

# HPTN 082 and PrEP Research in Africa

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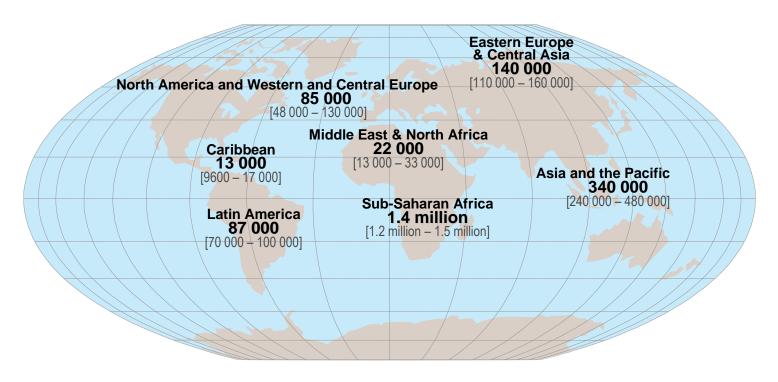


### **Outline**

- PrEP in Africa
  - Evidence
  - Potential impact
  - Progress to date on the continent
- Oral PrEP for adolescent girls and young women



### We need to prevent new HIV infections



**Total: 2.0 million** [1.9 million – 2.2 million]





In November 2015, WHO recommended that oral PrEP be offered to individuals at substantial risk of HIV infection as part of combination HIV prevention approaches



### What is PrEP?

- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis:
  - is the use of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs by people who do not have HIV infection in order to prevent infection with HIV
  - E.g. malaria prevention, contraceptive pills
- Tenofovir disoproxyl fumurate (TDF)
  - Safe and well-tolerated
  - Daily dosing of co-formulated tablet supported by PK/PD
  - Relatively high barrier to resistance
  - Rapid concentration in genital/rectal tissues
  - Animal models suggest that TDF + FTC offers better protection than TDF alone

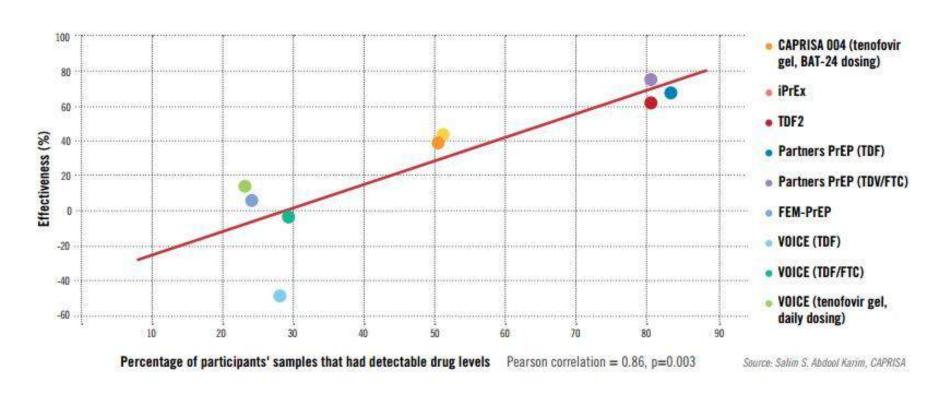


### PrEP – key evidence

- 12 randomised controlled trials of oral PrEP effectiveness conducted in a range of different populations worldwide
- PrEP was effective in reducing HIV risk across age, gender, ARV regimen (TDF versus emtricitabine (FTC) + TDF) or mode of acquiring HIV (rectal or penile/ vaginal).
- Rates of adverse events did not differ between PrEP and placebo
- Resistance was low (1 in 1000)



### PrEP works, when taken



HIV risk was reduced by 70% in trials where adherence as ≥80%.



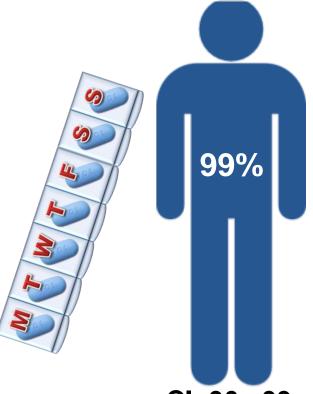
# Understanding lack of efficacy of oral PrEP in trials in women

TRIAL	POPULATION	LOCATION	Active arm(s)	EFFICACY (mITT- analysis)
FEM- PrEP	2120 heterosexual women	Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa	FTC/TDF	6% (p=0.8)  Stopped early due to lack of efficacy
VOICE	3019 heterosexual women	Uganda, Zimbabwe, South Africa	FTC/TDF TDF	<b>-4%</b> (p>0.2) <b>-49%</b> (p=0.07)

- Low adherence: <30% with tenofovir detected</li>
  - Low HIV risk perception?
  - Lack of interest in HIV prevention?
  - Inability to take a daily pill?
  - Lack of motivation in a placebo-controlled trial with an unproven product?



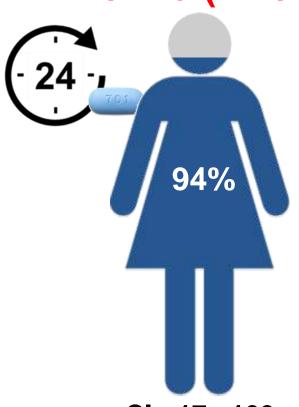
Maximizing the Potential Effectiveness TDF/FTC (7x/week) TDF/FTC (~1x/24°)



CI: 96 - 99

Some adherence forgiveness with retained protection

Anderson P et al, Sci Transl Med. 2012.



CI: -17 - 100

6-7 doses per week likely required

Donnell D et al, JAIDS. 2014. Cottrell ML et al, R4P, 2014.



### **VOICE-C Key Findings**

- Demographics similar to VOICE ppts at Johannesburg site
- Difficult to acknowledge product non-use, even in qualitative IDIs
- Themes influencing product experience:

- Valued clinic services and environment
- Concerns about product safety & legitimacy: fueled by stories in the waiting room &

Ambivalence about product efficacy

Preserving a healthy status

- · Joined trial for health
- Clinic services contribute to sense of well-being
- Product perceived as medications for 'sick people'

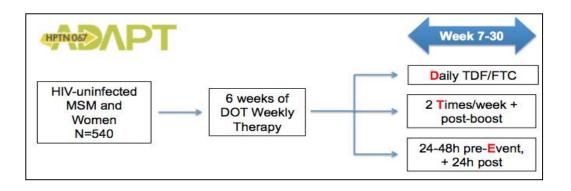
- HIV stigma
- Lack of privacy, storage space
- Selective disclosure: mitigate social risk/gain support
- <u>Partners</u>, friends, family questioned product use

Managing social relationships



### HPTN 067/ADAPT

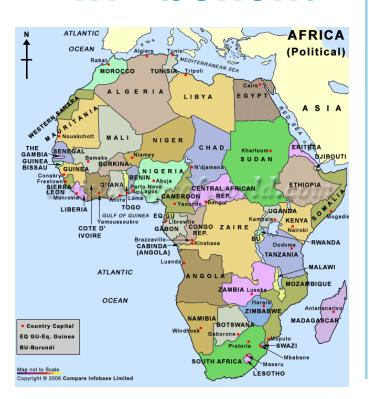
 179 women in Cape Town; 6 wks of DOT then randomized to daily, or twice weekly with a post-sex boost or event-driven oral PrEP



- Median age 26 years (range 18-52),
- 80% were unmarried
- 83% unemployed
- Adherence (measured by Wisepill & tenofovir levels) & coverage of sex acts highest with <u>daily</u> dosing
  - 75% of sex acts with daily vs 48% with twice weekly/sex boost dose & 52% with event-driven dosing
  - In the daily dosing study arm, 93% of the women had drug in their plasma at week 10, and 79% at week 30



# PrEP – who will benefit



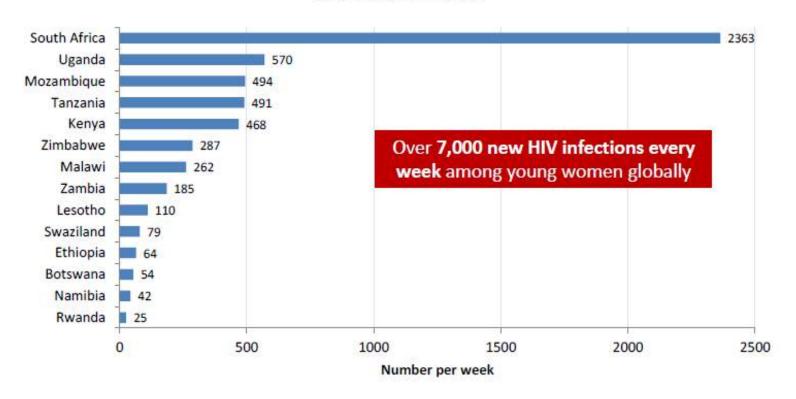
- Greatest impact and costeffectiveness of PrEP will be greatest in populations with HIV incidence ≥ 3 per 100 person-years.
  - Incidence is ≥ 3 per 100 personyears in at least one age/sex group in Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Uganda
- Serodiscordant couples, key populations and <u>adolescent</u> <u>girls and young women</u>



## One-third of new infections globally occur in young African women

Estimated number of new HIV infections *per week* among young women aged 15-24 years in East and Southern Africa, 2012

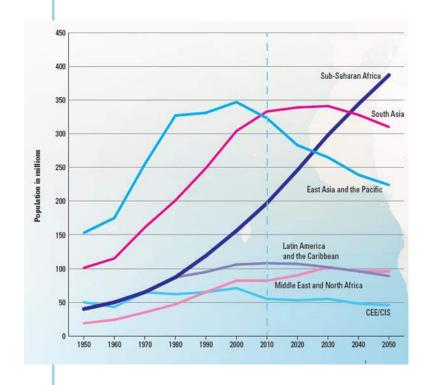
Data source: UNAIDS 2013





### Fast track HIV prevention for young women

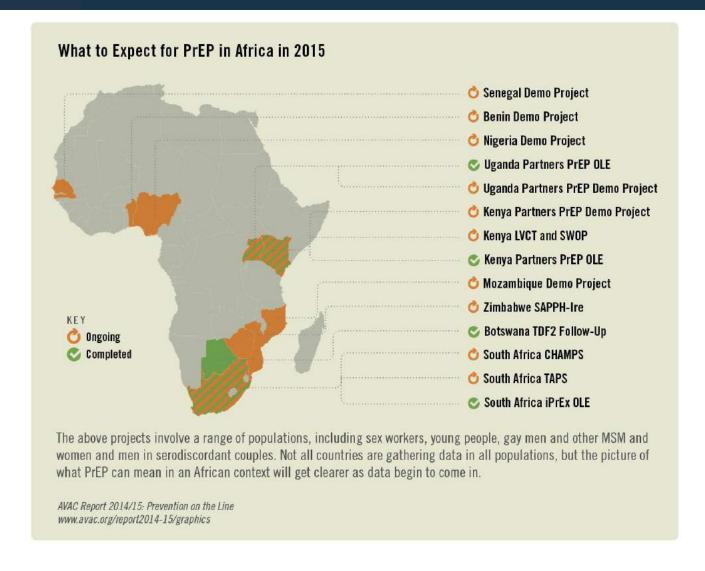
- By 2050, Sub-Saharan Africa is project to have more adolescents than any other region
- This represents an absolute increased in the HIV susceptible population
- More will need to be done to achieve the Fast Track targets by 2030



Population of adolescents 10-19 years old in millions, by region, 1950-2010

Source: UNICEF. 2012

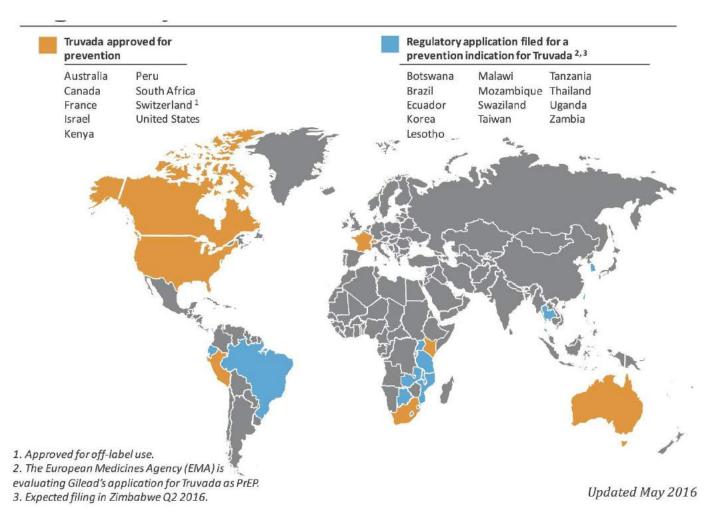




By 2016, there are >20 demonstration projects involving PrEP in Africa



### PrEP – regulatory status in 2016





## South Africa: PrEP programme for to sex workers launched June 2016

### Oral HIV help for sex workers

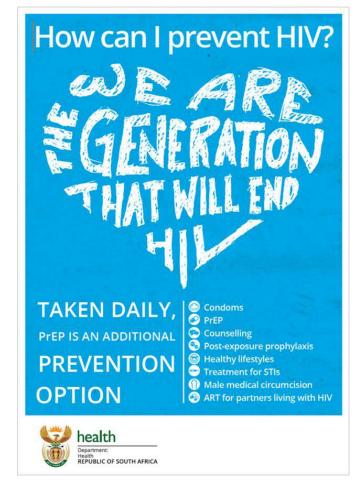
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Johannesburg - As of Wednesday (June 1, 2016), sex workers in selected sites around the country will for the first time be able to receive oral antiretrovirals as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

The Department of Health made this announcement in a statement on Tuesday, following Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's commitment in his budget speech in May that selected sex worker programmes around the country would offer PrEP in addition to other HIV preventions, and offer treatment upon diagnosis for those who are HIV-positive.







## ORAL PREP FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN



## PrEP in Africa - key questions for implementation

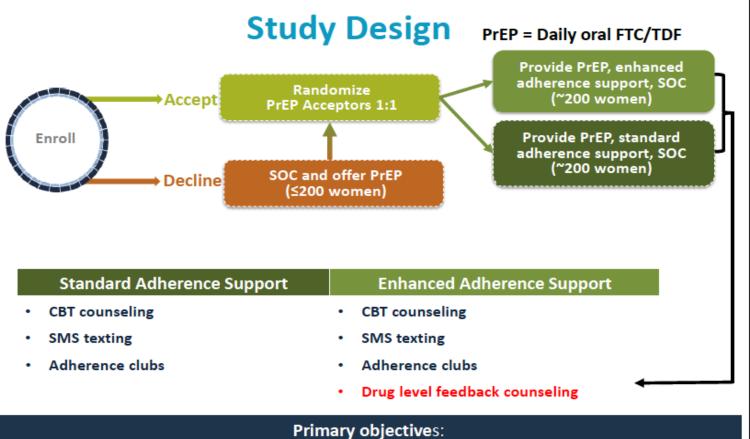
- How do you create demand?
  - What information is needed?
  - What testing services are needed?
- How do you support supply?
  - How do you identify those at highest risk without creating stigma?
  - What services are needed?
  - How do we integrate with other interventions?
- How do you support effective use?
  - What does adherence support look like?
    - Counselling, SMS, clubs
    - Drug feedback levels
    - Targeted/intensification for those who need more support?



### **Primary Objectives of HPTN 082**

- To assess the proportion and characteristics of young HIV-uninfected women who accept versus decline PrEP at enrollment.
- To assess the difference in PrEP adherence in young women randomized to the enhanced (using drug level feedback) versus standard arms.





- Assess the characteristics of women who accept versus decline PrEP
  - Assess PrEP adherence using drug levels in young women



### **HPTN 082 secondary objectives**

- Timing of PrEP acceptance among women who initially decline PrEP at enrollment but elect to accept PrEP during follow up.
- Correlates of early and delayed acceptance of PrEP.
- Correlates of PrEP adherence at Weeks 13, 26, and 52.
- Proportion who discontinue PrEP, timing, & factors associated with PrEP discontinuation.
- Specificity and predictive value of a PrEP readiness tool [based on the HIV Prevention Readiness Measure (HPRM) to predict uptake and adherence to oral PrEP.
- Qualitative factors that influence women's decisions to use PrEP, to adhere to PrEP, and acceptability of PrEP in the first 3 months after PrEP acceptance.
- Adverse events between woemn on PrEP and women not taking PrEP.
- HIV incidence in those who accept PrEP compared to those who do not.
  - And assess the association with detectable TFV in PrEP users who acquire HIV infection during the study.

### Adherence support interventions

- Film what is PrEP
- Counselling
  - Cognitive behavioural therapy
  - +/- feedback on drug levels at week 8, 13
- Weekly SMS
  - Hey girl, how are you?
- Adherence clubs



### Film – What is PrEP

- 3 min video in which young women speak about PrEP in lay language
- Script vetted with youth CABs in Harare, Joburg, and Cape Town
- Wits RHI is leading the PrEP film development
- Filmed by youth video group with young women in Joburg & Cape Town, with some footage included from Harare



### **HPTN 082 counseling**

- Built on tenets of cognitive-behavioral therapy
- Incorporating elements of empowerment theory
- Activities drawn primarily from youth-focused interventions have developed (e.g., ACCEPT and EVOLUTION) for young women ages 16-24
- Adaptation of AIM activity from Life Steps used with youth in ATN 080



## **HPTN 082 Counseling Sessions**

Session	Topics
Session 1 (Enrollment)	PrEP information 101, PrEP adherence overview, social support, introduce AIM
Session 2 (Week 4)	Adherence review, exploring motivation for PrEP adherence, safe disclosure of PrEP, use AIM
Session 3 (Week 8)	Review adherence barriers, problem solving and skill building around adherence, impact of emotions and stress on adherence
Session 4 (Week 13)	Gender dynamics, disclosure of PrEP to sexual partner, reproductive decision making, AIM
Booster Session #1 (week 26)	Reinforce adherence, transition materials
Booster Session #2 (week 39)	Reinforce adherence, transition materials



## Week 4 and 8 drug level feedback plus counseling

- Half of women will be randomized to receive feedback about their 4 & 8 week drug levels
- Will use DBS results to provide view of prior 3-4 weeks adherence



6-7 doses per week "Doing great; keep it up"



3-5 doses per week
"Doing OK"
(& problem solve barriers to adherence)



< 2 doses per week</li>
 "Weak signal, not enough for protection"
 (& problem solve barriers to adherence)



### **HPTN 082 Two-way SMS**

- Friendly user interface to send weekly SMS check-ins
  - Modeled after WelTel program which increased ART adherence in Kenya (Lester, Lancet 2010)
  - Provides a way to check in with young women about whether they are having any concerns with PrEP during first 12 weeks
- Transmission data will be collated to determine who & which women respond with concerns
- Will evaluate outcomes of call-backs



### **HPTN 082 Monthly Adherence Clubs**

- Promote peer support
  - By sharing experiences and providing advice
  - Creates a cohort effect amongst ppts
- Address concerns about PrEP & adherence
  - Study staff and participants openly discuss issues
- Encourage uptake by non-users
- Encourage adherence strategies
- Formal and informal mix
  - Recreational and "educational":
    - Sports, movies, music, drama, income generation, tutoring
    - Motivational talks
    - Involving partners / parents? (open days?)



### Status of HPTN 082

- Version 1 approved Dec 2015
- IRB submissions & regulatory approvals underway
- Video & 2 way SMS development underway
- Site activation underway
- Trainings planned for July 2016
- First enrollments July 2016



HPTN 082 team



Joburg, May 2016



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## Wanted: Biomedical prevention options for women











Ongoing work may define new products, including vaginal rings (in phase III), long-acting injectables (in phase II), and other options.

Oral pills for PrEP can be thought of as a 1st generation product.

New products should fill gaps in patient preferences and provide choice of methods

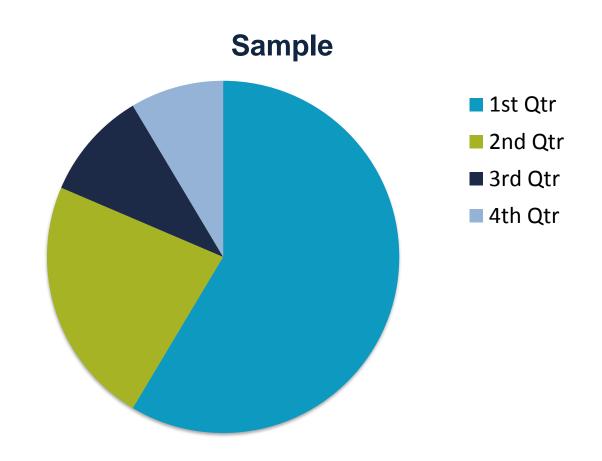
Key is to not always look to unproven new technologies and miss the successes that we can grasp now.



### **Summary**

- What are the key takeaways
  - Summarize each point
  - Be concise

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