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- Definate Nhamo, PZAT, Zimbabwe
- Gertrude Nunoo, FHI 360, Ghana
- Fifii Asamoah, PrEP Champion, Ghana
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HIV Prevention Ambassador Training Package and Toolkit

- Designed for community-based organizations and other groups to train HIV Prevention Ambassadors
- Goal is to promote meaningful engagement of communities and potential and current PrEP users in the rollout of oral PrEP for HIV prevention
- Can be used with any PrEP key or priority population
- Available in English and French
HIV Prevention Ambassador Training Package and Toolkit

• Includes interactive activities, discussion, and action planning, to prepare Ambassadors to share information with their peers about oral PrEP as part of combination HIV prevention.

• Ambassadors gain skills to support peers who are interested in using PrEP and to build community support for oral PrEP.

• Training includes foundational sessions on sexual and reproductive health, human rights, gender, violence and HIV transmission.
## Components of the training package

### PART 1
**Facilitator Preparation**

Information for facilitators to read before implementing the training. It includes suggestions for identifying HIV Prevention Ambassadors, facilitation tips, and guidance about preparing information and materials for the training.

### PART 2
**Training Manual**

A comprehensive manual for facilitators to train individuals to become HIV Prevention Ambassadors. The manual includes information about each topic, detailed session plans and training materials.

### PART 3
**Ambassador Toolkit**

A separate book for participants that includes the materials they will use during the training, as well as tools they can use in their roles as Ambassadors.
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PrEP CHAMPIONS IN GHANA

WEST AFRICA AIDS FOUNDATION (WAAF) - EpiC Partner
Trudi Nunoo, FHI 360, EpiC Ghana Technical Advisor
Why PrEP Champions are needed in Ghana

- **Raise awareness and drive demand for PrEP**
  - Through virtual and in-person sharing of PrEP information and personal experiences (PrEP benefits) with their peers, champions help to refute myths and misconceptions around PrEP
- **Address high discontinuation rate**
- **Encourage effective use of PrEP among key populations**
- **Support community PrEP refill**
  - Champions follow up with PrEP users and mobilize them for community-based PrEP refill
Planning for PrEP Champions in Ghana

- Developed a draft document on PrEP Champion Criteria for selection including roles and modalities for their engagement
- Requested and received approval by National AIDS Control Program
Qualifications to be a PrEP Champion in Ghana

• Any member of a Key Population (KP) with personal experience using PrEP (at least three months)

• Must be voluntarily willing to advocate on the effectiveness of PrEP and its importance to KPs

• Must be bilingual (speak at least 1 popular local language)

• Must be willing to share personal experiences virtually and in-person

• There is no requirement to read and write, however since they are expected to use social media, such skills are valuable
Selecting PrEP Champions in Ghana

- Interested individuals were interviewed to ascertain their capabilities and qualifications using the criteria
- PrEP Champions were selected
- Conducted training for the 4 selected PrEP Champions (2 FSWs, 2 MSM) using adapted version of HIV Prevention Ambassador Training
- Agreed to terms and modalities of engagement with PrEP Champions and signed an agreement document (contract) with clearly stated roles and modalities of their engagement.
Training PrEP Champions

• Could not cover full content of HIV Prevention Ambassador Training due to time constraints (half a day)
• Trained men who have sex with men and female sex workers separately to address unique needs of populations
Training Content

- PrEP, HIV, ART, PEP Information;
- Roles and modalities for their engagement;
- Community mobilization strategies (in person, effective social media strategies and social media reach tools);
- Effective communication and counselling skills
- Clarification of misconceptions and questions
Roles of PrEP Champions

• Share experiences in-person (one-on-one and/or smaller groups) on the use of PrEP, its side effects and benefits
• Support lay counselors by mobilizing PrEP users for community refills
• Share experiences on benefits of adhering to PrEP on virtual platforms (mostly through posts of write-ups, video or audio recordings)
• Participate in monthly review meetings and submit monthly reports on advocacy engagements
Support for PrEP Champions

• Initial training and continuous orientation on PrEP and guidance on content to articulate.

• Monthly stipend to support their communication and transport allowance

• Monthly review meetings to review PrEP Champions’ activities to ascertain the effectiveness of the PrEP Champions engagement, discuss best practices, share challenges and identify solutions.

• Continuous mentoring and coaching to be able to package testimonies to share PrEP benefits and refute myths and misconceptions by other PrEP users who have experienced some side effects.
Best Practices

• Provide motivational incentives such as branded t-shirts, communication and travel and transport allowance, check-ins and continuous capacity building programs to encourage PrEP Champion’s and challenge them to be their best.

• Train PrEP Champions in HIVST and have them refer negative clients for PrEP (or other testing based on national situation and testing guidelines)
PrEP Champions one-on-one and group session education on PrEP
Best Practices (cont.)

• Support PrEP Champions with their advocacy through development of videos, audio recordings, and linkage to peer educators has been useful in reaching more clients.

• Engage PrEP Champions in virtual or physical meetings with international agencies and other implementing partners to elevate their experiences and highlight their commitment, while also creating opportunities for them to learn more and increase motivation.
Moving Forward with PrEP Champions in Ghana

- PrEP Champions have been effective in linking to new clients to PrEP, conducting follow-ups on clients due for refills and ensuring that they receive their refills.
- In FY22 WAAF will:
  - Use an adapted version of the HIV Prevention Ambassadors Training and include lessons learnt from FY21 PrEP Champions implementation.
  - Intensify PrEP Champions activities – number will increase from 4 to 11 (4 FSWs, 5 MSM, 2 TG)
  - Enhance linkage of non-reactive KPs to PrEP by PrEP Champions (Train all 11 PCs to conduct HIVST, refer and ensure non-reactive KPs are supported to start PrEP and receive PrEP refill)
  - Increase financial support to PrEP Champions
  - Support PrEP Champions to overcome negative influences from peers who may not support PrEP
Thank you
PrEP Champion: FiFii Asamoah
Transition to breakout rooms (20 minutes) / Transition vers les salles de petits groupes

Instructions:
1. Briefly introduce yourselves
2. Assign a facilitator to keep the conversation going
3. Assign a reporter who will summarize the group’s discussion back to the whole group
4. Talk about one or more of the guiding questions

Instructions:
1. Présentez-vous brièvement
2. Désignez un animateur pour poursuivre la conversation
3. Désignez un rapporteur qui résumera la discussion du groupe pour le groupe général
4. Parlez d’une ou plusieurs des questions directrices
Choose your own breakout room

1. Click **Breakout Rooms** in your meeting controls.

2. Hover your pointer over the number to the right of breakout room you wish to join, **click Join**, then **confirm by clicking Yes**.

3. Repeat as necessary to join other breakout rooms.

4. Click **Leave Room** to return to the main session.
Choisissez votre salle de petits groupes

1. Cliquez sur *Salles de petits groupes* dans les paramètres de la réunion.

2. Placez votre pointeur sur le numéro à droite de la salle de petits groupes que vous voulez rejoindre, cliquez sur *Rejoindre*, puis confirmez en cliquant sur *Oui*.

3. Répétez si nécessaire pour rejoindre d’autres salles de petits groupes.

4. Cliquez sur *Quitter la salle* pour revenir à la session plénière.
Breakout room discussion questions

• What are some of the challenges in promoting demand for PrEP use that PrEP Champions/HIV Prevention Ambassadors seem uniquely equipped to tackle?

• What would the first step be in creating a network of PrEP Champions/HIV Prevention Ambassadors?

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