

# A PROSPECTUS FOR THE AURUM INSTITUTE POP INN CLINICS



A  
SAFE SPACE  
FOR OUR  
COMMUNITIES



People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer often face increased rates of domestic violence and have a harder time accessing support.

## OUR MISSION

To impact Global Health through Innovation, Evidence, Implementation, and Integration.

POP INN

  
THE AURUM  
INSTITUTE

## ➤ INTRODUCTION

### The POP INN Wellness Centres, offer:

- 🌈 Free sexual health services to Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender Women (TGW).
- 🌈 A safe space for key populations communities to receive counselling, screening for HIV, STIs and TB, receive PrEP or ART, and receive psychosocial support services.
- 🌈 Free Wi-Fi, access to computers and a comfortable space to relax and connect with peers.



## ➤ A KEY POPULATIONS LED MPOWERMENT MODEL



Mpowerment Project is an efficacious multi-level HIV prevention intervention that works at the level of the community and addresses individual, interpersonal, social, and structural issues related to HIV prevention. The clinic teams are supported by community core groups in their management and Mpowerment coordination of the POP INN programme. The need for a safe space is critical to providing healthcare services. The site teams support the community in organising activities to promote communal development and growth. Activities include pride parades, social evenings, support groups for stigma and violence and HIV prevention campaigns.

### M-GROUPS

M-groups are peer-led, one-time meetings of 8 to 10 MSM and Trans-community that give participants an opportunity to talk

### MPOWERMENT MODEL

### CORE GROUP MEMBERS

The composition of the group has MSM and Trans-community members that link the clinic activities to the community

## ➤ WHY POP INN?

The POP INN Wellness Centres were developed as a tailored response to the increased risk of HIV and STIs amongst MSM and TGW. Pop Inn is a safe space for our community, by our community. Here we connect and share our experiences and foster a sense of community and strength in our respective identities.

### POP INN ACTIVITIES

Our centres are managed and operated by members of our key populations communities:

### WELLNESS CENTRE SERVICES

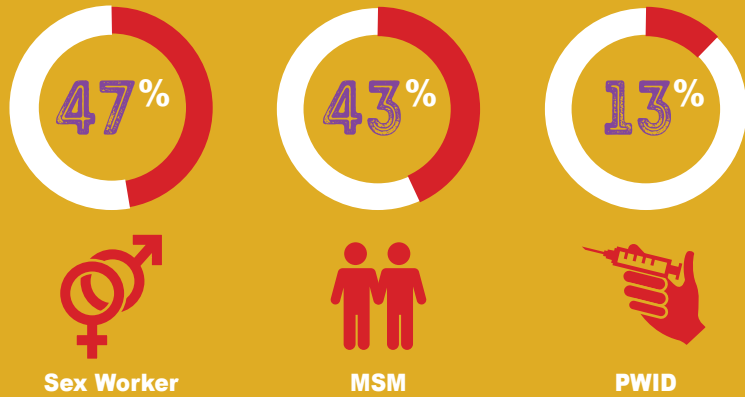
The POP INN clinics offer the following services to MSM and TGW clients in the community.

- Individual and couples counselling
- Mpowerment group
- HIV testing
- PrEP (HIV prevention pill)
- ART (HIV treatment)
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) screening and treatment
- Tuberculosis (TB) screening and referral
- Risk reduction counselling
- HIV self-screening
- Recency testing
- Psychological support

# HIV PREVALENCE IN KEY POPULATIONS

South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and STIs 2017-2022 (also written as "NSP 2017-2022" or "the current NSP") as defined key populations for HIV and STIs to include sex workers, transgender people, MSM, PWID and prison inmates.

A recent study of 3 443 key populations members, including MSM, sex workers and people who use drugs (PWUD), including PWID, showed the overall prevalence of HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C to be 37%, 4% and 13% respectively. HIV prevalence was highest among sex workers (47%).



## KEY POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF INFECTION

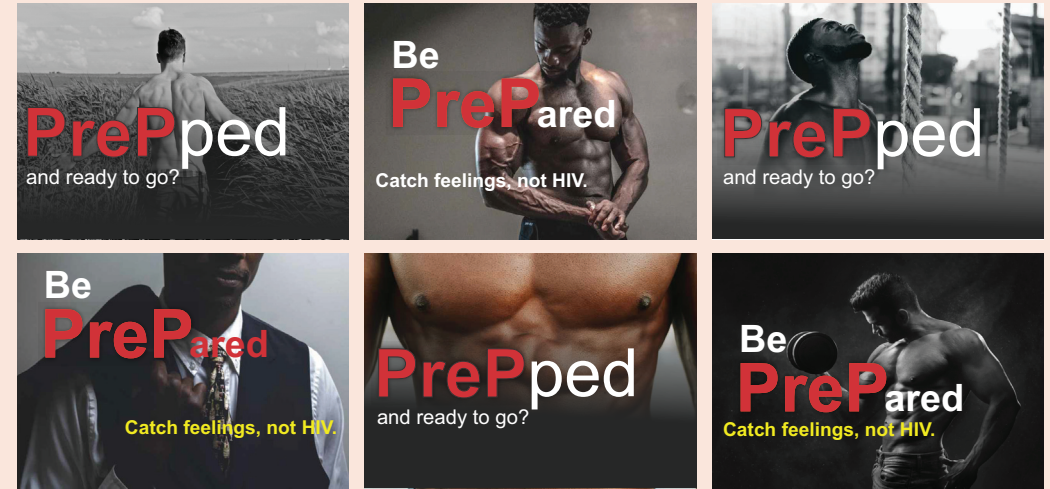
The relative risk of HIV acquisition, by population group compared to the general population, global, 2018



\* Transgender data from the Asian, Pacific, Latin American, Caribbean, Western & Central Europe and North American regions.  
 Source: UNAIDS 2019 estimates

# POP INN CLINICS OFFER FREE ORAL PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

Contact us for more info



## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT STIGMA?

An effective response to the HIV epidemic must tackle the root causes of stigma and ensure that services are inclusive and accessible.

<b>HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL</b>	<b>PROTECT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-discrimination laws</li> <li>• Decriminalisation</li> <li>• Challenging violence</li> </ul>	<b>INCLUDE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key population in healthcare services design &amp; implementation</li> <li>• Stigma &amp; discrimination reduction as a goal in national strategies</li> </ul>	<b>NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US</b>
	<b>MY BODY MY BUSINESS</b>	<b>EMPOWER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand rights</li> <li>• To act on violations</li> </ul>	

## ADVOCATE FOR ACTION!

Adapted from AVERT.ORG infographic

# POP INN LEADERSHIP



**Matshidiso Chabane**  
Programme Manager

Tshidi is the Key Populations Programme Manager. She is an experienced clinician and trainer and has worked closely with MSM and TGW communities. She provides direct support to the clinics to ensure that the clinics are capacitated to deliver and monitor high quality HIV prevention care and support services for key populations affected by HIV. She is a member of the KP technical working group and has been actively involved in the promotion of PrEP access across South Africa.



**Boitumelo Ramashala**  
Project Coordinator

Tumi is the Aurum POP INN Project Coordinator, responsible for coordinating day-to-day operations within the programme. She provides direct support for the delivery of services and liaison with stakeholders to ensure the high quality of HIV prevention and care among key populations. Tumi is well experienced in Community health especially in the field of HIV/TB for key population. She worked in both research and management for TGW and MSM. She also has a background in Psychology, Monitoring & Evaluation, Training and Public health.



**Happy Phaleng**  
Project Coordinator

Happy is the Project Coordinator at Aurum POP INN and he is responsible for social media, demand creation and stakeholder liaison. Happy has previously worked on various community based programs including OUT LGBT WELLBEING, Love Life Trust and Latitude Global, a UK based programme. Happy was the LEAD SA HERO in 2016 and was nominated and selected as a hero for standing for LGBTI rights in his community.



**Rossa Tswai**  
Project Administrator

Rossa is the Aurum POP INN Project Administrator, Responsible for Head office admin duties, supporting all four pop inn sites with all admin related duties Experienced in HIV / TB counselling in public health division and Human resource general duties.



**Jacqueline Pienaar**  
Technical Director

Jacqueline is a Public Health Specialist with extensive experience in conceptualising and implementing large public health interventions and programmes. She has a background in research, specifically managing large consortium HIV, TB and Microbicide clinical trials (AACTG, IPM, HVTN), sexual and reproductive health research, and in biomedical HIV prevention, bio-ethics and research statistics.



**Dino Rech**  
Group Strategy and Business Development Officer

Dino is a South African clinician and social entrepreneur who has spent his career focused on how to use research, lean management principles, and technological innovation and apply them to clinical settings to improve efficiencies and outcomes in the primary health care setting.

# POP INN SITE COORDINATORS



## EHLANZENI

**Kabelo Maleke**  
Project Manager

Kabelo is the Project Coordinator and Project Manager for the POP INN site in Ehlanzeni. He has worked in both research and management and has conducted project work for ANOVA and the Aurum Institute.



### Aurum POP INN Ehlanzeni

Shop U11 / Nelcity / Cnr Samora Machel and Paul Kruger Street / Nelspruit

 [KMaleke@Auruminstitute.org](mailto:KMaleke@Auruminstitute.org)  
078 954 0299 | 071 045 5627



## EKURHULENI

**Elliot Mabasa**  
Project Coordinator

Elliot is an Aurum Pop Inn coordinator in Ekurhuleni. He is an activist for MSM/TG. He has experience in project management and facilitation, human Sexualities, and stigma reduction interventions. Elliot Previously worked as a coordinator for MSM/TG Mpowerment Program.



### Aurum POP INN Ekurhuleni

Winnie Mandela Clinic / Cnr Madiba Drive & Margaret Zuma Street / Tembisa

 [EMabasa@Auruminstitute.org](mailto:EMabasa@Auruminstitute.org)  
078 703 6941 | 071 040 5812



## UMGUNGUNDLOVU

**Sibusiso Makhathini**  
Project Coordinator

Sibusiso Makhathini is the Project Coordinator for the Pietermaritzburg uMgungundlovu POP INN site in KwaZulu-Natal. Prior to this, he worked for the Anova Health Institute as a team leader for Health4Men for five years and as site coordinator for one year.



### Aurum POP INN uMgungundlovu

74 Greyling Street  
Pietermaritzburg

 [SMakhathini@Auruminstitute.org](mailto:SMakhathini@Auruminstitute.org)  
078 043 3724 | 065 668 1113



## ETHEKWINI

**Zinhle Sokhela**  
Project Coordinator

Zinhle is the Project Coordinator for the Aurum POP INN project in eThekweni District. Her interest lies in research as well as in the creation of the different strategies aimed at promoting health and the complex psychological, social and biological dynamics surrounding disease.



### Aurum POP INN eThekwini

125 Convention House / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor / Cnr Florence Nzama Street & Bram Fischer Road / Durban

 [ZSokhela@Auruminstitute.org](mailto:ZSokhela@Auruminstitute.org)  
071 008 9095 | 078 082 1096

**> DON'T LIVE LIFE IN THE SMOKE...**

**STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH**

**GET TESTED TODAY...**



POP INN seeks to generate  
**new partnerships** with other  
organisations and healthcare services.

To collaborate, please contact us

**THE AURUM INSTITUTE**

010 590 1832 / [popinn@auruminstitute.org](mailto:popinn@auruminstitute.org)

Johannesburg Office / 29 Queens Road Parktown / Johannesburg

**FIND US ONLINE**

<https://www.auruminstitute.org/projects/popinn>

**FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

 Pop Inn  Pop Inn  Pop Inn  The Aurum Institute

## POP INN SITE ADDRESSES

ETHEKWINI

1255 Convention House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor / Cnr Florence Nzama & Bram Fischer Road / Durban

EHLANZENI

Shop U11, Nelcity / Cnr Samora Machel Drive & Paul Kruger Street / Mbombela

UMGUNGUNDLOVU

74 Greyling Street / Pietermaritzburg

EKURHULENI

Winnie Mandela Clinic / Cnr Madiba Drive & Margaret Zuma Street / Tembisa

**POP INN**

  
**THE AURUM  
INSTITUTE**