



**STEPS** : Support Towards Expanded Prevention Services Project 2016-2021



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## About STEPS

STEPS is a 5 year project funded by the US Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Kenya. The project aims to strengthen capacity of the health system at community level, Drop in Centers (DICES), linked Health Facilities, Sub-County MoH and County MoH.

## Project Goal

STEPS project aims to scale up delivery, access and utilization of quality comprehensive HIV prevention and treatment services with special attention to Key and Priority Populations in Kisumu, Migori, Kisii and Homa Bay counties through strengthening systems and ensuring protection of human rights.

## Objectives

1. To strengthen high quality comprehensive health interventions for the community with special attention to Key and Priority Populations
2. To implement appropriate structural interventions for HIV prevention for Key Population and adolescent girls and young women under DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered AIDS Free Mentored and Safe Girls)
3. To collaborate with national and county governments to strengthen strategic information systems, policy and program improvement

# Target Populations

**Key Population** - Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Female Sex Workers (FSW), and People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)

**Priority Population** - Fisher Folk, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and Adolescent Young People (AYP)

**General Population** - Adults, adolescents, children, couples, women, men and youth



## Annual Targets 2016-17\*

1. Provide community HTS to 283,000 individuals including Key Population, Priority Population and those at high risk of HIV with 90% linkage to treatment; using Door to Door testing, Outreach, VCT, and Index Client/partner testing approaches.
2. Provide 13,780 Key Population members (1,187 MSM; 12,007 FSW; and 586 PWID) with comprehensive longitudinal HIV prevention services including HIV testing, condoms and lubricants, Pre- Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Post Violence Care (PVC), Evidence Based Behavioural Interventions (EBIs) following the national guidelines.
3. Provide combination prevention services to 18,000 adolescent girls and young women 10-24 years in HomaBay and Migori counties through DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered AIDS Free Mentored and Safe Girls) project that offers a combination of biomedical, behavioural and structural interventions, including economic empowerment programs to vulnerable AGYW at high risk of HIV.
4. Reach over 24,000 fisher folk with combination HIV prevention, HIV testing services (HTS), care and treatment services in Migori and Kisumu counties.
5. Provide comprehensive care and treatment services to over 5000 HIV positive individuals, including KPs and PPs utilizing differentiated care models achieving over 90% viral suppression.

\* The project targets change annually

# Implementation Locations

STEPS will be implemented in four counties in Western Kenya, with various interventions in each county.



## Combination Prevention Approach

This project is anchored in a combination prevention approach that includes behavioural, biomedical and structural interventions.

### Behavioural

- Risk reduction counselling
- Evidence Based Interventions (EBIs)
- Condom demonstration

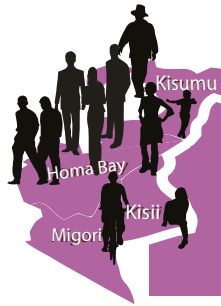
### Biomedical

- HIV testing services (HTS)
- Care and treatment
- Pre Exposure Prophylaxis
- Condoms and condom compatible lubricants

### Structural

- Post violent care
- Stigma and Discrimination
- Human rights approach
- Economic empowerment

# Desired Outcomes (5 years)



Contribute to 90% knowledge of status of HIV+ people through targeted high yield HTS interventions and linkage to care in the targeted counties.



90% of estimated KPs in Kisumu, Migori and Kisii reached with correct knowledge of HIV status, combination prevention and linkage to treatment.



90% of the HIV positive KPs in Kisumu, Migori and Kisii are on ART with 90% viral load suppression.



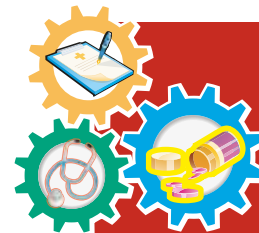
Reduced stigma and discrimination of KPs, PPs and HIV positive individuals in supported counties.



Over 50% reduction of new HIV infections among AGYW enrolled in the program.



Capacity and systems of counties and local organizations strengthened to deliver sustainable combination HIV prevention programs for KPs and PPs.



Innovative and novel approaches such as Partner Notification Services (PNS), young KPs (<18yrs) programming and differentiated models of care for KPs adopted and scaled up nationally.





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