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# Bringing PrEP closer to home: Why diversifying service models matters

AVAC, PATH, International AIDS Society (IAS)





# Setting the scene: People before programmes – the case for diversifying PrEP delivery

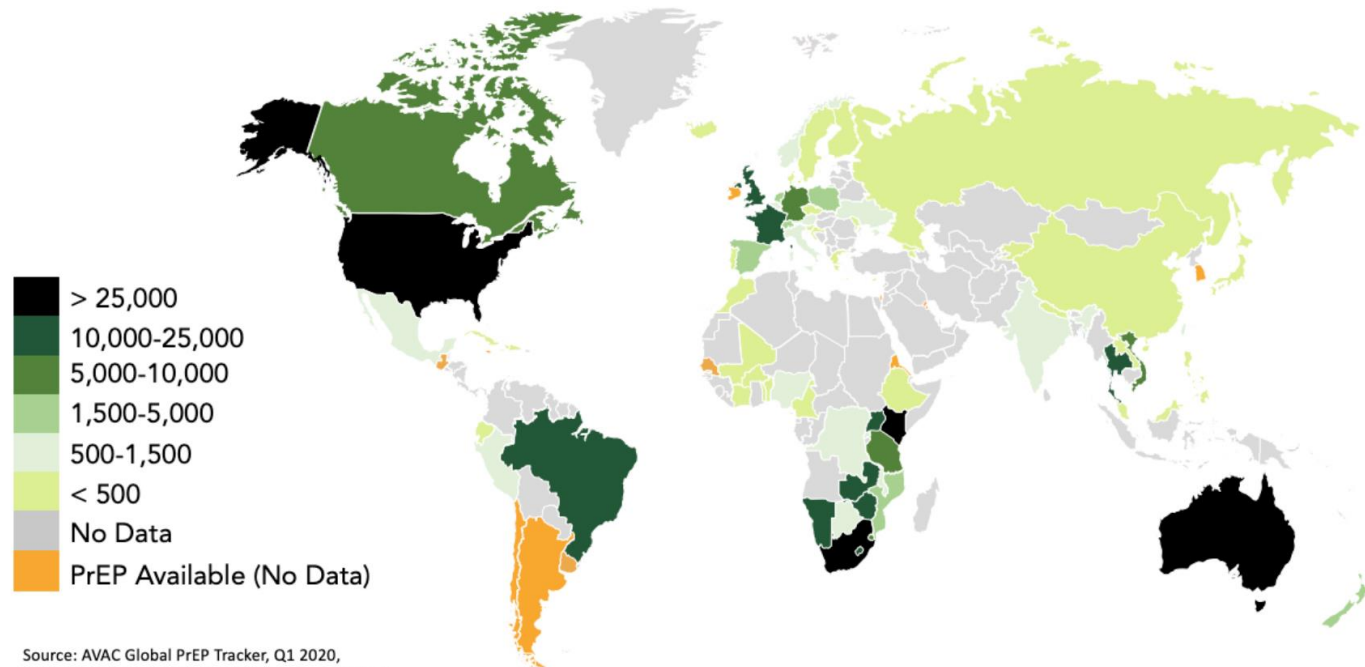
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# PrEP scale-up has accelerated but will miss global targets

More than 500,000 people took PrEP at least once in 2019

PrEP Initiations by Country, April 2020



Source: AVAC Global PrEP Tracker, Q1 2020,  
<https://www.prepwatch.org/country-updates/>



**3 million people**  
with access  
to PrEP



# Can easier access accelerate acceptance?

Barriers to access are a driver of low uptake and continued use

1. Low risk perception; challenge adhering to prevention when healthy and not visibly ill
2. Delivery largely facility-based and provider-initiated, high burden on individual user and health system
3. Limited investment in demand generation at community level
4. Potential users not consistently engaged in designing PrEP programs to meet their needs
5. Applied ART lens to prevention

# Elevating promising practices and potential models

50 respondents from more than 15 countries

## Diversifying PrEP delivery models—what about DSD for PrEP?

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Help us collect examples and evidence that supports differentiated service delivery (DSD) models for PrEP—[fill out this survey by March 13th!](#)

As part of an effort by [The Differentiated Service Delivery Initiative](#) of the International AIDS Society (IAS), AVAC and CHAI's [HIV Prevention Market Manager project](#) and [PATH](#) are reaching out with a survey to better understand DSD models currently being piloted and implemented for oral PrEP. The [survey](#) should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

6 featured as part of this session:

- **Ethiopia:** PSI
- **Kenya:** USAID/PATH Afya Ziwani
- **South Africa:** Wits RHI/Project PrEP
- **United States:** Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group/One-Step PrEP
- **Thailand:** Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Center (USAID/FHI360 LINKAGES)
- **Vietnam:** USAID/PATH Healthy Markets

**Share your example:**

<https://www.avac.org/blog/diversifying-prep-delivery-models>

# Differentiated PrEP delivery underway and gained urgency with COVID-19



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Communication  
(online follow-up  
and monitoring)



Community  
(peer-led or assisted  
outreach, testing and  
adherence support)



Client empowerment  
(self-care and  
education)

**Necessity is the mother of  
intervention but doesn't  
have to be.....**

# Maintaining the momentum post COVID-19

Prioritize learning agenda for DSD for PrEP and future products

1. Strengthen evidence on the impact of differentiated models on PrEP uptake and continued use
2. Clinical monitoring is key; further simplify and streamline testing (through blood-based HIVST kits, home-based lab sample collection, STI self-sample collection, dropping creatinine requirement for younger PrEP users)
3. Determine what programmatic elements can and should continue to support access to longer-acting and multi-purpose HIV prevention products

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**Thank you**