



# Ya Tsie BCPP Summary and Update

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# Botswana Combination Prevention Project

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# Primary Research Objectives

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- To determine whether a package of combination prevention (CP) interventions (including expanded ART) can significantly reduce population-level, cumulative HIV incidence in adults in Botswana over 36 months.
- To estimate population-level uptake of HIV testing, ART, male circumcision, and enhanced PMTCT services and compare service uptake between enhanced care communities and combination prevention communities.
- To estimate the cost per additional infection averted in each study arm.
- To use viral phylogenetics to estimate extent of transmission within vs. from outside the community, and the association between VL and transmission.

# Study Design Overview

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- Pair-matched community-randomized trial in 30 communities (15 Combination Prevention [CP] and 15 Enhanced Care [EC])
- Baseline and annual surveys conducted in ~20% of households (randomly selected) in all 30 communities, allowing comparison of
  - HIV incidence
  - Uptake of components of interventions over time
- Rapid scale-up of prevention interventions in CP communities begins immediately following baseline household survey (BHS)
- End of study survey in all residents of 4 community pairs to compare uptake (and viral load, cross-sectional incidence)

# Study Design: Interventions in Combination Prevention Communities

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- Household and mobile HIV testing and counseling (HTC; 100% of households)
- Linkage to care support (point of care [POC] CD4; SMS appointment reminders; phone air-time incentive; supportive counseling, calls, home visits)
- Expanded **ART** for residents with **CD4351-500; or >500 and HIV RNA $\geq$ 10,000 (protocol in process of being amended to offer universal ART)**
- Expanded Male Circumcision (MC)

# Study Design: Endpoints/Outcomes

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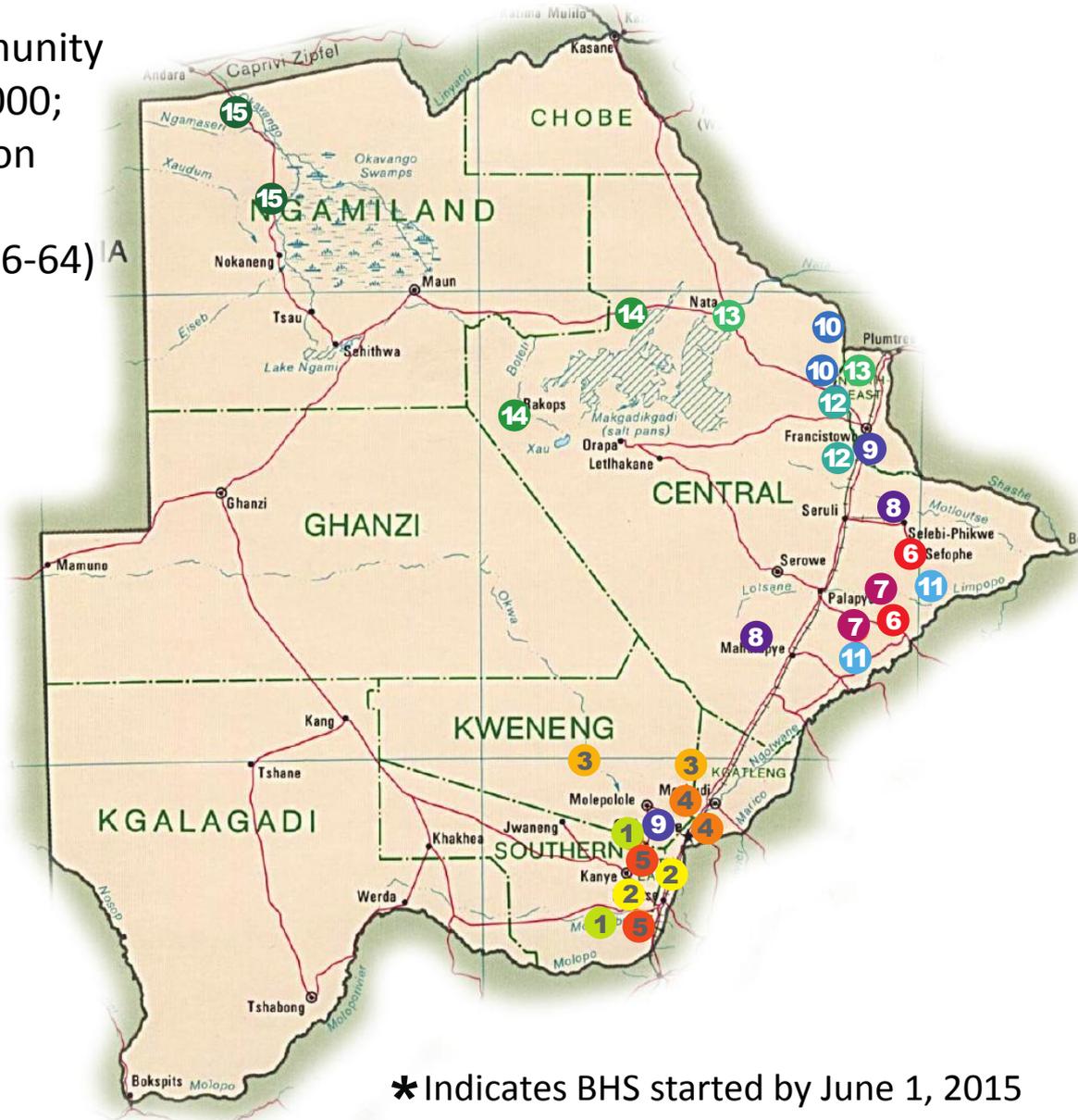


- **HIV incidence** measured via longitudinal follow-up of community-based HIV Incidence Cohort (**HIC**) of ~9,000 adults enrolled from **random ~20% sample of community households** **Primary study endpoint** = cumulative HIV incidence over 36 months
- **“Coverage” parameters (intervention uptake)** measured in 20% household survey (BHS), end of study survey, and using program monitoring data
- **Clinical outcomes in HIV-infected residents** through routinely-collected medical information on other ART patients and measured in 20% household survey

# Communities Participating in the Study



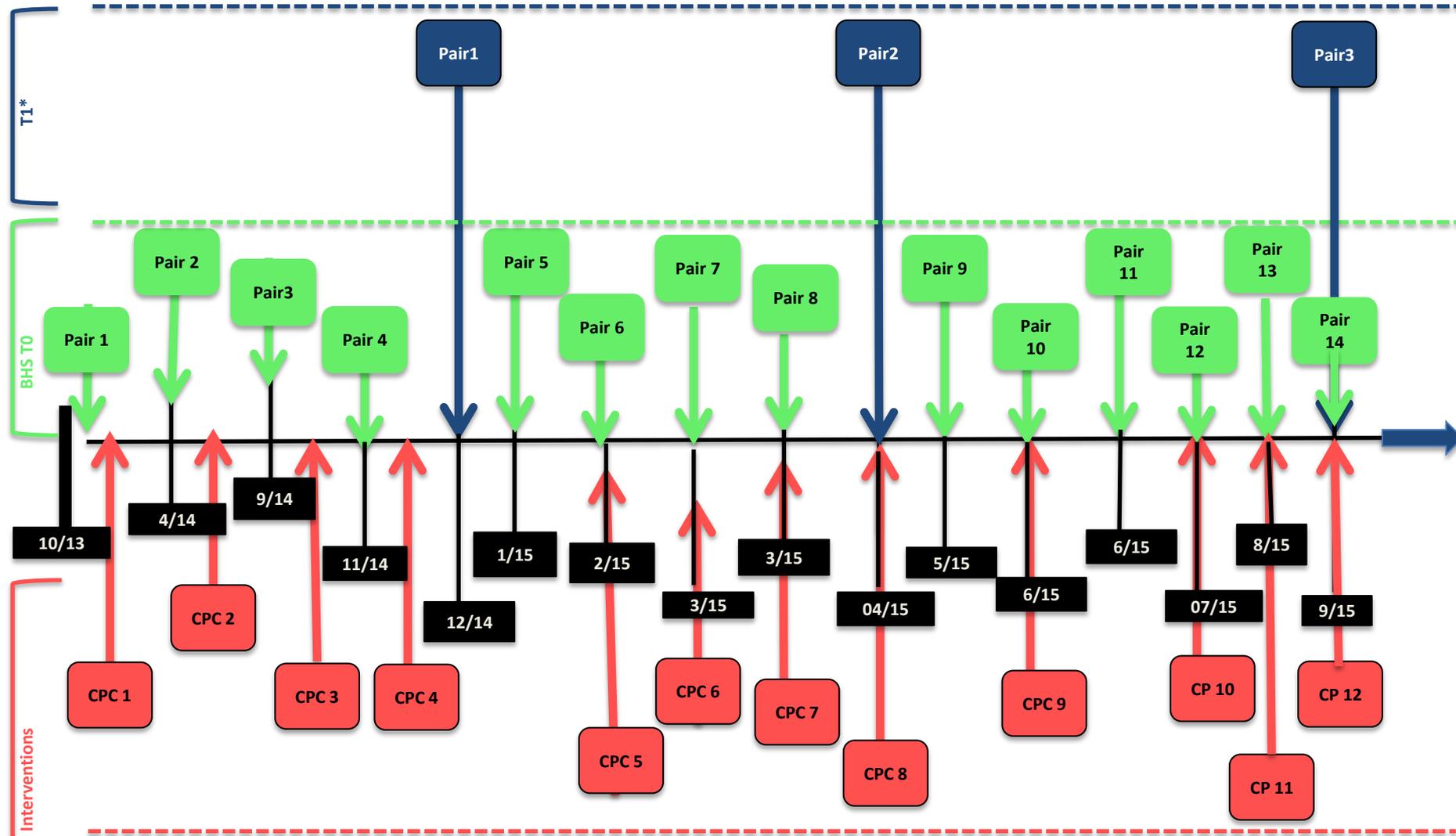
- Average community population 6,000;
- Total population ~180,800;
- Age-eligible (16-64) <sup>IA</sup> ~105,000



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- 3 ● Letlhakeng Lentswelatau \*
- 4 ● Bokaa Oodi \*
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- 12 ● Mandunyane Mathangwane
- 13 ● Nata Masunga
- 14 ● Rakops Gweta
- 15 ● Shakawe Gumare

\* Indicates BHS started by June 1, 2015

# Summary of Study Rollout to Date



- Baseline household survey completed in 13 of 15 Pairs
- Interventions conducted in 12 of 15 Combination Prevention Communities (CPCs)
- Annual household survey completed in 1<sup>st</sup> two pairs (on schedule)

# Strengths or Unique Contributions of BCPP

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- Study based in small communities/villages
- Individual-level data to demonstrate HIV testing and treatment cascades
- Viral load: pre-treatment and for virologic monitoring
- Viral phylogenetics
- Retention and adherence support among those receiving Option B+ and expanded ART

# Enrollment, 20% Baseline Household Survey and HIV Incidence Cohort, First 12 Community Pairs

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- Enrolled 9,780 individuals into BHS (6,241 females, 3,539 males)
- 11% of enumerated residents (of 20% households) refused participation, and 10% were not enrolled due to absence despite 3 visits
- Reached 95% of target enrollment of HIV incidence cohort
  - **Re-tested** and interviewed **92% of HIV Incidence Cohort** participants during first annual household survey in two community pairs

# Assumed vs. Observed Key Baseline Parameters From Baseline Household Survey, Pairs 1-12



<u>BASELINE</u> Coverage	Assumed	Observed	Numerator/ Denominator for Observed Column
<b>HIV prevalence</b>	25%	28%	2,727/9,745
<b>HTC coverage</b> Among residents with a documented HIV positive or HIV negative status in past 12 months	37%	37%	3,579/9,780
<b>ART coverage</b> Among residents known to be HIV-positive and eligible for ART	80%	94%	1,933/2,065
Among residents known to be HIV-positive or newly identified and eligible for ART	60%	86%	1,933/2,255
<b>Male circumcision</b> among HIV-negative men aged 16- 64 years	13%	35%	964/2,802

Cross-sectional HIV incidence: 0.97% (95% CI: 0.41% – 1.53%) estimated annual HIV incidence at baseline based on limiting-antigen (LAg) recency testing (Duong, 2015)

# 90–90–90 Lessons from BCPP

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## 1. By 2020, 90% Diagnosed

What % of adults (16–64) living with HIV know their status as of 2015?

**82% (2,226/2,727)\***

- 28% HIV prevalence (among 9,780 adults tested)\*
- 79% of eligible participants enrolled in BHS (11% refusal)

\*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 24 villages (among citizens aged 16–64)

# 90–90–90 Lessons from BCPP

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## 2. By 2020, 90% on Treatment

What % of adults diagnosed with HIV infection were receiving ART as of 2015?

**86% (1,915/2,226)\***

- 95% of ART-eligible residents (by national guidelines) who knew they were positive (1,915 / 2,022)
- 85% of ART-eligible residents (by national guidelines) who knew they were positive or were newly diagnosed as positive in BHS (1,915 / 2,265)
- 70% of all positives (from previous and new tests: 1,915 / 2,727)

\*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 14 villages (among citizens aged 16–64) prior to roll-out of interventions in CP arm.

# 90–90–90 Lessons from BCPP

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## 3. By 2020, 90% of Treated with Viral Suppression

What % of adults treated with ART have complete viral suppression as of 2015?

**95% (1,838 / 1,926)\***

- Based on  $\leq 400$  copies/ml
- Based on current national guidelines (CD4  $\leq 350$ )
- 92% if based on  $\leq 40$  copies/ml (1,764 / 1,926)

\*From 20% Baseline Household Survey (BHS) in 14 villages (among citizens aged 16-64).

# Conclusion: Current 90-90-90 Coverage

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Best current estimate for Botswana  
based on BCPP BHS:

**82 – 86 – 95**

2020 UNAIDS goal:	90% x 90% x 90%	= 73%
Current Botswana:	79% x 86% x 96%	= 67%
Current US:	86% x 43% x 81%	= 30%

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# Intervention Coverage, First 7 Communities

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- HTC: 91% of enumerated community residents either had documented positive HIV status or underwent HTC
- Linkage to care: 76% of HIV-infected persons not on ART linked to care at their local clinic
- ART start: 54% of all ART-naïve persons with  $CD4 \leq 350$  started ART, and 57% of those eligible for expanded ART started ART
  - Likely underestimates actual ART start

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