

Optimizing Coverage and Quality of Linkage to Post-test Services for Key and Priority Populations in Tanzania

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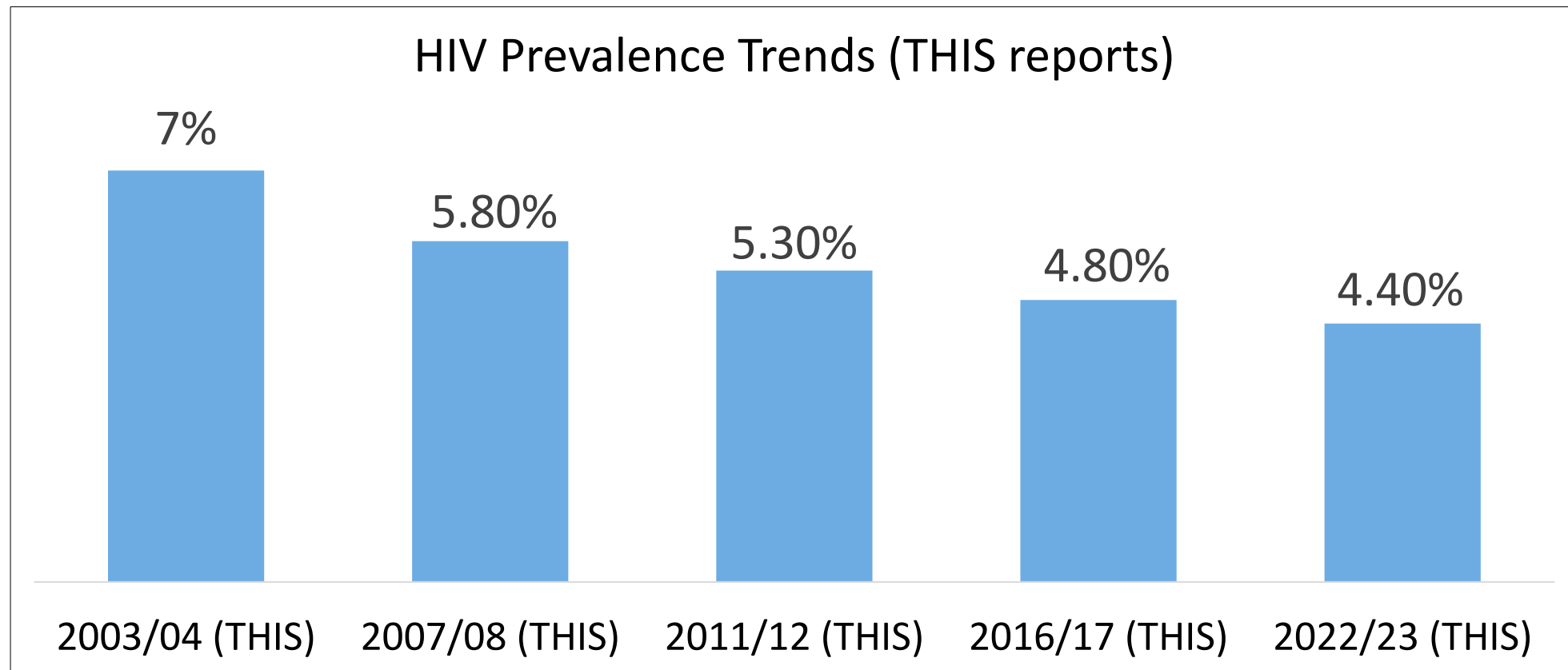


Presentation Outline

- HIV country profile
- Combination prevention services in Tanzania
- Implementing linkage to post-test services in Tanzania
- Snapshot results: linkage to treatment and prevention services for key and vulnerable populations
- Lessons learned and next steps

Tanzania HIV Country Profile

There is notable decrease in HIV prevalence due to treatment. However, this varies across geographical areas and population groups

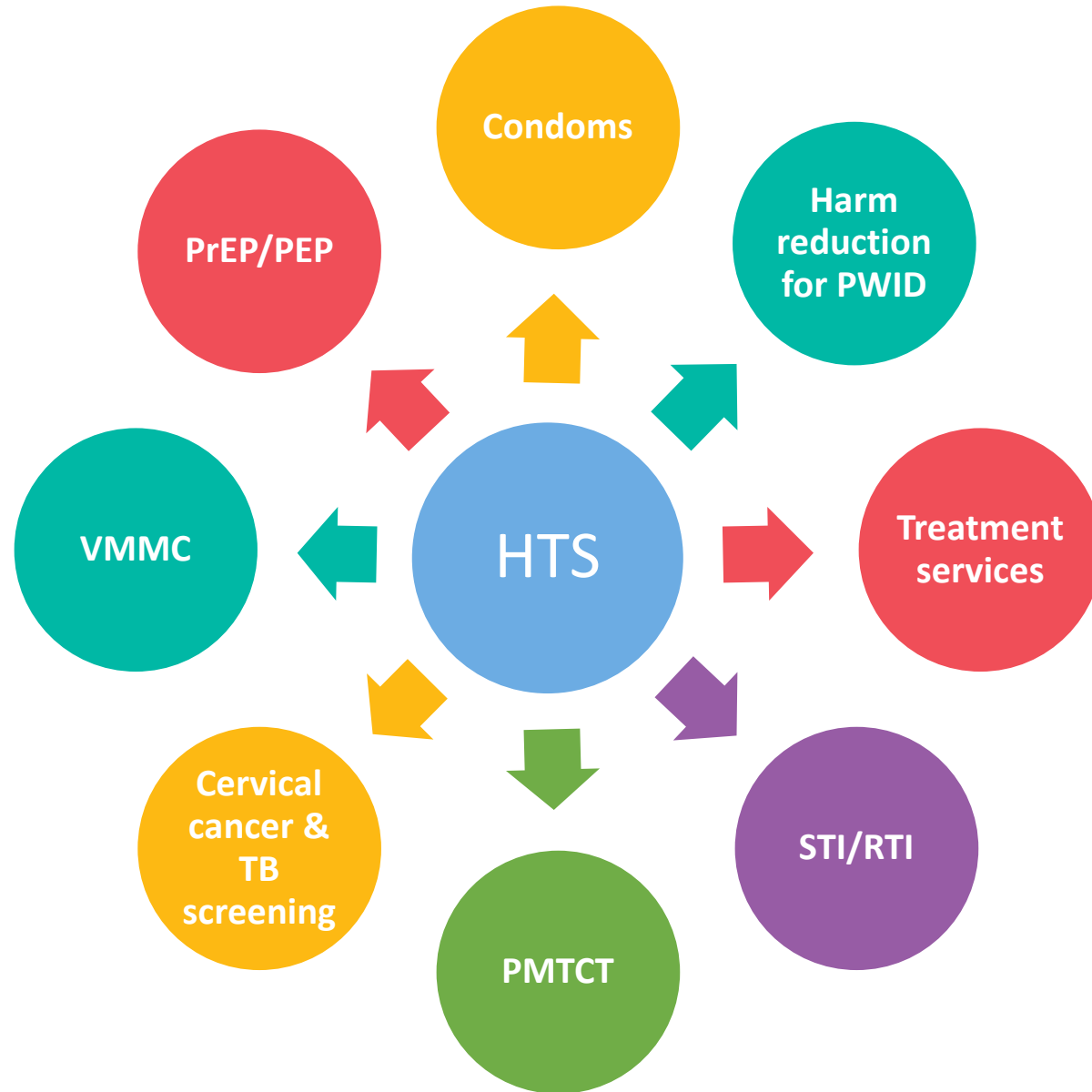


Key and Vulnerable Populations (KVP)

Defined in Tanzania's national KVP guidelines (2017), KVP include:

- Sex workers
- Men who have sex with men
- People who inject drugs
- Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW)
- Sero-discordant couples
- People in prisons and other closed settings
- Displaced people
- People in certain professions: long distance truck drivers, fisher men, miners specifically small-scale miners, construction workers, and plantation workers

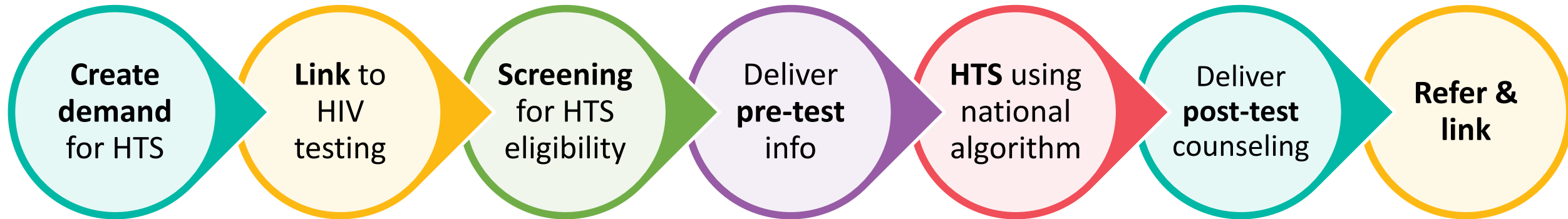
Post-test HIV Combination Prevention in Tanzania



The Combination Prevention Package:

- A mix of behavioral, biomedical and structural prevention services
- Depending on testing status and risk, one or more services can be provided at the same time

Linkage is Part of the HTS Continuum



Linkage:

HIV Positive: Immediately for ART care and support services

HIV Negative: Prevention and support services

Differentiated Linkage to Post-test Services

WHEN

Same day linkage or referral, at the time of confirming HIV-positive status and HIV risk assessment after testing HIV negative.

WHERE

At the HTS clinic, or co-located services within the same facility.
At referral sites, away from the testing facility/testing point.

WHO

HTS provider, who can be a professional or lay tester, including counsellors.

WHAT

Linkage case management, escorted referrals, direct dispensing of prevention services at the testing point, linkage through expert clients, and the use of post-test club activities

Adapted from www.differentiatedservicedelivery.org

Linkage to Post-test Services is Integrated, Recorded and Reported Monthly

Tools used: Risk Profiling Tool (Swahili)

DODOSO LA UCHUNGUZI WA VIGEZO VYA HUDUMA KINGA ZA VVU

Maelekezo: Jaza kwa kila mteja mwenye majibu hasi kuanzia miaka 15 na kuendelea (Sehemu A -N) na wale wote waliogundulika kuwa na maambukizi (Sehemu O)

SEHEMU

A. TABIA HATARISHI ZINAZOWEZA KUPELEKEA MAAMBUKIZI YA VVU

1. Je <u>umewahi kufanya ngono bila kutumia kinga (kondomu) na mtu mwenye VVU?</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A1)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana
2. Je <u>umewahi kufanya ngono na mtu ambaye hujui hali yake ya mmambukizi?</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A2)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana
3. Je <u>umewahi kufanya ngono ukiwa umelewa pombe?</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A3)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana
4. Je <u>umewahi kufanya ngono ukiwa umetumia madawa ya kulevya?</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A4)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana
5. Je <u>umekuwa na mpenzi zaidi ya mmoja katika kipindi cha miezi 12 iliyopita?</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A5)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana
6. Kuwa na dalali za magonjwa ya ngono kama kaswende	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ndiyo (A5)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hapana

Endelea swali la 7 kama ni mwanaume au 9 kam

Risk profiling is not documented but it is provided and informs which prevention services are to be offered to the KVP

Linkage to Post-test Services is Integrated, Recorded and Reported Monthly (continued)

Tools used: HTS register

- Column 21 captures number of condoms dispensed
- Column 22 captures treatment and prevention services linked to
- Coded services are used to populate column 22

21		22
(21a): Condom provision (Y= Yes; N=No; NA= Not Applicable)		22(a): referral to (Use Code L)
(21b): Number of condoms provided		22(b): Successful referral to CTC (Write client's CTC Number)
Male	Female	

(L) Referral to

CTC= Care and Treatment Clinic

TB= TB Clinic

LabTB=Laboratory for TB diagnostics

PMTCT = Prevention of Mother to Child Treatment Clinic

FP=Family Planning Clinic

STI=Sexually Transmitted Infections Clinic

VMMC= Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision

PrEP= Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

GBV= Gender Based Violence

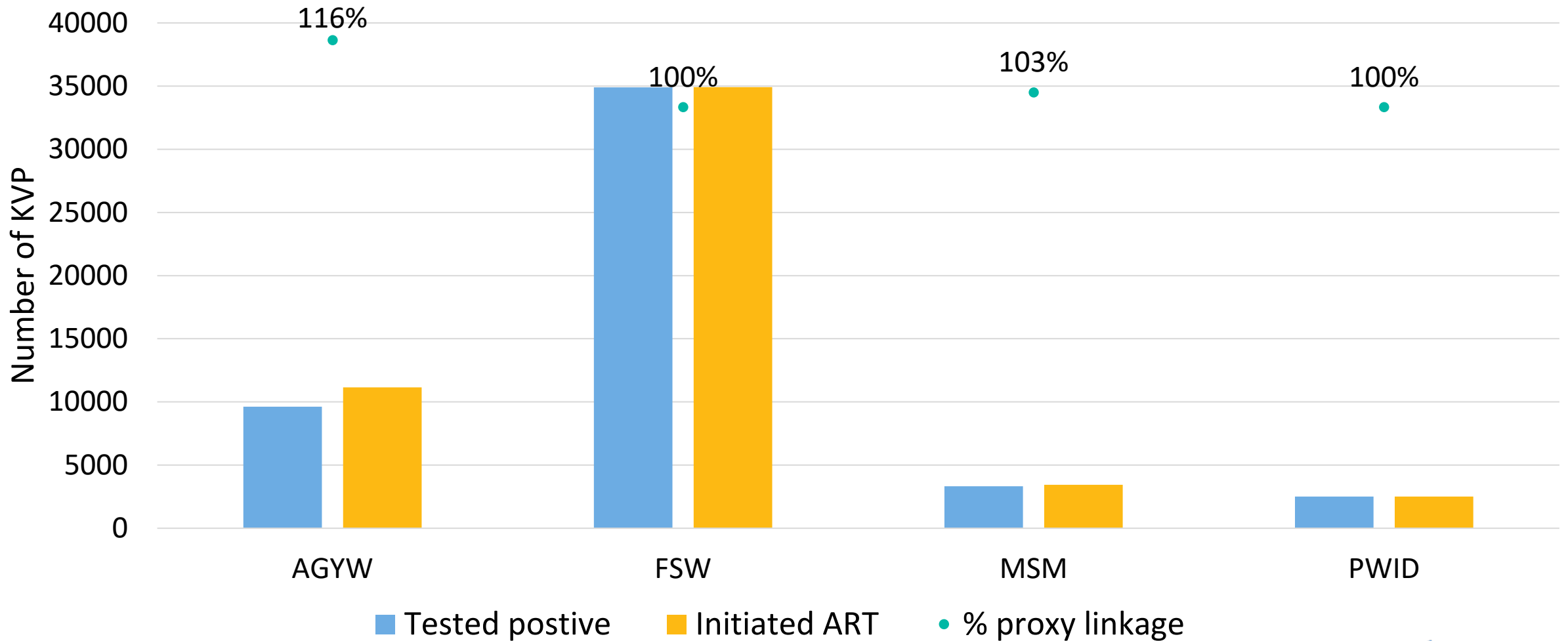
PEP= Post Exposure Prophylaxis

AYFS= Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services

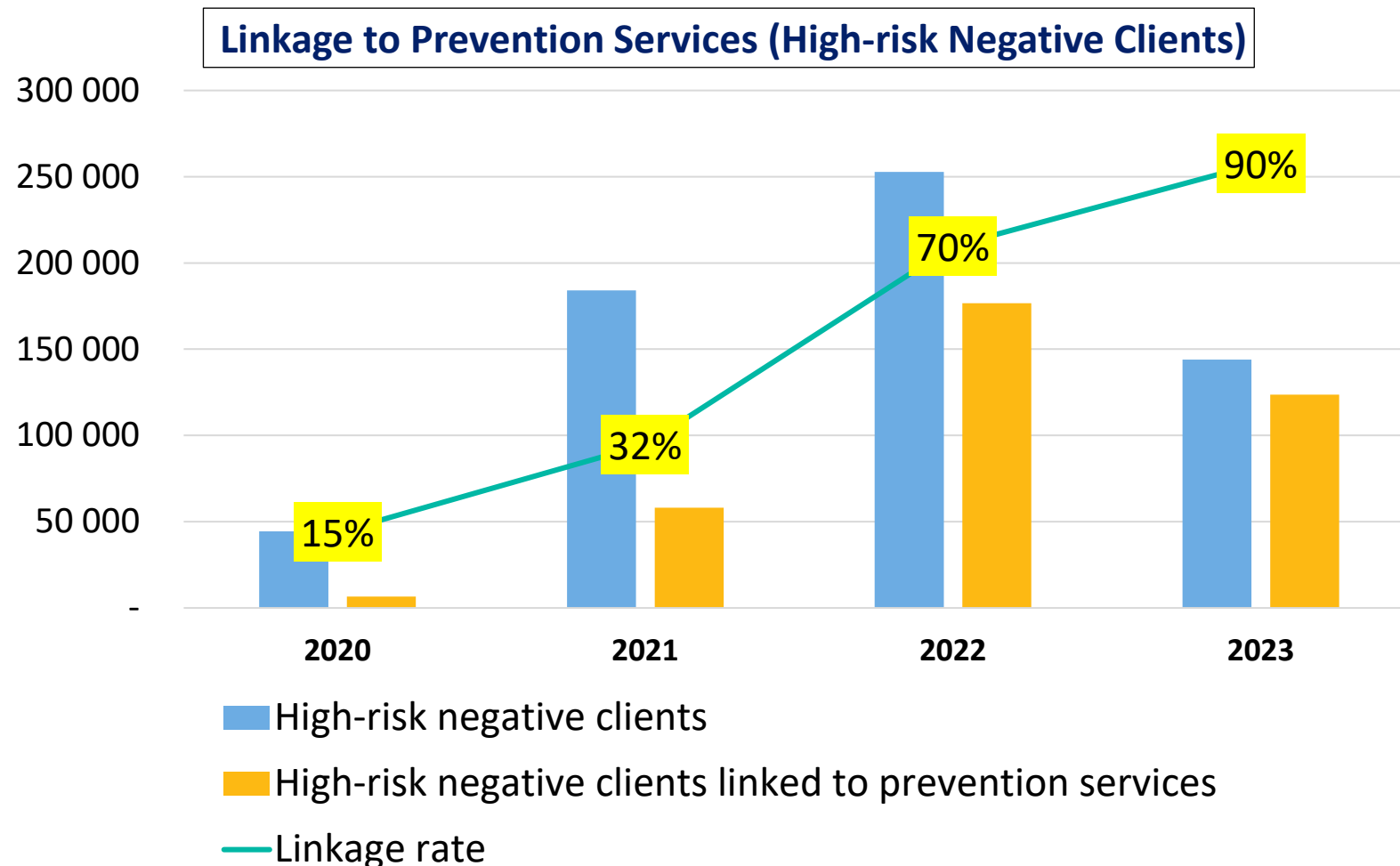
Other = Other Services

NA= Not Applicable

Linkage to Treatment 2020-2023

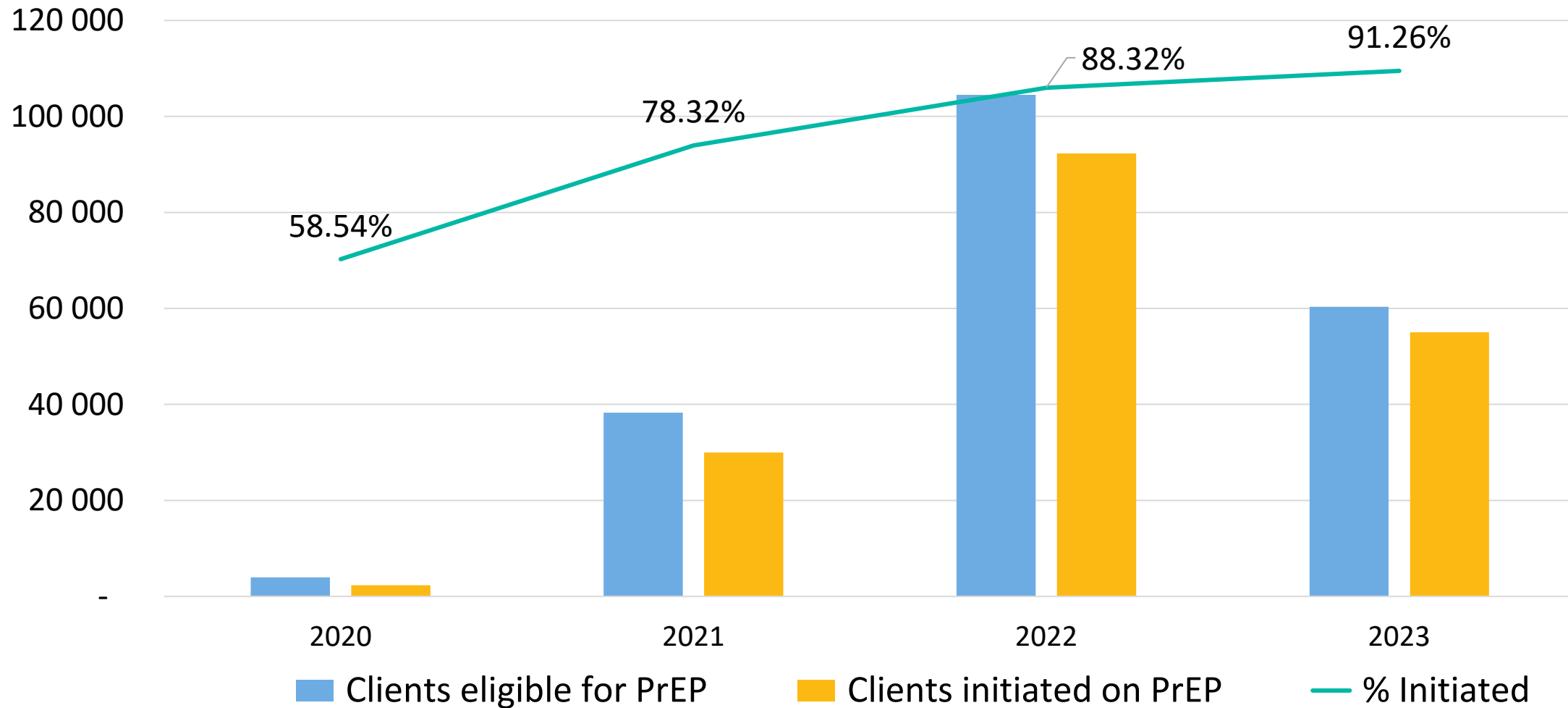


High-risk Negative Clients Linked to Appropriation Prevention Services



- Linkage to combination prevention services doubled each year between 2020-2022
- Improvement attributed to improved focus on prevention, and reporting on linkage to prevention through national Health Information System

Linkage to PrEP Among Eligible Clients has Steadily Increased From 2020 to 2023



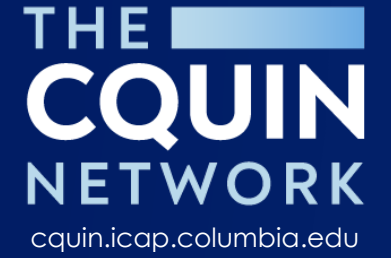
Lesson Learned and Next Steps

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- Improvement in linkage to treatment and prevention services for KVP is possible with peer-led interventions and using client-centered approaches

Next Steps

- Strengthen the use of local epidemiological data to inform robust data-driven KVP programming.
- Adoption of KVP microplanning
- Scale-up community-led monitoring (CLM) to improve quality KVP services



Thank You!

