

Capacity building to expand PrEP access in Asia and the Pacific

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Outline

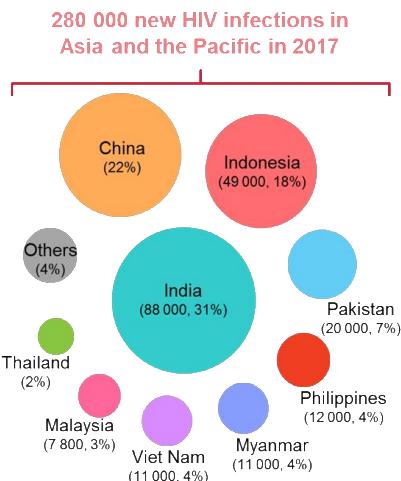
- Background
- The WHO Implementation Tool for PrEP
- APCOM's PrEP-MAP
- Community-led research

Background: The Asia-Pacific Context

280,000 new HIV infections in 2017, with 96% in 9 countries

- Between 2010 and 2017
- 174% increase in Philippines
 - 45% increase in Pakistan
 - 9% increase in Malaysia

Greatest increases among MSM & transgender women

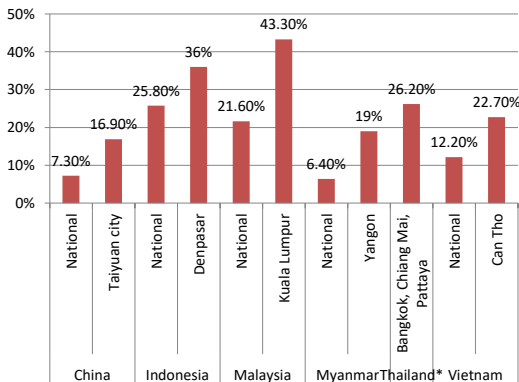


Source: UNAIDS 2018 HIV Estimates



Background: The Asia-Pacific Context

HIV Prevalence among MSM (2017) [selected]



- Condom use at last sex:
- 65% among MSM
 - 83% among FSW
 - 32% among PWID

- HIV testing coverage:
- 54% among MSM
 - 42% among FSW
 - 44% among PWID

Source: UNAIDS 2018 HIV Estimates



Background: The Asia-Pacific Context

WHO Asia Key Populations Meeting concluded:

urgent need to re-focus HIV efforts and funding for key populations (KPs) to achieve 95-95-95 by 2030

WHO recommendation:

“oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) should be offered as an additional prevention choice for people at substantial risk of HIV infection as part of combination HIV prevention approaches” (September, 2015).



Background: The Asia-Pacific Context

PrEP implementation is different stages across Asia-Pacific

- Thailand has participated in trials since 2010 & recommended PrEP in their guidelines since 2014
 - Over 6000 people have accessed PrEP in Thailand
 - Thailand intends to include PrEP for populations at high risk under national health insurance
- Over 1200 people enrolled in PrEP trials in Vietnam
- A few other countries e.g. China, India, Malaysia are running / have run small programs and/or trials
- Informal PrEP access is gaining increasing importance



Background: The Asia-Pacific Context

Challenges in providing PrEP in the Asia-Pacific:

- ART provision is already challenge
- PrEP as part of a package of services, at an affordable price, in an appropriate setting
- Decreasing donor funding
- Regulatory restrictions
- Criminalisation and human rights issues
- Awareness, acceptability and demand

Capacity building must be multi-faceted:

1. potential users
2. providers and
3. policy makers

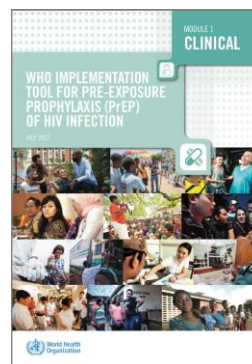


WHO Implementation Tool for PrEP

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In 2017, WHO developed a series of modules to support PrEP implementation among different populations in different settings:

1. Clinical.
2. Community educators and advocates.
3. Counsellors.
4. Leaders.
5. *Monitoring and Evaluation. [coming soon]*
6. Pharmacists.
7. *Regulatory Officials. [coming soon]*
8. Site Planning.
9. Strategic Planning.
10. Testing Providers.
11. PrEP Users.
12. Adolescents and young people [new!]



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<http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/prep/prep-implementation-tool/en/>



PrEPMAP

Your guide to PrEP in Asia and the Pacific

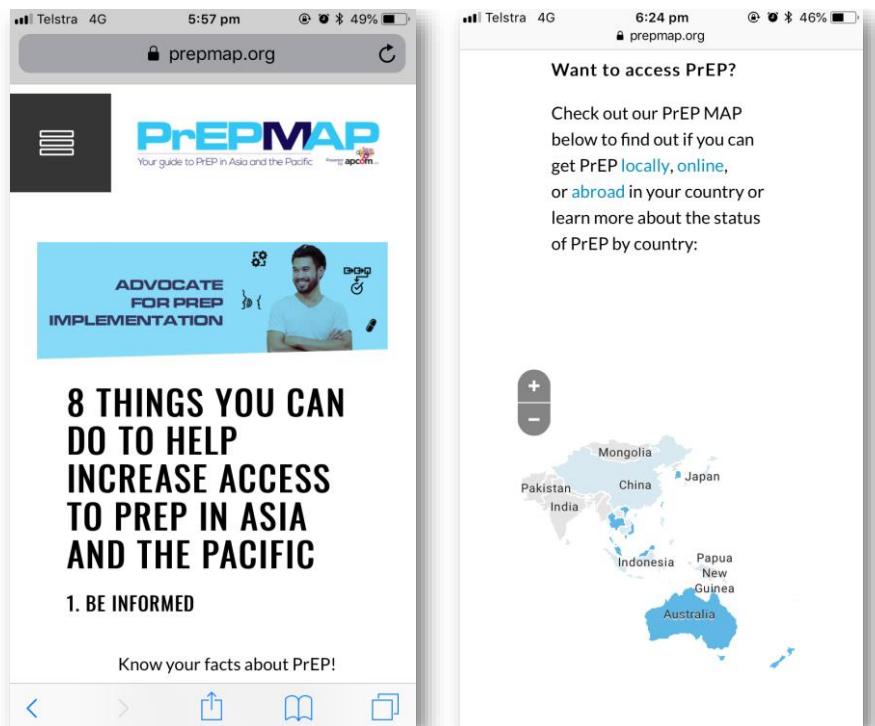
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PrEP-MAP

- Community created website to improve awareness, advocacy and PrEP access across the Asia-Pacific.
- PrEP-MAP features
 - Easy to understand information on PrEP
 - A database on PrEP availability within the Asia-Pacific by country and options for access if PrEP is not available
 - PrEP advocacy tools
 - News, articles and resources for users, potential users, advocates and others including user-submitted videos





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Community-led PrEP research

PrEP-MAP Internet survey

- Very little comprehensive data on PrEP use in Asia-Pacific
- Led by APCOM; available in multiple languages
- Online survey
- Aims to gather region-wide data on formal and informal PrEP use, awareness and attitudes
- Intended to inform advocacy, policy and programs across the region



Access to and use of PrEP among sex workers study in the South of Vietnam (PrEP4SexWork)

- Sex workers disproportionately affected by HIV
- Aims to evaluate barriers and facilitators of PrEP for sex workers in southern Vietnam
- True participatory research aiming to build capacity of the sex worker community
- Led by G-link Vietnam in partnership with local community based organisations



Next steps



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