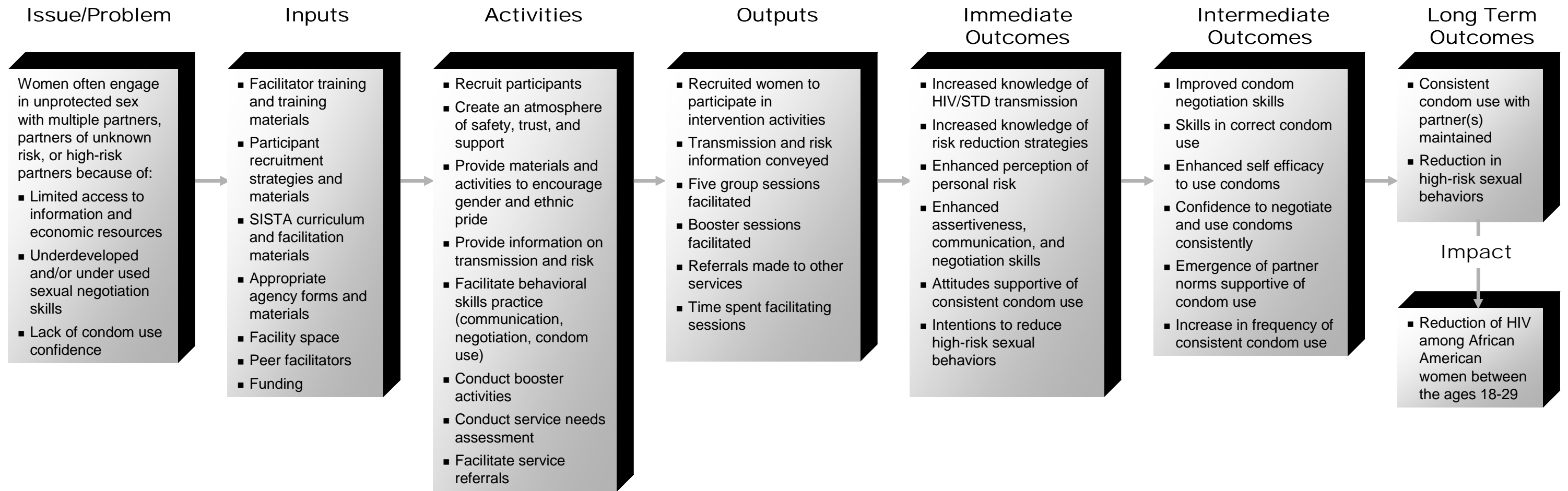


SISTA (SISTERS INFORMING SISTERS ON TOPICS OF AIDS) LOGIC MODEL



Assumptions

Women may decide to not use condoms because they may not:

- Respond to messages that are not culturally and gender specific
- Believe they have the power to negotiate or insist on condom use
- Have the communication skills to negotiate desire to practice safer behaviors
- Feel worthy of protecting themselves or place value on their health
- Perceive themselves to be at risk

Assumptions

- People are influenced by the behavior of peers
- People are more likely to adopt a behavior if given the opportunity to learn about the behavior
- Supportive, non-threatening environments that validate culture and gender influence self perceptions of worth and power
- Validated perceptions of power and worth can influence adoption of safer behaviors
- Combining instruction with opportunities to practice enhances acquisition of skills
- Presentation of information tailored to cultural and gender nuances is more likely to be understood and applied to personal perceptions of risk