

**Concept note for Stakeholder consultation in Thailand
on future action for PrEP
On 8-9 December 2010, at Princeton Park Suites Hotel, Bangkok**

Background

PrEP clinical trials are currently underway in a number of countries including Thailand, whereas the results are going to be announced more and more. The first result from effectiveness trials of oral PrEP from the iPrEX trial in 6 countries among men who have sex with men has just been announced on 23 November 2010, while the results from the other trials will follow in 2012 and 2013.

However, even though PrEP is determined to be effective, the challenges in translating research to implementation could be considerable, particularly on how to deliver it as part of a comprehensive prevention package; and ensuring adequate and sustained financing for new programmes. Additional studies on certain issues may be also needed.

WHO and AVAC have facilitated Thailand to organize stakeholder consultations to foster dialogue for future action on PrEP. All sectors including health sectors, civil society, researchers and other relating academics as well as development partners in Thailand will be invited for consultation to address direction and plan of the country on issues relating to PrEP.

Objective

1. To provide background information for better knowledge and understanding on biomedical HIV prevention including PrEP
2. To update the progress of PrEP trials in the world and in Thailand
3. To address direction, plans and concerns of inclusion of PrEP as part of combination HIV/AIDS prevention in Thailand
4. To address additional and continuity of PrEP trials in Thailand and community participation in research trial process
5. To address the structure and mechanism dealing with Biomedical HIV Prevention in Thailand

Participants: 60 representatives from

1. Researchers
2. Government organizations
3. Ethical Committee
4. Community Advisory Board
5. Trials' Volunteers
6. Civil Society Organizations
7. INGO and UN family

Responsible Organizations:

1. Thai NGO Coalition on AIDS (TNCA)
2. DDC, MOPH
3. AVAC
4. WHO Geneva

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