

ABSTRACTS

HIV Test and Treat:

Are the 90 - 90 - 90 targets set for 2020 within reach?

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Test and treat: Great expectations but challenges everywhere

Whereas clinical guidelines have included the test and treat strategy several years ago in many high-income countries, the World Health Organization recommends universal antiretroviral therapy for all HIV-infected individuals only since the end of 2015. This new recommendation has been made along other testing and prevention strategies in order to contribute to achieving the 2020 sustainable development goals. Early treatment during the course of disease has been recently shown to reduce mortality and morbidity, as well as HIV transmission. However, as many high-income countries have endorsed this strategy over the past years, challenges are emerging, questioning its feasibility in sub-Saharan Africa. The road towards ending AIDS by 2013 will only be successful if barriers to the implementation of novel prevention and treatment strategies are addressed. This presentation will highlight the main challenges related to the implementation of test and treat and discuss potential ways to overcome them.

Heide Jimenez Dávila, Groupe sida Genève, Suisse

Leaving no one behind: Working with key populations to reach the first 90 in Geneva (Input in French)

It is estimated that approximately 1% of the population live with HIV in Geneva, which is one of the highest prevalence rates in Switzerland and in Western Europe. While incidence has declined markedly over the last decade, continued efforts are necessary to scale up testing amongst key populations. In collaboration with a network of local organizations involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS and with the support of the Canton of Geneva, Groupe sida Genève has been promoting outreach activities to reduce barriers to testing amongst key populations. This presentation will look at lessons learned from the existing approach and examine how additional tools can be used to ensure nobody is left behind on the road to reaching (and exceeding) the « first 90 » target.

Niklaus Labhardt, Swiss TPH and SolidarMed

90-90-90 - Yes, but how? Implementation strategies for resource-limited high-prevalence settings

To reach the 90-90-90 targets in resource-limited high-prevalence settings, innovative and pragmatic approaches are needed. This talk provides an overview of approaches to improve the 90-90-90 care cascade in Sub-Saharan Africa including own currently ongoing research in Lesotho, Southern Africa.

Phumzile Mabizela, INERELA+ positive faith in action, South Africa

Leading by example: Faith on the Fast Track?

South Africa formally adopted the Universal Test and Treat Policy, it was launched in 2015. Test and Treat is a strategy that supports the Fast track Agenda. Most of the interventions on the ground to achieve the targets have been effective. The faith community has made a unique contribution by developing responses that reduce stigma and discrimination, and also promoting positive living.

In this presentation I will focus on sharing the successes and challenges of the different strategies that have been used in Sub-Saharan Africa. I will then present the different tools and strategies that have been used by the faith community. I will end the presentation with a reflection on proposed interventions to address emerging issues.

Badara Samb, UNAIDS

90-90-90 - Where are we now?

In two short years, the 90-90-90 movement has rallied the world in an unprecedented push to end AIDS in our lifetimes. 90-90-90 has focused diverse stakeholders on a set of measurable targets, by 2020: 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of all people diagnosed with HIV will have access to treatment, and 90% of the people receiving treatment will have suppressed the virus to an undetectable level. This ambitious target is already informing the formulation of health policy, the allocation of resources, and the performance monitoring of individual programmes. Even as the number of global health and development priorities is proliferating, 90-90-90 has refocused advocacy and renewed commitment in the response. Yet only through concerted global efforts can 90-90-90 become a reality for all. This presentation will consider where we stand today, the challenges we face and what the HIV community can do to support the strategy.