Phase 1 – Evidence-practice gaps
This phase focuses on the identification of priority areas for improvement (priority evidence-practice gaps) in the delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PHC.

Information provided to participants
- aggregated CQI data (2012-2013) about the delivery of PHC services presented in national and State/Territory reports
- preliminary priority areas for improvement, based on national data

Feedback/data collection
Online survey, workshop sessions and email responses.

Outputs
Draft report on preliminary priority evidence-practice gaps in PHC delivery. Refinements based on stakeholder feedback and survey data will be incorporated into Phase 2 report.

Phase 2 – Barriers and enablers
This phase focuses on trends in indicators relevant to the identified priority evidence-practice gaps, and on influences that may enable or hinder improvement at different points in the health system. In particular, it seeks to identify those factors that may be most important in addressing the identified priority evidence-practice gaps in chronic illness care identified in Phase 1.

Information provided to participants
Report on trends over time for key indicators relevant to priority evidence-practice gaps.

Feedback/data collection
Online survey, including questions about barriers and enablers to improvement based on international, national and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific evidence and frameworks.

Outputs
Draft report on barriers and enablers to improvement in care relevant to identified priority evidence-practice gaps, based on responses to the online questionnaire. The draft report will be returned to participants for review in Phase 3.

Phase 3 – Strategies for improvement
This phase focuses on identifying new or existing strategies that could be introduced or strengthened to enable improvement in priority evidence-practice gaps.

Information provided to participants
- draft report on barriers and enablers to improvement in care relevant to the identified priority evidence-practice gaps (report from Phase 2)
- An evidence brief synthesising findings from research about barriers, enablers and strategies for improvement in the delivery of PHC, with particular attention to research in the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health context.

Feedback/data collection
Online survey. Participants will be encouraged to draw on their own experience, the evidence brief and the data presented throughout the project to identify strategies to address priority evidence-practice gaps.

Outputs
Draft report on strategies to address priority evidence-practice gaps. This report will be based on the Phase 2 report on barriers and enablers and on expert input on strategies for improvement provided through Phase 3.

Phase 4 – Review and final report
A draft report on strategies for improvement will be returned to participants for review. Comments from the review will be used to inform a final report on strategies for improvement in identified priority-evidence practice gaps. This final report will be provided to key stakeholders in all participating jurisdictions. Project findings will be reported in academic journals and in conference presentations and workshops.