

# Achieving Impact through Effective Key Population Programming

## Please Join the LINKAGES Project at AIDS 2018!

July 23-27, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Join the Linkages across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV (LINKAGES) project at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), where our experts from around the world will be sharing their innovative programmatic experience and most current research evidence at 24 speaking engagements and workshops and through nearly 50 poster exhibits. LINKAGES, which is supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, is the largest global project to conduct a range of activities to reduce HIV transmission among key populations — sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender people, and people who inject drugs — and to improve their enrollment and retention in care. The project is led by FHI 360 in partnership with IntraHealth International, Pact, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### Preconference Events

The following will be presented during the preconference session, **TRANS action: Building bridges to safety**. Saturday, 21 July 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM, Venue: G106-107.

- **Ensuring trans inclusion and competency in key population programs**  
LINKAGES will present a review of its trans programming and monitoring data from October to December 2017, discuss investments made to support improved programming and reporting in light of the review's findings, and share updated cascades following these investments.
- **Gender-based violence against transgender women in Latin America and the Caribbean: Participatory research to inform HIV programming**  
LINKAGES will present findings from a community-led participatory research study on gender-based violence against trans women in four Latin American and Caribbean countries and discuss implications for HIV programs serving trans women.



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### Satellite Sessions

LINKAGES is collaborating with a number of partners on the following satellite sessions.

- **Breaking barriers toward sustainability of AIDS response in Indonesia**  
Partners: Indonesia AIDS Coalition, Ministry of Health, UNAIDS/Indonesia, LINKAGES/Indonesia  
The session will feature the progress of Indonesia's response to HIV toward the goal of ending AIDS by 2030 and demonstrate the country's commitment toward achieving sustainability of the response.  
Monday, 23 July  
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM  
Venue: Forum  
Session code: MOSA15

- **PrEP in the real world—Early lessons for scale-up among key populations**

Partners: WHO, PATH, LINKAGES

The session will feature early lessons from four key population PrEP programs and a dynamic panel of PrEP users and implementers who will provide perspectives on what is needed to scale and sustain PrEP in the real world.

Tuesday, 24 July

6:30–8:30 PM

Venue: G102-103

Session code: TUSA17

- **HIV, human rights, and sustainability: From analysis to action**

Partners: Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, International AIDS Society, OPEC Fund for International Development

The purpose of this session is to advance the call to action for governments, lawmakers, and stakeholders to remove legal barriers to health and human rights. Panelists will provide an overview of the legal, social, and political barriers to HIV and AIDS care in conservative social settings, showcase model programs that effectively address these action items around the world, and discuss adaptation and replication in countries of the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia regions.

Wednesday, 25 July

6:30–8:30 PM

Venue: Hall 11B

Session code: WESA14

- **Optimizing the impact of key population programming across the HIV cascade**

Partners: USAID, IAS, CDC, LINKAGES, amfAR

This session will launch a new *Journal of the International Aids Society* (JIAS) supplement, bringing visibility to the latest evidence of what works to reach key populations and link them to the prevention, treatment, and retention support they need. Panelists will share new data published in the supplement on innovations, outreach strategies, and delivery modalities for overcoming structural obstacles and improving service uptake for different groups across different geographies.

Thursday, 26 July

6:30–8:30 PM

Venue: E105-108

Session code: THSA16



- **Getting PrEP to where it's needed most: A global conversation led by African men who have sex with men**

Partners: JHPIEGO, AVAC, LINKAGES

In Africa, PrEP programs for MSM are largely nonexistent, with only a handful in early stages.

Taking full advantage of the global nature of the International AIDS Conference, this session will

1) take stock of the status of PrEP programming for MSM in Africa; 2) discuss how successful PrEP

introduction efforts in the U.S. and other countries can inform efforts in Africa; and 3) explore the roles civil society must play—through advocacy and programming—to mobilize resources and expand the access to PrEP among MSM in Africa that is sorely needed.

Thursday, 26 July

6:30-8:30 PM

Venue: E102

Session code: THSA19

## Skills-building Workshops

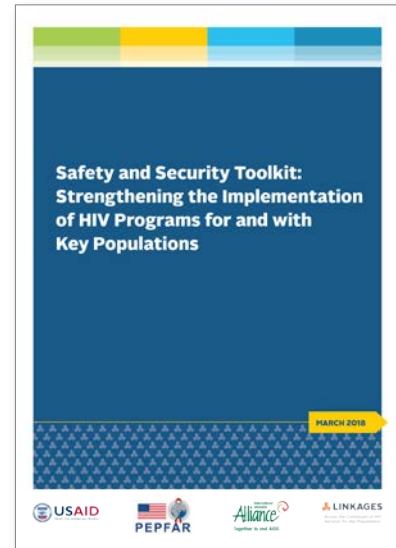
- LINKAGES and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance are convening a skills-building workshop, **Doing no harm: Practical approaches for safely delivering HIV services with and for key populations**. The workshop will describe common safety and security challenges that key population HIV programs face in hostile environments and their impacts on organizations, individuals, and program outcomes. Participants will assess their organization's approach to safety and security, identify gaps, and develop a plan to fill those gaps using multiple strategies, including safety and security trainings, collaborations with law enforcement, and advocating with donors for increased safety and security investment.

Wednesday, 25 July

2:30–5:00 PM

Venue: E105-108

Session code: WEWS04



- LINKAGES staff will present as part of the workshop, **New information and communication technologies: Opportunities for empowered, person-centred healthcare**. This session will showcase new innovative approaches in using electronic data to gain better insights in health behavior and new communication technologies to better reach the right audiences with tailored information. LINKAGES staff will give a TED-style talk called **Outreach 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0: Getting to the next generation of technology-mediated outreach in key population programmes**.

Thursday, 26 July

2:30–7:00 PM

Venue: Hall 11B

Session code: THWS05

## Global Village Workshop

- LINKAGES staff will present at the workshop, **Crowdsourcing contests: Interactive introduction to WHO/TDR practical guide**. The workshop will focus on organizing challenge contests for advocates, community leaders, scientists, and program managers. Audience participants will be empowered with an additional tool to improve health in their communities.

Thursday, 26 July

4:30–5:30 PM

Venue: Youth Pavilion Session Room

Session code: THGS09

## Bridging Session

- LINKAGES staff will present at a bridging session titled, **The double-sided cascade of prevention and care and beyond**. This session will give an overview on how HIV treatment and prevention cascades are constructed and how the cascade data could be used most efficiently to guide HIV programs.

Thursday, 26 July  
2:30–4:00 PM  
Venue: Hall 12  
Session code: THBS02

## Abstract-Driven Sessions

### Oral abstract sessions

- **Session title: Diversities in delivery: PrEP from home to clinic**  
Session code: TUAC03  
**Key population-led health services (KP-LHS) critical to PrEP introduction among MSM and TG in Thailand**  
Tuesday, 24 July  
4:30–6:00 PM  
Venue: E105-108

- **Session title: Tough choices, smart decisions, maturing responses**  
Session code: WEAE02  
**From 90-90-90 towards HIV elimination with boosted-integrated active HIV case management (B-IACM) in Cambodia**  
Wednesday, 25 July  
11:00 AM –12:30 PM  
Venue: E105-108

- **Session title: Keep your eyes on OIs and STIs**  
Session code: WEAB01  
**Burden of sexually transmitted infections and prevalence of HIV among key population presenting with different STI in Nepal**  
Wednesday, 25 July  
11:00 AM –12:30 PM  
Venue: Hall 10

- **Session title: Community system strengthening = Sustainable HIV response**  
Session code: THAD03  
**When situations go from bad to worse: Strengthening collective action during periods of crisis through concrete guidance and principles for engagement**  
Thursday, 26 July  
2:30–4:00 PM  
Venue: Hall 10



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- Session title: Testing for 2030: Novel strategies for the home stretch**  
 Session code: THAC02  
 Delivering a high-quality comprehensive package of HIV prevention, care, and treatment for key populations is possible: Experience from two years of the FHI 360 LINKAGES Malawi project  
 Thursday, 26 July  
 2:30–4:00 PM  
 Venue: Auditorium
- Session title: Testing for 2030: Novel strategies for the home stretch**  
 Session code: THAC02  
 Integrated gender affirmative hormone treatment services improve access to and retention in HIV testing, syphilis testing, and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) service uptake among transgender women in Thailand  
 Thursday, 26 July  
 2:30–4:00 PM  
 Venue: Auditorium
- Session title: Pedal to the metal: Accelerating the cascade**  
 Session code: THAC04  
 Same-day ART Initiation in an HIV/STI testing center in Bangkok, Thailand: Initial results from an implementation research study  
 Thursday, 26 July  
 4:30–6:00 PM  
 Venue: Forum

**Poster discussion sessions**

- Session title: Geomapping to enhance equitable access**  
 Session code: TUPE01  
 Density mapping of dating app users across time and space in Mumbai, India  
 Tuesday, 24 July  
 1:00–3:00 PM  
 Venue: E102
- Session title: #UsToo: Violence against key populations**  
 Session code: TUPDD01  
 We're going to leave you for last, because of how you are": Transgender women's experiences of gender-based violence in health care, education, and legal settings in Latin America and the Caribbean  
 Tuesday, 24 July  
 1:00–3:00 PM  
 Venue: Hall 11A
- Session title: Active engagement or missing in action: Community voices in HIV research**  
 Session code: TUPDD02  
 Process as product: Implementing participatory, rights-based research with female sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender women  
 Tuesday, 24 July  
 1:00–3:00 PM  
 Venue: E105-108



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- Session title: From online to IRL: Social media, sex apps and surfing to enhance cascades**  
 Session code: WEPDC01  
 Online supervised HIV self-testing identified high HIV yield among Thai men who have sex with men and transgender women  
 Wednesday, 25 July  
 1:00–3:00 PM  
 Venue: Hall 11A
- Session title: Meeting the challenge: Community financing for a sustained response**  
 Session code: THPDE02  
 Increased domestic financing of key population-led health services (KP-LHS): Lessons from Thailand's transition planning and response  
 Thursday, 26 July  
 1:00–3:00 PM  
 Venue: E102



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### **Poster exhibitions**

- Peer navigation is strongly associated with increased uptake of same-day ART initiation among KPs living with HIV in Angola
- A lesser-known epidemic: HIV and STI prevalence among key populations in Angola
- Need based care to improve links to HIV services for female sex workers in Botswana
- The Domino Effect: Tapping into female sex workers' social networks to increase demand and use of HIV services from previously unengaged women in Burundi
- Interactive voice response for HIV intervention
- Virtual outreach finds HIV+ high-risk/hard-to-reach MSM in Cambodia
- Promoting HIV risk awareness among key populations through tablet-based outreach risk screening in Cambodia
- Casting a broader net: Increasing HIV case-finding among key populations using performance-based incentives and social networks in Cote d'Ivoire
- Developing a voluntary partner referral strategy for key populations: A pilot program in the Dominican Republic
- Capacity development for improved performance of organizations serving key populations with HIV services
- Health4All: A technology-enabled, locally relevant campaign to reduce stigma and discrimination against key populations
- “Neither safe nor secure.” Systematically addressing safety and security in HIV programs for key populations to protect implementers and facilitate effective programming

- Accelerating implementation and scale-up of comprehensive programs for HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations: Critical to HIV epidemic impact
- Integrating voluntary referral from HIV-positive people into a risk-network engagement approach to improve case detection and linkages from outreach in India.
- Is it time to integrate innovative combination prevention approaches to conventional peer outreach to enhance HIV case detection? An experience from India.
- Rapid population size estimation of online men who have sex with men using Facebook marketing data
- Leveraging a community-led HIV testing approach to reach the female sex workers in the geographic areas uncovered by the national program: Lessons from the LINKAGES, India
- Peer navigation model to facilitate linking eligible key populations to treatment – LINKAGES’ India experience
- Accelerating data use for Indonesia's fast-track response
- Curated “meet-ups” to engage online men at-risk to HIV in a service delivery program in Jakarta
- A digital application for optimizing key population mobile testing in Jakarta's fast-track response
- Ambitious goals, restrictive environments: accelerating HIV testing uptake among men who have sex with men in Jakarta’s fast-track response
- Improving HIV treatment uptake among HIV infected female sex workers in Naivasha, Kenya
- Incentivizing peer educators to expand peer mobilization among female sex workers in Kisumu County, Kenya: Sex worker virtual currency
- Increased HIV case-finding rate among MSM and trans people in Laos from a community-led HIV oral fluids screening project
- Experiences of gender-based violence among FSWs, MSM, and transgender women in Latin America and the Caribbean: A mixed methods analysis to inform HIV programming
- “What is not measured is not managed.” Implementing a routine technology-based patient feedback system to reduce stigma and discrimination in key population HIV services in Malawi
- Enhanced peer outreach approach: A quick way of reaching out to key populations, LINKAGES, Malawi
- Escorted referral by peer navigators improved links to HIV care and treatment services for FSWs in Mzuzu, Malawi
- Differentiated service delivery models for HIV testing among sex workers: Lessons from the LINKAGES project in Blantyre, Malawi



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- Improving access to HIV testing services among clients of FSWs: Experiences of the LINKAGES project in Zomba and Machinga
- Applying innovative methods to reach men who have sex with men in Mali: Experience on LINKAGES project supported zones
- Successfully reaching young key populations with essential HIV prevention, care, and treatment services in Mali
- Large gaps toward 90-90-90 goals among key populations in Mozambique
- Social cohesion events: SMU's experience in innovative outreach approach to reaching new MSM and trans people in capital of Suriname
- A review of PrEP demonstration projects implementation for the Ministry of Health with multiple partners and LINKAGES Swaziland
- GAYOK Bangkok: Increasing PrEP awareness among young gay men in Bangkok with a scripted web series
- Same-same but different: Expanding HIV testing and PrEP to new MSM subpopulations through the private-sector Pulse Clinic in Thailand
- Low prevalence and incidence of hepatitis C among men who have sex with men and transgender women in a key population-led test and treat cohort in Thailand
- Key-population-led health services (KPLHS) increase access to HIV services among transgender women sex workers in Pattaya, Thailand
- Retention and adherence to PrEP among MSM and transgender women in Thailand's 'Princess PrEP program': a key-population-led PrEP program
- Enhancing HIV testing coverage through peer-driven recruitment models among transgender women in Pattaya
- Barriers and facilitating factors to improving antiretroviral therapy initiation among MSM and transgender women in Thailand
- Sustainable laboratories for key-population-led HIV services in Thailand: Mentoring and twinning lead to government accreditation and financing
- Service Workers in Group (SWING): Addressing multi-level HIV risks associated with male sex workers through key-population-led comprehensive approach in Bangkok and Pattaya
- High acceptance and satisfaction of differentiated antiretroviral therapy service delivery among men who have sex with men, transgender women, and health care workers in Thailand
- Toward increasing domestic financing for civil society organizations in the HIV response: Accreditation of HIV clinical services provided by key populations



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