My journey with HIV(-prevention)

On the importance of inclusivity and access in the municipal HIV-response

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Challenges

- Politicization of health
- The Netherlands late to introduce PrEP
- Now finally PrEP available for those most at risk
Opportunities

- Comprehensive sexuality education
- Stigmafree care
- Community and key population health centers
Global outlook: lessons learnt

- Access to prevention and innovation is crucial
- 70% new HIV-infections amongst key populations and partners
- Do what's possible in local context
- Not ideological, but pragmatic
Shared responsibility

• International solidarity
• Pharmaceutical companies – make innovations available
• National governments to keep HIV as funding priority
• Cities investing in HIV-response
Role of cities

• Places of diversity --> close to communities
• Advocate for rights or silent diplomacy?
• Invest where the gaps are