

Welcome to

**Ask the experts:  
Young leaders showcase  
gender perspectives in  
the HIV response**

# Introductions



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## Agenda

- ✓ First things first: Housekeeping
- ✓ Share your experience with us!
- ✓ Get to know our speakers
- ✓ Ask our panel your questions



# What brought me here?

Graduate researcher  
working on HIV cure with  
experience in Japan and  
Australia.



# What motivates me?

Science is (or at least should be):

- ✓ Objective
- ✓ Equal to everyone
- ✓ Merit-based
- ✓ Contributing to changes in the world



# Overcoming challenges: Aligning the pieces

- ✓ International collaboration as a tool in HIV science
- ✓ The importance of role models and other influences in the professional life
- ✓ Choices, sacrifices and joys in the personal life



# What brought me here?

Passionate advocate and activist dedicated to addressing the multifaceted challenges surrounding HIV prevention, treatment, and support services.



# What motivates me?

- ✓ The transformative power of education, prevention and community empowerment
- ✓ Witnessing the positive impact of targeted interventions





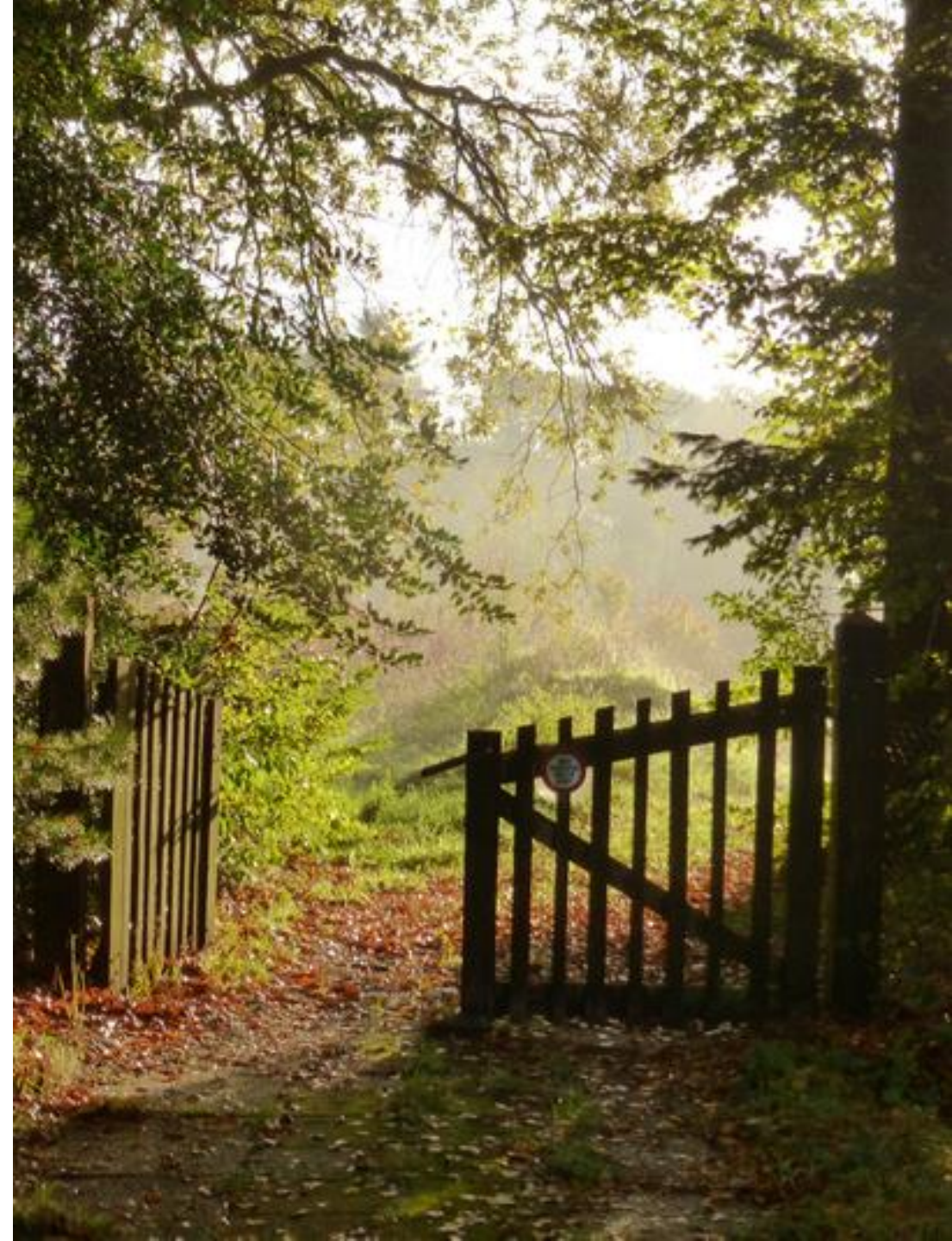
# Faced with barriers: Challenges in the HIV response

- ✓ Limited negotiating power for safer sex practices
- ✓ Barriers to access healthcare services
- ✓ Stigma and discrimination against key populations
- ✓ Social exclusion and increased risk of violence



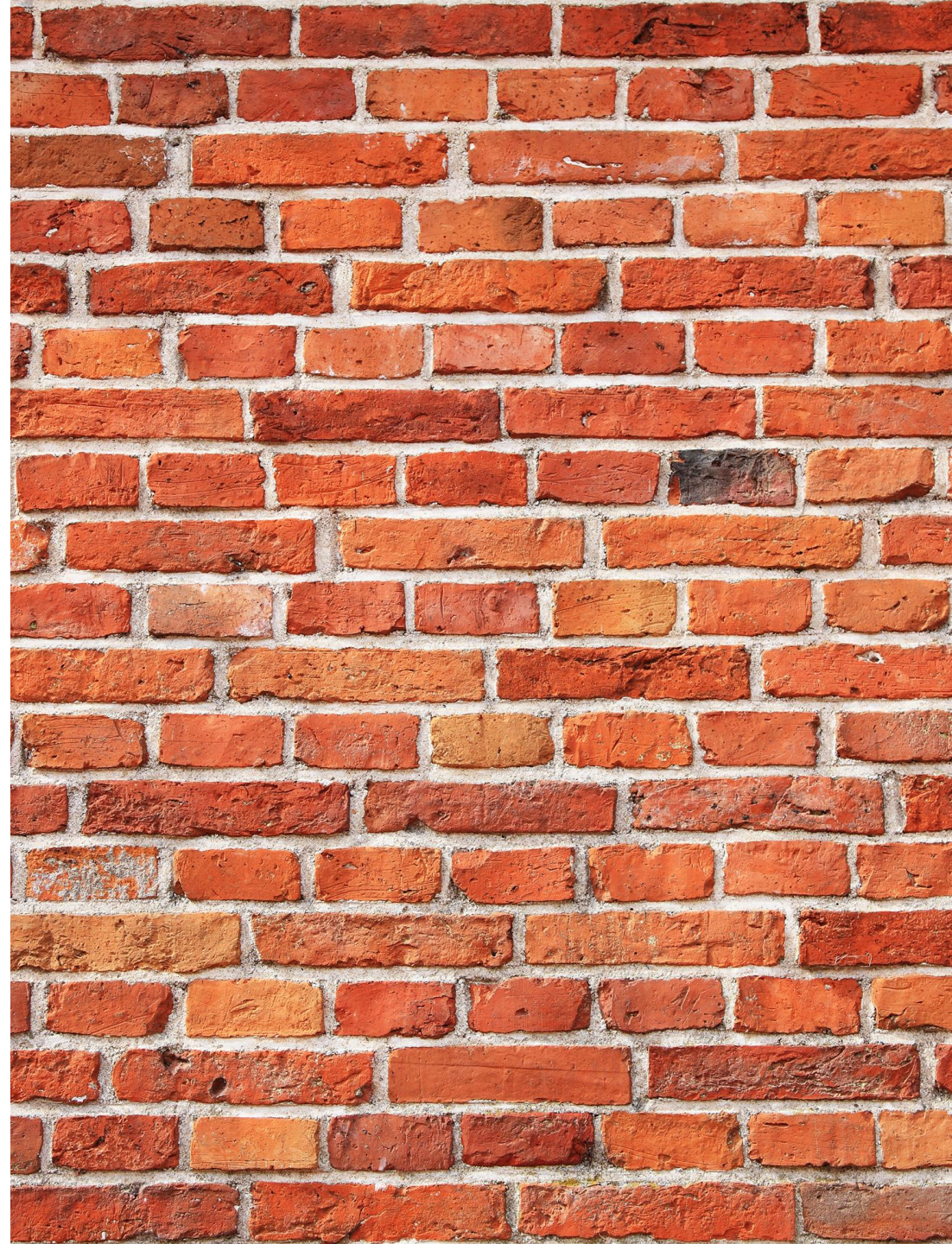
# Overcoming barriers: Solutions in the HIV response

- ✓ Using a gender-transformative programming approach
- ✓ Integrating of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services into HIV programmes
- ✓ Championing peer-led support groups for women living with HIV
- ✓ Creating safe spaces for sharing experiences and building solidarity



# Bring positive change: Building blocks for success

- ✓ Stay curious
- ✓ Build diverse networks
- ✓ Amplify marginalized voices
- ✓ Develop resilience
- ✓ Prioritize self-care
- ✓ Embrace innovation
- ✓ Lead with passion and compassion



# What brought me here?

Activist for the rights of young women in the HIV response to achieve the goal of having a healthy childhood and adolescence, free of stigma and discrimination, and to be integrated into public policies.

## VIEWPOINT

### Let us lead: community leadership in the AIDS response is its fundamental pillar for success

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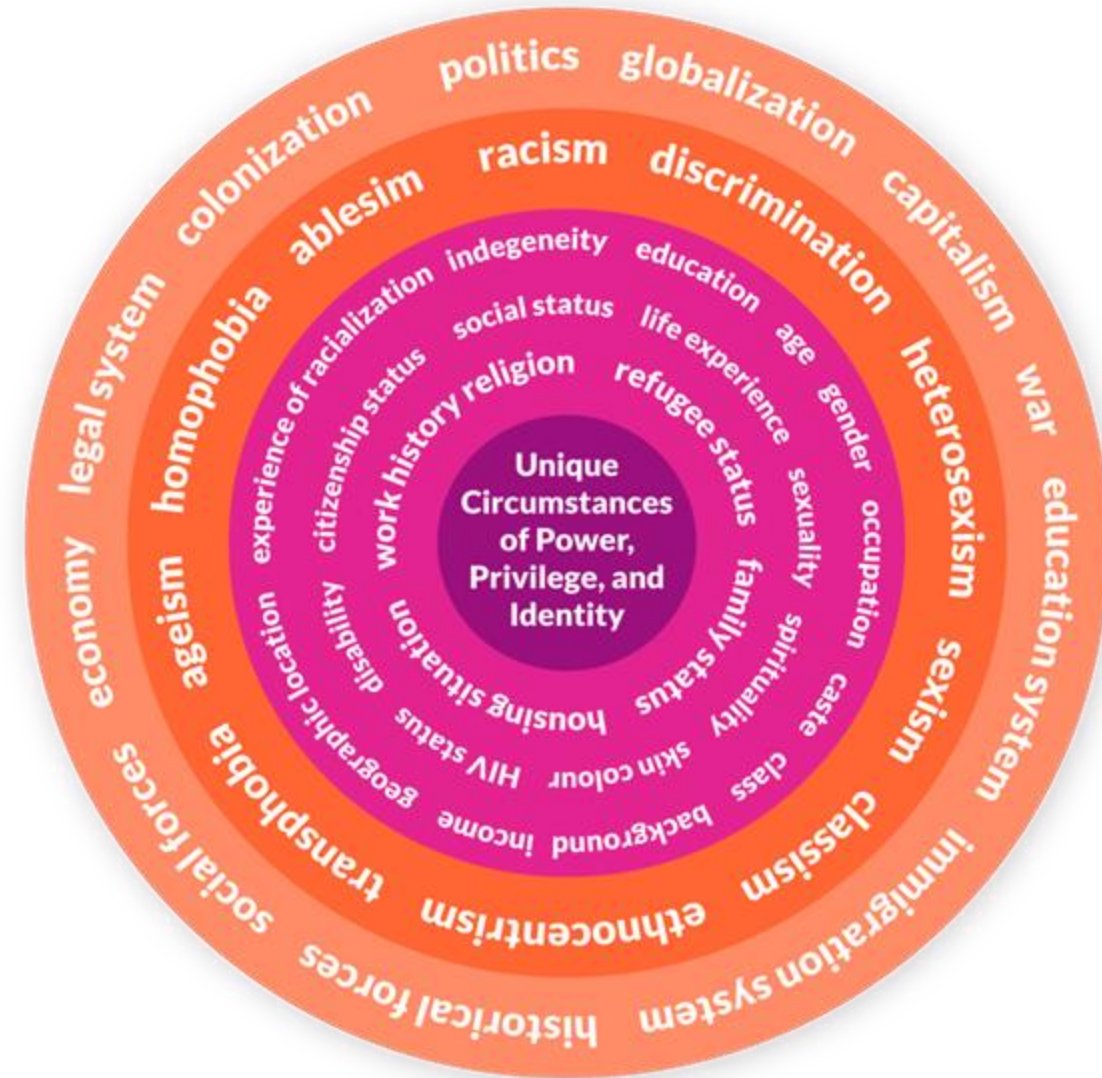
The global movement of people living with and affected by HIV has evolved into a first-of-a-kind demonstration of community leadership that connects the grassroots to the global community, powerfully shaping the agenda of the AIDS response. We are known for our powerful presence and voice, actively mobilizing and influencing global policy, financing and action. Over time, we have built infrastructure to support even the “hard to reach” communities with what they need to

tutionalized leadership. Our work has been possible because policy makers, researchers and governments at the country to global levels have progressively expanded opportunities for community engagement, participation and leadership. Community-focused investment by key donors who provide core funding for community-led organizations, organizational strengthening and building of capacity, and technical expertise enable networks from national to global levels to exist as rep-

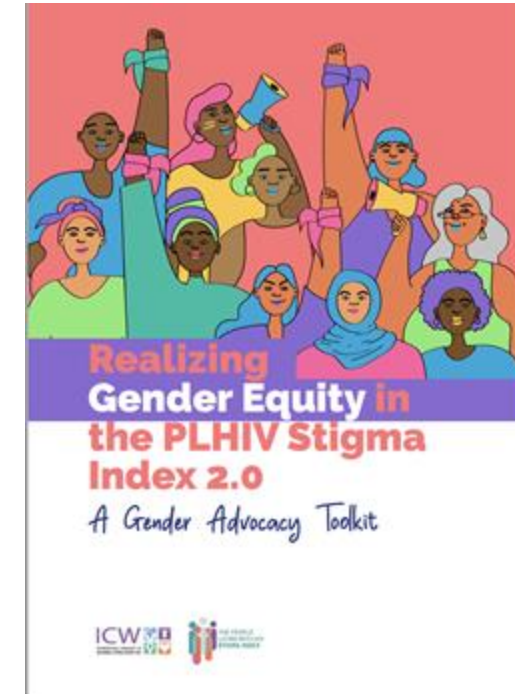


**"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."**

Audre Lorde



# Useful tools





International AIDS Society

[iasociety.org](http://iasociety.org)

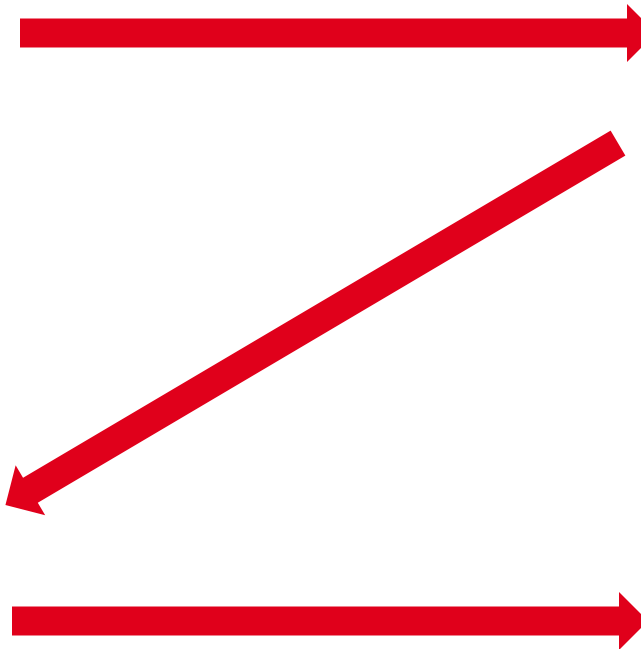
**I am because  
we were,  
we are and  
we will always be.**

Alícia Krüger

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

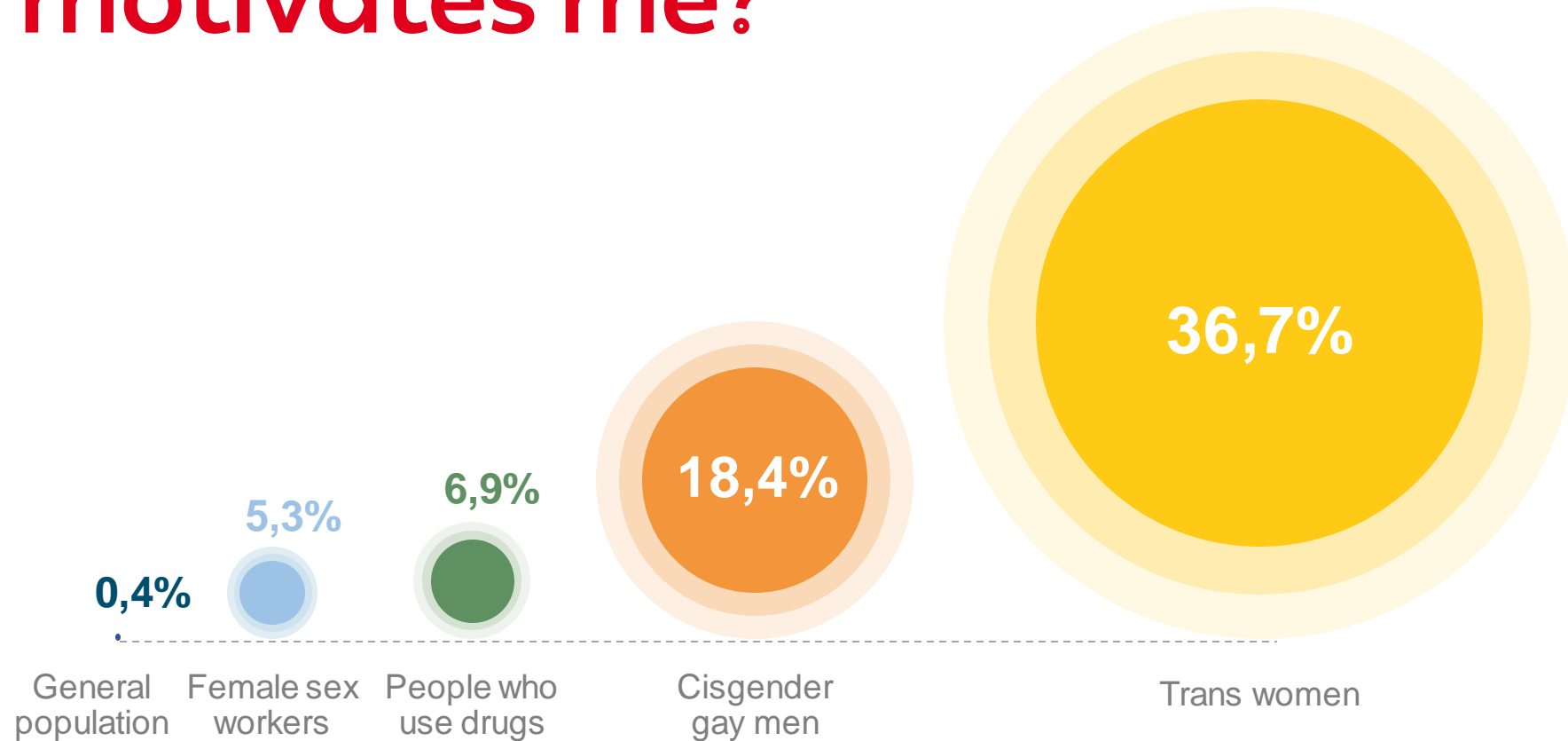


# The only one, but never alone





# What motivates me?



# What came next?

- ✓ Attentive, inclusive and coherent translation of the Portuguese version of the ICD-11 Innovations
- ✓ Pharmacists authorised to prescribe PrEP and PEP



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• 16 May 2022

*Thanks to the efforts of IPI member organisation the Brazilian Federal Council of Pharmacy (CFF), the Ministry of Health in Brazil has authorised pharmacist prescribing of HIV prophylactic treatments. This article from the CFF explains what happens now*

Combination HIV prevention is a concept that combines different biomedical, behavioural and structural interventions designed to reduce the risk of the sexual transmission of HIV. Advances in combination prevention have seen paradigm shifts in the reduction of the risk of exposure to HIV, in the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and viral hepatitis, and in improvements to people's health as a whole. Included in the concept is the use of antiretroviral drugs for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), to be taken by HIV-negative individuals at high risk of exposure to HIV, and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), to be taken within 72 hours by those who may have been exposed to the virus.

In November 2021, the Ministry of Health in Brazil called on the Brazilian Federal Council of Pharmacy (CFF) to adopt a position regarding the possibility of extending pharmacists' clinical activities in the area of PrEP and PEP through the prescription of standardised preventive antiretroviral drugs. In response to the ministry, the CFF published a favourable opinion adopting a positive position on the topic, and issued its Resolution 723/2021 to support this new pharmaceutical contribution to public health services. This is in addition to pharmacists' clinical role that is already guided by CFF Resolution 585/2013. Thus, pharmacists will be able to become great allies in the improvement of access to PrEP and PEP, including prescribing to priority and vulnerable groups of people.

Since PrEP and PEP became available in Brazil, pharmacists have been present at different stages of the process of providing the drugs to individuals; for example, they dispense the drugs and carry out rapid or laboratory tests for HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and C, among other STIs. However, this is the first time that the Ministry of Health has included pharmacists as prescribers.

It is important to note that the role of pharmacists in Brazil is regulated by federal laws and the CFF. Therefore, after the efforts of the CFF and the ministry, pharmacists have been authorised to prescribe PrEP and PEP, and to request appropriate tests, as long as they are listed in programmes and protocols approved by each state health department.

**"A dream that is dreamed alone  
is just a dream, but the dream  
that is dreamed together  
is reality."**

Raul Seixas

# Q&A with **our amazing panel**

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