

A Map of Missed Chances: Oral PrEP rollout and further research on dapivirine vaginal ring

Oral PrEP and the vaginal ring are two woman-controlled prevention tools. Oral PrEP is available in a limited number of public health programs; the ring is an experimental product that is only available in research settings. Oral PrEP access is expanding through sub-Saharan Africa, including in settings where ring research is taking place. Ideally, women in communities with ring trials would also have access to oral PrEP so that information could be gathered about preferences, perceptions and choice. Coordinating ring research and PrEP rollout to ensure overlap is one way to ensure that investments are in platforms that take a comprehensive approach to women's needs, not product-specific programs.

