

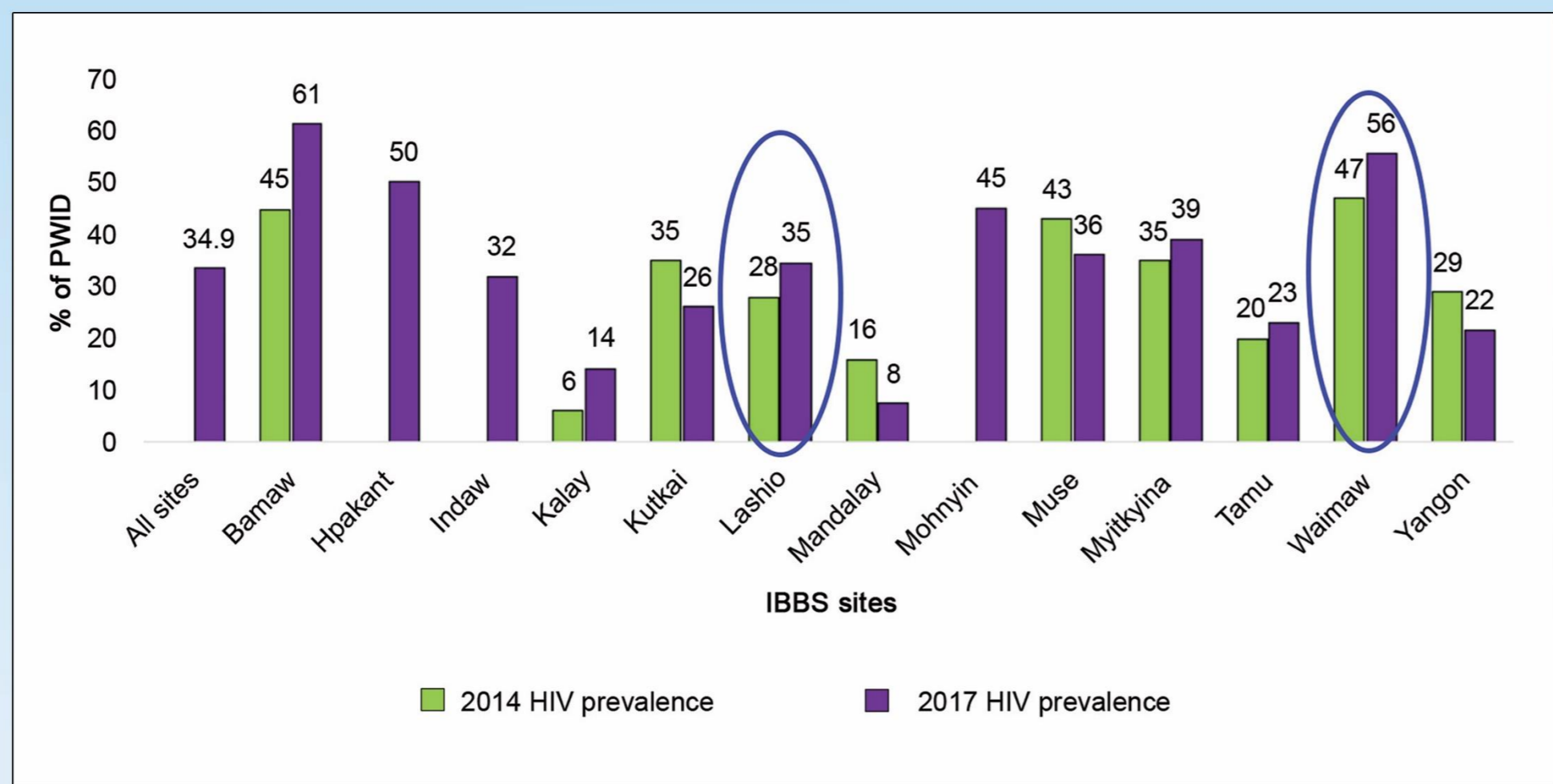
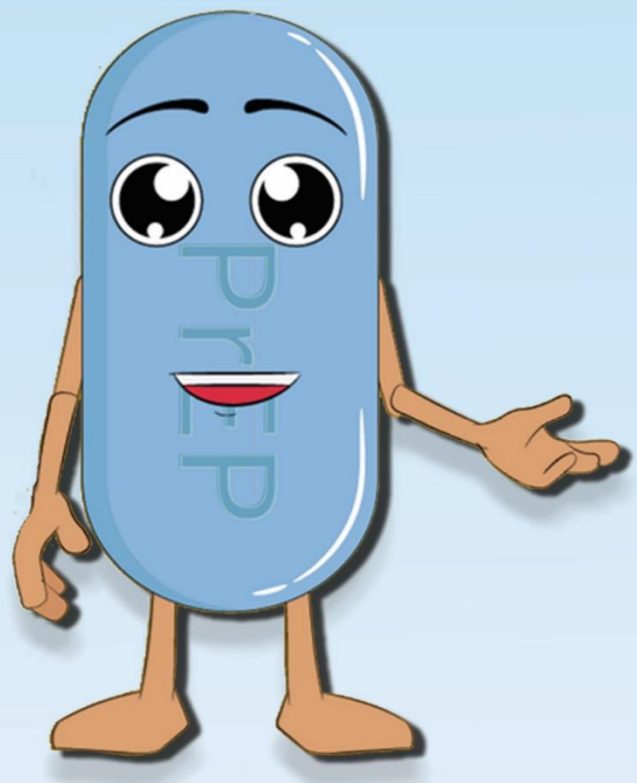
# Myanmar's experience on PWID centric PrEP access in harm reduction initiatives

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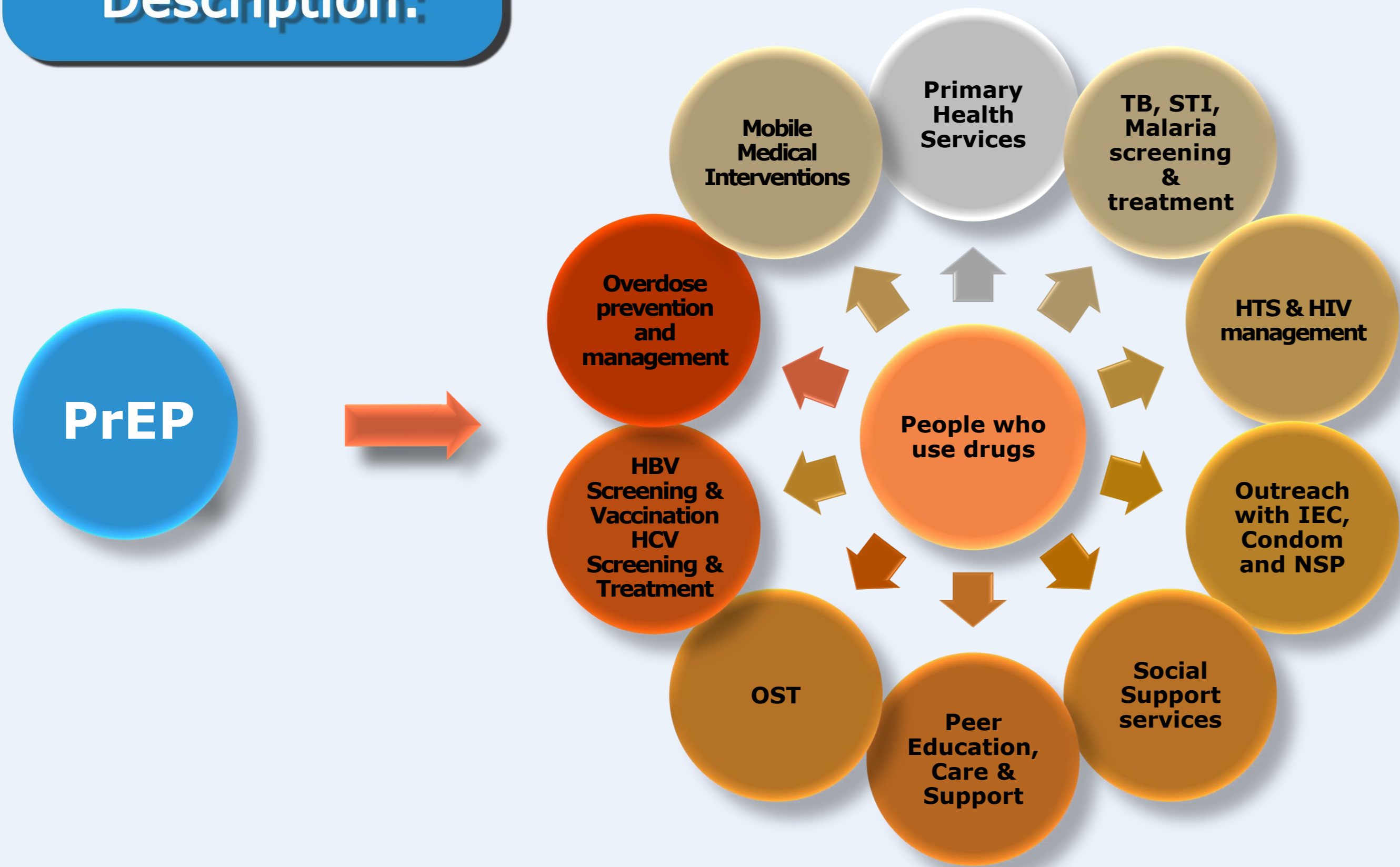
## Background:

In 2023, the Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN) launched a PrEP demonstration project among people who inject drugs (PWID) with a differentiated service delivery (DSD) approach in Waingmaw and Lashio, Myanmar.

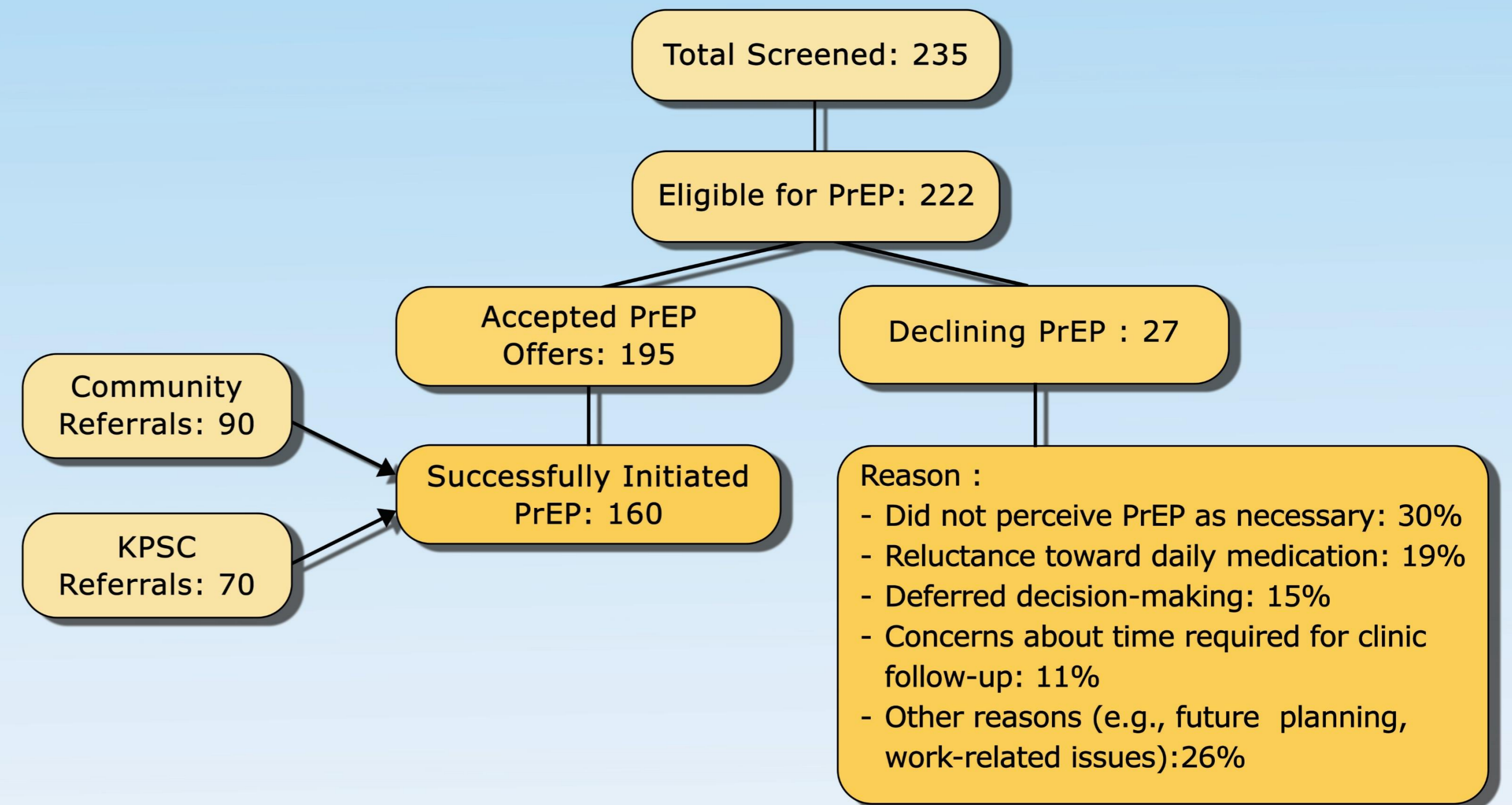


Myanmar IBBS & Population size Estimation among PWID (2017-2018)

## Description:



## Lesson learnt:



## Key Takeaways:

- Tailored community engagement is essential for enhancing PrEP acceptance among PWID.
- Addressing misconceptions about PrEP can improve uptake.
- Adapting service delivery models to accommodate individual needs and concerns is crucial.

## Conclusions/Next Steps:

AHRN's innovative PrEP approach in Waingmaw and Lashio demonstrated promising outcomes with a 72% initiation rate. While success is evident, diverse reasons for non-acceptance underscore the need for ongoing community engagement and tailored education. These findings emphasize the importance of flexible service delivery models, adapted to the unique needs of PWID, in optimizing PrEP accessibility and acceptance.



Community-based outreach, peer educators, and face-to-face interactions were prioritized over online platforms for information dissemination and PrEP awareness.



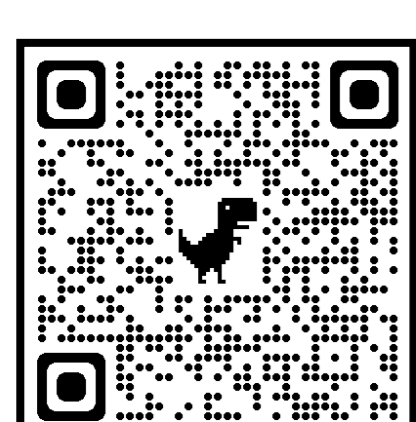
Group therapeutic education sessions, preferred by PWID, reduced time spent on healthcare services ensuring flexibility and convenience.



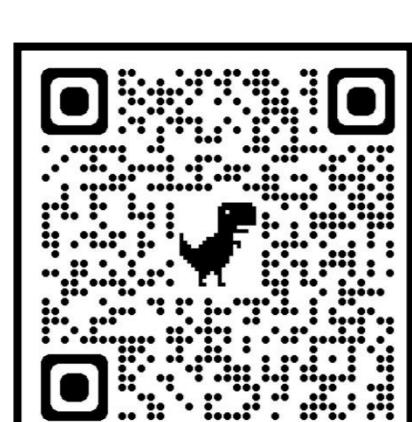
Mobile HIV testing and decentralized PrEP service at KPSC further facilitated easy access to PrEP services.



AHRN's multi-month PrEP dispensing minimizes unnecessary follow-ups, enhancing convenience for PWID.



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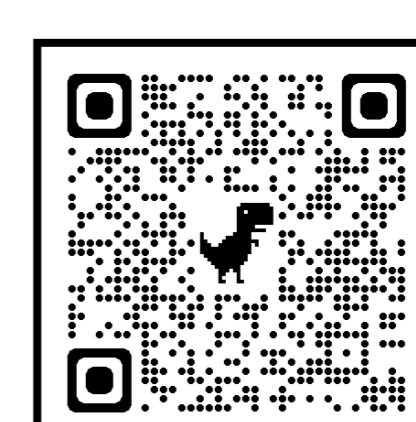
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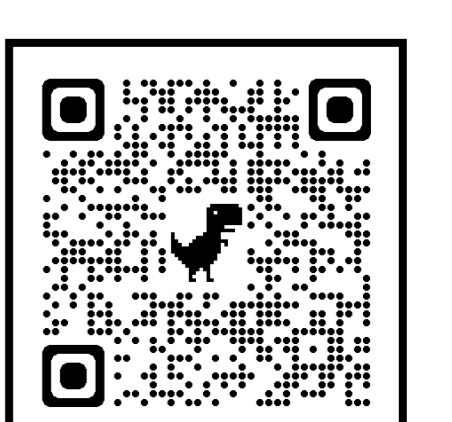
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