

**Figure 7.3: Frameworks can be used in all stages of IR**

**Conceptualization and Protocol Development**

- Specify the process of change that you will be studying and how the intervention leads to expected effects
- Identify key categories of factors that may influence implementation
- Refine and narrow the research questions (what, specifically will you be focusing on)
- Identify key processes and outcomes that need to be measured/assessed

**Data collection**

- Ensure data is consistently collected on key concepts in the framework by identifying key indicators for data collection
- Inform development of data collection instruments such as questionnaires and interview guides

**Interpretation/Analysis**

- Guide analysis of factors influencing implementation
- Compare study findings with the hypothesized processes and outcomes
- Propose explanations for why things occurred the way they did
- Guide identification of alternative explanations
- Strengthen understanding of how and why implementation succeeds or fails

**Sharing the Findings**

- Organize and communicate results
- Guide reporting of actionable findings that provide specific information about changes that can improve program implementation