

Reviving Hope and Home

A pilot project with Government
Assisted Refugee (GAR) Mothers
in Canada

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Overview

- What is Reviving Hope and Home (RHH)?
- What are its key features?
- External Evaluation Process and Findings



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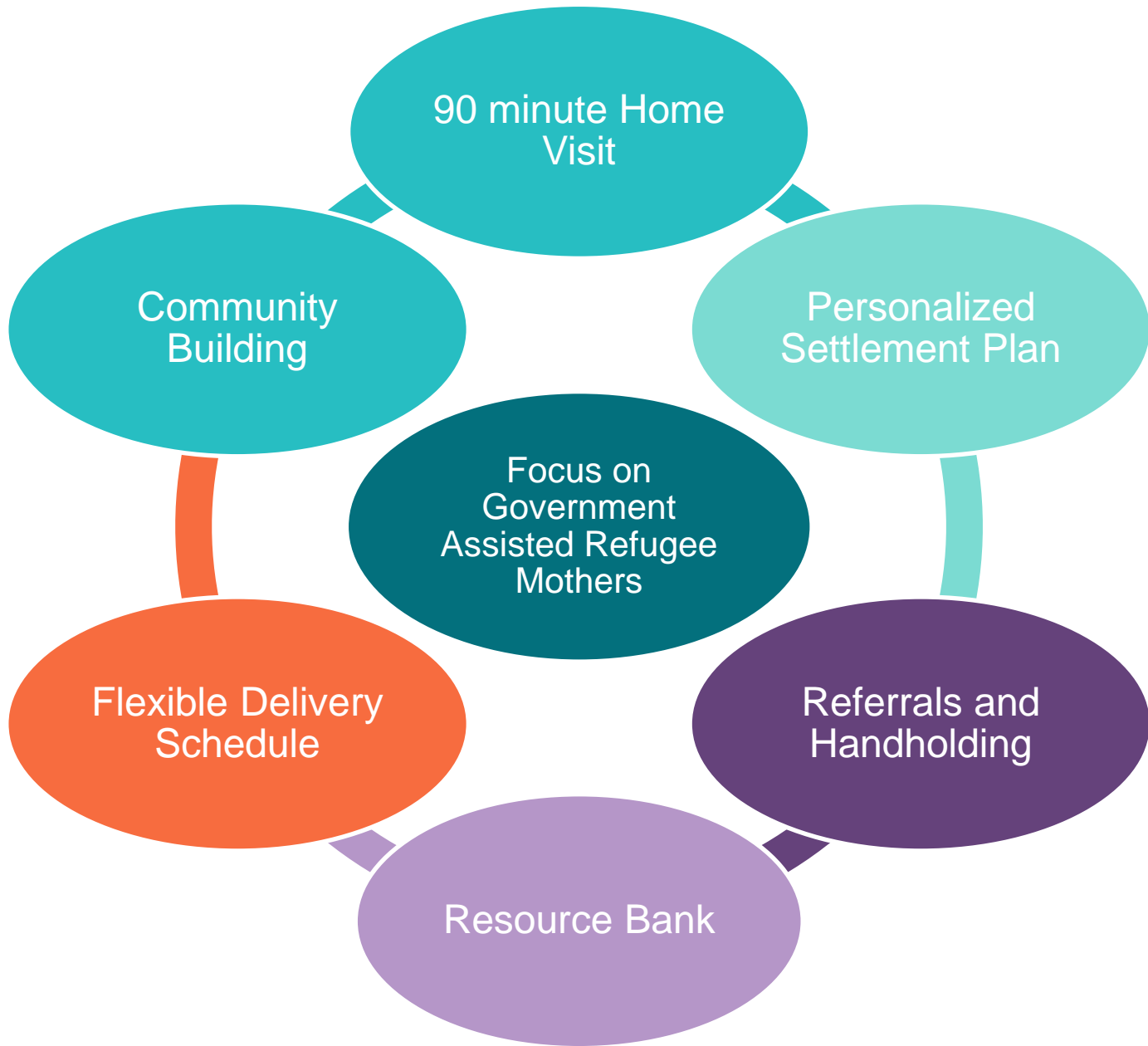
Innovative Project

- 3 year pilot program – to conclude on March 31st, 2021
- Piloted at ISSofBC in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Funded by Service Delivery Improvement Funds from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
- Aimed to generate knowledge and create a replicable model to serve government assisted refugee mothers

Research, Learning and Evaluation

- Joint Research with IMPULS in Germany
- Developing and piloting SMART (Supporting Mothers and Raising Toddlers) in Canada
- External Evaluation by Simon Fraser University (SFU)





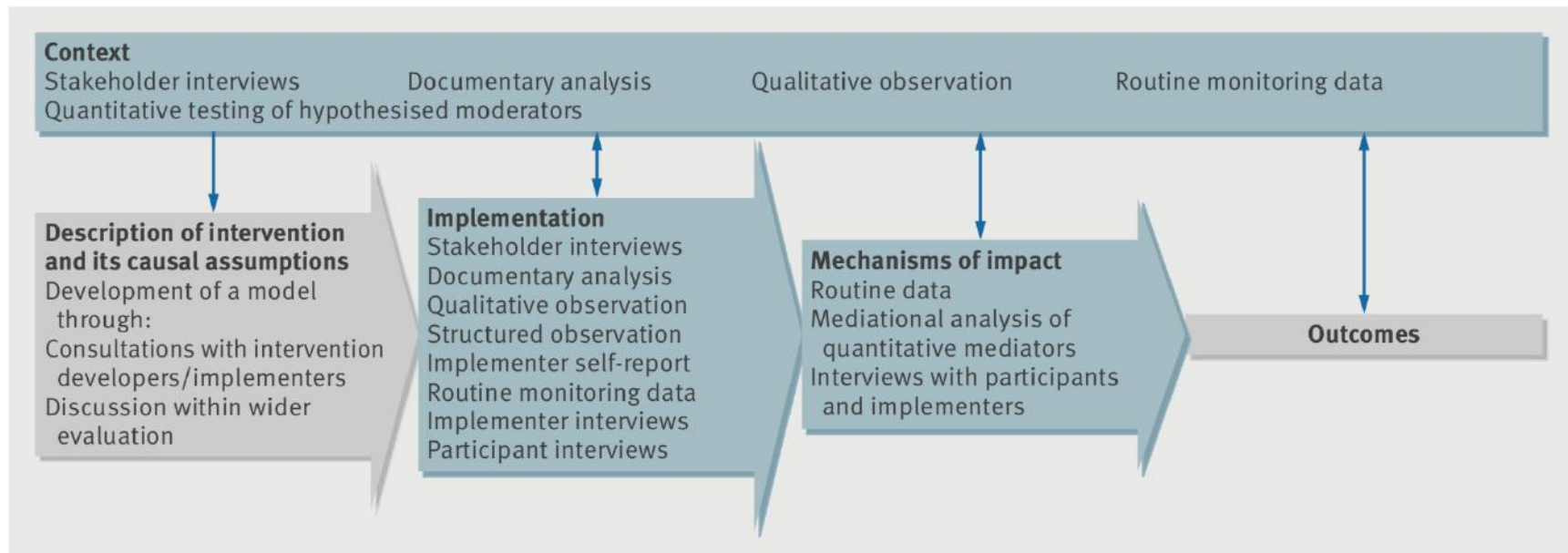
External Evaluation

- Framework & Data Collection
- RHH Program Components & Responses
- RHH during COVID-19
- Photovoice
- Preliminary Findings



External Evaluation Framework

Process evaluation of complex interventions (the U.K. Medical Research Council)

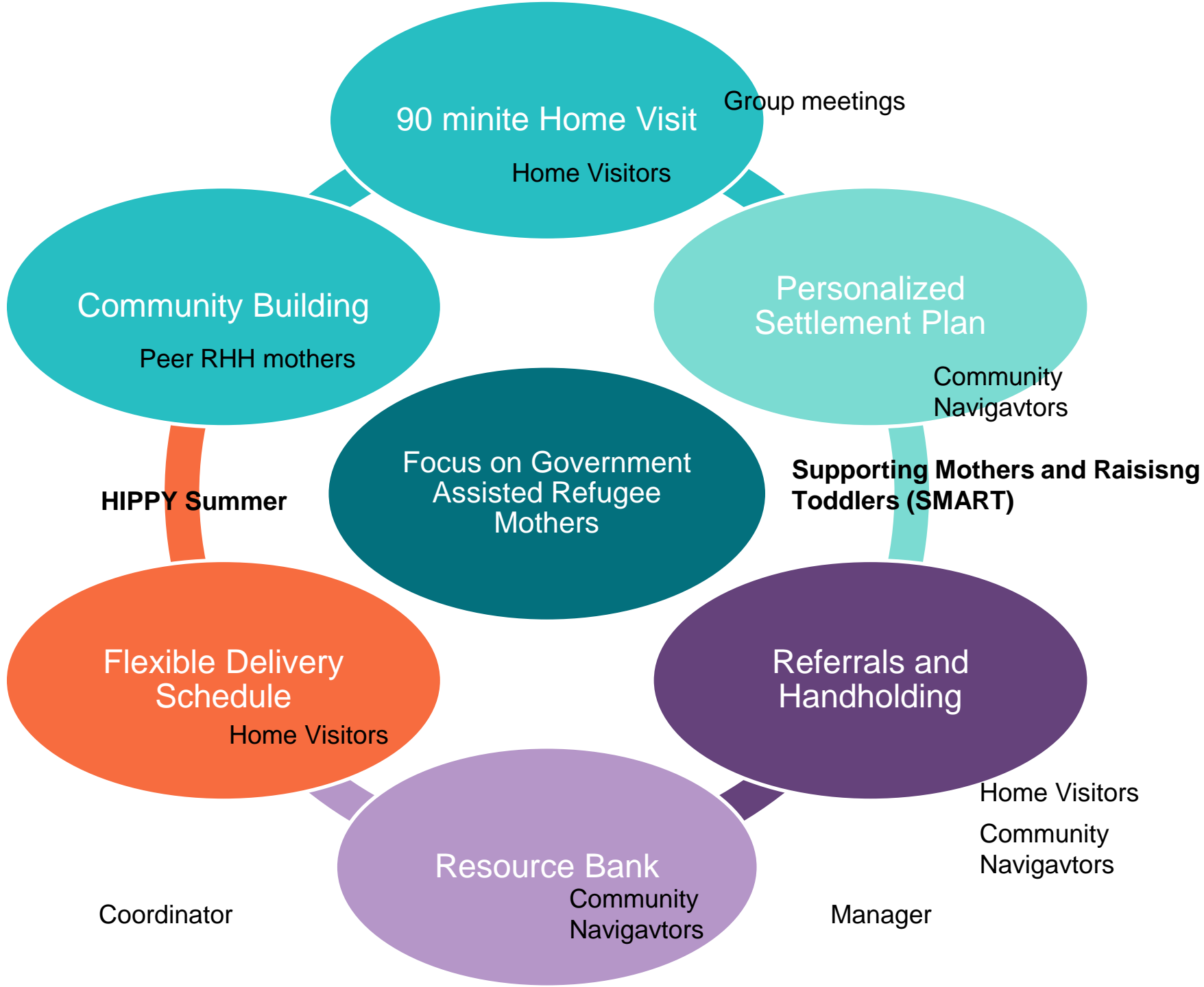


Data Collection

	1st year	2nd year
Length of project	2 years (Apr 2019–Mar 2021)	
Type of evaluation	Formative evaluation of a pilot project	
Focus of evaluation	Implementation mechanisms	
Program site	1	
Research personnel	1 PI, 1 Evaluation Lead/RA	
# of evaluation participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 mothers (4 interviews and 2 focus groups) - Observations (home visits, group meetings) - 13 staff members (ISSofBC and MMC) (>17 interviews and follow-ups) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 mothers and their children (16 virtual* interviews & photovoice) - 5 staff members (ISSofBC) (5 virtual* interviews)
# of program participants	32	25
Other data collected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quantitative participant data, -MMC reports, -Research journal, -Field notes 	

Note. *due to COVID-19 pandemic





RHH during COVID-19

- Challenges
- Adaptation
- Resilience



Photovoice



RHH mother 5



RHH mother 12



RHH mother 6



Photovoice



RHH child 3



RHH child 12



RHH child 6



Photovoice



Photovoice



RHH mother 5



Preliminary Findings

RHH mothers have become

- More motivated to be independent
- More active to utilize the skills they learned
- More passionate to help themselves and others



Thank you

