

Nigerian female sex workers and Prep : lessons in the inclusion of vulnerable populations

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Our principles of action

Self-Empowerment
Community-led approach
Global health perspective
Encourage direct participation
Social Transformation

Member of Coalition PLUS



Legal situation of sex work in France

An abolitionist context against prostitution

2003 - 2016

Outlawing « passive soliciting » criminalizes sex workers

Since 2016

Criminalizing the clients of sex workers



Action Ladies

- From 2015 onwards
- Focus on the actual needs of this specific public of sex workers
- Partnerships with complementary structures
- Addressing global health issues



Key numbers

- 100 women on site each night
- 5 HIV positives found between 2015 and 2019
- 42% of positives for STIs
- 10 women/week still go to the sexual health center



PrEP : a new perspective

- Authorized in January 2016
- Opportunity for a better sexual health monitoring and easier access to all health services
- 13 women initiated PrEP protocol
- 2 women remain



Limits to accessing PrEP

- « Welcome » in the hospital...
- Fear of police repression
- Difficulties to get to regular appointments



Other limits

- Lack of training and adaptability
- Other structural limitations
- Human resources / sustainability



Next steps



- PrEP Mobile
- Trust and respect
- Know your rights
- Peer-mobilizers



Key lessons

- **No Sex Health without Global Health**
- **Build strategic partnerships**
- **Fight Structural Discriminations**



It's not just about PrEP

It's about human rights.

It's about immigration legislations.

It's about the stigma surrounding sex work.

It's about institutional discriminations.

These are the matters we need to tackle if we want to end the HIV epidemic.



Thank you for your attention !

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