

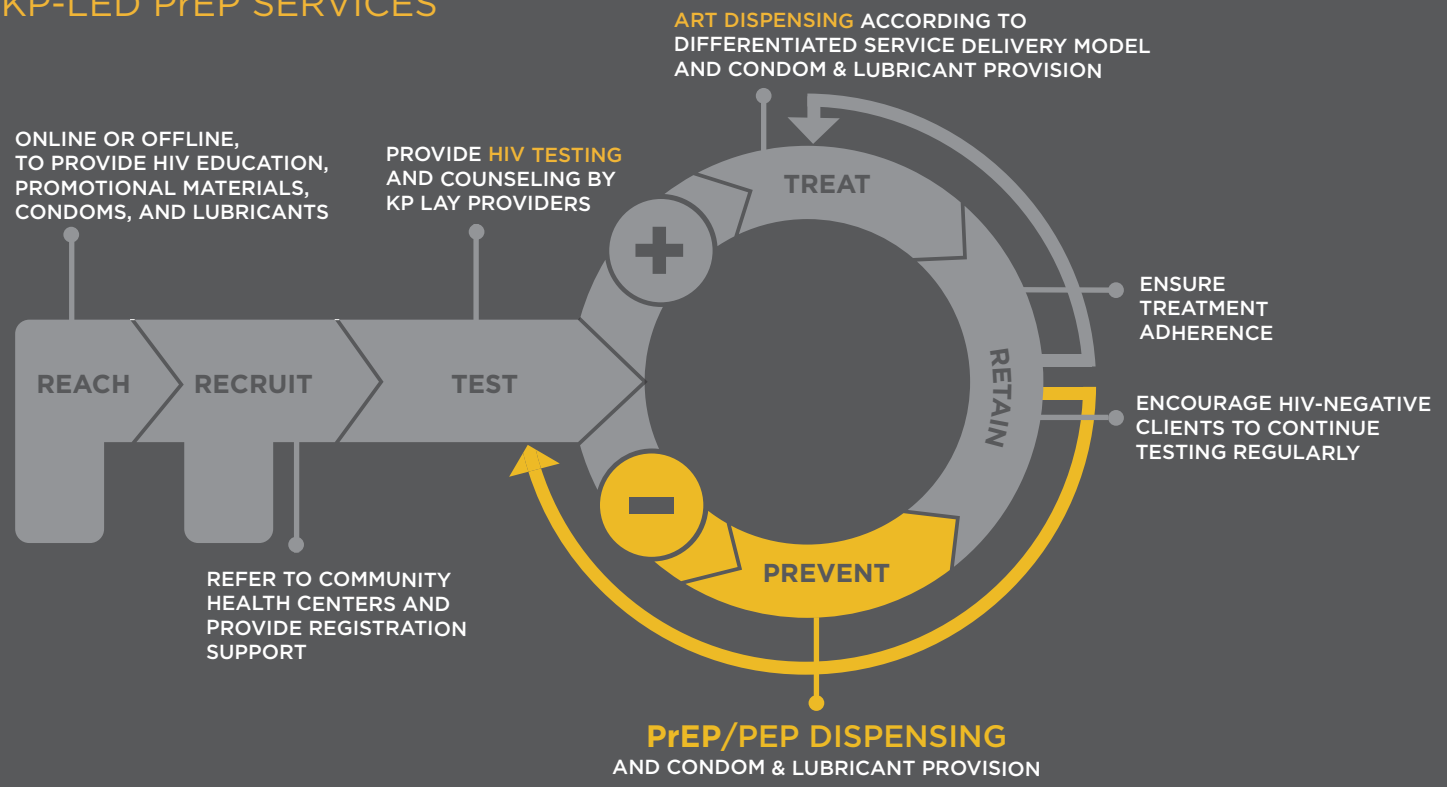
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Dispensing to Key Populations (KPs) by KP Lay Providers

Needs-based, demand-driven, and client-centered

Under the **Princess PrEP Program**, PrEP dispensing is carried out by trained KP lay providers who are members of KP-led community-based organizations (CBOs) and are not health professionals. They are trained to provide PrEP services to KPs — called **KP-led PrEP services** — focusing on men who have sex with men, transgender women, male and transgender women sex workers. PrEP drugs are available through public donation to the Thai Red Cross Princess Soamsawali Prevention Fund. This program is led by the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre in collaboration with FHI 360 under the USAID LINKAGES Thailand Project.

The KP-led PrEP services are part of the **Key Population-Led Health Services (KPLHS) model**. This model includes a defined set of HIV and health-related services that focus on specific KPs facing elevated infection risks. The services are delivered by lay providers from KP-led CBOs in partnership with the health sector. They are KP-friendly and accessible to KPs by geographic locations and flexible service hours.

KP-LED PrEP SERVICES



ROLES OF KP LAY PROVIDERS IN PrEP DISPENSING

- 1 Assess risk and provide PrEP counseling
- 2 Perform HIV testing and send samples for creatinine and HbsAg
- 3 Dispense PrEP to HIV-negative client to start on that day, based on doctor's standing order
- 4 In consultation with the doctor, call to inform the clients of lab results a few days later
- 5 Provide PrEP follow-up visits

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR KP LAY PROVIDERS



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TO BE A KP LAY PROVIDER



NOMINATION

The CBOs will nominate their staff, who are members of KPs and experienced in providing counseling, to be trained.



MODULES

The trainee must complete 4 core modules in order to dispense PrEP:

1. Gender sensitivity
2. Basic HIV knowledge
3. HIV counseling
4. ART and PrEP dispensing



EXAMINATION

After complete the required modules, the trainee must pass the test at 80% and complete 90 days of practicum.



CERTIFICATION

The certification will be granted after the test and practicum complete. The first year certificate will be valid for one year. The second year certificate will be valid for two years.



FINANCING MECHANISM FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Certification is used as part of eligibility criteria for domestic/international funding agencies to support services provided by KP lay providers and CBOs.



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