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.
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.

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.

**INTRODUCTION**

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**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 ad 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%).

HIV incidence rate within the key population
HIV incidence rate within the general population

KEY POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF INFECTION

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

- **Sex workers**: 21 times higher
- **People who inject drugs**: 22 times higher
- **Gay men & other men who have sex with men**: 22 times higher
- **Transgender women**: 12 times higher

POP INN CLINICS OFFER
FREE ORAL PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

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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.

- **HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL**
  - **PROTECT**
    - Anti-discrimination laws
    - Decriminalisation
    - Challenging violence
  - **INCLUDE**
    - Key population in healthcare services design & implementation
    - Stigma & discrimination reduction as a goal in national strategies

- **MY BODY MY BUSINESS**
  - **EMPOWER**
    - To understand rights
    - To act on violations

- **EDUCATE**
  - To address fears
  - To change attitudes

- **NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US**
  - HIV STIGMA IS THE REAL KILLER

ADVOCATE FOR ACTION!

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

Adapted from AVERT.ORG infographic
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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  
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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.

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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.

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