Awareness and Availability of PrEP among General Population in Ghana

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Background: Every 18 seconds there is a new HIV infection globally. However, every person newly diagnosed will need to be treated for life and could transmit HIV to others. Hence, we need radical changes in our prevention strategy to cut new HIV infections down to zero. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis could be given to millions of people worldwide with no increased risk of safety issues during treatment. However, knowledge about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in Ghana is low mainly due prioritising this service among the key population (Gay men and female sex workers). This project seeks to increase awareness of the level of Ghanaians about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis.

Method: The study will use cross-sectional descriptive design. 1500 participants will be recruited using snowball sampling methods in the Ga west Municipality in Accra. Data will be analysed quantitatively using tables and frequencies.

Results: It is expected that at the end of the study, participants will have much knowledge about the presence of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in Ghana and access it.

Conclusion: Access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis will help to reduce new HIV infections within the community and ensure equity to achieve sustainable development goal 3. It will also inform relevant stakeholders and policy makers to prioritise access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis by the general population in the national agenda to eradicate the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in Ghanaian communities.