

Provider Training on Oral PrEP

OPTIONS CONSORTIUM

EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF ORAL PrEP FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

After a series of pioneering demonstration and research projects, the scaling up of PrEP to adolescent girls and young women quickly gained traction. However, existing curricula lacked guidance on the provision of PrEP to this group. The OPTIONS Consortium developed the **OPTIONS Provider Training Package** to meet this need. Using the package as a foundation, OPTIONS contributed to the national provider training curriculum in Zimbabwe and supported training to roll out PrEP in Kenya, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Global

1,100

downloads from PrEPWatch from July 2015 to May 2020 from 36 countries

Kenya

The *OPTIONS Provider Training Package* session on exploring values was adapted and used in the national PrEP curriculum. OPTIONS also piloted the training package in Kiambu County in October 2019 as part of its targeted technical assistance for PrEP scale-up in Kiambu County.

Zimbabwe

The national provider training curriculum incorporates *OPTIONS Provider Training Package* sessions and recommendations from oral PrEP community dialogues and a provider knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) study conducted by OPTIONS. Using the national curriculum, OPTIONS worked with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) and other implementing partners (IPs) to train providers.

9

trainings

285

providers trained

To scale up PrEP, the MoHCC asked OPTIONS to support national training of trainers (ToTs) from May to August 2019 to train provincial trainers who will cascade the training to districts and health facilities.

3

ToTs

10

provinces

111

trainers trained

1

training

8

facilities

30

providers trained

South Africa

OPTIONS shared findings from the **ACCESS study** and provider KAP study with the National Department of Health (NDoH) in real time; these findings were used to update the national training for PrEP sites. *OPTIONS Provider Training Package* sessions on counseling, effective PrEP use, sensitization, risk discussion, and demand creation were used and adapted for use in the NDoH training. OPTIONS facilitated sessions on provider counseling and the effective use of demand creation materials for social mobilization in communities.

18

IPs

9

trainings

600+

providers trained

The package was also adapted for the Unitaid Project PrEP and the USAID Siyakha project to train site staff in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.

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