

Implementation of CAB-LA PrEP in Ukraine

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Milestones of PrEP Implementation



2017-2018

2019

2021

2022

2023

2024

The introduction of the oral PrEP (TDF/FTC)

The PrEP was included in the State strategy for combating HIV until 2030

*The National PrEP Guidelines
PrEP included in the Medical Guarantee Program*

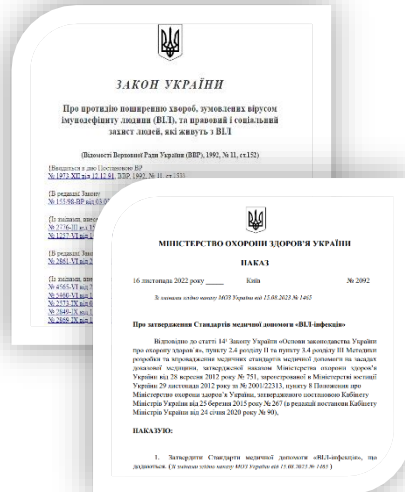
Update of the National Guidelines

State guarantees of PrEP in the Law of Ukraine

CAB-LA implementation



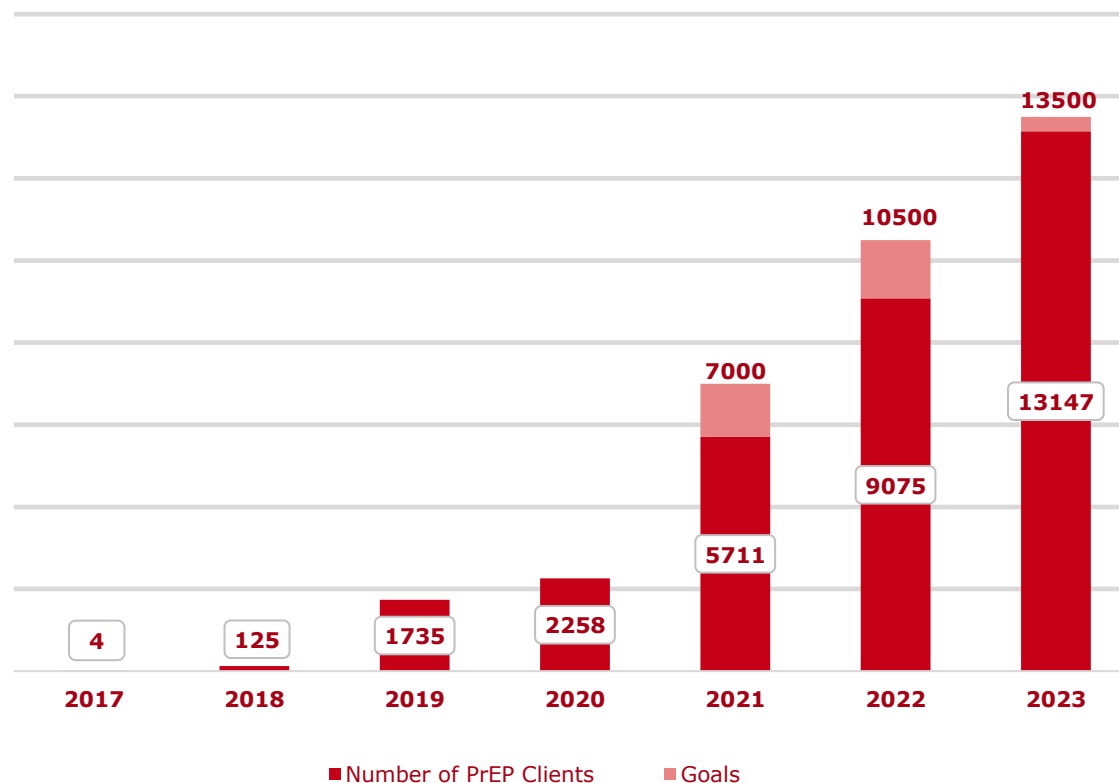
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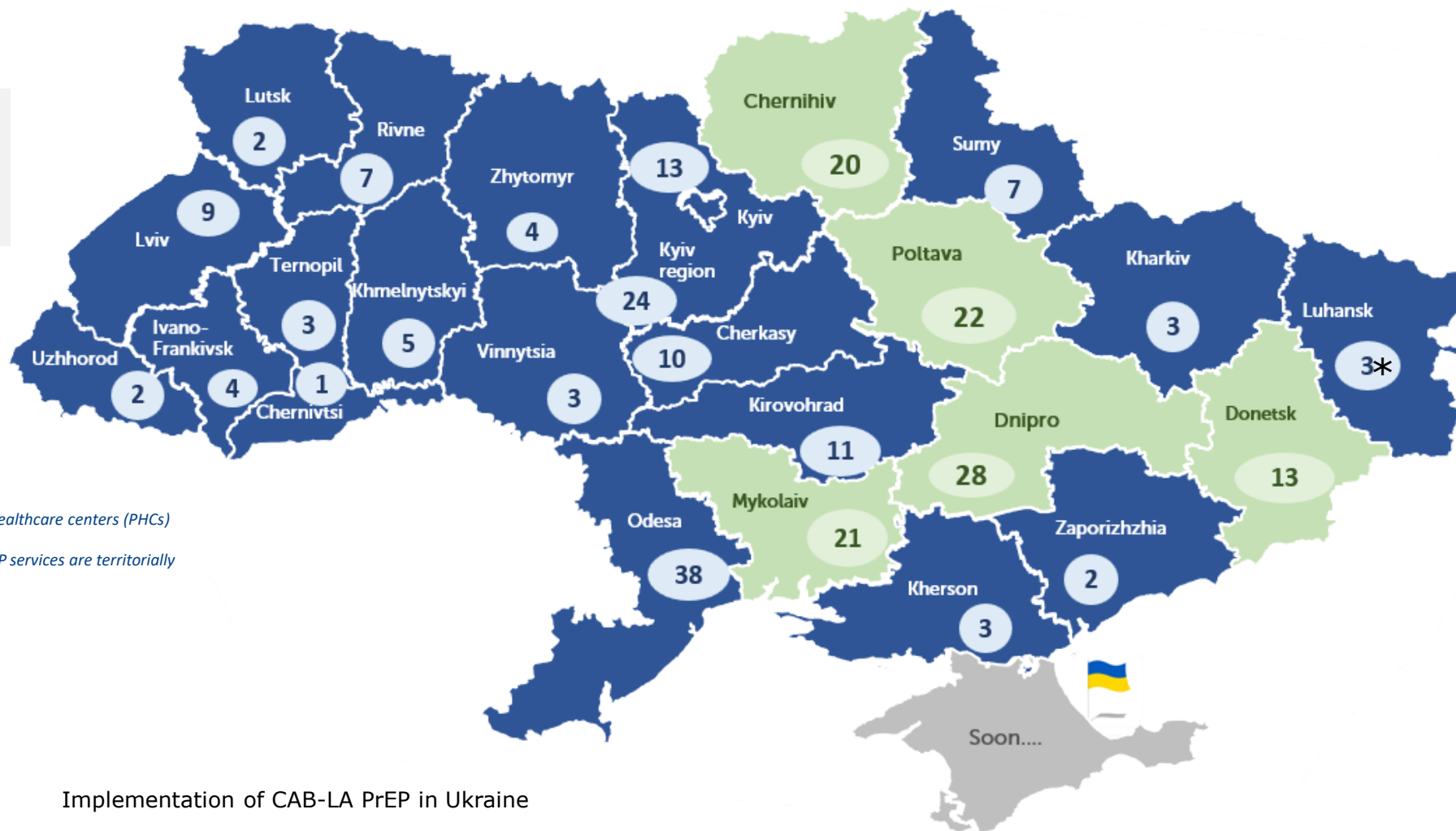


Coverage with Oral PrEP



Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Service Delivery

261 healthcare facilities provide PrEP service 1 June 2024



■ PrEP services are provided, including at primary healthcare centers (PHCs)

*Healthcare facilities in Luhansk region that provide PrEP services are territorially located in Dnipropetrovsk and Cherkasy regions.

Milestones CAB-LA Implementation



*'Ukraine has become one of the five PEPFAR partner countries prioritized for **scaling up access to CAB-LA as PrEP.**'*

2024

CAB-LA registered in Ukraine and will be included in the standards of medical care

An online questionnaire has been launched to form a list of interested clients in obtaining CAB-LA

A press briefing on the implementation of CAB-LA in Ukraine was held



Ukraine received long-acting cabotegravir in the amount of 1350 vials

The information campaign on the introduction of CAB-LA as PrEP in Ukraine continues

Syringes, injection needles and HIV antigen/antibody tests were purchased

2023

A Working Group on the organization of the introduction of injectable drugs for the prevention of HIV infection has been created

The Roadmap for the introduction of long-acting cabotegravir (CAB-LA) as a PrEP in Ukraine was created and approved

A two-day training on the implementation of CAB-LA in Ukraine was held on September 12-13, 2023

The protocol for the introduction of long-acting cabotegravir (CAB-LA) in Ukraine was developed and agreed (inclusion criteria, contraindications, clinical and laboratory monitoring, injection schedule)

Medical and social workers were selected for the "implementation teams" in Kyiv and Lviv, 12 specialists were selected

A communication framework for CAB-LA implementation in Ukraine has been developed

Negotiations were held with representatives of health care facilities in Lviv and Kyiv, consent was obtained to participate in the implementation of CAB-LA

Online meetings were held with the "implementation teams" of Kyiv and Lviv

An information campaign about CAB-LA has started

Changes have been made to the IS SSD

Projects of SOPs, client routes have been developed



Implementation Model of CAB-LA

- Kyiv City Clinical Hospital No. 5
- Lviv Regional Phthisio-Pulmonological Clinical Treatment and Diagnostic Center

regions of implementation



- Men who have sex with men
- 191 people

key populations



• 2024-2025

implementation timeline



- 12 specialists in Lviv and Kyiv:
 - ✓ doctors
 - ✓ nurses
 - ✓ social workers

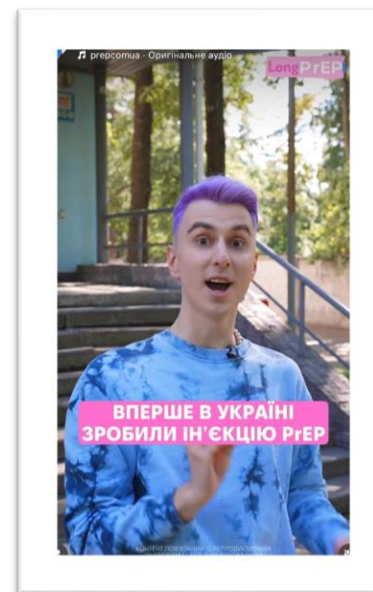
implementation teams



First CAB-LA injection



ПЕРШІ ДВА ПАЦІЄНТИ В УКРАЇНІ ОТРИМАЛИ ІННОВАЦІЙНИЙ ПРЕПАРАТ ДЛЯ ДОКОНТАКТНОЇ ПРОФІЛАКТИКИ ВІЛ — КАБОТЕГРАВІР ТРИВАЛОЇ ДІЇ



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"CAB-LA provides long-lasting and reliable protection against HIV. I received it today. I feel confident." — Yuri, the first patient in Lviv.

How many clients receive injectable PrEP



CAB-LA clients (15 August - 6 November)	Kyiv	Lviv	Total
received first injection	67	38	105
received second injection	58	31	89
stopped	2	2	4
continue to receive	65	36	101

Next steps CAB-LA implementation



«Offering individuals a choice of HIV prevention options»

- Monitoring of CAB-LA implementation
- Expansion to other key population
- Expansion to other regions of Ukraine
- Improvement of the service delivery model

Implementation challenges

- ❑ War (shelling, displaced persons, uncertain conditions, damaged infrastructure, logistics challenges)
- ❑ Military conscription of medical staff and clients
- ❑ Lack of awareness among key populations



Recommendations for implementation

1 Coordination and Collaboration

Foster partnerships among NGOs, international organizations, and government agencies. Conduct regular assessments to refine approaches and enhance service quality.

4 Training for Personnel

Organize comprehensive training sessions for healthcare and social workers. Cover counseling, testing, prescribing, and managing medications to enhance service quality.

2 Institutionalization of Changes

Secure official registration of medications and incorporate them into national standards. Approve testing protocols to ensure the reliability and sustainability of changes.

3 Demand creation

Develop outreach strategies that focus on respected community leaders. Engage local leaders to foster trust and acceptance of programs among target audiences.

5 Logistics and Supplies

Establish efficient supply chains to ensure uninterrupted service delivery. Guarantee a steady supply of materials such as needles, syringes, and testing kits.

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