# Thailand's Experience on PrEP and HIV Self Testing

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### Thailand's Experience on PrEP

- The 2014 Thai Guidelines on HIV Prevention and Care has recommended
   PrEP as an additional HIV prevention method for people at risk.
- The Governmental Pharmaceutical Organization produces Teno-Em, a TDF/FTC combination pill at a low price (~20 USD per 30 pills). PrEP is available at some hospitals, with doctor's prescription.
- PrEP is not yet included in Thailand's universal health-plan coverage but endorsed by the National AIDS Committee to be piloted in different settings and to make it available in public hospitals by self-pay.
- PrEP provision is now piloted by some research centers and demonstration sites

### PrEP Projects in Thailand

Current PrEP projects	Implementers/ funders	Target	Settings
PrEP Sub-Study	TRC, BATS, CDC, USAID (Free, total of 600 cases)	MSM and TG, 18+	Bangkok , Pathumtani and Pattaya
Princess PrEP	TRC/ Princess Soamsawali Foundation (Free, 1,000 cases/year X 3 years	All risk groups	Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chonburi, Songkhla,
PrEP 30	TRC (self-paid service)	All risk groups	Bangkok
iPrEX OLE (followup)	RIHES	MSM and TG, 18+	Chiang Mai
PrEP service @ Silom Clinic	Silom clinic (self-paid)	All risk groups, 18+	Bangkok
ADAPT (HPTN-067)	Silom clinic/ DAIDS, Gilead, HPTN, NIMH	MSM and TG, 18+	Bangkok
PrEP@Piman	RIHES	MSM/TG, 18+	Chiang Mai

## Community-led PrEP Study Enrollment, as of April 28, 2016



**Enrollment: 98** 

Agreed to take PrEP: 59 (60%)



**Enrollment: 126** 

Agreed to take PrEP: 62 (49%)



**Enrollment: 45** 

Agreed to take PrEP: 20 (44%)



**Enrollment: 33** 

Agreed to take PrEP: 23 (70%)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 302 (95% of total HIV-neg in T&T)

**AGREED TO TAKE PREP: 164 (54%)** 

#### Princess PrEP Press Release in Bangkok, 16 Februay 2016



- Blessing quote from HRH Princess Soamsawali to support "community-led PrEP services" was officially handed to CBO leaders
- Expand PrEP to 3,000 MSM and TG over 3 years
- II January 30 April 2016: 267 MSM and TG assessed → 256 started PrEP

#### PrEP-30 program at Thai Red Cross Anonymous Clinic

**PrEP-30**: a self-paid service (30THB per day) to increase awareness and access to PrEP among at-risk populations at TRC Anonymous Clinic

#### About PrEP-30



**PrEP-30** is a service project at the **Anonymous Clinic, The Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre** offering PrEP for Thai and foreigners to provide "tenofovir/emtricitabine" or "TDF/FTC" (also sold under the brand name Truvada in western countries) for MSM as part of a combined HIV prevention program that includes counseling, HIV, Hepatitis B and Kidney testing, and the provision of condoms and lubricants under the fee of 30 Thai Baht (~1 USD) per day.

What is PrEP?

Criteria for PrEP-30







### **Challenges on PrEP in Thailand**

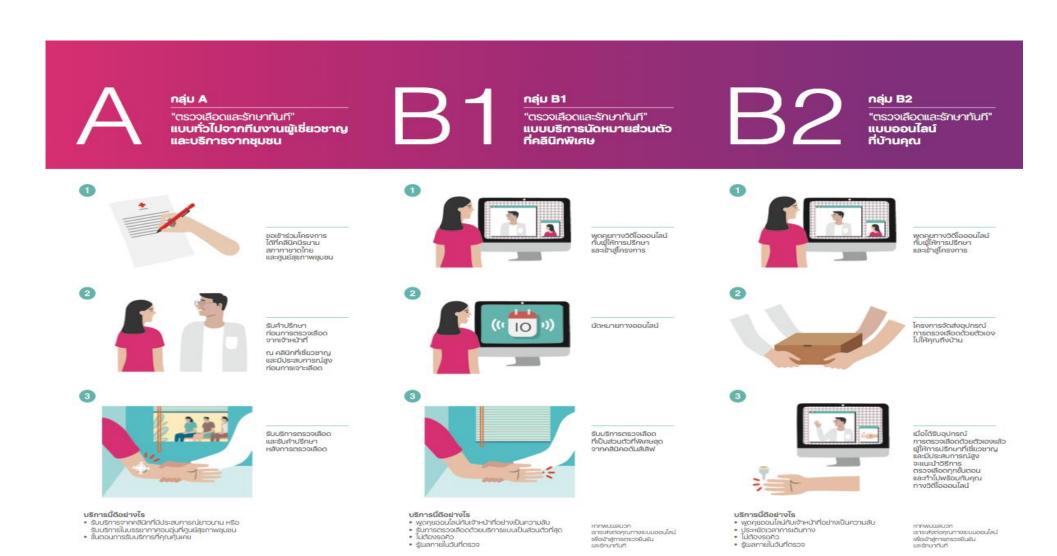
- Neither Truvada® or Teno-EM® (Thai GPO) has been registered as an preventive ART but being used widely
- PrEP is not included in the National Health Security System yet. People who are at risk need to pay which is unaffordable for low income people i.e. sex worker, student
- PrEP is currently available at some facility-based services but high risk people usually do not prefer to go
- Concern on providing PrEP to those under 18 years old
- PrEP literacy and acceptance among conservative healthcare providers and other relevant stakeholders i.e. NGO, parents, teachers

### **Experience of HIV self Testing in Thailand**

### The amfAR online Test &Treat study:

- MSM/TG are enrolled to the study and make appointment for HIV counseling and testing via an online system
- Participants receive online, real-time, pre-test counseling with the counselor
- VDO demonstrating self-performed finger prick blood collection and HIV self-testing, along with HIV test kits (Determine®), are sent via post to participants
- Real-time HIV testing is performed while the counselor is watching and the results confirmed

### amfAR Online Test and Treat Study



#### Online supervised HIV self-testing videos and manual





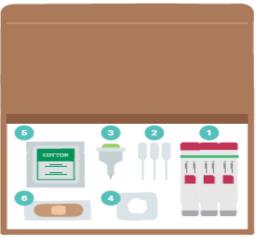
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### Oral fluid HIV testing:

- The pilot study to test acceptability to use oral fluid testing
- Sub-study for validation oral fluid testing compare to the nation algorithm blood testing
- Implementing in Chaing-Mai, Bangkok and Pattaya through community-based organization and community-led service
- Target MSM/TG

### Challenges on HIVST in Thailand

- HIV testing outside of healthcare facility is not allowed legally in Thailand
- No oral fluid-based HIV test kit or individually packed bloodbased rapid HIV test is licensed in Thailand
- More sensitive HIV test (? 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen saliva test or 4<sup>th</sup> Gen rapid blood test)
- Stigma and discrimination related to HIV and HIV testing
- Free HIVST for selected key population





















































