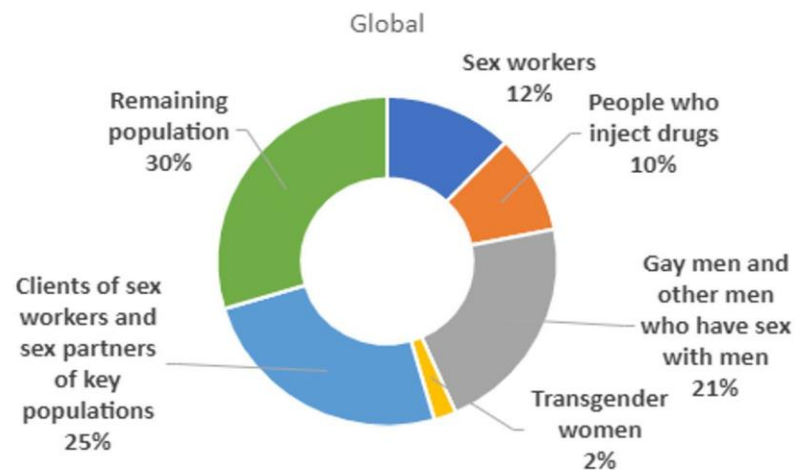


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A brief background on our topic of research

- Globally, female sex workers (FSW) have nearly 10 times the risk of HIV infection compared to general-population women.
- In Africa, sex workers significantly contribute to new HIV infections, and drive infections in the general population, sustaining the HIV epidemic.
- Efforts to reduce HIV among FSW in Kenya have been ongoing since the 1980s, with renewed focus after 2010.
- Sex worker programs have evolved to include a mix of biological interventions (e.g., HIV testing), Behavioral interventions (e.g., risk reduction education and counseling) and Structural interventions (e.g., addressing social and legal barriers).
- These programs are primarily peer-led and adopt a program learning approach to test and refine best practices.

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What questions did we want to answer

- Determine the current prevalence of HIV among FSW in Mombasa, Kenya and changes in prevalence over the last 20 years.
- Assess the implementation of oral PrEP introduction as part of a combination prevention approach for FSW in Kenya.
- Evaluate changes in condom use as a marker for changes in behavioural risk among FSW initiating oral PrEP during national scale-up.
- Determine the unit cost of HIV and PrEP services, and specific cost drivers of FSW HIV/STI and PrEP services.

Promoters

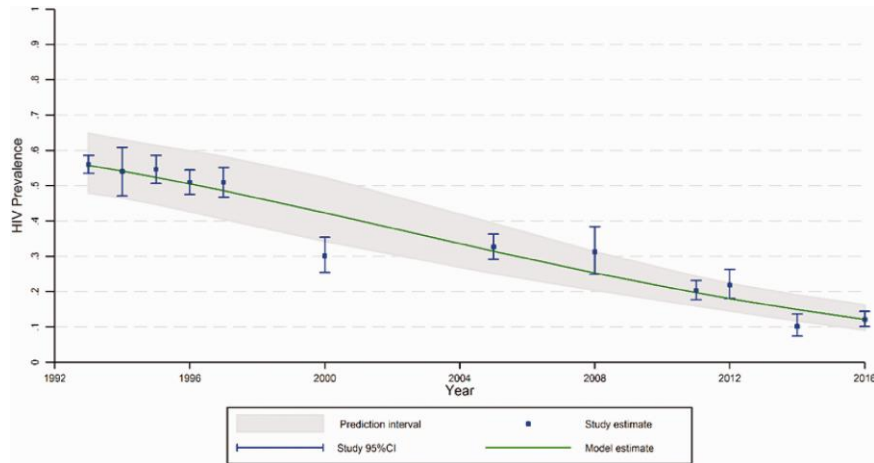
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How did we go about it and what did we find?

- **Aim 1: Cross sectional study** of 876 FSW using a novel multistage sampling method, and **mathematical modelling** from eleven published studies from 1993 to 2016 for trends.
 - HIV prevalence in FSW was 12.1% and prevalence declined by about 30% between 1993 and 2016.



- **Aim 2: Implementation research and developmental evaluation** of an oral PrEP scale-up program, providing PrEP services for sex workers through public & private health facilities and special sex worker clinics (drop-in centers).
 - 17,700 FSW started PrEP in three years between January 2017 and December 2019.
- **Aim 3: Cohort follow-up** using routinely collected service delivery data to compare condom use at the month 1, and month 3 visits to the PrEP initiation visit.
 - Condom use was significantly higher at both month one and month three visits compared to at PrEP initiation.
- **Aim 4: A top-down costing study** on the unit cost of sex worker services at two drop-in centers.
 - Average cost of USD 105.93 per FSW per year to offer comprehensive services.

About the student and the research group



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