

A PrEP decentralization project – Almada on the Fast-Track to end the AIDS epidemic

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On the 15th of September 2021, the IDS implemented a decentralized PrEP HIV clinic service in the community at CIRSS (Center for Integrated Social and Health Responses), in a partnership project with Almada City Council, the primary healthcare centers group and the NGO GAT (Treatment -Activist Group).



We conducted a retrospective data analysis from 15th september 2021 until 31st may 2023.





1170 MEDICAL
APPOINTMENTS



329 FIRST VISITS / 841
SUBSEQUENT



157 LINKED IN TO CARE



Population

149 (94.9%) Males

134 (85.4%) MSM

100 (63.7%) Migrants > Brazil (67)

Mean age was 33 y/o



HIV acquisition risk factors

13 (8.3%) HIV infected partner

13 (8.3%) sex workers

12 (7,6%) chemsex practices on a regular basis

19 (12.1%) history of using PEP

90 (57.3%) previously diagnosed STI



PrEP
medication

36 (22.9%) previous PrEP use

101 (65%) daily PrEP

This PrEP decentralization project contributes to the dissemination strategy to scale up PrEP delivery in a national healthcare service with scarce health responses in proximity to the community and populations at higher risk for HIV acquisition.



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