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## True Choice in HIV Prevention Involves More than Product Options

## Novel Strategies in Service Delivery

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## **Providing Choice in Service Delivery Channels**

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## Why are we here today?

Exploring another dimension of PrEP Choice

- We are in the era of **PrEP choice**!
- PrEP users *in some locations* can now choose between an oral pill (with dosing options), a monthly ring, a two-month injectable, and likely soon, a six-month injectable- with more options in the pipeline
- However- choice means more than having a range of products to select from- it also means being able to decide how you access your chosen product
- Just as users have diverse reasons for choosing different products, they will have diverse reasons for choosing different delivery channels





**Dapivirine Ring** 

Oral PrEP





Lenacapavir



## What do we mean by choice in service delivery?

WHO's Building Blocks of Differentiated PrEP Service Delivery

**Service Location** 

facility, community setting, virtual setting

Service Provider doctor, nurse, pharmacist, CHW

Service Frequency monthly, quarterly, biannually Service Package STIs services, FP, ANC/PNC

**Source:** <u>Differentiated and simplified pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention: update to WHO implementation guidance</u>. Technical Brief. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2022. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.



## Why does choice matter?

### Different delivery channels reach different clients- examples from FP

- Though there are many differences, Family Planning and HIV prevention have a lot in common- in particular, they are both preventative services people may use for defined periods dependent on personal circumstances
- Users may be less motivated to seek out preventative services than they would be to seek treatment- so making these services acceptable and easy to access is even more crucial
- Service delivery strategies from Family Planning involve a wide variety of delivery channels to meet the needs of different clients, e.g.:
  - Urban/peri urban/rural/last mile
  - High income/middle income/low income
  - Younger/older
  - Married/unmarried
  - With/without children





### Fixed facilities staffed by nurses and midwives



FP clinics in Bangladesh, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, and Uganda

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### **Outreach**

### Mobile teams of nurses/midwives who set up in public health facilities or tents





- Operate in both rural and urban settings, though rural settings are more common
- All services are provided free of charge
- Generally serve the lowest income clients
- Teams return every 2-3 months, so service package may be limited based on continuity of care in place

Left: Rural outreach in Alwar District, India and Central Region, Ghana

*Right: Urban outreach in Agbogbloshie, Accra, Ghana* 





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## **Community-Based Providers**

### Mobile nurses/midwives/CHWs delivering services in the community



- Most versatile channel- offer
  services everywhere from their own
  homes, to client homes, to schools,
  to rural health posts, to "last mile"
  locations that can only be reached
  on foot
- Offer services for free or for a fee
- Very popular with youth



Left: Delivery sites in Tamatave and Antananarivo, Madagascar, including provider homes

*Right: Delivery sites in Baglung District, Nepal, including a remote health post on the side of a mountain, and a photo of the contents of a provider's backpack* 













### **Third Party Channels**

### Training and quality assuring existing providers to reach more clients







- Rather than providing all services themselves, NGOs can support others to provide them
- This can be in the private sector, public sector, or even pharmacies
  In addition to clinical support, can also give specialist training, such as "youth friendly" services





Franchised facilities in Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, and Nigeria

## Key Takeaways

### Offer real choice!

- Choice in service delivery channel is just as important as product choice
- Offering PrEP via different channels can reach different types of clients and increase uptake
- PrEP delivery should leave no one behind









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Preferences for Delivery of HIV Prevention Services Among Healthcare Users in South Africa: A Discrete Choice Experiment

Catherine Martin Wits RHI, University of the Witwatersrand 19 November 2024



### Progress has been made to scale PrEP services, with ~ 7,5 million PrEP initiations globally

**PrEP Initiations by Country, August 2024** 



Source: AVAC Global PrEP Tracker, Q2 2024, https://www.prepwatch.org/data-by-country/

AVAC. PrEP Initiations by Country Worldwide. 16 August 2024. https://avac.org/resource/infographic/prep-initiations-by-country-worldwide/

# In South Africa, oral PrEP is available free of charge at 95% of primary public health facilities



Subedar, H. Pre-Exposure prophylaxis implementation in South Africa. HIVR4P. Lima, Peru. 6 – 10 October 2024.

# **Structural barriers to accessing and using PrEP have been identified**

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"I have stopped [PrEP] because of my job. That time, it was December. I didn't have a chance to be off, I was always working... So, that's why I didn't find time to come here."

21-year-old male PrEP user, South Africa [My biggest challenge] is not having access... the fact that I stay far from the clinic, and I have to use public transport when I go there; and I don't always have transport fare in that week; I'd have it the following week.

20-year-old female PrEP user, South

Cholo, F. A., et al (2024). Experiences of oral pre-exposure prophylaxis use among heterosexual men accessing sexual and reproductive health services in South Africa: a qualitative study. Journal of the International AIDS Society, 27(5), e26249. <u>https://doi.org/10.1002/jia2.26249</u>

Nongena P, Martin CE, at al. Reaching young women through a decentralized mobile service delivery model for HIV prevention and PrEP services in South Africa. Global Health Science and Practice. *Under review.* 

# Self-reported reasons for PrEP discontinuation girls and young women included clinic access factors

#### Table 6

Self-reported reasons for PrEP discontinuation among AGYW initiated on oral PrEP, by age category

	15–17	years	18–20	years	21-24	years	Total	
	n = 29	9 (13.6%) $n = 91 (42.5\%)$		(42.5%)	n = 94 (43.9%)		$\overline{N=214~(100\%)}$	
Clinic access related factors								
Clinic is too far	13	44.8%	35	38.5%	37	39.4%	85	39.7%
Prescription ran out and didn't go back	6	20.7%	8	8.8%	19	20.2%	33	15.4%
Couldn't access clinic due to other commitments	0	0.0%	12	13.2%	6	6.4%	18	8.4%
Challenges accessing the clinic due to COVID-19	1	3.4%	5	5.5%	0	0.0%	6	2.8%
Unsure where my nearest clinic is	0	0.0%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%	3	1.4%
Clinic didn't offer PrEP anymore	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
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No longer sexually active	3	10.3%	11	12.1%	18	19.1%	32	15.0%
Only have one faithful sexual partner	0	0.0%	9	9.9%	5	5.3%	14	6.5%
No longer feel I need or want to take PrEP	1	3.4%	1	1.1%	4	4.3%	6	2.8%
Product related factors								
Side effects were too much	7	24.1%	14	15.4%	15	16.0%	36	16.8%
Pill burden	2	6.9%	10	11.0%	1	1.1%	13	6.1%
Discontinued due to clinical reasons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	3.2%	3	1.4%
Social factors								
My partner or family member told me to stop using it	1	3.4%	6	6.6%	2	2.1%	9	4.2%
I felt stigmatized	0	0.0%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%	3	1.4%
Pregnancy	0	0.0%	6	6.6%	7	7.4%	13	6.1%
Other	0	0.0%	5	5.5%	1	1.1%	6	2.8%

Sub-analysis of cohort data among 967 15-24 year old women using oral PrEP, Jan 2019 – December 2021

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Martin, C. E., et al (2023). Patterns of HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis use Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women Accessing Routine Sexual and Reproductive Health services in South Africa. The Journal of adolescent health : official publication of the Society for Adolescent Medicine, 73(6S), S81–S91. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2023.08.004

# Decentralized services hold the potential to address some of these access barriers

"I would like to get service from mobile taking into consideration the **convenience."** 20-year-old female PrEP user, South Africa

"... we must use mobile cars... because you find that the mobile is not busy... But at the clinic when you come it is known that you are sick." 40-year-old male PrEP user, South Africa



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## WHO outlines Building Blocks of a differentiated PrEP service delivery package DIFFERENTIATED AND SIMPLIFIED PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR HIV PREVENTION UPDATE TO WHO IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE. TECHNICAL BRIEF Table 3. The building blocks of differentiated PrEP service delivery

A differentiated PrEP service delivery approac

Differentiated and simplified pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention

Update to WHO implementation guidance **TECHNICAL BRIEF** 





**Differentiated PrEP service** delivery: When, where, who and what to deliver

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Key points

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o obtain a prescription from a medical provider often a physician). In recent years, and particularly luring the COVID-19 pandemic (60), the shift towards iated PrEP service delivery has accelerate



Building block	PrEP initiation, and re-initiation	initial follow-up n	PrEP continuation (3+ months)		
	Initiation	Initial follow- up (0-3 months) (if required)	Re-initiation after discontinuation	PrEP refill	Follow-up
Where? Service location (e.g., primary health care facility, community setting, virtual setting)	Locations for PrEP assessment and initiation	Locations for initial follow- up	Locations for PrEP re- initiation	Locations where PrEP refills can be collected	Locations where follow-up services will be provided
<b>Who?</b> Service provider (e.g., physician, nurse, pharmacist, peer)	Service provider/s authorized to assess for and initiate PrEP	Service providers who can carry out initial follow- up visit/s	Service provider/s authorized to re-initiate PrEP	Service provider/s who can dispense PrEP refills	Service provider/s who conduct follow-up
When? Service frequency (e.g., monthly, every 3 months)	Timing of PrEP assessment and initiation	Timing of initial follow- up	Timing of PrEP re-initiation	Frequency of PrEP refill visits (length of supply)	Frequency of follow-up services
What? Service package (including HIV testing, clinical monitoring, PrEP prescription and dispensing, and comprehensive services)	Service package for PrEP assessment and initiation	Service package at initial follow- up	Service package for PrEP re- initiation	Service package with PrEP refill	Service package with follow-up
rEP: pre-exposure prophylaxis.					

Source: Adapted from the International AIDS Society framework for differentiated service delivery (61).

https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240053694

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# Wits RHI developed a Discrete Choice Experiment to explore health care user preferences for PrEP service delivery models

### **Service Attributes**:

- Source of information about HIV prevention and PrEP
- PrEP initiation site and clinical follow-up
- Frequency of follow-up appointments;
- PrEP pick up point between clinical appointments
- HIV testing method whilst using PrEP
- Contact between appointments for general support for PrEP use

#### Service delivery attributes









# Example of the DCE Choice Set



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## Between November 2022 and February 2023, participants from eight clinics in four areas of South Africa were recruited

- Recruiting sites were primary care clinics supported by Wits RHI's Project PrEP to integrate PrEP within routine primary care services since 2018
- Participants were HIV negative men and women accessing sexual and reproductive health and related services
- Potential participants were consecutively approached by study fieldworkers
- Interviews were conducted in English and ~45mins
- Data were captured on tablet devices using REDCap
- Descriptive statistics were used to describe the participants
- DCE data were analysed using generalised multinomial logistic models









# The majority of the 307 participants were young women, who had completed secondary education but were unemployed



### There was a strong preference for information about PrEP to be provided through online platforms

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences



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### Participants showed some preference for PrEP initiation at mobile clinics, but did not prefer initiation at a pop-up community site over a fixed clinic



Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences



0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 1.20 1.40 Odds Ratio





## There was a strong preference for HIV self-testing, and 6-monthly compared to 3-monthly PrEP follow up

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences





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### Between clinic visits participants preferred contact through social media, although also accepted a monthly phone call or weekly SMS over no contact





Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences

None

Monthly phone call from clinic (95%CI 1.73-4.67)

Weekly SMS message (95%CI 1.10-1.97)

WhatsApp / Facebook group (95% Cl 3.00-5.67)



0.00 0.50 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00 3.50 4.00 4.50

Odds Ratio





There was a strong preference for PrEP pick ups through private pharmacies, as well as a preference for home delivery or vending machine pick up compared to the PrEP initiation site

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences Home delivery (95%CI 1.26-3.78) 2.18 **Collect PrEP between** appointments Community vending machine 1.43 (95%CI 1.02-1.99) Pharmacist at private pharmacy 5.02 (95%CI 3.45-7.31) Where you initiated PrEP 1.00 0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 6.00 **Odds Ratio** University of the Witwatersrand





### Conclusion



- These data are being used to inform the implementation of decentralized models within Project PrEP
- The myprep.co.za, MyPrEP facebook page and the Sr Unathi chatbot are a central component of the Project PrEP delivery model, with more than 35 million (reached multiple times) people reached through these platforms.
- Our findings highlight a clear preference for out of facility options for PrEP pick up.
- Project PrEP delivers services through mobiles and fixed facilities and is expanding out of facility PrEP pick up points.
- Longer follow up periods between PrEP visits were strongly desired by healthcare users.
- There was a willingness and a preference to use HIV self-testing, which could enhance more self-led prevention.
- In addition to choice of PrEP methods, offering choice within service delivery models could further improve access and acceptability.





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The Choice Agenda: Novel Strategies in Service Delivery

Leveraging private brick-and-mortar & online pharmacies in Kenya for delivery of biomedical HIV prevention products

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## The Choice Agenda: Exploring the "WHO", "WHAT", and "WHERE" of HIV prevention services



## Expanding HIV prevention options to include **PEP in addition to PrEP**

- Serves those with periodic or unpredictable potential HIV exposures
- Makes PEP accessible; beyond victims of sexual assault or individuals who experienced occupational exposures

#### Leveraging an existing healthcare delivery platform to reach new clients with HIV services

 Designed an innovative care pathway to enable direct PrEP/PEP delivery in these settings; potentially addressing barriers to clinic-based care

# Potential advantages of brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies for HIV service delivery



#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies**

- Community-based; ubiquitous (>5000 licensed in Kenya)
- Common access points for other SRH services

### **Online pharmacies**

- Growing across Africa with increased access to telecommunication platforms
- Private and anonymous services

#### Shared advantages:

- Large purveyor of SRH products (e.g., emergency contraception, condoms)
- Offer quick & discrete services (i.e., no HIV stigma)
- Long operating hours and open on weekends
- Existing trained healthcare professionals



(Source: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2020)

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### Care pathway for delivery of PrEP and PEP in brickand-mortar and online pharmacies



#### Implementation variations by delivery model:

Core component	Brick-and-mortar pharmacies	Online pharmacy
1. HIV risk assessment	Trained pharmacy provider	Clinician via telehealth
2. Medical safety assessment	Trained pharmacy provider	Clinician via telehealth
3. HIV testing	Trained pharmacy provider	Courier-delivered at home HIV self- testing
4. Drug dispensing	Trained pharmacy provider	Courier-delivered

Developed in collaboration with Kenyan stakeholders SAVE LIVES FASTER (Source: Ortblad KF, BMC Health Serv Res 2020)



## High demand for PEP at brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies



#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies**

- Completed pilot study delivering PrEP/PEP in 12 pharmacies; ongoing cRCT delivering PrEP/PEP in 45 intervention pharmacies:
  - Pilot: From Nov 2020 to July 2022, 823 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.
  - <u>cRCT</u>: From Jun 2023 to Oct 2024, 2587 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.





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#### **Online pharmacies**

- Completed pilot study in one online pharmacy (Nairobi and Mombasa):
  - From Oct 2022 to Dec 2023, 1757 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.

(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness R, AIDS 2024)

\*Pooled pilot & cRCT data

## The reach of pharmacy-delivered <u>PrEP</u> and <u>PEP</u> services

	Brick-&-mortar pharmacies*		Online pharmacy	
Characteristic	PrEP, n=1690	PEP, n=2004	PrEP, n=208	PEP, n=1549
Age <25 years	731 (43%)	705 (35%)	154 (74%)	1119 (72%)
Male	796 (47%)	1152 (57%)	155 (75%)	966 (62%)
Married	599 (35%)	714 (36%)	24 (12%)	196 (13%)
Partner living with HIV	145 (9%)	76 (4%)	24 (12%)	42 (3%)
Multiple sex partners	940 (56%)	837 (42%)	136 (65%)	716 (46%)
HIV exposure, <72 hrs				
Occupational	N/A	3 (0%)	N/A	70 (4%)
Sexual: consensual	N/A	1870 (93%)	N/A	1462 (94%)
Sexual: non- consensual	N/A	50 (2%)	N/A	17 (1%)

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(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024)

Online clients: Greater percentage male and lower prevalence of marriage compared to brick-and-mortar clients

Online clients: HIV exposures associated PEP need is similar to brickand-mortar clients



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**PEP clients:** lower prevalence of partner living with HIV and multiple sexual partners

**PEP clients:** most recent HIV exposures from consensual unprotected sex



\*Pooled pilot & cRCT data

(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024)

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Married	599 (35%)	24 (12%)	4,466 (91%)
Partner living with HIV	145 (9%)	24 (12%)	4,092 (84%)
Multiple sex partners	940 (56%)	136 (65%)	565 (12%)
HIV exposure, <72 hrs			
Occupational	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Sexual: non- consensual	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Pooled pilot & cRCT data			

**Pharmacy PrEP clients:** tend to be younger, greater percentage male, and fewer married compared to clinicbased PrEP clients



(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024; Irungu E, Lancet Glob Health 2021)

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**Pharmacy PrEP clients:** fewer report a partner living with HIV and more report multiple sexual partners compared to clinic-based PrEP clients



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## PrEP continuation in pharmacy- vs. clinic-based delivery models



(Sources: Ortblad KF, JIAS 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kinuthia J, Lancet HIV 2020; Irungu E, Lancet Glob Health 2021; Mugwanya K, PLOS Med 2019)

## <u>PEP-to-PrEP transition</u> in the pharmacy-based pilot studies

Brick-and-mortar pharmacies\*, n=162 PEP clients



\*Only includes data from brick-and-mortar pilot study, not cRCT



(Sources: Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness C, AIDS 2024)

## <u>Acceptability</u> of pharmacy-delivered PrEP/PEP services

≥75% of clients and providers agreed or strongly agreed with statements assessing acceptability of these models, indicating high acceptability

#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies**

"It is close to where I live and there is privacy." Male client, age 22 "It is easier to get PrEP here than in a hospital." Female client, age 25

"The clients are open, and this gives me an easy time to deliver <u>PrEP</u>."

Female provider, age 27

"This will make the community that live near a pharmacy ... know about the preventive measures that they can take to prevent the spread of HIV."

Male provider, age 35

**Online pharmacy** 

"It was fast, I didn't have to go and queue at any hospital." PEP client

"I can't get [time] off to go to the [clinic], but I can easily call MYDAWA and get my medication delivered." PEP client "An online store is private and no one will be looking at you." PrEP client

"[A consultation] is just a click away." Provider



(Sources: Roche SD, AIDS and Behav 2021; Thuo N, SAYEU MESTER

### <u>Willingness to pay for pharmacy-delivered</u> **PrEP/PEP** services

#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies\***



Amount per pharmacy PrEP/PEP visit



#### **Online pharmacy**

\*Only includes data from brick-and-mortar cRCT

### Impact on the HIV prevention choice agenda

- Expanding PrEP/PEP delivery to private pharmacies can reach new populations that could benefit
  - Potential for private pharmacies to expand coverage of biomedical HIV prevention products to those not engaged in traditional service delivery setting.
- Findings underscore the unmet demand for PEP services
  - With convenient access and long operating hours, pharmacies may be well-suited to delivering PEP
  - Suggests the important role PEP could play in the HIV prevention choice agenda.



**Takeaway:** Private pharmacies in Kenya can reach those in urgent need of PEP and expand access to HIV prevention options. Guidelines are needed to facilitate the delivery of biomedical HIV prevention services in private brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies.

### Key considerations for implementation



#### **Pre-implementation**

- <u>Pharmacy selection</u>: Developing criteria outlining the minimum requirements
- **Provider training:** Innovative capacity-building approaches that are convenient and flexible
- <u>Commodities</u>: Determining feasible procurement mechanisms



#### Implementation

- Demand generation: Investing in user-centered materials and community-level awareness creation
- <u>Quality assurance</u>: Comprehensive protocols and guidelines with quality metrics
- <u>**Reporting:**</u> Simplified and direct reporting to the national health management information system

**Policies:** Designating retail pharmacies—including brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies—as PrEP/PEP service delivery points.



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Zero knowledge and high interest in the use of long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among adolescent men who have sex with men and transgender women in two capital cities in Brazil

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An implementation study of CAB-LA for HIV PrEP among adolescents: men who have sex with men, non-binary, and trans people 15-19 years old in Brazil

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## How can we engage adolescents in HIV prevention in the era of PrEP choices?

- Peer educators activities (online and offline): LGBTQIA+ parties, mingling areas, bars, and youth venues;
- Recruitment in schools: workshops-sex education and HIV prevention;
- Referrals from the Brazilian National Health System services;
- Referrals from Community Based organizations;
- Dating apps: Grindr, Tinder etc.;
- By the indication of participants who are in PrEP (word of mouth);
- Amanda Selfie a Transgender chatbot.



#### PrEP15-19 Service Delivery Model: recruiting, enrolling and linking adolescents MSM, non-binaries and trans people to PrEP



Mixed model of services delivery



**WHO** 

WHAT

### **PrEP Choices as a playlist**















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### Innovations in healthcare delivery for HIV and sexually transmitted infections prevention for sexual and gender minority's adolescents

PrEPara Salvador: Community-Based Sexual Health and PrEP Clinic (A research clinic funded by Unitaid and supported by the Brazilian Ministry of Health)



Goal: Create a welcoming, affirming environment focused on HIV prevention and sexual health for the sexual and gender minority's adolescents

#### Community-Based Sexual Health and PrEP Clinics





- Built from the ground up
- Focus on sexual and gender minority HIV prevention (with PrEP), sexual health and sexually transmitted infection testing
- Implemented telehealth-based encounters during COVID-19 and thereafter
- Differentiated Service Delivery

The clinic at the Salvador site, for example, is situated on a side street in an underserved part of the city.

#### The clinic is on a bus route.

#### Differentiated Service Delivery at the PrEP Clinics

#### Services delivered face-to-face

#### **Telehealth services**

- HIV (RT 4th generation) and STI testing;
- PrEP + condom dispensation;
- Linkage to care if positive
- Clinical care
- Psychological support;
- Post-exposure prophylaxis-PEP
- Referrals to vaccination to public services
- Screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI)

### Telehealth by health team;

- TelePrEP;
- STI consultation





- The clinic has a fully equipped laboratory for phlebotomy.
- The clinic has fully equipped exam rooms and staff work areas.







#### Fun pouch and prevention kit



#### Face to face demand creation- outreach







#### Speak the language of the community you are working with



#### TelePrEP sub-study within the PrEP15-19 Choices study

For participants using oral PrEP only:

Must attend two face-to-face consultations;

Receive access to up to five HIV self-tests for personal use and for partners.

Subsequently:

Conduct HIV self-tests at home or rapid tests at other services.

Undergo sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing at the study lab or other designated locations;

Have PrEP delivered by mail to their preferred address.



- Limited internet and cell phone access create barriers to TelePrEP;
- Few adolescents choose this option, preferring in-person clinic visits;
- It offers an opportunity to connect with a welcoming healthcare team in a friendly environment and assists with broader health needs;
- TelePrEP addresses specific, immediate needs, such as STI treatment prescriptions, but appears to be more suitable for adults.



Pride to be happy



Gay adolescent - peer educator



#### Pride to be happy



### **Key lessons learned**

- Long-acting PrEP for adolescents offers a promising alternative to daily pills, potentially improving adherence and protection;
- Flexible PrEP options can allow adolescents to choose between oral and injectable PrEP and enhance engagement by catering to individual lifestyles;
  - LGBTQIA+ youth staff and inclusive, welcoming spaces play a crucial role in connecting adolescents with HIV prevention services;
- Addressing mental health issues within HIV prevention programs is critical for the well-being and effective protection of adolescents.

Pride to be fight

TGM -peer navigator

Pride to be hope



TGW-young peer educator

#### Pride to be affection



Gay psychologist

**Bissexual nurse** 





Gay adolescent - peer educator

#### Pride to be love



TGM -peer navigator

Bissexual nurse





### Key lessons learned

- Adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, may need more support to stay in service and use PrEP than adults;
- Providing PrEP as part of a comprehensive package is important because young people needing prevention usually need other services:
  - STI services; gender-based violence and mental health support;
- Adolescents are dynamic and fluid and, therefore, we must continually adapt to their context, and respect their choices.

Pride to be fight



TGM -peer navigator

Pride to be hope



TGW-young peer educator

#### Pride to be care



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## **Expanding access to PrEP and PEP:** SPrEP and automatic prophylaxis delivery machines







## **Conflict of interest**

## I, ADRIANO QUEIROZ DA SILVA, do not have a conflict of interest.







PrEP was formally adopted as a public health policy in Brazil in 2018, including its implementation in the city of São Paulo



Access to prophylaxis, as well as antiretroviral therapy (ART), is facilitated through the Brazilian Unified Health System (SUS) Both prophylaxis and antiretroviral treatment are offered free of charge in Brazil.



Currently, PrEP is only available in oral tablet form



While the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency has approved the use of bimonthly injectable Cabotegravir, its availability within the public healthcare network is still pending









# 7th CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF HIV INCIDENCE DECLINE



In the comparison between the year 2023 and the year 2016.

22% reduction was observed between 2022 and 2023.

The largest decline ever recorded in the capital

**57%** reduction in new HIV cases among young people aged 15 to 29

Between 2016 and 2022.

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## More than

**50,000** PrEP registrations in the city of São Paulo









## What is SPrEP?

SPrEP – PrEP and PEP online is:

- a channel within the e-saúdeSP application, managed by the Municipal Health Department of São Paulo
- operates every day, including holidays and weekends, from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M., through teleconsultations
- offers the initiation and continuation of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV








### **Organizational structure**







### How does it work?

Options	What do you need?	During the Medical appointment	Post-appointment
l want PrEP	Image of an HIV-negative test result within the past 7 days or a self-test image Teleconsultation request initiated	Medical advice Medical prescription Transmission of prescriptions and test orders (via email, WhatsApp, or SMS) QR code generated	The person retrieves a 30-day supply of medication from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine
l want PrEP follow-up	Image of an HIV-negative test result within the past 7 days or a self-test image Image of other test results A teleconsultation request is generated	Medical advice Medical prescription Transmission of prescriptions and test requests (via email, WhatsApp, or SMS) QR code generated	The person retrieves the medication for 30, 60, 90, or 120 days from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine
PEP	No test results are required A teleconsultation request is generated	Medical advice Medical prescription QR code generated	The person retrieves the medication from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine.
l have a question about the services	Questions regarding recent risk exposure (< 72 hours) are presented. If exposure occurred, the individual is directed to PEP services; if not, to PrEP services. A teleconsultation request is generated.	Process flow contingent upon the initial responses to the questions	Process flow contingent upon the initial responses to the questions





## The WHERE for PrEP and PEP collection





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#### Demonstration:













Source: e-saúdeSP, SMS/SP; SICLOM/Brazilian Ministry of Health, 2024





#### **SPREP** (from June 2023 to September 2024)

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	1 - PrEP initiation	3 - PEP	2- Follow-up	TOTAL
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
Gender identity				
Cis men	958 (84.9)	685 (71.7)	457 (80.0)	2100 (79.1)
Trans men	2 (0.2)	2 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.2)
Cis women	7 (0.6)	104 (10.9)	28 (4.9)	139 (5.2)
Trans women	2 (0.2)	2 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.2)
Non-binary	6 (0.5)	3 (0.3)	2 (0.4)	11 (0.4)
Travesti	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.4)	4 (0.2)
Missing	153 (13.6)	158 (16.5)	80 (14.0)	391 (14.7)
Face/color				
Yellow	29 (2.6)	14 (1.5)	18 (3.2)	61 (2.3)
White	705 (62.4)	564 (59.2)	341 (59.7)	1610 (60.7)
Indigenous	2 (0.2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0.1)
Pardo	247 (21.9)	193 (20.3)	136 (23.8)	576 (21.7)
Black	92 (8.1)	98 (10.3)	45 (7.9)	235 (8.9)
Missing	54 (4.8)	84 (8.8)	31 (5.4)	169 (6.4)
Age				
<18	3 (0.3)	6 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	10 (0.4)
18-24	124 (11.0)	202 (21.2)	92 (16.1)	418 (15.7)
25-29	311 (27.5)	288 (30.2)	160 (28.0)	/59 (28.6)
30-34	331 (29.3)	211 (22.1)	138 (24.2)	680 (25.6)
35-39	188 (16.7)	112 (11.7)	84 (14.7)	384 (14.5)
40-44	118 (10.5)	/3 (7.6)	52 (9.1)	243 (9.2)
45-49	26 (2.3)	44 (4.6)	14 (2.5)	84 (3.2)
>50	28 (2.5)	19 (2.0)	30 (5.3)	77 (2.9)

- Of those initiating PrEP, 85% were cis men compared to 72% of those accessing PEP.
- Overall, 61% of those accessing services through SPrEP were White, 22% were Pardo and 9% were Black.
- More than half (52%) of those access PEP were <30 years of age. Among those accessing PrEP initiation or follow-up, 39% and 44% were <30 years of age, respectively.
- In addition, 73% of support for women are for the prescription of PEP.

**Source**: e-saúdeSP, SMS/SP; SICLOM/Brazilian Ministry of Health, 2024





### **Automated machines**



Source: Municipal Health Department of São Paulo, 20245





## Key takeaways

- PrEP has been essential in reducing new HIV cases in the city of São Paulo
- Different strategies for offering prophylaxis enable greater access to HIV prevention
- More vulnerable populations tend to benefit from diversified access strategies to PrEP and PEP
- Services that extend operating hours reduce access barriers
- Online services facilitate access and, in São Paulo, enable quick retrieval in a greater number of health units
- The city of São Paulo allows for PrEP retrieval 24 hours a day, 7 days a week









Expansion of PrEP and PEP dispensing locals



Participation in studies to make injectable PrEP available in the city of São Paulo



Participate in studies for the provision of DoxyPEP



Increase the number of machines for retrieving PrEP and PEP



Assess the possibility of integration with other applications, especially for use by more vulnerable populations







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Preferences for Delivery of HIV Prevention Services Among Healthcare Users in South Africa: A Discrete Choice Experiment

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### Progress has been made to scale PrEP services, with ~ 7,5 million PrEP initiations globally

**PrEP Initiations by Country, August 2024** 



Source: AVAC Global PrEP Tracker, Q2 2024, https://www.prepwatch.org/data-by-country/

AVAC. PrEP Initiations by Country Worldwide. 16 August 2024. https://avac.org/resource/infographic/prep-initiations-by-country-worldwide/

## In South Africa, oral PrEP is available free of charge at 95% of primary public health facilities



Subedar, H. Pre-Exposure prophylaxis implementation in South Africa. HIVR4P. Lima, Peru. 6 – 10 October 2024.

## **Structural barriers to accessing and using PrEP have been identified**

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"I have stopped [PrEP] because of my job. That time, it was December. I didn't have a chance to be off, I was always working... So, that's why I didn't find time to come here."

21-year-old male PrEP user, South Africa [My biggest challenge] is not having access... the fact that I stay far from the clinic, and I have to use public transport when I go there; and I don't always have transport fare in that week; I'd have it the following week.

20-year-old female PrEP user, South

Cholo, F. A., et al (2024). Experiences of oral pre-exposure prophylaxis use among heterosexual men accessing sexual and reproductive health services in South Africa: a qualitative study. Journal of the International AIDS Society, 27(5), e26249. <u>https://doi.org/10.1002/jia2.26249</u>

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# Self-reported reasons for PrEP discontinuation girls and young women included clinic access factors

#### Table 6

Self-reported reasons for PrEP discontinuation among AGYW initiated on oral PrEP, by age category

	15–17	years	18–20	years	21-24	years	Total	
	n = 29	(13.6%)	n = 91 (42.5%)		n = 94 (43.9%)		N = 214 (100%)	
Clinic access related factors								
Clinic is too far	13	44.8%	35	38.5%	37	39.4%	85	39.7%
Prescription ran out and didn't go back	6	20.7%	8	8.8%	19	20.2%	33	15.4%
Couldn't access clinic due to other commitments	0	0.0%	12	13.2%	6	6.4%	18	8.4%
Challenges accessing the clinic due to COVID-19	1	3.4%	5	5.5%	0	0.0%	6	2.8%
Unsure where my nearest clinic is	0	0.0%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%	3	1.4%
Clinic didn't offer PrEP anymore	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Perceived fisk of filv								
No longer sexually active	3	10.3%	11	12.1%	18	19.1%	32	15.0%
Only have one faithful sexual partner	0	0.0%	9	9.9%	5	5.3%	14	6.5%
No longer feel I need or want to take PrEP	1	3.4%	1	1.1%	4	4.3%	6	2.8%
Product related factors								
Side effects were too much	7	24.1%	14	15.4%	15	16.0%	36	16.8%
Pill burden	2	6.9%	10	11.0%	1	1.1%	13	6.1%
Discontinued due to clinical reasons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	3.2%	3	1.4%
Social factors								
My partner or family member told me to stop using it	1	3.4%	6	6.6%	2	2.1%	9	4.2%
I felt stigmatized	0	0.0%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%	3	1.4%
Pregnancy	0	0.0%	6	6.6%	7	7.4%	13	6.1%
Other	0	0.0%	5	5.5%	1	1.1%	6	2.8%

Sub-analysis of cohort data among 967 15-24 year old women using oral PrEP, Jan 2019 – December 2021

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Martin, C. E., et al (2023). Patterns of HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis use Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women Accessing Routine Sexual and Reproductive Health services in South Africa. The Journal of adolescent health : official publication of the Society for Adolescent Medicine, 73(6S), S81–S91. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2023.08.004

## Decentralized services hold the potential to address some of these access barriers

"I would like to get service from mobile taking into consideration the **convenience."** 20-year-old female PrEP user, South Africa

"... we must use mobile cars... because you find that the mobile is not busy... But at the clinic when you come it is known that you are sick." 40-year-old male PrEP user, South Africa



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## WHO outlines Building Blocks of a differentiated PrEP service delivery package DIFFERENTIATED AND SIMPLIFIED PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR HIV PREVENTION UPDATE TO WHO IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE. TECHNICAL BRIEF Table 3. The building blocks of differentiated PrEP service delivery

A differentiated PrEP service delivery approac

Differentiated and simplified pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention

Update to WHO implementation guidance **TECHNICAL BRIEF** 





**Differentiated PrEP service** delivery: When, where, who and what to deliver

is person- and community-centred and adapts vices to the needs and preferences of the peop A differentiated PrEP service delivery approach ho are interested in and could benefit from PrEP person- and community-centred and adapts ervices to the needs and preferences of Differentiated PrEP service delivery may also suppor more efficient and cost–effective use of health care eople who are interested in and could benefi esources. WHO recommends differentiated service delivery for HIV testing and antiretroviral therapy ART) (4). Delivery of person-centred health servi Differentiated PrEP services may make PrEP (ART) (4). Delivery of person-centred health services is one of the key strategic directions of the global health sector strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, and action (3). e delivery utilizes the four building his section on cks of where (service location), who (serv delivery for PrEP, utilizing the four building blocks of differentiated service delivery (Table 3). These building



DVR. However, for CAB-LA there are different safety ind clinical considerations, and there has been very many countries, individuals interested in PrE imited implementation of CAB-LA outside of clinica nust go to a health care facility (often an HIV clinic)

Key points

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o obtain a prescription from a medical provider often a physician). In recent years, and particularly luring the COVID-19 pandemic (60), the shift towards iated PrEP service delivery has accelerate



Building block	PrEP initiation, initial follow-up (0-3 months), and re-initiation			PrEP continuation (3+ months)	
	Initiation	Initial follow- up (0-3 months) (if required)	Re-initiation after discontinuation	PrEP refill	Follow-up
Where? Service location (e.g., primary health care facility, community setting, virtual setting)	Locations for PrEP assessment and initiation	Locations for initial follow- up	Locations for PrEP re- initiation	Locations where PrEP refills can be collected	Locations where follow-up services will be provided
<b>Who?</b> Service provider (e.g., physician, nurse, pharmacist, peer)	Service provider/s authorized to assess for and initiate PrEP	Service providers who can carry out initial follow- up visit/s	Service provider/s authorized to re-initiate PrEP	Service provider/s who can dispense PrEP refills	Service provider/s who conduct follow-up
When? Service frequency (e.g., monthly, every 3 months)	Timing of PrEP assessment and initiation	Timing of initial follow- up	Timing of PrEP re-initiation	Frequency of PrEP refill visits (length of supply)	Frequency of follow-up services
What? Service package (including HIV testing, clinical monitoring, PrEP prescription and dispensing, and comprehensive services)	Service package for PrEP assessment and initiation	Service package at initial follow- up	Service package for PrEP re- initiation	Service package with PrEP refill	Service package with follow-up
rEP: pre-exposure prophylaxis.					

Source: Adapted from the International AIDS Society framework for differentiated service delivery (61).

https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240053694

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## Wits RHI developed a Discrete Choice Experiment to explore health care user preferences for PrEP service delivery models

#### **Service Attributes**:

- Source of information about HIV prevention and PrEP
- PrEP initiation site and clinical follow-up
- Frequency of follow-up appointments;
- PrEP pick up point between clinical appointments
- HIV testing method whilst using PrEP
- Contact between appointments for general support for PrEP use

#### Service delivery attributes









# Example of the DCE Choice Set



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### Between November 2022 and February 2023, participants from eight clinics in four areas of South Africa were recruited

- Recruiting sites were primary care clinics supported by Wits RHI's Project PrEP to integrate PrEP within routine primary care services since 2018
- Participants were HIV negative men and women accessing sexual and reproductive health and related services
- Potential participants were consecutively approached by study fieldworkers
- Interviews were conducted in English and ~45mins
- Data were captured on tablet devices using REDCap
- Descriptive statistics were used to describe the participants
- DCE data were analysed using generalised multinomial logistic models









## The majority of the 307 participants were young women, who had completed secondary education but were unemployed



### There was a strong preference for information about PrEP to be provided through online platforms

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences



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### Participants showed some preference for PrEP initiation at mobile clinics, but did not prefer initiation at a pop-up community site over a fixed clinic



Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences



0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00 1.20 1.40 Odds Ratio





### There was a strong preference for HIV self-testing, and 6-monthly compared to 3-monthly PrEP follow up

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences





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#### Between clinic visits participants preferred contact through social media, although also accepted a monthly phone call or weekly SMS over no contact





Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences

None

Monthly phone call from clinic (95%CI 1.73-4.67)

Weekly SMS message (95%CI 1.10-1.97)

WhatsApp / Facebook group (95% Cl 3.00-5.67)



0.00 0.50 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00 3.50 4.00 4.50

Odds Ratio





There was a strong preference for PrEP pick ups through private pharmacies, as well as a preference for home delivery or vending machine pick up compared to the PrEP initiation site

Generalised multinomial logistic (G-MNL) regression for determinants of service delivery preferences Home delivery (95%CI 1.26-3.78) 2.18 **Collect PrEP between** appointments Community vending machine 1.43 (95%CI 1.02-1.99) Pharmacist at private pharmacy 5.02 (95%CI 3.45-7.31) Where you initiated PrEP 1.00 0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 6.00 **Odds Ratio** University of the Witwatersrand





#### Conclusion



- These data are being used to inform the implementation of decentralized models within Project PrEP
- The myprep.co.za, MyPrEP facebook page and the Sr Unathi chatbot are a central component of the Project PrEP delivery model, with more than 35 million (reached multiple times) people reached through these platforms.
- Our findings highlight a clear preference for out of facility options for PrEP pick up.
- Project PrEP delivers services through mobiles and fixed facilities and is expanding out of facility PrEP pick up points.
- Longer follow up periods between PrEP visits were strongly desired by healthcare users.
- There was a willingness and a preference to use HIV self-testing, which could enhance more self-led prevention.
- In addition to choice of PrEP methods, offering choice within service delivery models could further improve access and acceptability.





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The Choice Agenda: Novel Strategies in Service Delivery

Leveraging private brick-and-mortar & online pharmacies in Kenya for delivery of biomedical HIV prevention products

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### The Choice Agenda: Exploring the "WHO", "WHAT", and "WHERE" of HIV prevention services



### Expanding HIV prevention options to include **PEP in addition to PrEP**

- Serves those with periodic or unpredictable potential HIV exposures
- Makes PEP accessible; beyond those reporting sexual assault or occupational exposures

#### Leveraging an existing healthcare delivery platform to reach new clients with HIV services

• Designed an innovative care pathway to enable direct PrEP/PEP delivery in pharmacies; can address barriers to clinic-based care

## Potential advantages of brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies for HIV service delivery



#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies**

- Community-based; ubiquitous (>5000 licensed in Kenya)
- Common access points for other SRH services

#### **Online pharmacies**

- Growing across Africa with increased access to telecommunication platforms
- Private and anonymous services

#### Shared advantages:

- Large purveyor of SRH products (e.g., emergency contraception, condoms)
- Offer quick & discrete services (i.e., no HIV stigma)
- Long operating hours and open on weekends
- Existing trained healthcare professionals



(Source: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2020; Kiptinness, Front Public Health 2023)

### Care pathway for delivery of PrEP and PEP in brickand-mortar and online pharmacies



#### Implementation variations by delivery model:

Core	e component	Brick-and-mortar pharmacies	Online pharmacy	
<b>1.</b>	HIV risk assessment	Trained pharmacy provider	Clinician via telehealth	
<b>2.</b> [	Medical safety assessment	Trained pharmacy provider	Clinician via telehealth	
3. I	HIV testing	Trained pharmacy provider	Courier-delivered	
4. [	Drug dispensing	Trained pharmacy provider	Courier-delivered	

Developed in collaboration with Kenyan stakeholders

(Source: Ortblad KF, BMC Health Serv Res 2020)



## High demand for PEP at brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies



#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies** (2 studies)

- 1. <u>Pilot</u>: delivered PrEP/PEP in 12 pharmacies:
  - From Nov 2020 to July 2022, 823 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.
- 2. <u>Ongoing cRCT</u>: delivering PrEP/PEP in 45 intervention pharmacies:
  - From Jun 2023 to Oct 2024, 2587 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.



\*Pooled pilot & cRCT data



#### **Online pharmacies** (1 study)

- 1. <u>Pilot</u>: delivered PrEP/PEP in one online pharmacy (Nairobi and Mombasa):
  - From Oct 2022 to Dec 2023, 1757 clients initiated PrEP/PEP.



(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024)

### **<u>Reach</u>** of pharmacy-delivered <u>PrEP and PEP</u> services

	Brick-&-morta	r pharmacies*	Online pharmacy		
Characteristic	PrEP, n=1690	PEP, n=2004	<i>PrEP, n=208</i>	PEP, n=1549	
Age <25 years	731 (43%)	705 (35%)	154 (74%)	1119 (72%)	
Male	796 (47%)	1152 (57%)	155 (75%)	966 (62%)	
Married	599 (35%)	714 (36%)	24 (12%)	196 (13%)	
Partner living with HIV	145 (9%)	76 (4%)	24 (12%)	42 (3%)	
Multiple sex partners	940 (56%)	837 (42%)	136 (65%)	716 (46%)	
HIV exposure, <72 hrs					
Occupational	N/A	3 (0%)	N/A	70 (4%)	
Sexual: consensual	N/A	1870 (93%)	N/A	1462 (94%)	
Sexual: non- consensual	N/A	50 (2%)	N/A	17 (1%)	

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(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024)

Online clients: Greater % male and lower % married compared to brick-and-mortar clients

Online clients: HIV exposures associated PEP need is similar to brick-and-mortar clients



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**PEP clients:** lower % of partner(s) living with HIV and multiple sexual partners

Pharm PrEP

\*Pooled pilot & cRCT data

(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024)

## The reach of pharmacy-delivered <u>PrEP</u> compared to clinic-delivered <u>PrEP</u> services

	Brick-&- mortar*	Online pharmacy	Public clinics: • Scale up
Characteristic	PrEP, n=1690	PrEP, n=208	PrEP, n=4898
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Male	796 (47%)	155 (75%)	2257 (46%)
Married	599 (35%)	24 (12%)	4466 (91%)
Partner living with HIV	145 (9%)	24 (12%)	4092 (84%)
Multiple sex partners	940 (56%)	136 (65%)	565 (12%)
HIV exposure, <72 hrs			
Occupational	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual: consensual	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual: non- consensual	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Pooled pilot & cRCT data			

Data from the Partners Scale-up Project

**Pharmacy PrEP clients:** tend to be younger, greater % male, and lower % married compared to clinic-based PrEP clients



(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024; Irungu E, Lancet Glob Health 2021)
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Data from the Partners Scale-up Project

Pharmacy PrEP clients: fewer report a partner with HIV and greater % report multiple sexual partners compared to clinic-based PrEP clients



(Sources: Ortblad KF, J Int AIDS Soc 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness K, AIDS 2024; Irungu E, Lancet Glob Health 2021)

## <u>PrEP continuation</u> in pharmacy- vs. clinic-based delivery models



(Sources: Ortblad KF, JIAS 2023; Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness C, AIDS 2024; Irungu E, Lancet Glob Health 2021)

## PEP-to-PrEP transition & repeat PEP use in the pharmacy-based pilot studies

Brick-and-mortar pharmacies,\* n=162 PEP clients



\*Only includes data from brick-and-mortar pilot study, not cRCT



(Sources: Roche SD, CROI 2023; Kiptinness C, AIDS 2024)

## <u>Acceptability</u> of pharmacy-delivered PrEP/PEP services

≥75% of clients and providers agreed or strongly agreed with statements assessing acceptability of these models, indicating high acceptability

#### **Brick-and-mortar pharmacies**

"It is close to where I live and there is privacy." Male client, age 22 "It is easier to get PrEP here than in a hospital." Female client, age 25

"The clients are open, and this gives me an easy time to deliver <u>PrEP</u>."

Female provider, age 27

"This will make the community that live near a pharmacy ... know about the preventive measures that they can take to prevent the spread of HIV."

Male provider, age 35

#### **Online pharmacy**

"It was fast, I didn't have to go and queue at any hospital." PEP client

"I can't get [time] off to go to the [clinic], but I can easily call MYDAWA and get my medication delivered." PEP client "An online store is private and no one will be looking at you." PrEP client

"[A consultation] is just a click away." Provider



(Sources: Roche SD, unpublished in-progress; Thuo N, unpublished in-progress)

### Impact on the HIV prevention choice agenda

- Expanding PrEP/PEP delivery to private pharmacies can reach new populations that could benefit
  - Potential for private pharmacies to expand coverage of biomedical HIV prevention products to those not engaged in traditional service delivery setting.
- Findings underscore the unmet demand for PEP services
  - With convenient access and long operating hours, pharmacies may be well-suited to delivering PEP
  - Suggests the important role PEP could play in the HIV prevention choice agenda.



<u>Takeaway</u>: Private pharmacies in Kenya can reach those in urgent need of PEP and expand access to HIV prevention options. Guidelines are needed to facilitate the delivery of biomedical HIV prevention services in private brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies.

### Key considerations for implementation



#### **Pre-implementation**

- <u>Pharmacy selection</u>: Developing criteria outlining the minimum requirements
- **Provider training:** Innovative capacity-building approaches that are convenient and flexible
- <u>Commodities</u>: Determining feasible procurement mechanisms



#### Implementation

- **Demand generation**: Investing in user-centered materials and community-level awareness
- **Quality assurance:** Comprehensive protocols and guidelines with quality metrics
- <u>**Reporting:**</u> Simplified and direct reporting to the national health management information system

**Policies:** Designating retail pharmacies—including brick-and-mortar and online pharmacies—as PrEP/PEP service delivery points.



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#### RESEARCH

Zero knowledge and high interest in the use of long-acting injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among adolescent men who have sex with men and transgender women in two capital cities in Brazil

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During the oral phase of PrEP15-19, we interviewed adolescents to evaluate their knowledge and interest in long-acting injectable PrEP. No one was aware of injectable PrEP, but many expressed a strong interest in using it if available.

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An implementation study of CAB-LA for HIV PrEP among adolescents: men who have sex with men, non-binaries, and trans people 15-19 years old in Brazil

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## How can we engage adolescents in HIV prevention in the era of PrEP choices?

- Peer educators activities (online and offline): LGBTQIA+ parties, mingling areas, bars, and youth venues;
- Recruitment in schools: workshops-sex education and HIV prevention;
- Referrals from the Brazilian National Health System services;
- Referrals from Community Based organizations;
- Dating apps: Grindr, Tinder etc.;
- By the indication of participants who are in PrEP (word of mouth);
- Amanda Selfie a Transgender chatbot.



#### PrEP15-19 Service Delivery Model: recruiting, enrolling and linking adolescents MSM, non-binaries and trans people to PrEP



Mixed model of services delivery



**WHO** 

WHAT

### **PrEP Choices as a playlist**















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### Innovations in healthcare delivery for HIV and sexually transmitted infections prevention for sexual and gender minority's adolescents

PrEPara Salvador: Community-Based Sexual Health and PrEP Clinic (A research clinic funded by Unitaid and supported by the Brazilian Ministry of Health)



Goal: Create a welcoming, affirming environment focused on HIV prevention and sexual health for the sexual and gender minority's adolescents

#### Community-Based Sexual Health and PrEP Clinics





- Built from the ground up
- Focus on sexual and gender minority HIV prevention (with PrEP), sexual health and sexually transmitted infection testing
- Implemented telehealth-based encounters during COVID-19 and thereafter
- Differentiated Service Delivery

The clinic at the Salvador site, for example, is situated on a side street in an underserved part of the city.

#### The clinic is on a bus route.

#### Differentiated Service Delivery at the PrEP Clinics

#### Services delivered face-to-face

#### **Telehealth services**

- HIV-RT 4th generation and molecular test for CAB option.
- Screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- PrEP + condom dispensation;
- Linkage to care if positive
- Clinical care
- Psychological support;
- Post-exposure prophylaxis-PEP
- Referrals to vaccination to public services

## Telehealth by health team;

- TelePrEP;
- STI consultation





- The clinic has a fully equipped laboratory for phlebotomy.
- The clinic has fully equipped exam rooms and staff work areas.







#### Fun pouch and prevention kit



#### Speak the language of the community you are working with



#### Face to face demand creation- outreach







#### TelePrEP sub-study within the PrEP15-19 Choices study

For participants using oral PrEP only:

Must attend two face-to-face consultations;

Receive access to up to five HIV self-tests for personal use and for partners.

Subsequently:

Conduct HIV self-tests at home or rapid tests at other services.

Undergo sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing at the study lab or other designated locations;

Have PrEP delivered by mail to their preferred address.

#### Preliminary findings:

- Limited internet and cell phone access create barriers to TelePrEP;
- Few adolescents choose this option, preferring in-person clinic visits;
- It offers an opportunity to connect with a welcoming healthcare team in a friendly environment and assists with broader health needs;
- TelePrEP addresses specific, immediate needs, such as STI treatment prescriptions, but appears to be more suitable for adults.









Gay adolescent - peer educator



#### Pride to be happy



### **Key lessons learned**

• Long-acting PrEP for adolescents offers a promising alternative to daily pills, potentially improving adherence and protection;



Addressing mental health issues within HIV prevention programs is critical for the well-being and effective protection of adolescents.

Pride to be fight

TGM -peer navigator





TGW-young peer educator

#### Pride to be affection



Gay psychologist

Bissexual nurse

#### Pride to be happiness



Gay adolescent - peer educator

#### Pride to be love



TGM -peer navigator

#### Pride to be joy



### **Key lessons learned**

- Adolescents, especially the most vulnerable, may need more support to stay in service and use PrEP than adults;
- Providing PrEP as part of a comprehensive package is important because young people needing prevention usually need other services:
  - STI services; gender-based violence and mental health support;
- Adolescents are dynamic and fluid and, therefore, we must continually adapt to their context, and respect their choices.

Pride to be fight



Pride to be hope



TGW-young peer educator

#### Pride to be care



Gay psychologist

Bissexual nurse

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## **Expanding access to PrEP and PEP:** SPrEP and automatic prophylaxis delivery machines







## **Conflict of interest**

## I, ADRIANO QUEIROZ DA SILVA, do not have a conflict of interest.







PrEP was formally adopted as a public health policy in Brazil in 2018, including its implementation in the city of São Paulo Access to prophylaxis, as well as antiretroviral therapy (ART), is facilitated through the Brazilian Unified Health System (SUS)



Both prophylaxis and antiretroviral treatment are offered free of charge in Brazil.



Currently, PrEP is only available in oral tablet form

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While the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency has approved the use of bimonthly injectable Cabotegravir, its availability within the public healthcare network is still pending









# 7th CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF HIV INCIDENCE DECLINE



In the comparison between the year 2023 and the year 2016.

22% reduction was observed between 2022 and 2023.

The largest decline ever recorded in the capital

**57%** reduction in new HIV cases among young people aged 15 to 29

Between 2016 and 2022.

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## More than

**50,000** PrEP registrations in the city of São Paulo









## What is SPrEP?

SPrEP – PrEP and PEP online is:

- a channel within the e-saúdeSP application, managed by the Municipal Health Department of São Paulo
- operates every day, including holidays and weekends, from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M., through teleconsultations
- offers the initiation and continuation of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV









## **Organizational structure**







## How does it work?

Options	What do you need?	During the Medical appointment	Post-appointment	
l want PrEP	Image of an HIV-negative test result within the past 7 days or a self-test image Teleconsultation request initiated	Medical advice Medical prescription Transmission of prescriptions and test orders (via email, WhatsApp, or SMS) QR code generated	The person retrieves a 30-day supply of medication from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine	
l want PrEP follow-up	Image of an HIV-negative test result within the past 7 days or a self-test image Image of other test results A teleconsultation request is generated	Medical advice Medical prescription Transmission of prescriptions and test requests (via email, WhatsApp, or SMS) QR code generated	The person retrieves the medication for 30, 60, 90, or 120 days from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine	
PEP	No test results are required A teleconsultation request is generated	Medical advice Medical prescription QR code generated	The person retrieves the medication from healthcare units or the automated PrEP and PEP dispensing machine.	
l have a question about the services	Questions regarding recent risk exposure (< 72 hours) are presented. If exposure occurred, the individual is directed to PEP services; if not, to PrEP services. A teleconsultation request is generated.	Process flow contingent upon the initial responses to the questions	Process flow contingent upon the initial responses to the questions	





## The WHERE for PrEP and PEP collection











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#### Demonstration:













Source: e-saúdeSP, SMS/SP; SICLOM/Brazilian Ministry of Health, 2024





#### **SPREP** (from June 2023 to September 2024)

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	1 - PrEP initiation	3 - PEP	2- Follow-up	TOTAL
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
Gender identity				
Cis men	958 (84.9)	685 (71.7)	457 (80.0)	2100 (79.1)
Trans men	2 (0.2)	2 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.2)
Cis women	7 (0.6)	104 (10.9)	28 (4.9)	139 (5.2)
Trans women	2 (0.2)	2 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.2)
Non-binary	6 (0.5)	3 (0.3)	2 (0.4)	11 (0.4)
Travesti	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.4)	4 (0.2)
Missing	153 (13.6)	158 (16.5)	80 (14.0)	391 (14.7)
Face/color				
East Asian	29 (2.6)	14 (1.5)	18 (3.2)	61 (2.3)
White	705 (62.4)	564 (59.2)	341 (59.7)	1610 (60.7)
Indigenous	2 (0.2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0.1)
Mixed race	247 (21.9)	193 (20.3)	136 (23.8)	576 (21.7)
Black	92 (8.1)	98 (10.3)	45 (7.9)	235 (8.9)
Missing	54 (4.8)	84 (8.8)	31 (5.4)	169 (6.4)
Age				
<18	3 (0.3)	6 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	10 (0.4)
18-24	124 (11.0)	202 (21.2)	92 (16.1)	418 (15.7)
25-29	311 (27.5)	288 (30.2)	160 (28.0)	759 (28.6)
30-34	331 (29.3)	211 (22.1)	138 (24.2)	680 (25.6)
35-39	188 (16.7)	112 (11.7)	84 (14.7)	384 (14.5)
40-44	118 (10.5)	73 (7.6)	52 (9.1)	243 (9.2)
45-49	26 (2.3)	44 (4.6)	14 (2.5)	84 (3.2)
>50	28 (2.5)	19 (2.0)	30 (5.3)	77 (2.9)

- Of those initiating PrEP, 85% were cis men compared to 72% of those accessing PEP.
- Overall, 61% of those accessing services through SPrEP were White, 22% were Mixed race and 9% were Black.
- More than half (52%) of those access PEP were <30 years of age. Among those accessing PrEP initiation or follow-up, 39% and 44% were <30 years of age, respectively.
  - In addition, 73% of support for women are for the prescription of PEP.

Source: e-saúdeSP, SMS/SP; SICLOM/Brazilian Ministry of Health, 2024




## **Automated machines**



Source: Municipal Health Department of São Paulo, 20245





## Key takeaways

- PrEP has been essential in reducing new HIV cases in the city of São Paulo
- Different strategies for offering prophylaxis enable greater access to HIV prevention
- More vulnerable populations tend to benefit from diversified access strategies to PrEP and PEP
- Services that extend operating hours reduce access barriers
- Online services facilitate access and, in São Paulo, enable quick retrieval in a greater number of health units
- The city of São Paulo allows for PrEP retrieval 24 hours a day, 7 days a week









Expansion of PrEP and PEP dispensing locals



Participation in studies to make injectable PrEP available in the city of São Paulo



Participate in studies for the provision of DoxyPEP



Increase the number of machines for retrieving PrEP and PEP



Assess the possibility of integration with other applications, especially for use by more vulnerable populations







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