



# Differentiated Service Delivery for Key Populations

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## Monitoring and Evaluating Key Populations Programs: South Africa

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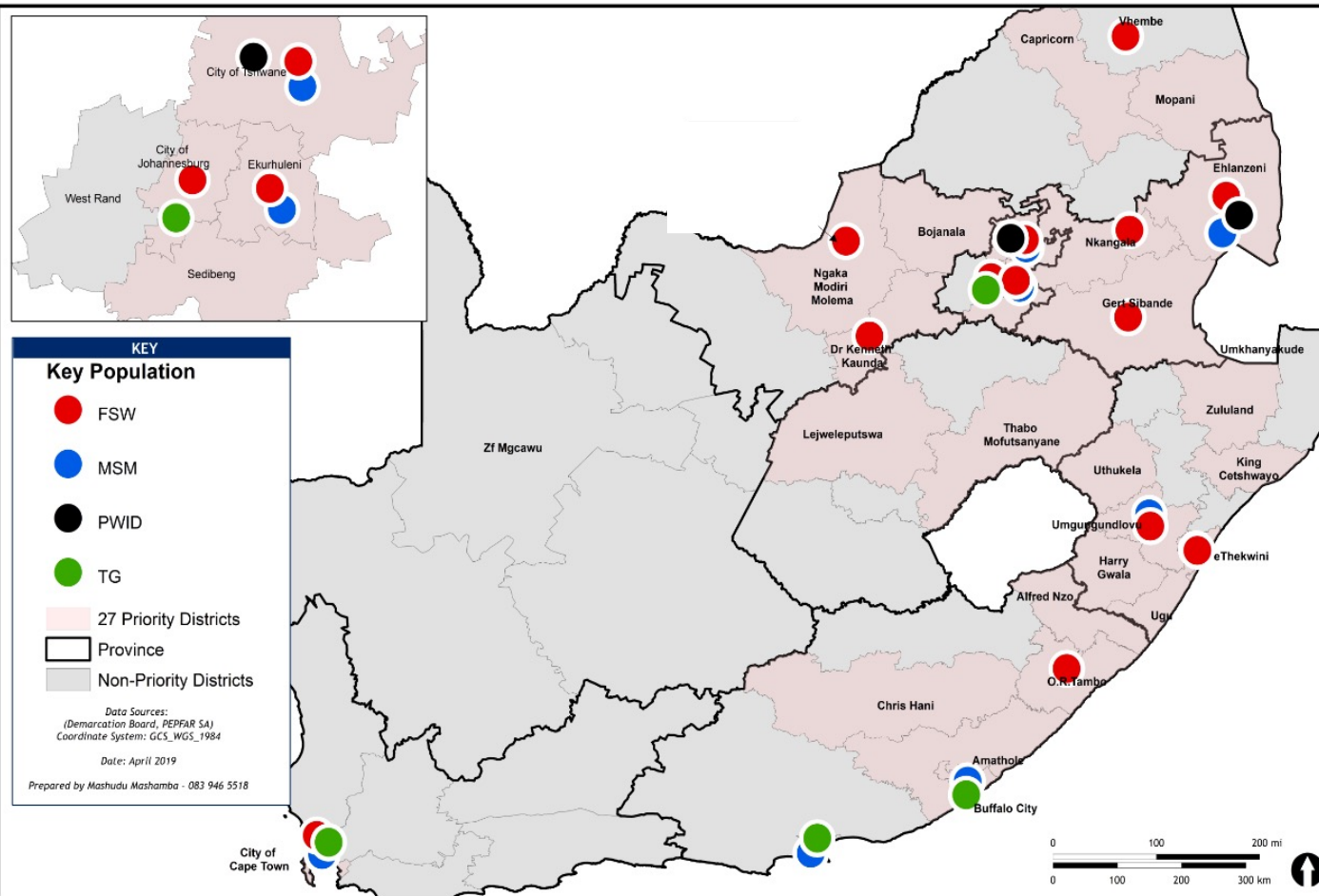
# South African Context

## HIV Prevalence is high

- **Female sex workers:** from 42.5% in Cape Town, 58.3% in Johannesburg, and 77.7% in eThekweni
- **MSM:** from 16.7% in Mahikeng, 26.8% in Cape Town and 44.3% in Johannesburg
- **Transgender women:** 45.6% in Cape Town, 46.1% in Buffalo City, and 63.3% in Johannesburg
- **PWID** 58.4% HIV prevalence with 94.1% infected with HCV

## One-stop Shop with Tailored services

- Peer-led services
- Tailored prevention & health education services
- PrEP
- Condoms and lubricants
- Targeted HTS (self-testing, SNS, index)
- STI screening, diagnosis and treatment (or referral)
- TB screening and referral
- Same-day ART initiation and viral load testing + U=U campaigns
- Complementary services include sexual and reproductive health, needle and syringe program, methadone, and STI, hepatitis and TB screening and treatment



# South African Health Monitoring and Evaluation

## District Health Information System (DHIS)

- An electronic patient management system launched in 2011
- Aggregate routine data

## Tier.Net (Three Integrated Electronic Registers)

- Comprehensive ART monitoring tool launched in 2010
- Paper-based, non-networked, and networked – designed to suit the facility
- Used to capture patient-level HIV information at facility level and is **integrated** with the DHIS for reporting various program data from sub-district to national levels

Provides a comprehensive and stable dataset that is routinely collected for the monitoring of HIV



**None of these systems disaggregate by key population group**



Reliance on PEPFAR and Global Fund data systems, and on surveys

# Global Fund Indicators

## Orbit

- The Orbit database is a web-based data collection system that currently collects data for over 170 indicators at the individual beneficiary level. It is being used by all NACOSA Key Population and GBV programmes.
- The system is set up to track unique individuals over time and can record multiple services delivered to an individual client.

## KVAP

- KVAP is a suite of data integration and analysis tools that help organizations combine fragmented data and use it for decision-making. An integration was developed to link the Orbit database to the KVAP Platform.

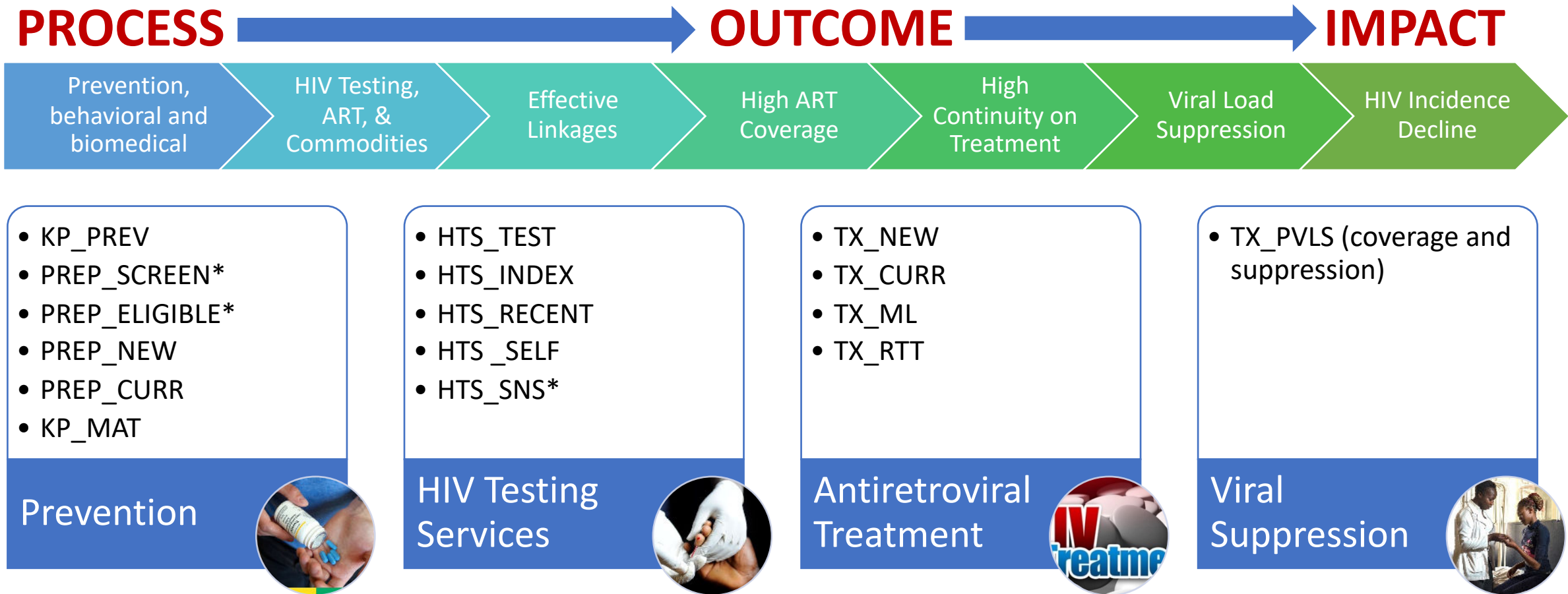
## SW Core indicators

- KP-1c(M): Percentage of sex workers reached with HIV prevention programs - defined package of services
- KP-3c(M): Percentage of sex workers that have received an HIV test during the reporting period and know their results
- KP-6c: Percentage of sex workers using PrEP in priority sex workers PrEP populations
- TCS-7: Percentage of newly diagnosed people linked to HIV care (individual linkage)

## PWID Core indicators

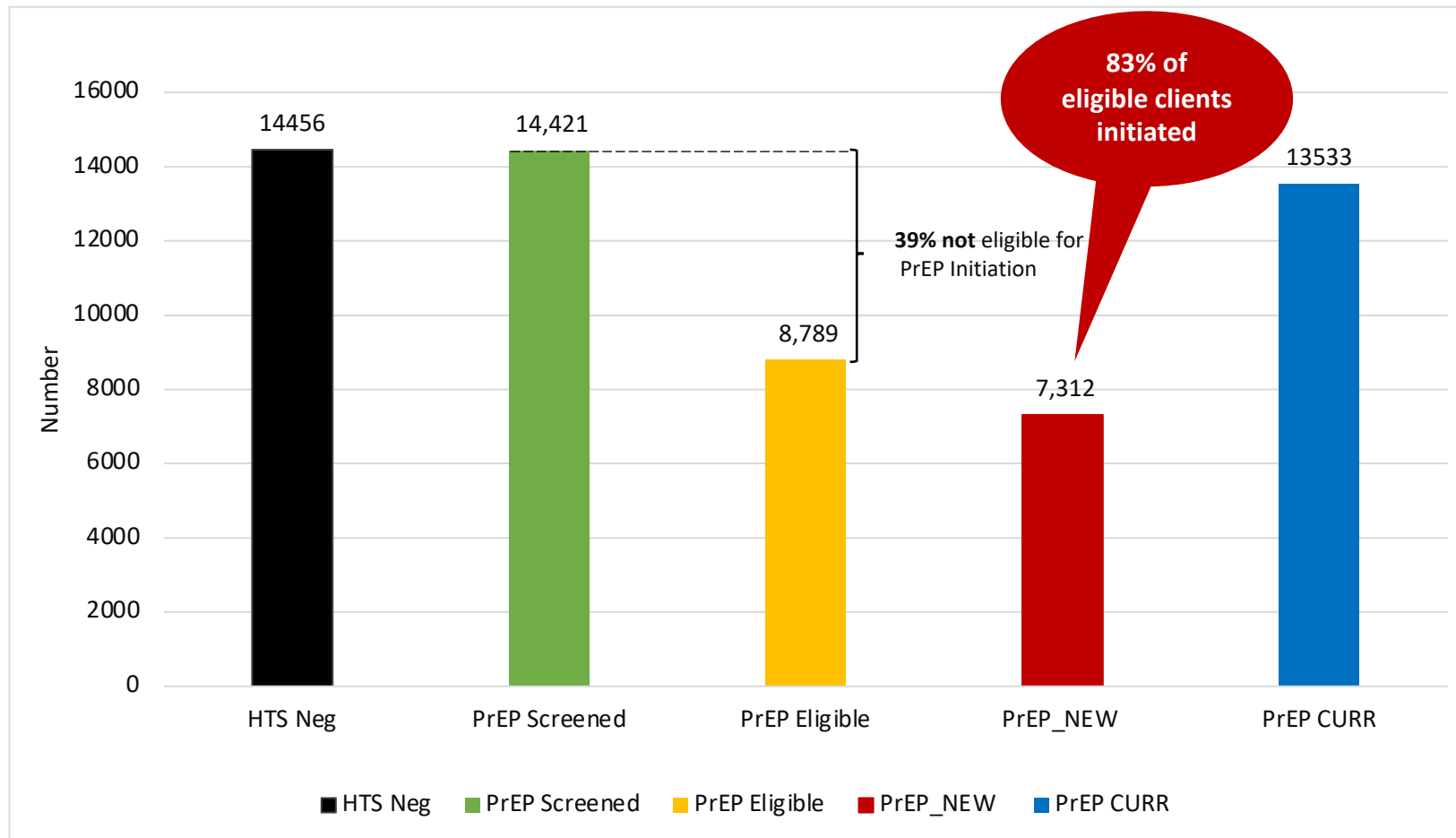
- KP-1d(M): Number of people who inject drugs reached with HIV prevention programs - defined package of services
- Kp-3d (M): Number of PWID that have received an HIV test during the reporting period and know their results
- TCS – 7: Percentage of newly HIV diagnosed people linked to HIV care (individual linkage)
- KP-5: Percentage of individuals receiving Opioid Substitution Therapy who received treatment for at least 6 months

# PEPFAR MER 2.5: Person-Centered Monitoring to Getting from Process to Impact



\*Complementary indicators developed and collected by implementing partners

# Using Complementary Indicators to Examine the PrEP Cascade



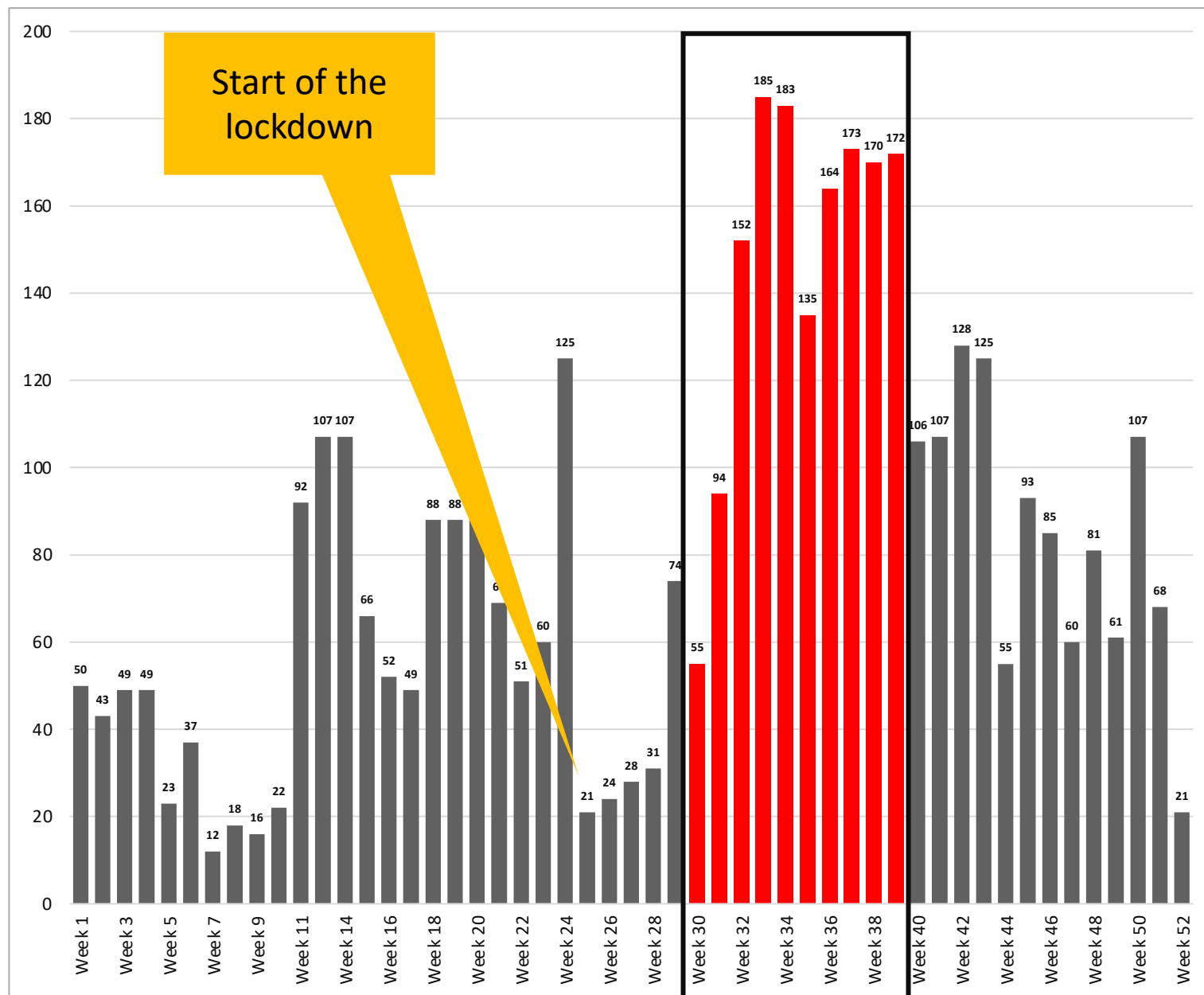
- 83% of the eligible clients were initiated on PrEP.
- This compares favorably to estimated that PrEP uptake among eligible MSM in the US ranged from 66% to 74%.

Source: Kabiri, Mina. *Estimated Impact of Targeted Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis* May 2019, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

Aurum Institute: The PrEP Cascade Among MSM, October 2020 – June 2021

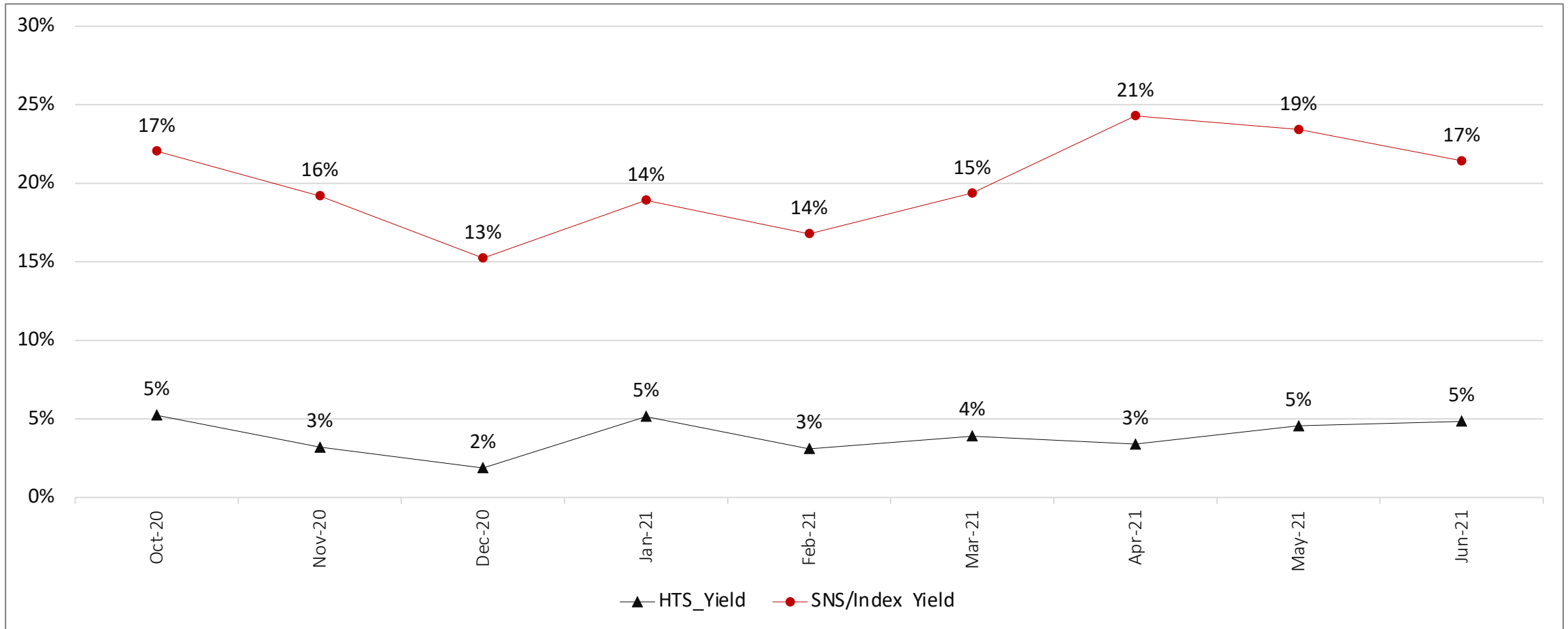
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COVID: Hard Lockdown During First Wave shows significant PrEP uptake among MSM largely due to increased social media outreach and home deliveries



Source: Aurum Institute, PrEP Uptake Among MSM, , October 2020 – June 2021

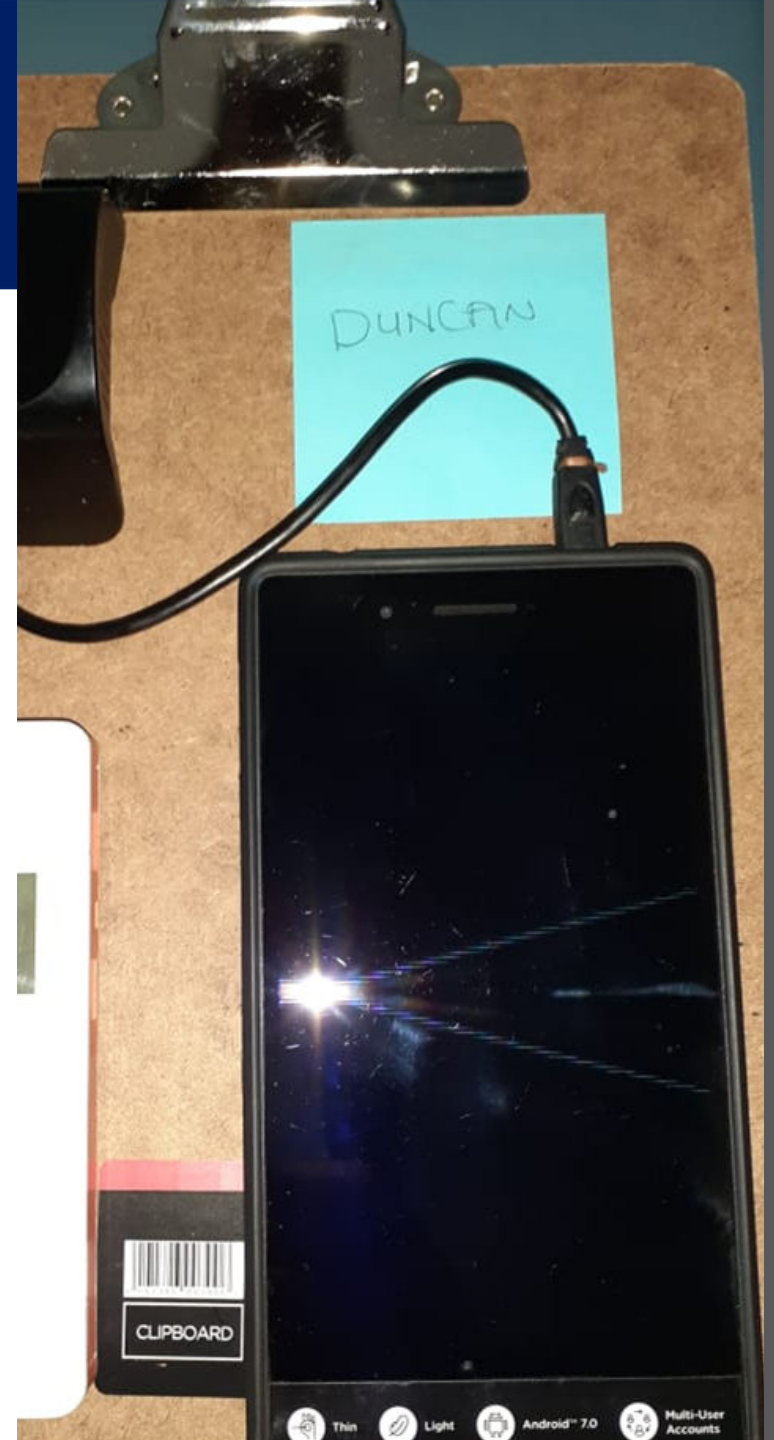
# Social Network Strategy Results in Great Case-Finding Yield Among MSM





# Collecting Data

- All PEPFAR partners use portable electronic devices to collect data
- Advantages
  - Accuracy and speed of data collection
  - Near real-time data
  - De-duplication of records
  - Sex worker teams conduct night outreach and tablets are easier to use in low-light settings



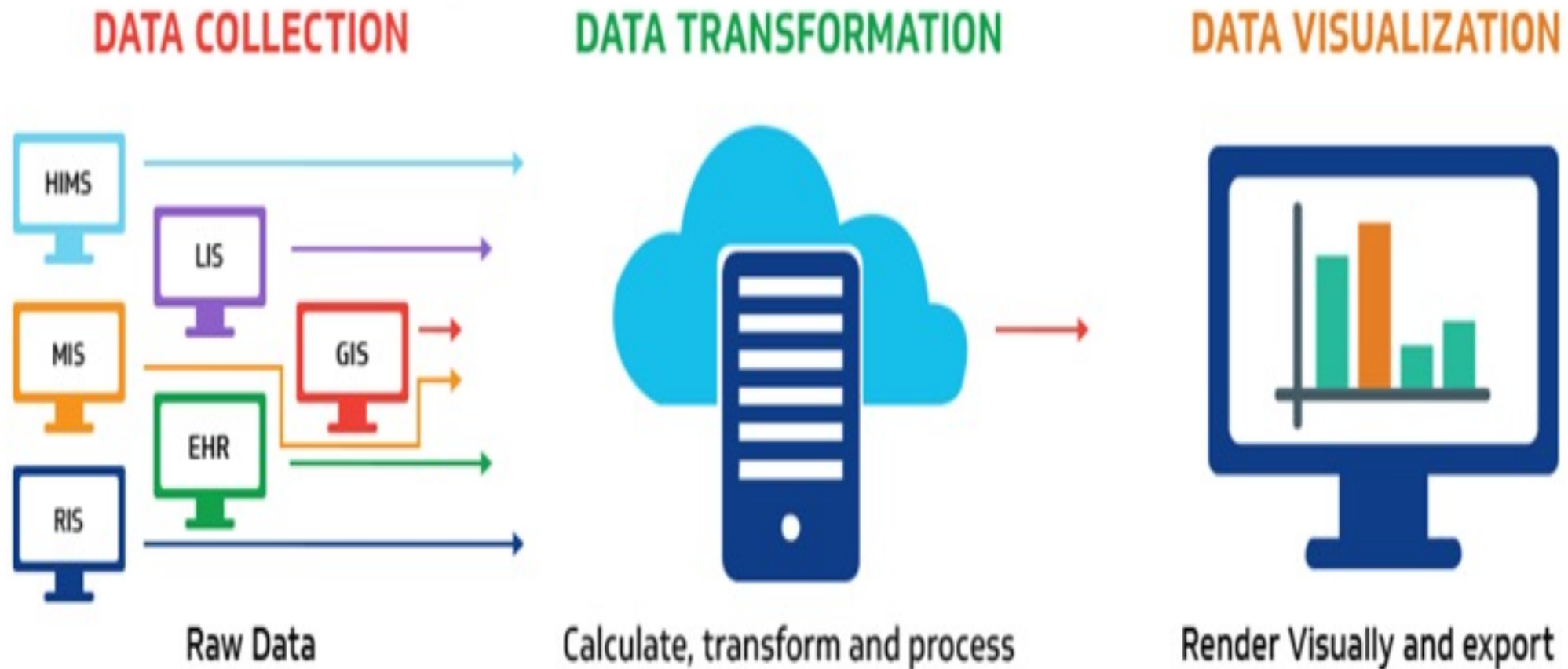
# Biometrics are Useful, Feasible, and Acceptable

- Sex work and injecting drug use is criminalized in South Africa; this is exacerbated by high mobility and high numbers of illegal migrants
  - To establish trust and to assure privacy staff do not require proof of identification resulting
  - Names change frequently, unique ID codes are often forgotten
- Biometrics used with PWID and sex workers to:
  - Eliminate duplicate records
  - Ensure continuity of treatment through efficient tracking of clients
- Sex workers rate the usefulness of biometrics above concerns for privacy describing how biometric identification could eliminate the need to retain a clinic card<sup>1</sup>



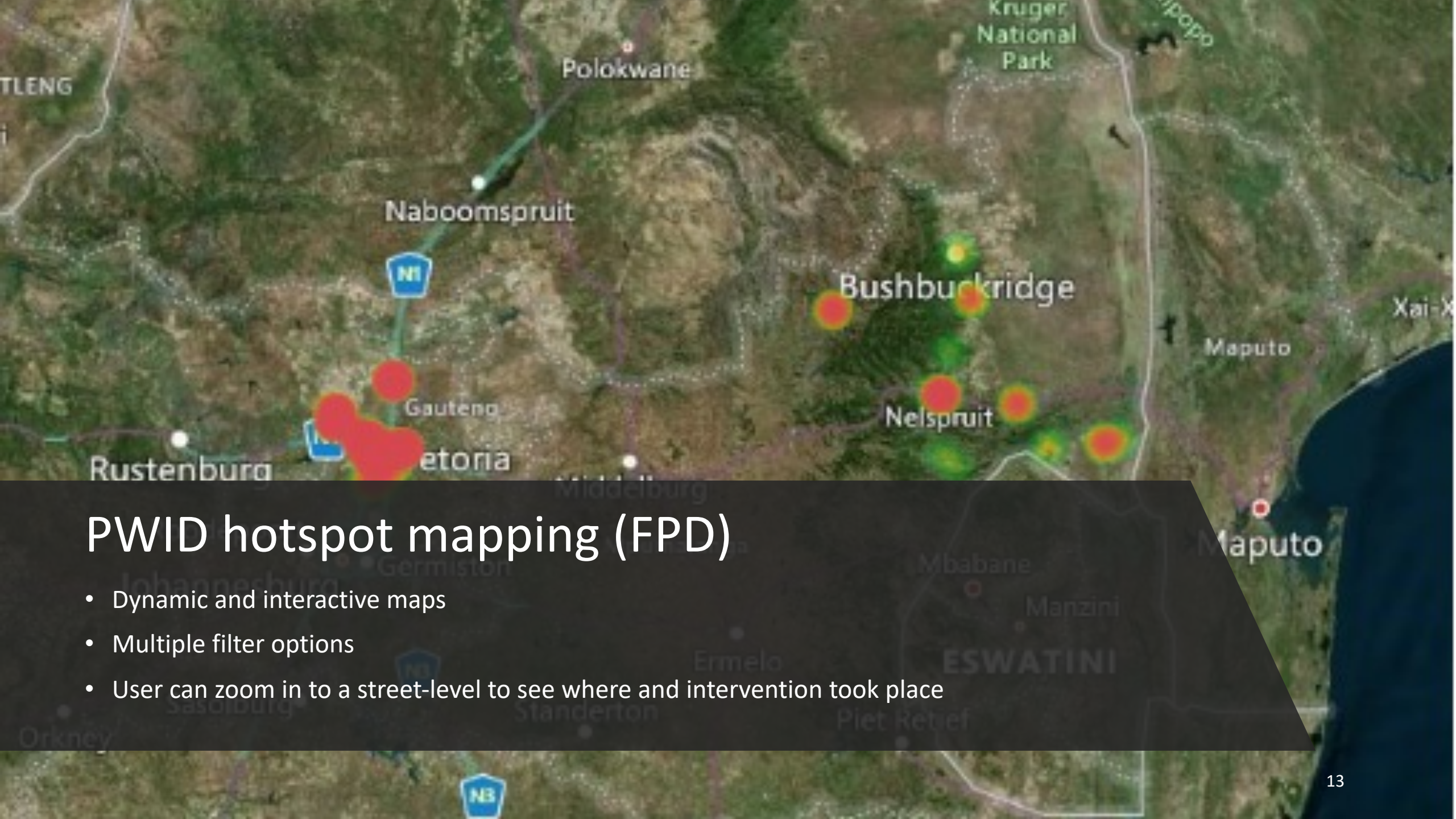
1. You, W.X., et al. Facilitators and barriers to incorporating digital technologies into HIV care among cisgender female sex workers living with HIV in South Africa. Mhealth, April 2020

# Raw Data is Translated into Useful and Customized Dashboards



# Dynamic Report Examples from PWID Program using Qode





## PWID hotspot mapping (FPD)

- Dynamic and interactive maps
- Multiple filter options
- User can zoom in to a street-level to see where and intervention took place

# Bio-Behavioral Surveys (BBS) Add Value to Programs

Surveillance strengthens programmatic data

CDC has supported several Biological-Behavioral Surveys among key populations in South Africa

In the past six years we have conducted:

- Two BBS on sex workers
- Two BBS on MSM
- One BBS on TGW
- One BBS on PWID
- One BBS on prisons

Future focus will be on:

- Event-driven PrEP for MSM: an Evaluation
- PWID BBS focusing on PWID, MSM who engage in chemsex, and sex workers who inject drugs

# South African National AIDS Council (SANAC)

- SANAC tracks and reports key populations data from donor-funded agencies through an excel-based Key Populations Master tool
- This aims to monitor achievements in line with the:
  - National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB,
  - National Sex Worker Plan, and
  - National LGBTI Plan
- Challenges include varying definitions of indicators used by donor-funded agencies



# Conclusions

- Data drives programmatic activities
- Regular data monitoring ensures timely responses to dynamics in the HIV epidemic
- Geospatial mapping is essential for locating new hotspots and ensuring regular services
- Visualization of raw data ensures that program staff take appropriate action on strengths and gaps
- Biometrics are acceptable, feasible, and useful among criminalized and stigmatized key population groups
- Advocate for KP disaggregations into National DHIS and Tier.Net
- There is an urgent need to standardize indicators across donor-funded programs





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