

Characterizing strategies to optimize Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake and retention among key populations (men who have sex with men (MSM) and female sex workers (FSW)) in Cameroon

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Abstract

Background: In Cameroon, key populations (KP) have consistently been shown to be disproportionately affected by HIV and the rate of new infection is significantly high among them. In June 2019, Cameroon launched PrEP implementation through community-based organizations (CBO) for KP.

Method: Since June 28th, 2019, five CBOs in Yaoundé and Douala have been offering daily oral PrEP to KP. Peer-leads monitor clients on PrEP with follow-up done at first visit, one month and every three months thereafter. PrEP uptake and retention were assessed at 3 and 6 months. Throughout implementation, qualitative data were collected to inform strategies to improve uptake, retention and mitigate challenges.

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Speaker Publications:

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