

"Where are we with PrEP in Pakistan?"

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PrEP Roll Out in Pakistan

March 2022 Training of Physicians

July 2022 – Sindh PrEP Launch in ART Centres



October 2021 Pilot Sensitization Workshop

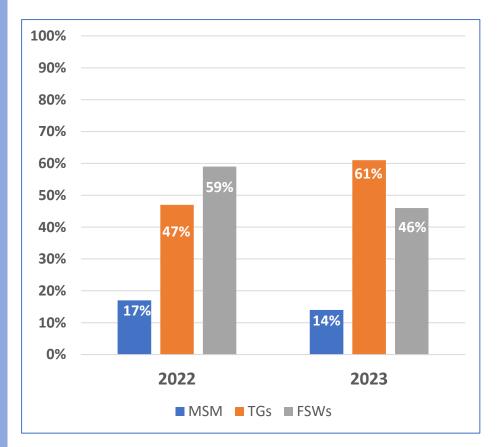


2021 – Tool Kits, SOP and Implementation Plan

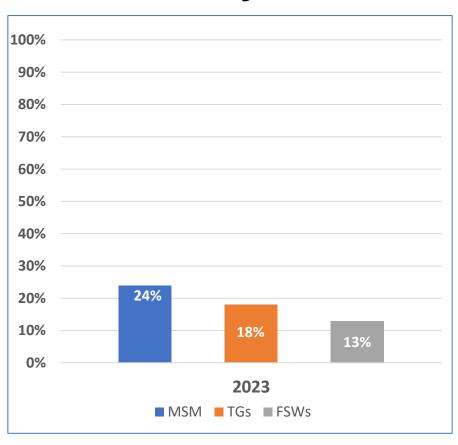




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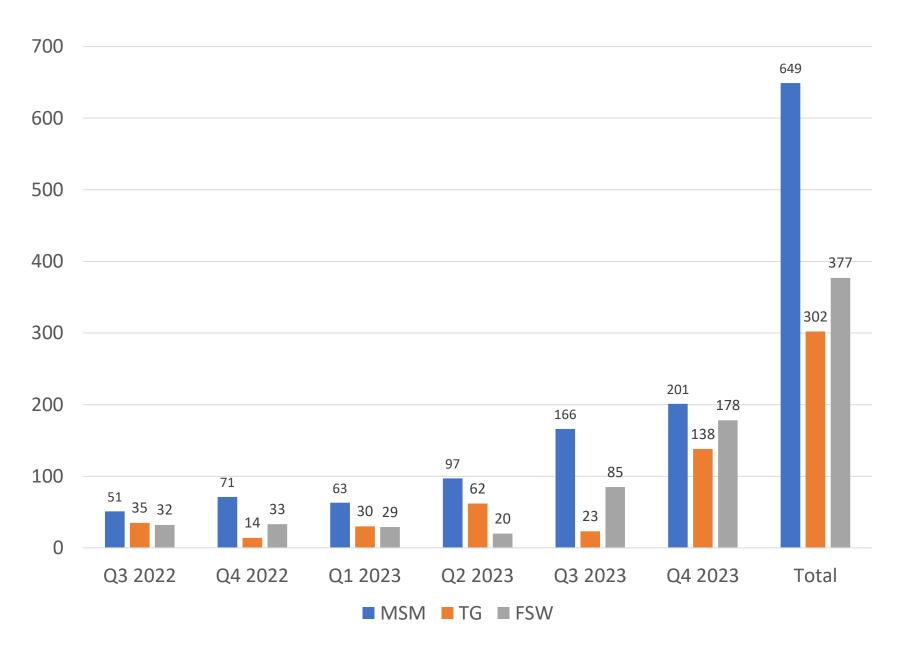
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PrEP
Achievement
2022-2023

Trend Analysis Sindh

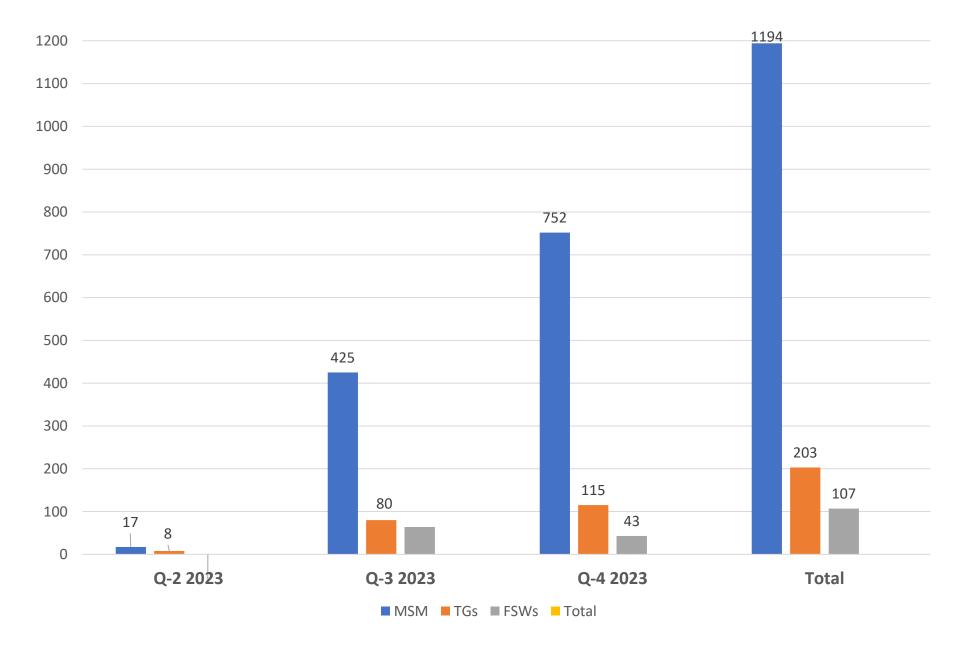
1328 Total



PrEP rolled out in Sindh from Q3 2022

Trend Analysis Punjab

1504





PrEP Transition

Model: CBO delivery

Planned Roll out in Sindh: 2nd Week of May 2024

Service delivery points: 17 in 5 project districts

SOPs for delivery through communities: Finalized

CBO registration with Sindh Health Care commission: In process



Rationale for PrEP Transition

- KP do not prefer to see physicians at ART centers
- PrEP Clients visiting ART center are assumed by social contacts as HIV positive.
- Fear of social exclusion
- Perceived and experienced stigma and discrimination.
- Increase the acceptability of PrEP services
- Improve uptake of PrEP



Challenges

- 1. HIV negative clients do not feel comfortable to see physicians at ART centers.
- 2. Fear of social and institutional stigma and discrimination.
- 3. Low literacy rates
- 4. Lack of awareness
- 5. Long queues for lab testing in government sector.
- 6. Low uptake of PrEP services



Timeline for Transition





Next steps Punjab

Establishment of exclusive PrEP center at PACP: 1st week of April 2024

Objective: To mitigate risk of stigma and

discrimination.

Service provision: Physician, PrEP medicines, and

baseline testing (Hep-B & Hep-

C).