



# **Celebrating the Role of Communities.**

## **A focus on choice in HIV prevention.**

**2022 World AIDS Day Commemoration Event at the African Union Headquarters**

**30 November 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

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# Who We are

*We are champions for health.*

## **Vision**

Health for all in Africa

## **Mission**

WACI Health exists to champion the end of life-threatening epidemics and health for all in Africa by influencing political priorities through an effective, evidence-driven Pan-African civil society voice and action.

# What we do

We drive our work towards four strategic goals:

1. **Increased and effective resources for health** – by advocating with Governments and International Agencies to step up their investments in health
2. Adoption and implementation of **Regional and National policies and reforms** that improve health and equity – by defining and advocating for progressive policy change
3. **Enhanced accountability in health governance and delivery** – ensuring that commitments, investments and policies translate into practice, and into equitable health impact
4. Health Systems that are equitable and responsive to people's needs- **ensuring that health systems work for people**

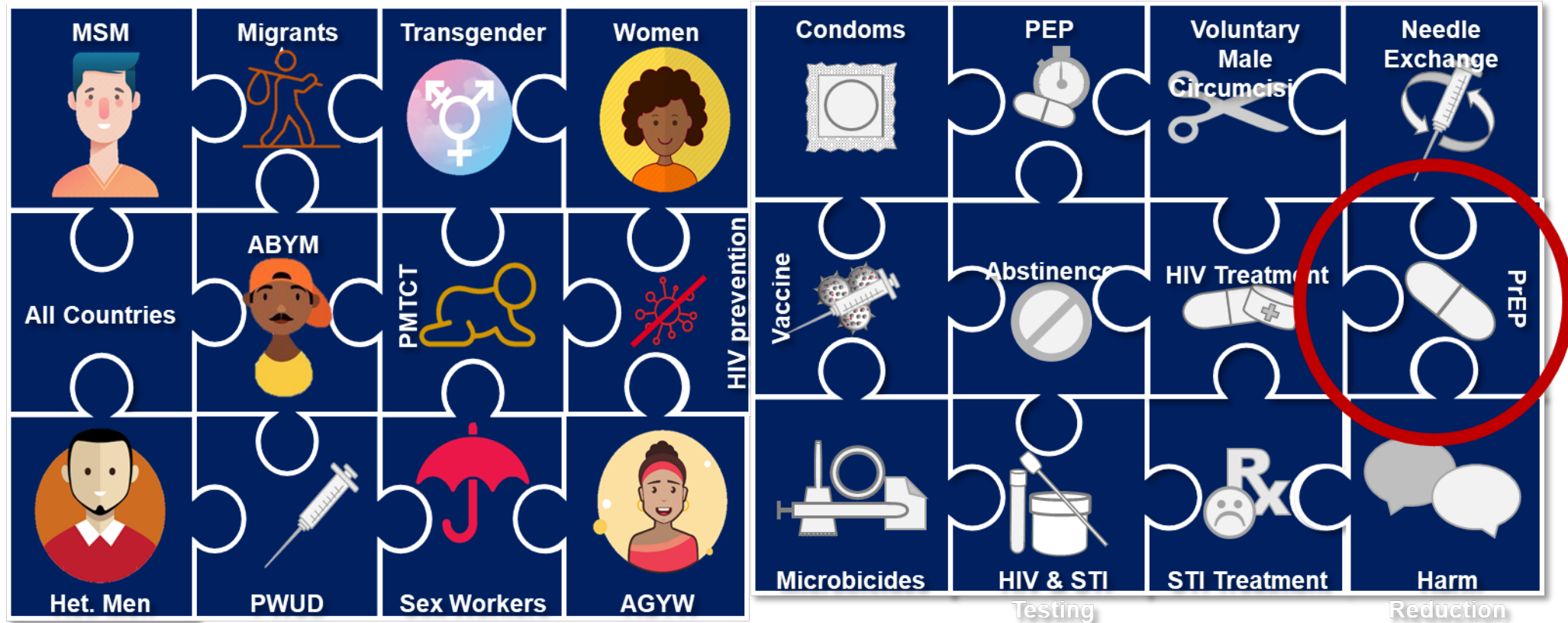
# We are a CASPR Partner

## Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research (CASPR)



*Cooperative Agreement No. AID-OAA-A-16-00031  
HIV Vaccine and Biomedical Prevention Research Project—Objective 3*

# What is CHOICE



Infusion

Implant

Injection

Pill

Vaginal ring

Gels

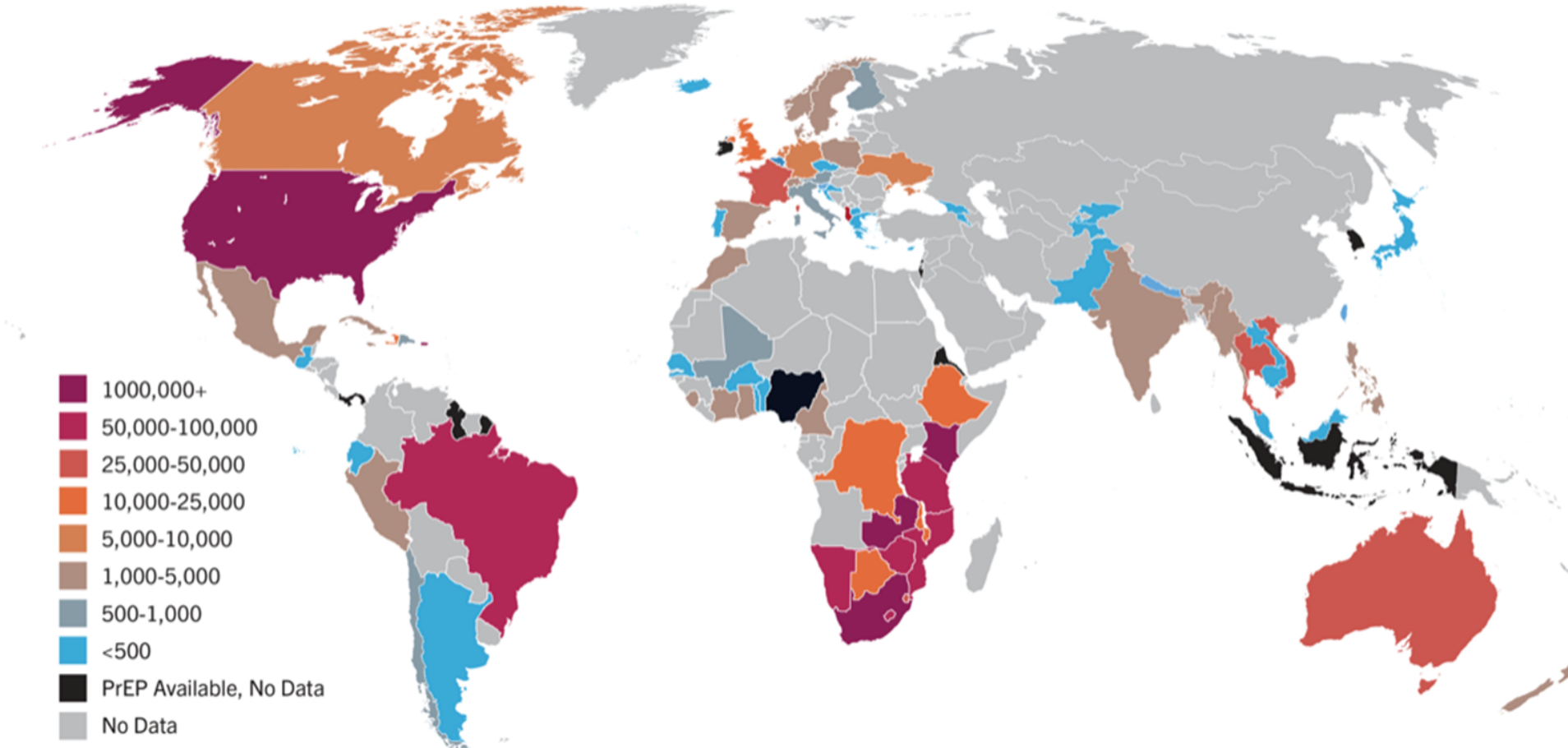
Insert

Vaginal film

Lube

Douche

# Global Oral PrEP landscape:



Target by  
2020



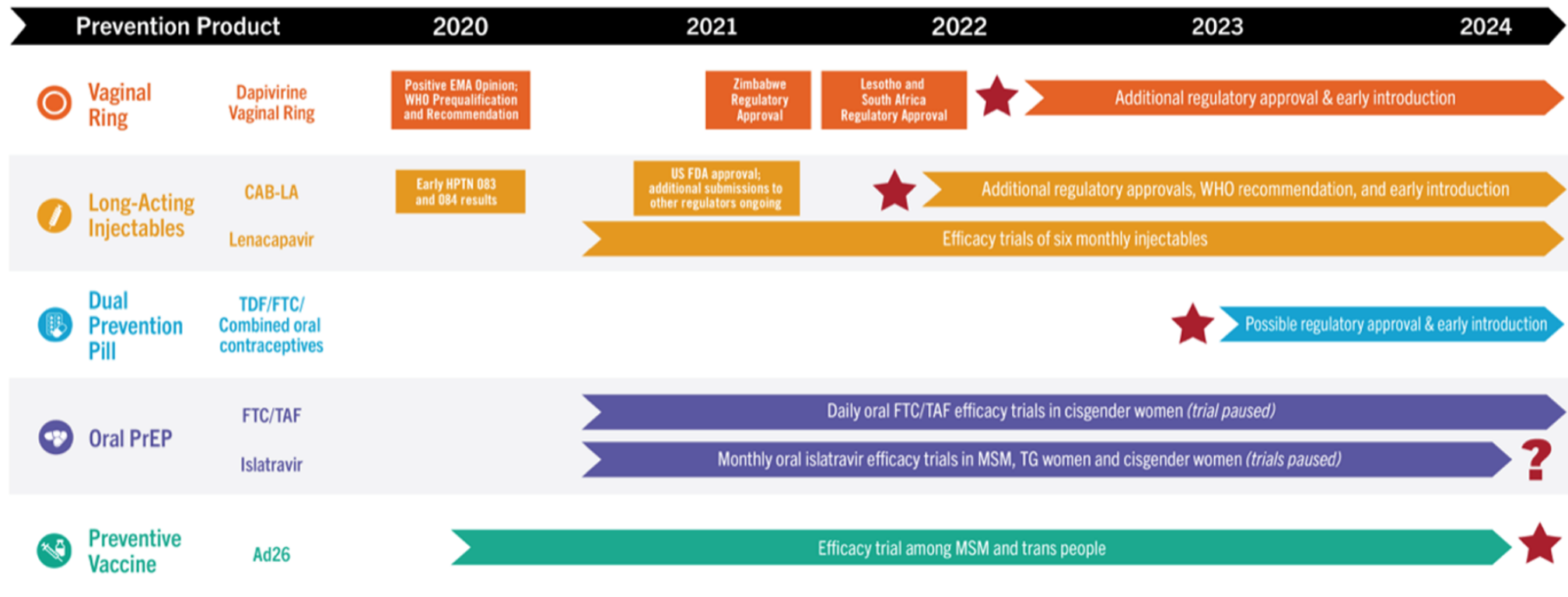
3 million people  
with access  
to PrEP

16%

# Years Ahead in HIV Prevention Research

## Time to Market

★ Earliest time to market  
 ? Efficacy trials paused





# Status Update

## Dapivirine Vaginal Ring (DVR):

- Flexible silicone vaginal ring developed by IPM. Woman-initiated
- Self-inserted monthly, Discreet, Does not interfere with sex, Excellent safety profile; non-systemic
- WHO prequalification and recommendation as additional option (2020); Jan 2021 recommended DVR as additional option
- Regulatory Approvals: Zimbabwe, Lesotho, South Africa, Kenya (2021 & 2022.)
- Funding discussions: Current discussions around PEPFAR procurement. Listed in Global Fund procurement catalogue – so eligible for purchase

## CAB for PrEP

- Long acting injectable (combination of 2 ARV drugs FTC/TAF)
- Open Label Extension phase: participants choose between two safe and effective options
- US FDA Approved on December 20, 2021
- US CDC Recommendation and guidance for CAB as PrEP included in revised PrEP guidelines issued December 2021
- May 2022 ViiV submitted dossier to regulatory authorities in Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe
- 2022- Regulatory approval in Zimbabwe
- World Health Organization Guidelines for CAB released at AIDS 2022: “New WHO guidelines advise countries to deliver long-acting cabotegravir as part of comprehensive approach to HIV prevention



# Recommendations

- Ensure we do better, more equitable intro with ring and injectable than with oral PrEP and COVID-19 vaccines
- Sustainable Financing for health. Domestic resource mobilization. Global Fund
- Translate biomedical options into viable choices for users, providers and health systems
  - Intro new options as part of marketing and programming for choice
  - Identify (and differentiate) service delivery models that work for users
  - Ask and answer critical implementation science questions for each product, while building prevention platforms for the future
- Understand testing and initiation needs for PrEP
- Ensure robust civil society engagement in intro/implementation research and planning
- Procurement/commodity funding – for launch and ongoing
- Provider training – both clinical guidelines AND appropriate counseling, support, empathy
- Realistic targets for interventions, especially intro – and not just coverage targets
- Identify what products can “solve for” – and what they can’t

# Acknowledgement

- We would like to thank the African Union Commission for their leadership in providing the opportunities to engage CSOs through Health, Humanitarian and Social Development Department (HHS) and AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) in the various policy and program process to bring the perspective and voice of CSOs.
- We acknowledge AWA's leadership in providing the opportunity for CSOs to have a meaningful engagement in the ALM initiatives.
- We also want to thank th Africa CDC for the inagural of A-CDC and CSOs regular quarterly engagement meeting, which came at a time where community and CSOs voices matter in building Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health.
- We thank African Union member states for leadership during the Global Fund 7<sup>th</sup> replenishment. 5 cohost countries. 18 AU member states pledged. Many others committing to leadership in Domestic resources through the ALM initiatives.
- As CSOs we are committed to continued collaboration with the AUC in bringing our expertise and experiences to inform policy and progrms.

**Thank you!**

