

West Africa Regional PrEP Learning Network

Overview

In partnership with USAID and with support from PEPFAR, the Collaboration for HIV Prevention Options to Control the Epidemic (CHOICE) will host a series of virtual learning sessions to support oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) rollout and scale-up throughout West Africa. Similar to the global [Virtual Learning Network](#), we will provide national ministries, implementing partners, community-based organizations (CBOs), funders and others working with PrEP throughout the region with the tools and resources, best practices, and opportunities to learn from others to help to advance PrEP scale-up. The goal of the West Africa Regional PrEP Learning Network is to specifically engage the countries of Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Ghana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo, Liberia, Angola, and Burundi to share experience and cover topics that help meet their current PrEP planning and programming needs.

Across the region, a community of practice will be built with those engaged in PrEP policy development and programming. CHOICE will engage with representatives from each country to better understand priorities and experiences to share through the Learning Network. A central portal will be created for easy access to the webinar library and tools and resources shared across the network.

Approach

The virtual webinar series will launch in June 2020 and carry on through May 2021. Webinars will be held monthly, for 90 minutes. Through this format we will share tools, resources, and experiences from other global PrEP projects, as well as from projects within the West Africa region. Participants will also have opportunities to learn from experts who have developed guidance for PrEP implementation.

Tools shared include the [Plan 4 PrEP Toolkit](#), as well as [PrEP-it](#), the [WHO implementation tool](#), and the [OPTIONS HIV Prevention Ambassador Training Package](#). Topics covered will include PrEP policy guideline and implementation plan development, target setting, PrEP delivery models, provider training, costing, demand creation, as well as more emergent topics such as event-driven PrEP and PrEP for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

“The tools have helped us systematically plan for the implementation of PrEP. Through sharing experiences, we were able to come up with a PrEP curriculum and tools to monitor PrEP provision. The tools and information were presented to Ministry of Health, PEPFAR, and implementing partners during the [technical working group] TWG meeting.”

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Proposed Webinars	
1	Lessons learned in PrEP introduction: experiences from Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa
2	PrEP guidelines across countries
3	Experiences developing PrEP implementation plans and the Plan 4 PrEP Toolkit
4	Setting PrEP targets, costing PrEP programs, and the PrEP-it tool
5	Monitoring and evaluation systems for PrEP
6	PrEP delivery models
7	Engaging and training healthcare providers
8	Demand creation: developing an insights-driven strategy for PrEP
9	PrEP continuation and approaches to support success
10	Best practices in PrEP delivery for adolescents
11	PrEP use and partner dynamics
12	Emerging topics: event-driven PrEP and PrEP for pregnant/breastfeeding women
13	New PrEP products: the dapivirine ring

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