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# Having the Courage of Our Convictions

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CONTROLLING THE HIV EPIDEMIC WITH ANTIRETROVIRALS HAVING THE COURAGE OF OUR CONVICTIONS October 1-2, 2015 – Paris, FRANCE



















































**COURAGE** is never without fear. **COURAGE** exists when there is fear, but **DECISION TO ACT** defeats fear.



Courage

- Understanding the diseases · PDF file, formatted for easy reading a mobile, tablet or desktop
- Where to get tested
- No registration required. Just click to download

Produced in association with Adam's Love, Thailand's Official MSM Health Website and The Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Center. Images @ Adam's Love.

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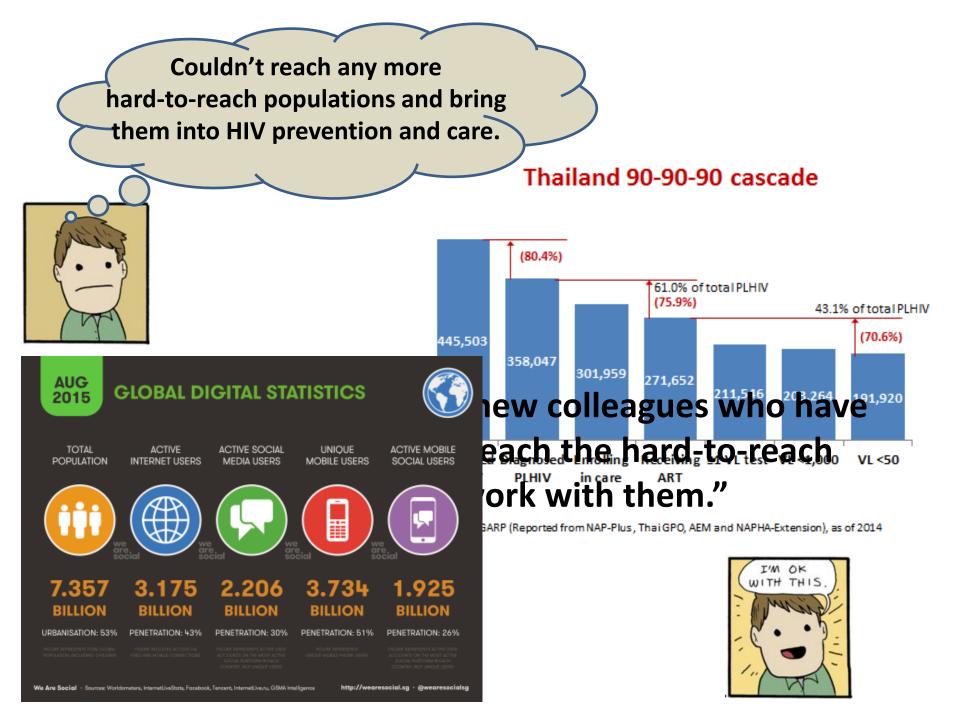
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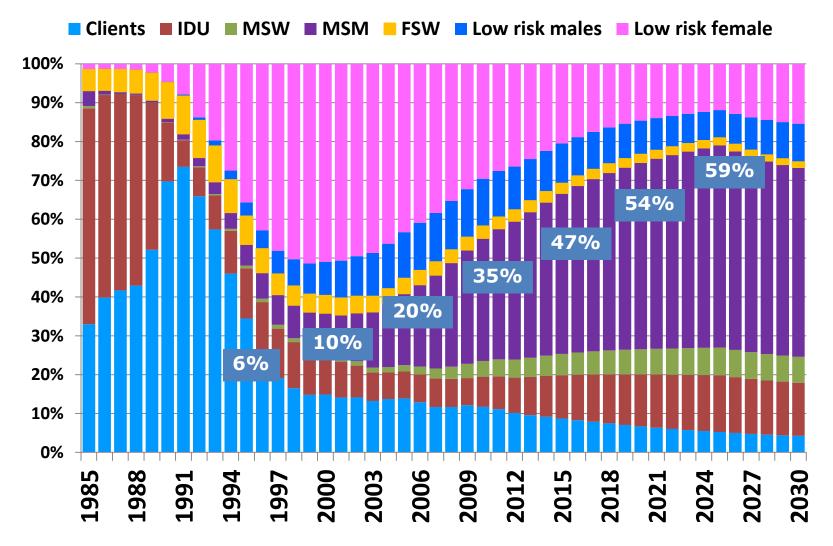


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Thailand National Guidelines on HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention 2014 in 1995 to conduct multi-centered HIV clinical trials in region and to provide access to ART to patients ART regardless of CD4 count policy announced in 2014, according to the change in Thailand National Guidelines based on public



## Increasing proportion of new HIV infections in Thailand from MSM over time



AIDS Epidemic Model Projections for HIV/AIDS in Thailand: 2010-2030.

# Adam's Love website

http://www.adamslove.org/



The Thai Red Cross Society

Phan Wannamethee, Secretary General, Thai Red Cross Society



## Sep 2011 – Aug 2015

- Visitors: 2.3M (21% repeat visitors), Page views: 10.8M pages
- Edutainment Video Views: **1.4M** views
- Webboard / Facebook / E-mail: Average 20 questions/day
- 25% of TRC Anonymous Clinic clients came because of Adam's Love



# TemanTeman website in Indonesia and Malaysia



- TemanTeman Mobile clinic in a mall
- 103 tested in 2 days
- 51% were MSM, 28% were heterosexual men and 21% were women
- 81% were first-time testers



Abstract TUPE174, AIDS 2014, Melbourne, Australia

# **Community-based service delivery models: Mobile Clinic to sauna and spa venues**

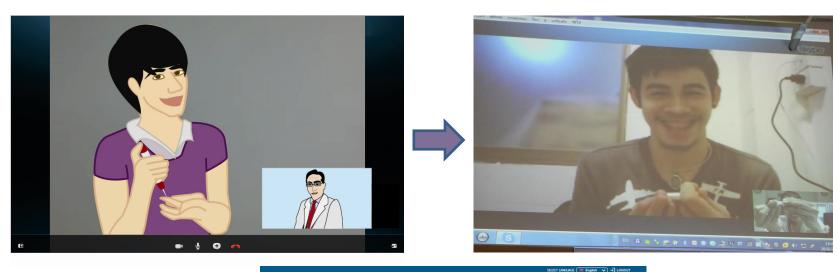
- Provides MSM-targeted services such as body composition measurement → Rapid HIV testing and syphilis testing
- 438 men → 75% had HIV testing (47% were first-time testers) → 19% HIV prevalence, 60% had CD4 count and 50% had CD4 count
  <350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>





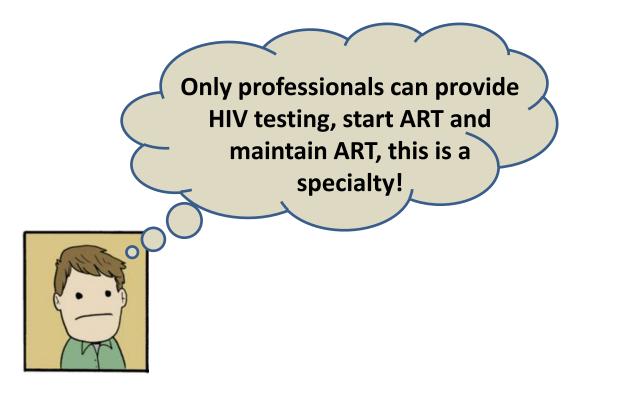
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# **HIV self-testing**





#### Funded by amfAR GMT Initiative



"Hundred millions more HIV testing are needed each year, millions ART initiation and maintenance need to be done, community people with commitment are ready to be trained and qualified."



## Capacity Strengthening for Service Delivery in Community-Based Organizations

#### Service delivery capacity strengthening

- Didactic, hands-on, performance log
- At Thai Red Cross Anonymous Clinic and on-site
- Finger prick blood collection, HIV testing, syphilis testing, POC CD4

















## Capacity Strengthening on Service Delivery in Community-Based Organizations

#### Service delivery capacity strengthening

- STI sampling from anus, neovagina, oro-pharynx
- STI counseling and treatment
- TB screening and prevention





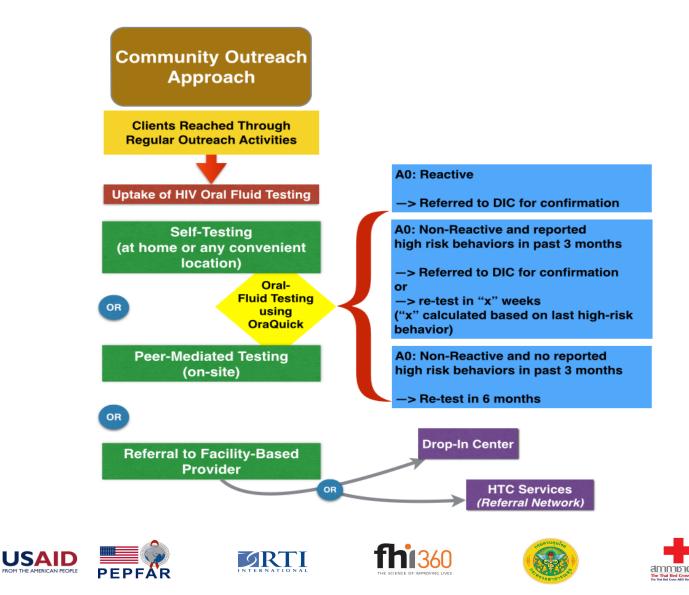








## Exploring peer-mediated and self-testing using oral fluid HIV test kit



## Capacity Strengthening on Service Delivery for Transgenders and People Who Inject Drugs







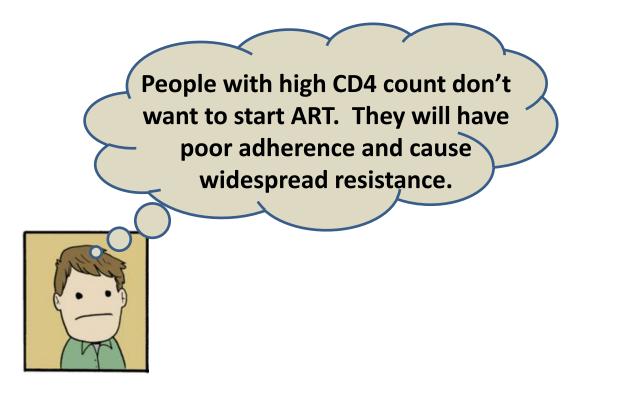








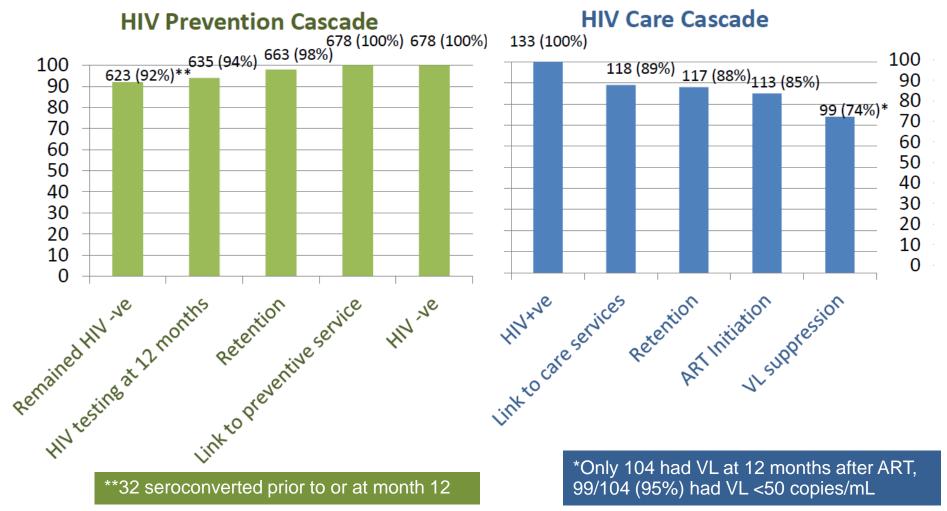




"Don't judge people. Enthusiasm and dedication are there! A new generation of service providers can be created and new technology can be used."



# 12-month Prevention and Care cascades in Thai MSM and TG Test and Treat study



Created based on Dr Frits van Griensven's double-sided HIV preventive and therapeutic care continuum Funded by NRC, WHO, Aids Fonds, TREAT Asia, NHSO, GPO, DDC, TRCARC

## CD4 and HIV RNA change after ART November 2012 – March 2015

#### CD4 count

CD4 count (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	HIV+ before ART (n=155)	Month 6 on ART (n=147)	Month 12 on ART (n=130)
Median	349 (246-464)	505 (368-625)	507 (375-675)
<350	78 (50%)	32 (23%)	22 (19%)
350-500	49 (32%)	35 (25%)	32 (27%)
>500	28 (18%)	71 (52%)	63 (54%)
Missing	-	9	13

#### • Blood plasma HIV RNA

VL (copies/ml)	HIV+ at baseline (n=153)	Month 6 on ART (n=139)	Month 12 on ART (n=120)
< 50	0%	86%	96%
<1,500	2%	96%	99%

Funded by NRC, WHO, Aids Fonds, TREAT Asia, NHSO, GPO, DDC, TRCARC

## Thai MSM and TG Test and Treat Study

- 2014-2016: Bangkok, Hat Yai, Pattaya, Chiang Mai, Pathumthani, Khonkaen, Udonthani
- Test the facility-based model (n=2,000) vs. community-based/led model (in 6 drop-in centers, n=6,000) and to study costing
- Integration of Prophylaxis (PrEP) into these models (PrEP now recommended in the 2014 Thailand National Guidelines on HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention)



## Numbers of Enrolled Participants as of September 24, 2015

"High level of understanding about 90-90-90 and mutual commitment to achieve the goals among community partners"

CBOs	Enrolled Participants	HIV- Negative	Inconclusive	HIV-Positive	Serocon version	Exclusion**	%Consent for ART	Start ART
SWING BKK 6 May 2015	157	133	0	24 (15%)	0	4	100%	15 (75%)
<b>RSAT BKK</b> 22 May 2015	156	109	1*	44 (28%)	1	4	98%	28 (68%)
<b>SISTERS</b> 26 June 2015	57	50	0	7 (12%)	0	1	100%	6 (100%)
<b>CAREMAT</b> 1 July 2015	207	178	1*	24 (12%)	0	6	100%	11 (55%)
<b>SWING PTY</b> 16 July 2015	73	55	0	17 (23%)	0	15	100%	8 (47%)
RSAT HDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	650	525	2	116 (18%)	1	15	99%	68 (65%)

\*In follow-up process for repeat testing

\*\*Age <18 years, known HIV-positive status













## Numbers of Enrolled "TG" Participants as of September 24, 2015

CBOs	Enrolled Participants	HIV- Negative	Inconclusive	HIV-Positive	Serocon version	Exclusion*	%Consent for ART	Start ART
SWING BKK 6 May 2015	8 (5%)	8	0	0 (0%)	0	0	100%	0
RSAT BKK 22 May 2015	28 (18%)	23	0	5 (18%)	0	0	100%	4 (80%)
SISTERS 26 June 2015	52 (91%)	47	0	5 (10%)	0	0	100%	5 (100%)
CAREMAT 1 July 2015	66 (32%)	58	0	6 (9%)	0	2	100%	3 (75%)
SWING PTY 16 July 2015	11 (15%)	11	0	0 (0%)	0	0	100%	0
RSAT HDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	165 (25%)	147	0	16 (10%)	0	2	100%	12 (86%)

\*Age <18 years, known HIV-positive status











# Mindset and skills for TasP and HIV prevention

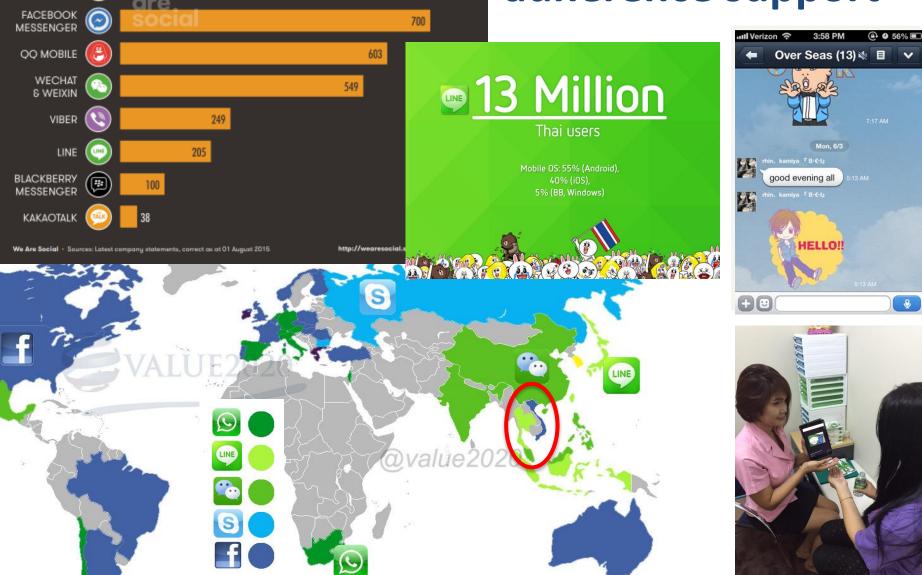


 Health care providers need to have their skills refreshed and strengthened for TasP and HIV prevention





# Retention and adherence support

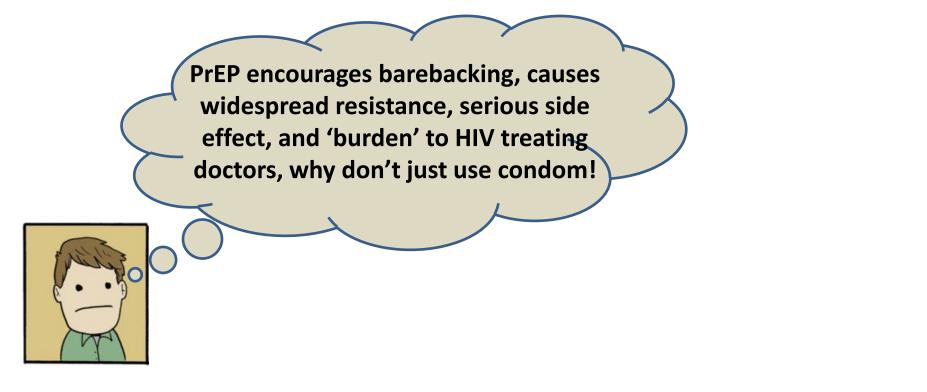


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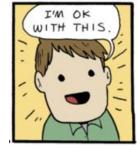
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### "PrEP is here now for people who couldn't always use condom, side effects are manageable, non-MD/non-ID may be more skilled to provide PrEP."



## **PrEP Service Delivery Models**

I'm a treating doctor. Prevention is condom! Please leave me alone.

Don't panic, doctor. That is very fine with me. I actually need someone who I can trust in his/her capabilities to assess my risk, carefully guide me to select my prevention tools, and support me to use them and come back for HIV testing.

#### **Community engagement**

- Engagement of CBOs and other local stakeholders in Bangkok and Pattaya for PrEP studies
- Community Advisory Board formed during PrEP community forum













# PrEP-30 program at Thai Red Cross Anonymous Clinic

**PrEP-30**: a self-paid service (30THB per day) to increase awareness and access to PrEP among at-risk populations at TRC Anonymous Clinic

#### About PrEP-30



**PrEP-30** is a service project at the **Anonymous Clinic, The Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre** offering PrEP for Thai and foreigners to provide "tenofovir/emtricitabine" or "TDF/FTC" (also sold under the brand name Truvada in western countries) for MSM as part of a combined HIV prevention program that includes counseling, HIV, Hepatitis B and Kidney testing, and the provision of condoms and lubricants under the fee of 30 Thai Baht (~1 USD) per day.

What is PrEP?



#### ป้องกันได้ถึง 92 %

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Criteria for PrEP-30

# Summary

- **Courage** is what has taken us to today and will lead us to the 90-90-90 goals.
- Strong collaborative efforts among CBOs, technical partners, local health facilities, policy/regulatory institutions and funders are crucial to move forward and end the AIDS epidemic.
- This is a learning process for everyone, so enjoy! Also be aware that 'people' are watching you...





# Thank you to all my mentors and colleagues who have taken courage in the HIV field and allowed me to join in.





