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ISHTAR Kenya: Differentiated Services for MSM

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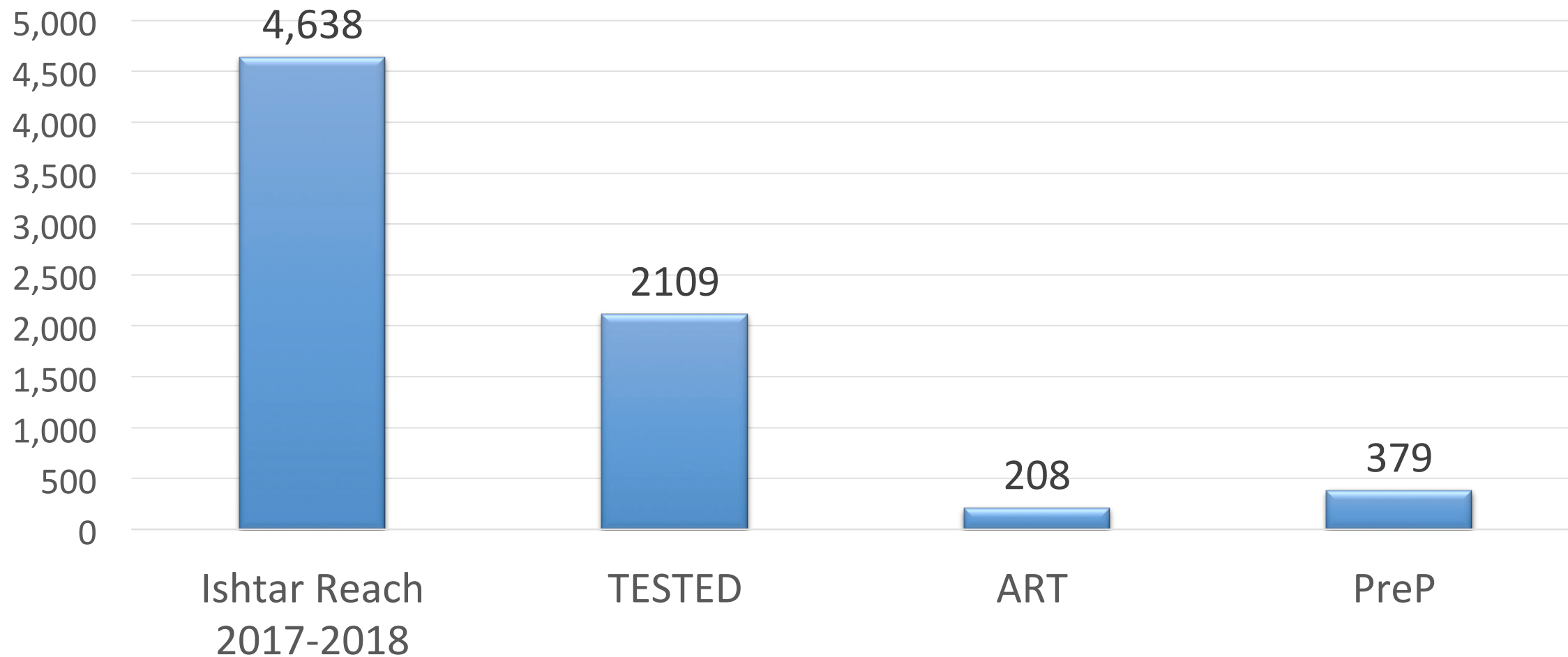
About Ishtar

Ishtar MSM is a community based organization that advances sexual health rights of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Nairobi, Kenya.

- **Coverage:** Nairobi County



Current Reach



DCM building blocks

	ART REFILLS	CLINICAL CONSULTATIONS	PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
WHEN	3-6 monthly	3-6 monthly	Every Month
WHERE	ISHTAR Facility/ wellness Centre	Facility/ ISHTAR Wellness Centre, Outreaches	Community, virtual/ online
WHO	Clinicians	Clinicians, nurses	HTS providers, outreach workers and Peer educators
WHAT	ART refill,, adherence check and reinforcement	Clinical consultation, lab tests, STI treatment	Peer support group, support disclosure, psychosocial support



Strategies

- Support groups & post-test clubs
- Peer Educator initiated programs
- Outreaches
- Linking and referrals
- Social media advertisements
- Being an MSM peer led organization
- Snow balling: clients mobilize friends from their social circles

Challenges

- Stigma and Discrimination
- Reaching out to different ages within the community
- Confidentiality
- Nutrition

Recommendations

- Community participation is key in ensuring effective program implementation
- Awareness and advocacy within the community is key
- Health Care Provider training

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