

# The Global Men and HIV Technical Working Group (MENHT) Webinar Series

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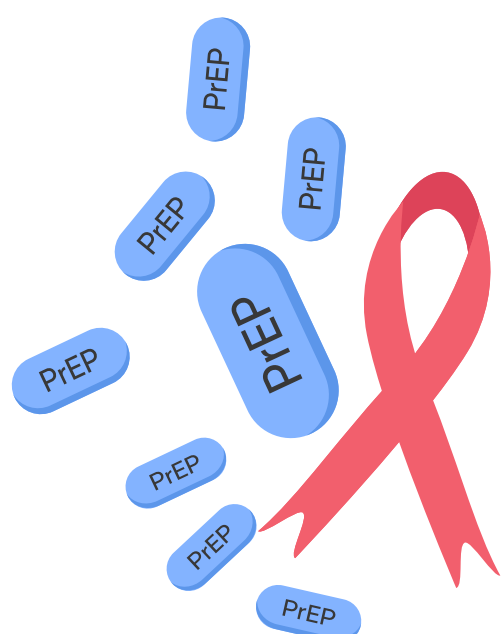
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Zoom Webinar

## Men and PrEP

Global data shows that men living with HIV, in all their diversity, are less likely than women to know their HIV status, less likely to initiate ART, less likely to remain engaged in care, and less likely also to be virally suppressed. Oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is recommended under one of the five key HIV prevention pillars and a prevention option for people at substantial risk for HIV infection. Providing access to PrEP is one of the five strategies to meet global targets to reduce the number of new HIV infections to under 370 000 by 2025. However, even after more than a decade since the first efficacy evidence for oral PrEP was reported PrEP uptake globally has been inadequate, and global PrEP targets have been missed. A further, look into PrEP data indicates that access to PrEP is still highly concentrated in a fairly small number of countries and, even within countries with widespread PrEP access, inequalities have emerged. Overcoming PrEP scale-up barriers will require further efforts to understand and address them first. This webinar will focus on men and PrEP.



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\*French, Portuguese and Spanish interpretations will be available.

### Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction, Lycias Zembe, UNAIDS, 5 minutes
2. Heather-Marie Schmidt, WHO and UNAIDS – Updated WHO guidelines on PrEP (emphasis on men), 10 minutes
3. Shawn Malone - Results and lessons from research and piloting on PrEP for heterosexual men in South Africa – 10 minutes
4. Q&A – 15 Minutes
5. Luis Gomez - PrEP in Guatemala. A community initiative targeting MSM, Guatemala -10 minutes
6. Lackey Kawanga - HIV Prevention Indexing: Finding men living with HIV and men at high HIV risk through their AGYW sexual partners on PrEP, Zambia – 10 minutes
7. Danvic Rosadiño - Demand generation and adaptations for Men and PrEP, Philippines – 10 minutes
8. Q&A – 15 minutes
9. Closing remarks, Wole Ameyan, WHO, 5 minutes

### Panelists



**Heather-Marie Schmidt**  
UNAIDS Asia Pacific RST and WHO

#### Presentation: Updated WHO guidelines on PrEP (emphasis on men)

Heather-Marie Schmidt (BMedSc (Hon), MPH, PhD) is the regional advisor for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), jointly with the UNAIDS Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and the HIV Testing, Prevention and Populations team at WHO's Global HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programme. As part of this role, she provides technical assistance to countries, organizations, and communities across the Asia-Pacific region to support planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of PrEP programs. She is passionate about improving the public health response to help end HIV transmission, particularly with the introduction and scale-up of PrEP and other biomedical HIV prevention options.



**Shawn Malone**  
PSI, South Africa

#### Presentation: Results and lessons from research and piloting on PrEP for heterosexual men in South Africa

Shawn Malone is a project director with PSI, leading a portfolio of projects in South Africa focused on reaching more men with HIV prevention, testing, and treatment by applying socio-behavioral research and human-centred design to better understand and address individual, social and structural barriers to services. Shawn was previously Regional Director-Southern Africa for FHI 360, with responsibility for twenty projects across eight countries, mostly in the area of HIV and TB but also including maternal & child health, nutrition, education and economic strengthening. He also worked with Pact in South Africa as Program Director for a USAID-funded grants management and capacity development project, in partnership with more than 60 NGO and CBO PEPFAR implementing partners, and in Thailand as Deputy Chief of Party on a project reaching men who have sex with men and transgender women. He holds a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service.



**Luis Gómez**  
Collective Friends Against Aids (CAS), Guatemala

#### Presentation: PrEP in Guatemala. A community initiative targeting MSM.

Luis Gómez. He started to work on HIV in 2009. Currently he is the Director of Collective Friends Against Aids (CAS) and member of the National HIV Commission in Guatemala. He has led multidisciplinary teams that implement HIV prevention projects in most at risk populations such as HIV testing, PrEP, self-testing, mental health, community led services for diagnostic and treatment of STI, and legal assistance. He has also integrated teams of behavioral research related to HIV prevention interventions.



**Ms. Lackey Kawanga**  
USAID DISCOVER Health project, Zambia

#### Presentation: HIV Prevention Indexing: Finding men living with HIV and men at high HIV risk through their AGYW sexual partners on PrEP

Ms. Lackey Kawanga is an HIV expert with 10 years' experience in program design and implementation. Currently serving as an ART/Tuberculosis Advisor for the USAID DISCOVER Health project implemented by JSI in Zambia. She has worked extensively in HIV and TB programming focusing on HIV prevention, care and treatment and TB prevention and treatment. Lackey holds an MPH from Western Cape University.



**John Danvic T. Rosadiño**  
DIH, LoveYourself Inc, Philippines

#### Presentation: Demand generation and adaptations for Men and PrEP, Philippines

Danvic is the Program and Innovations Director of LoveYourself Inc., Manila, Philippines. He has spearheaded various HIV and sexual health research, programs, and innovations, such as Project PrEPPI (PrEP Pilipinas); a multi-sectoral program that spearheaded the introduction of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis in the Philippines), and Self Care (introduction of HIV unassisted self-testing in the Philippines). He also conducted several research on HIV prevalence and incidence (in the Philippines and Malaysia), and values and preferences studies on Hepatitis C self-testing and COVID-19 self-testing (as part of a multi-country research). He has also provided consultations and workshops on HIV PrEP demand generation in several countries in Asia. Formerly, he is a Surveillance Assistant at the National HIV and STI Surveillance and Strategic Information Unit of the Epidemiology Bureau, Department of Health – Philippines.