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PrincessPrEP

the first key population-led model to deliver PrEP to key populations by key populations in Thailand

The Princess PrEP Project is a demonstration project initiated by the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre (TRCARC) in collaboration with LINKAGES Thailand Project (managed by FHI 360), the Thailand Ministry of Public Health and the Thai Government Pharmaceutical Organization. The project receives funding support from the Thai Red Cross Princess Soamsawali HIV Prevention Fund and the United States Agency for International Development under the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

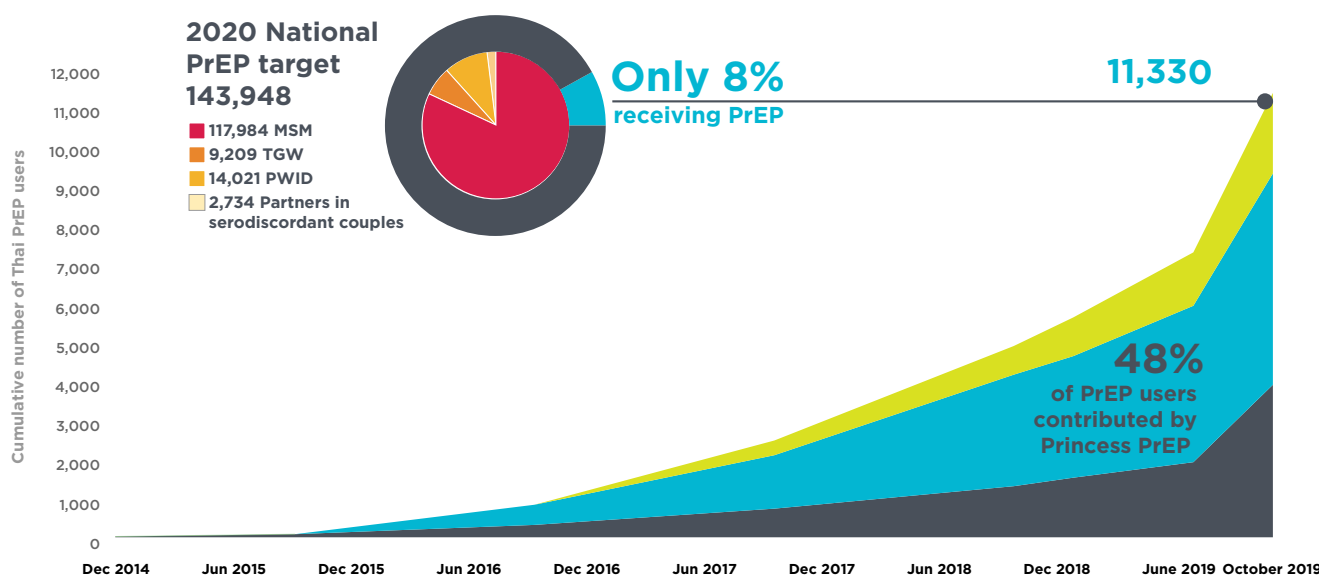
"I'm delighted to hear that the donation of Thai people for the Thai Red Cross Princess Suddhararinatha HIV Prevention Fund has been used for setting up the community-led PrEP services to prevent HIV among populations at substantial risk.



HRH Princess Suddhanarinatha
February 10, 2016

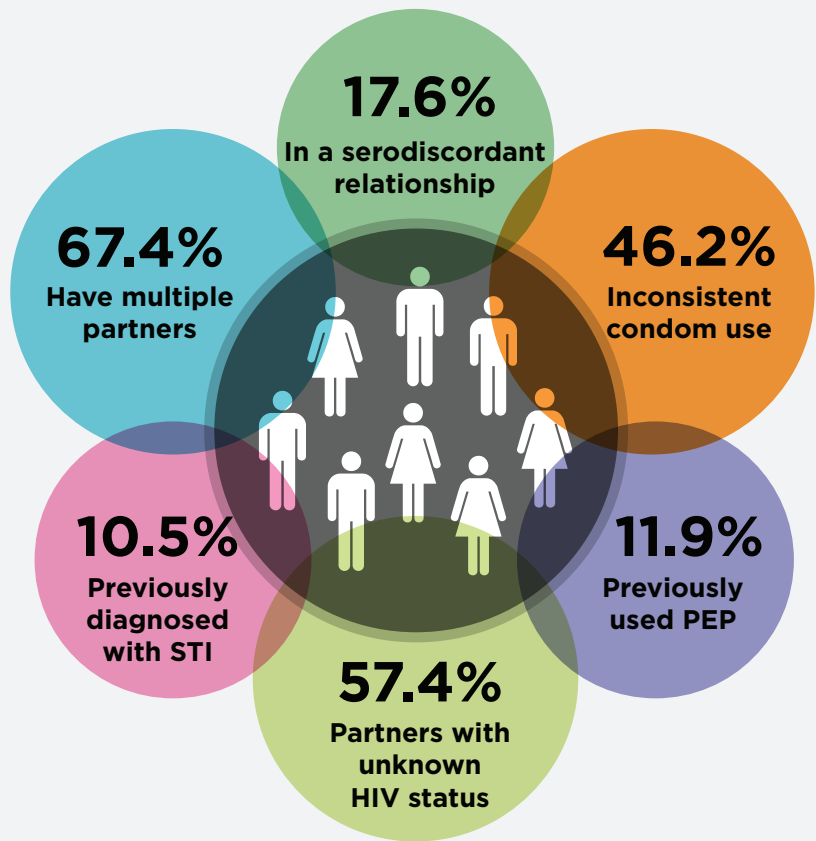
The Princess PrEP Project provides free PrEP services in six high HIV prevalence provinces for members of key populations including men who have sex with men, transgender women, female sex workers and people who inject drugs. Same-day HIV testing and PrEP services are provided by trained community health workers (CHWs), themselves members of the key populations they serve, working for four community-based organizations that collectively operate nine community health centers: Rainbow Sky Association of Thailand (RSAT) in Bangkok, Chonburi, Ubon Ratchathani and Songkhla; Service Workers in Group Foundation (SWING) in Bangkok and Chonburi; Caremat in Chiang Mai; and Mplus in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. TRCARC provides continuous capacity building to ensure that CHWs can provide HIV services in accordance with national standards.

The three-year project, starting in January 2016, was set up to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Her Royal Highness Princess Suddhanarinatha's 60th birthday. Its aim is to generate evidence to support the Thai government in issuing a concrete policy to de-medicalize PrEP by allowing trained CHWs who are members of key populations to provide PrEP to individuals who are at risk of HIV infection. This key population-led PrEP services have contributed to almost half of all Thai PrEP users. Thailand, subsequently, has included PrEP service into the country's Universal Health Coverage in October 2019, becoming the first country in Asia to scale up PrEP service at large. More affordable PrEP is expected to increase its uptake in order to meet the national target which is still far behind.



INITIAL FINDINGS

Since January 2016, a total of 11,330 individuals have accessed PrEP through the Princess PrEP Project, accounting for more than half of all reported Thai PrEP users in Thailand. The majority of these PrEP users had multiple partners of unknown HIV status, and half of users reported inconsistent condom use. Some PrEP users reported being in serodiscordant relationships, having been diagnosed with an STI or previous PEP use. To date, only 1 HIV seroconversion was identified despite self-reported full adherence to PrEP.



KP-LED PrEP SERVICE FLOW

