## Ending HIV transmission by Optimising Pre-Exposure prophylaxis in East Asia (HOPE)



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### Celebrating the life of Prof Noel Juban

https://tdr.who.int/newsroom/news/item/26-01-2022-celebrating-the-life-of-dr-noel-juban



# What is the HOPE Network?

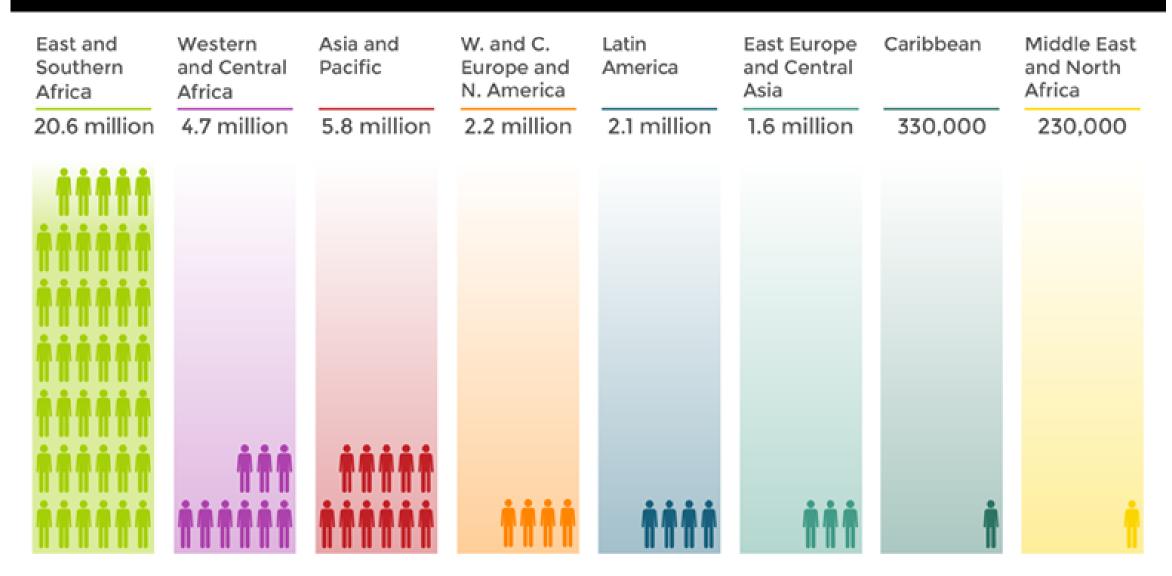
#### **HOPE Network**

- Ending **H**IV transmission by **O**ptimizing **P**rEP in **E**ast Asia
- Funded by:
  - https://www.the-easia.org/jrp/



# Why set up this network?

#### Number of people living with HIV in 2020



Source: UNAIDS Data 2021

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East and Southern Africa	Western and Central Africa	Asia and Pacific	W. and C. Europe and N. America	Latin America	East Europe and Central Asia	Caribbean	Middle East and North Africa
20.6 million	4.7 million	5.8 million	2.2 million	2.1 million	1.6 million	330,000	230,000
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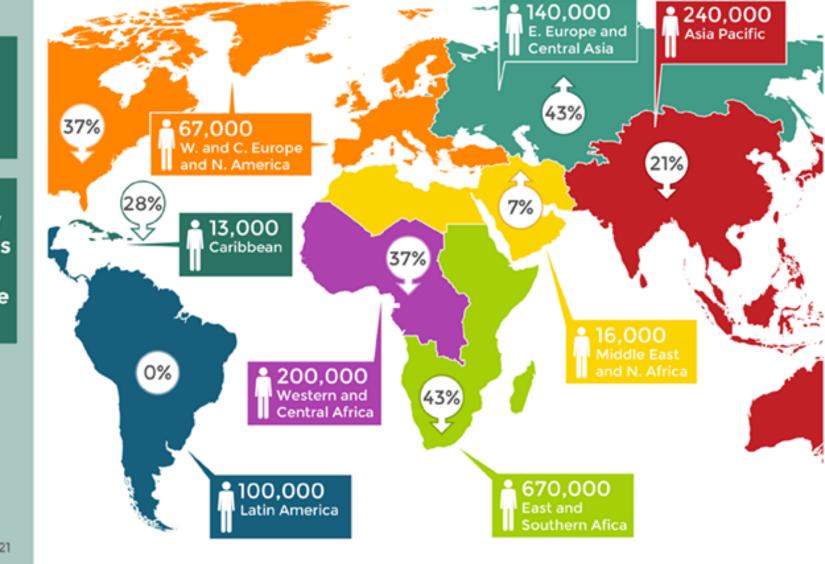
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#### Number of new HIV infections in 2020 and change since 2010

1.5 million people newly infected in 2020 globally

Decrease in number of new infections across the global population since 2010

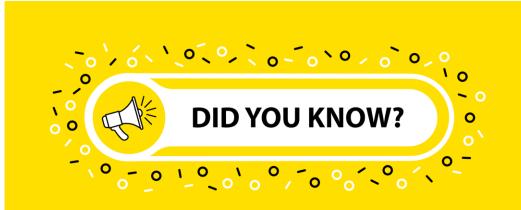




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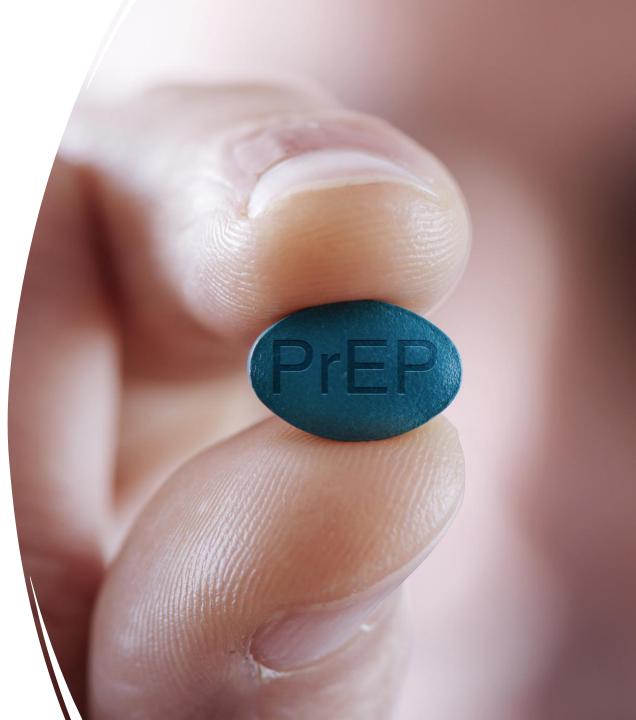
#### HIV in Asia-Pacific

- Only 3 countries have achieved 90-90-90 targets
  Australia, Thailand, Cambodia
- 98% of new infections among age 15-49 are from key populations and their sexual partners
- Increases in new HIV infection
  - Philippines



## **Oral PrEP**

- Daily
- On-demand
- Periodic



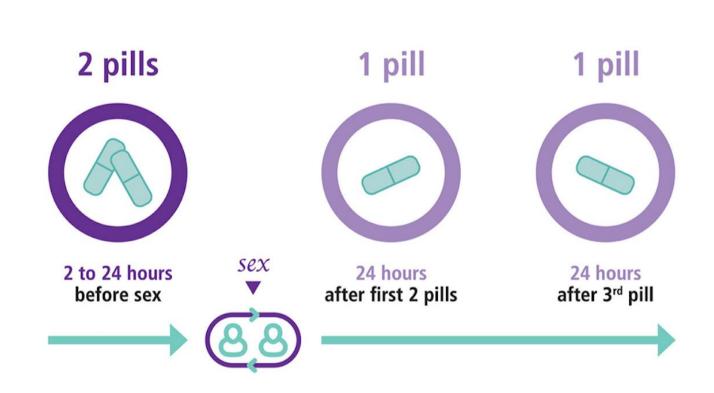
# Oral tenofovir disoproxil fumarate and emtricitabine

- Game-changer
  - Up to 99% effective in preventing HIV acquisition
- Recommended by WHO as part of prevention regimen (2015)
- Relies on optimal adherence and persistence
  - Esp for women (lower concentrations in vaginal than rectal tissues)



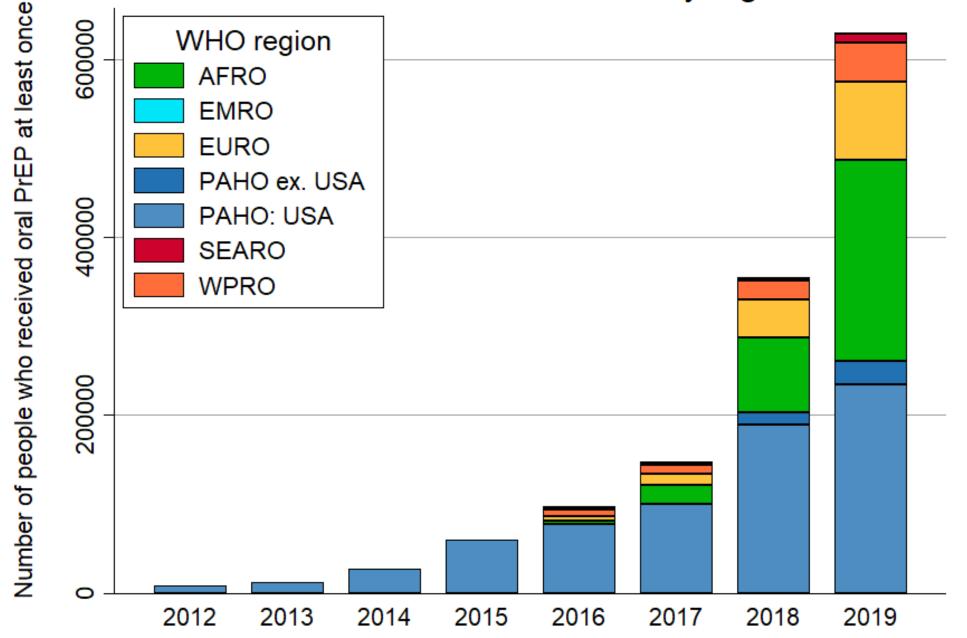
#### **Event-driven PrEP**

- 2-1-1, 'on-demand'
- Endorsed by WHO (2019)
- As effective as daily PrEP
  - (Prevenir study, CROI 2021)
- Caveats
  - Evidence for MSM/TGW

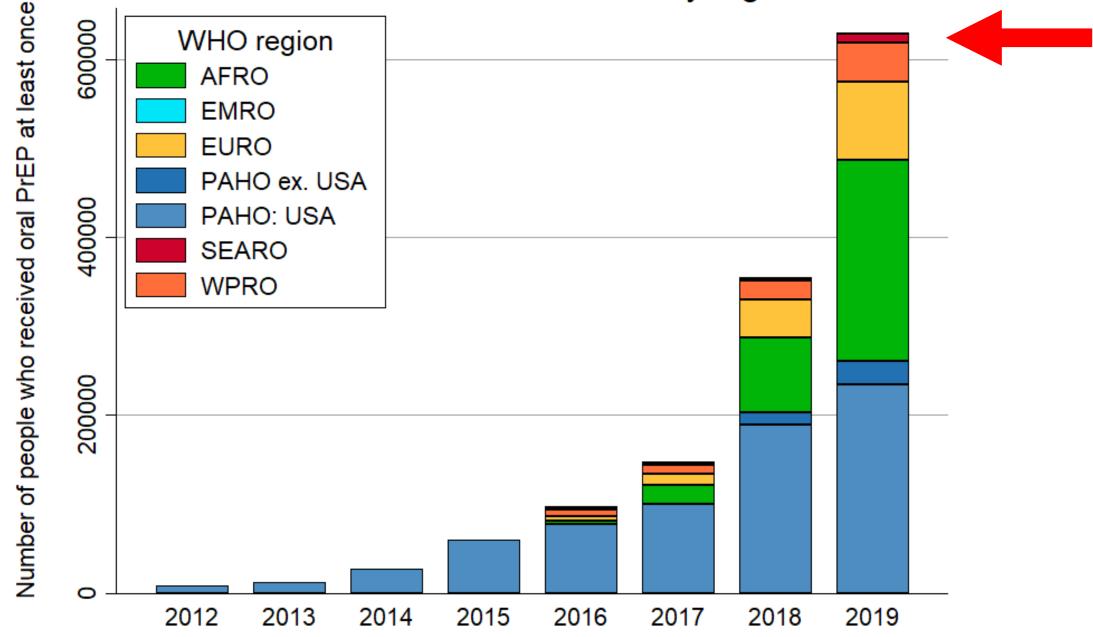




Oral PrEP users over time by region



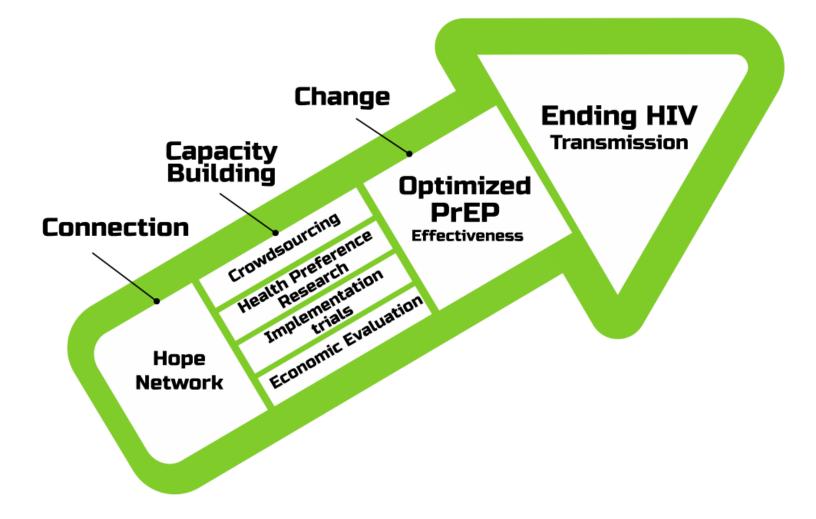
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## Aims of HOPE network

- Identify Community derived solutions for optimizing PrEP effectiveness through crowdsourcing open calls and designathons
- **Prioritize** community derived solutions into deliverable PrEP service packages through discrete choice experiments
- Evaluate the effectiveness of community derived PrEP service packages through implementation trials in existing PrEP cohorts of community derived PrEP service packages to ensure value for money, sustainability and scalability through mathematical modelling

#### Methods



#### How can you be involved?

- Capacity building + Connection
  - Join 3 monthly network meetings
  - Update on HOPE activities
  - Workshops
- Change
  - Join country team to implement projects
    - Australia
    - Thailand
    - Philippines



#### **Activities of 2022**

- Crowdsourcing activities to "increase effectiveness"
  - Guidance from US team
  - Ethics application
  - Open call to generate solutions for optimizing PrEP
  - Designation to develop comprehensive PrEP intervention package

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# Thank you

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### Crowdsourcing a logo

- "Ending HIV transmission by Optimising Pre-Exposure prophylaxis in East Asia (HOPE)"
- Steering committee
- Judging panel
- Winner celebrated at next HOPE meeting



#### Feedback slide

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