**Adolescent and youth PrEP engagement – 28th Jan 2017**

**Health concerns of young people:**

* High prevalence of HIV in some regions is alarming
* High new infections among youth
* Lack of knowledge about HIV prevention
* Fear or ignorance of HIV information
* Fear of disclosure especially HIV positive parents not disclosing to their children who are PLHIV
* Myths and misconception e.g. sleeping with a virgin can cure HIV
* Self-stigma and stigma from community
* Religious beliefs that having sex before marriage is sin, yet we are young and want to have sex
* SGBV – can lead to HIV
* Poor counselling skills of HTS providers – they do not prepare clients well
* Lack of youth friendly services on HIV
* Don’t care attitude among young people thus affecting risk perception
* Early marriages
* Cultural practices

**HIV prevention methods**

* Abstinence
* Being faithful
* PEP
* Correct and consistent use of condoms

**What they know about PrEP**

* It is taken before engaging in sex with positive person
* It is taken daily for 30 days
* It is expensive and most young people cannot afford

**Where they heard about PrEP:**

* LVCT Health
* Social media
* Google
* Radio e.g. Koch FM
* Hospitals
* [www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com)

**Where they would prefer to get PrEP:**

* Chemist/pharmacy
* Not in a public place
* FBO
* NGO
* Private facilities
* Youth friendly centres
* School
* CCC

**Would your peers want to use PrEP:**

* Can’t use because they will not intentionally sleep with someone who is positive for fear of death
* Yes they are willing to take PrEP but are afraid of the side effects
* Status issues – if I do not know the status of my partners I may not take prep
* Trust issues in relationships – if I take PrEP my partner might think I do not trust him/her
* Only prevents HIV, so I may not take it
* Being seen as promiscuous

**How would you prefer to get information on PrEP:**

* Youth forums
* TV
* Posters and banners in colleges, hospitals,