# Community-Centered HIV Prevention and Treatment Agenda

Wits-RHI: South Africa

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## Work plan objectives

#### Originally set out to . . .

- Advocate for HCW's sensitization about PreP implementation for discordant partners.
- To launch and scale up a U=U campaign led by Women Living with HIV.
- Support advocacy for HIV prevention and Covid 19 efforts.



### **Accomplishments**

#### Successes and challenges

Meeting held with NDoH and SANAC in Jan 2021 to discuss the U=U campaign plans

Meeting held with CDC, UNAIDS (SA)- led to: UNAIDs and CDC country office endorsing U=U

Meeting held with Prevention Access Campaign (PAC) to discuss establishment of U=U Africa Forum which led to: Establishment of the Forum (under PAC) in partnership with Uganda and Botswana U=U advocates and a launch of U=U ambassadors from seven African countries

Consultations held with the Eastern Cape Aids Council and MEC of Health which led to:

- ✓ Eastern Cape Province endorsed U=U in Dec 2020
- ✓ E.C U=U Provincial launch (10<sup>th</sup> September) by the E.C premier, ECDoH, ECAC and partners (joined by SANAC and UNAIDs)
- ✓ U=U march joined by UNAIDs, ECAC, Municipal Manager, Deputy Mayor and PLWHIV sector



#### S.A Government/Political buy-in and progress to date cont'

Successfully collaborated with Gauteng and Eastern Cape RTC to conduct trainings for HCW's on latest PreP guidelines- led to: 60 HCW's trained as ToT

U=U scale up led to:

✓ 100 WLWHIV trained as U=U pioneers across Gauteng and 80 in the Eastern Cape
✓ U=U training for 55 (HAST Managers) across the E.C province
✓ 56 nurse clinicians trained on U=U

Collaborated with South African HIV Clinicians Society which led to

- ✓ Publishing of U=U article in HIV Nursing matters journal
- ✓ Presented U=U to more than 350 clinicians across Africa

# The start of the U=U journey

CME webinar : Thursday, 18 February 2021 from 17h30 to 19h30 (SAST) Topic: Viral load and U=U

#### **Programme:**

- STATUS SOCIAL
- 17h30 Introduction by Chair | **Prof. Francois Venter**
- 17h35 Viral load | **Prof. Annemarie Wensing**
- 18h20 Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) | **Ms Mandisa Dukashe**
- 19h05 Q&A
- 19h30 End

#### **Registration**:

If you haven't registered yet please do so via https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_yk8IgP6KQh2k\_Szb-qboWw

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#### U=U Consultations/Activation Workshops with NGO's, CSO's, PLWHIV groups and Aids Council Secretariats



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EC Aids Council in drive to increase ARV treatment for people living with HIV

By Amanda Nano - 30 September 2021

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It ends with me. That is the message the Eastern Cape Aids Council (ECAC) wants to drive home with its new Undetectable equals Untransmittable (U=U) campaign.



### **U=U workshops for E.C HAST Managers and Nurses**





# **Sustainability**

Moving forward: advocacy and myself

- Possibility to collaborate with SAHCS to scale up U=U workshops for HCW's country wide- 2022
- Consultation held with the Tshwane Senior management in Oct 21- buy-in obtained to scale up U=U (through Wits-RHI)
- Advocating for integration of U=U in guidelines and policies
- Through the U=U Africa Forum, will work with U=U ambassadors across Africa to advocate for scale up of U=U regionally.



### Thank you

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