

***Quelles stratégies de prévention ?***

**TasP : Possible réalité  
pour les pays en développement ?**

**Pr François DABIS**

**Abstinence**

**Be faithful**

**Condom**

**(male) Circumcision**

**Counselling & Testing**

**Microbicides**

**Post-exposure prophylaxis**

**Pre-exposure prophylaxis**

**Sexually transmitted infections control**

 **(antiretroviral) Treatment (TasP)**

**Vaccine**

# When to start ART: Consequences of the evolving recommendations

Estimated millions of people eligible for ART  
in lower & middle-income countries in 2011

11

$CD4 \leq 200$

Recommended  
Since 2002

15

$CD4 \leq 350$

+  
TB/HIV  
HBV/HIV

23

$CD4 \leq 350$

+  
Expanded CD4  
independent  
conditions

25

$CD4 \leq 500$

32

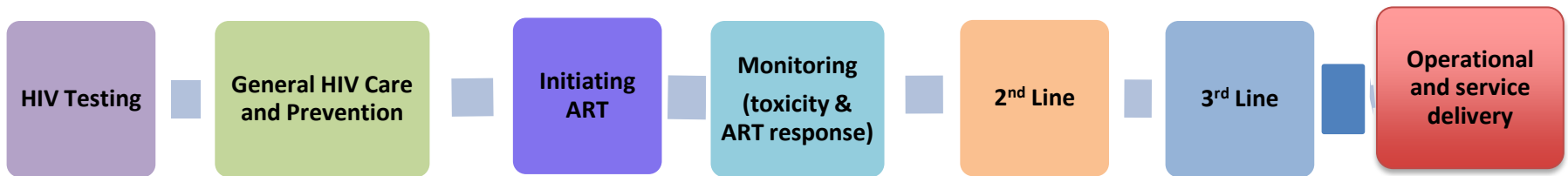
“Test and treat”  
All HIV+

ART regardless of CD4  
count for:

- HIV-SD couples
- Pregnant women

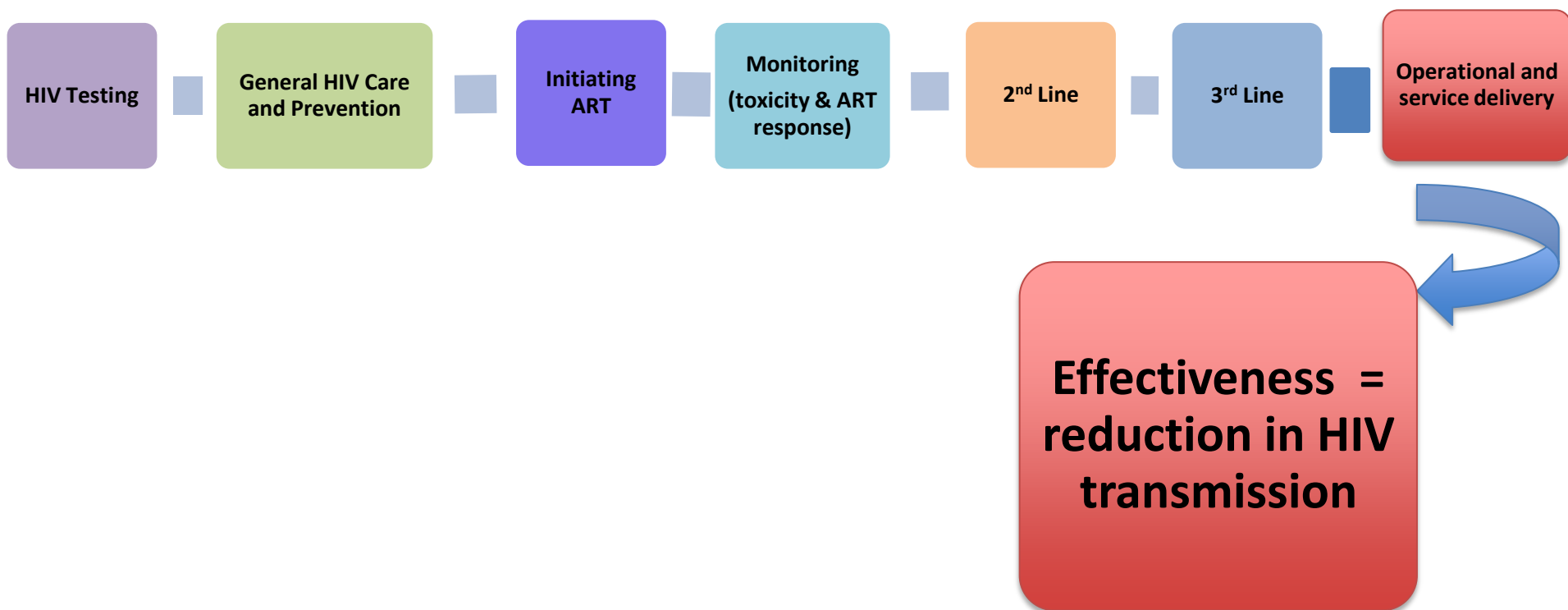
# 2013 WHO guidelines

## Consolidation along the continuum of care



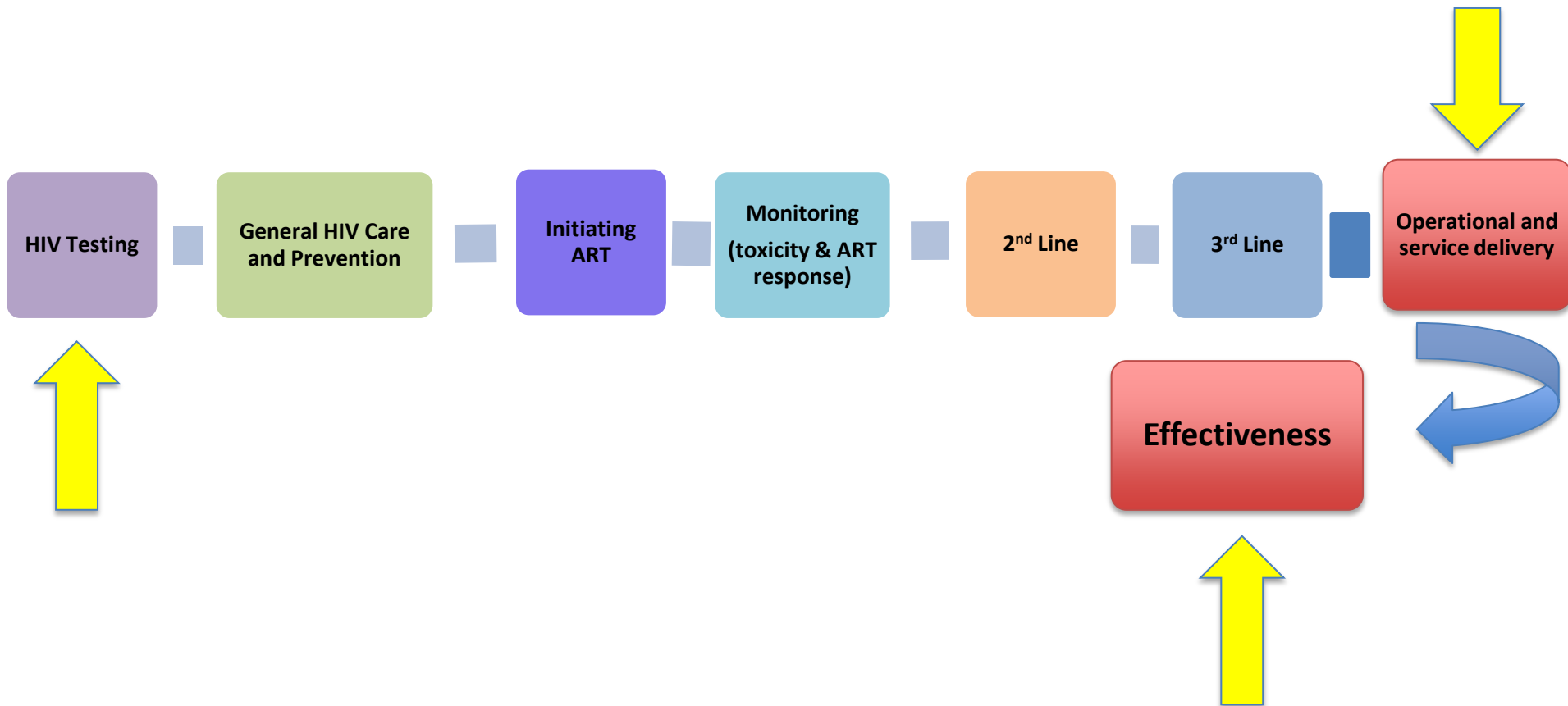
*From 2013 WHO guidelines  
to Treatment as Prevention (TasP)*

**Consolidation along the continuum of care  
will remain the cornerstone**



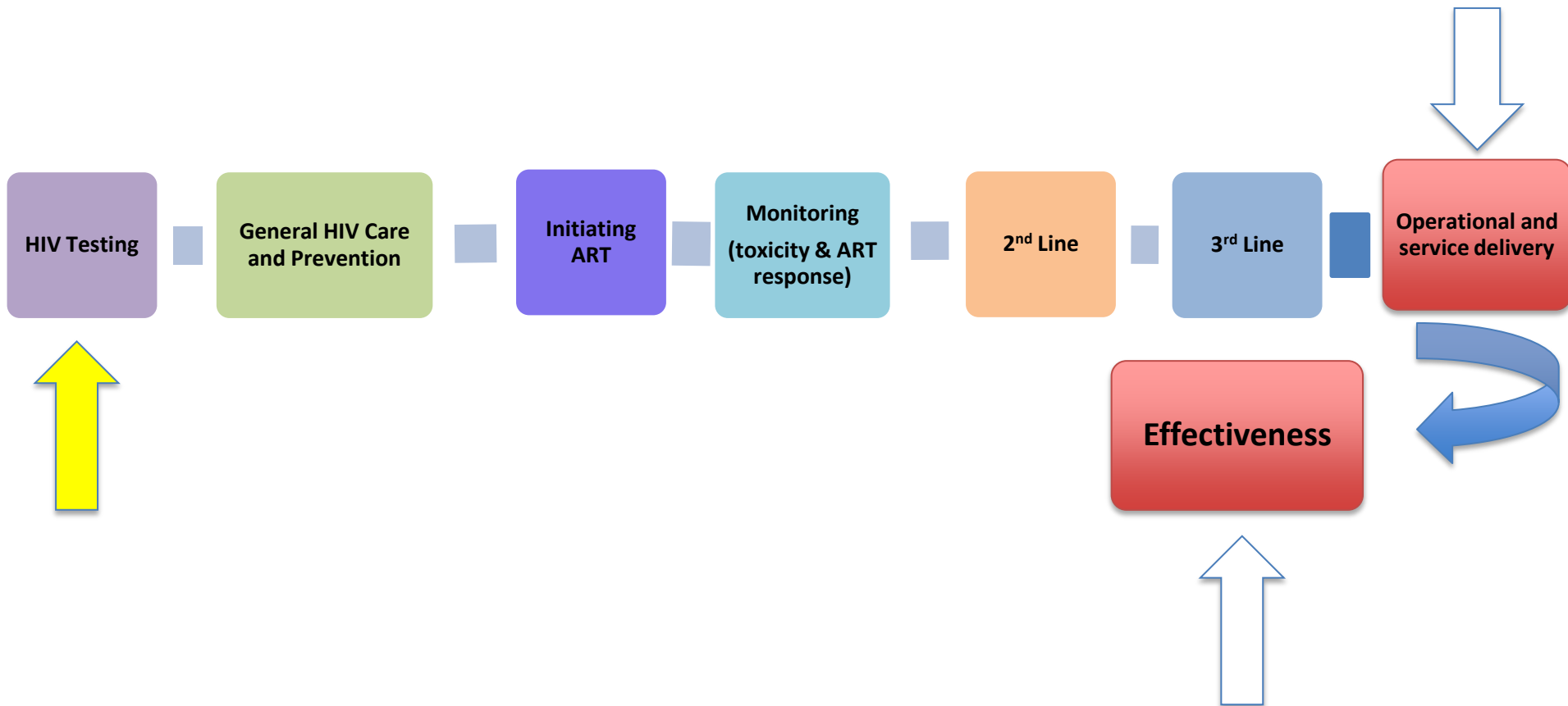
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- Community-based C&T (outside health facilities) works in all sorts of settings, with various approaches and for different target groups including those with high CD4 counts (Suthar AB. PLoS Med, 2013)

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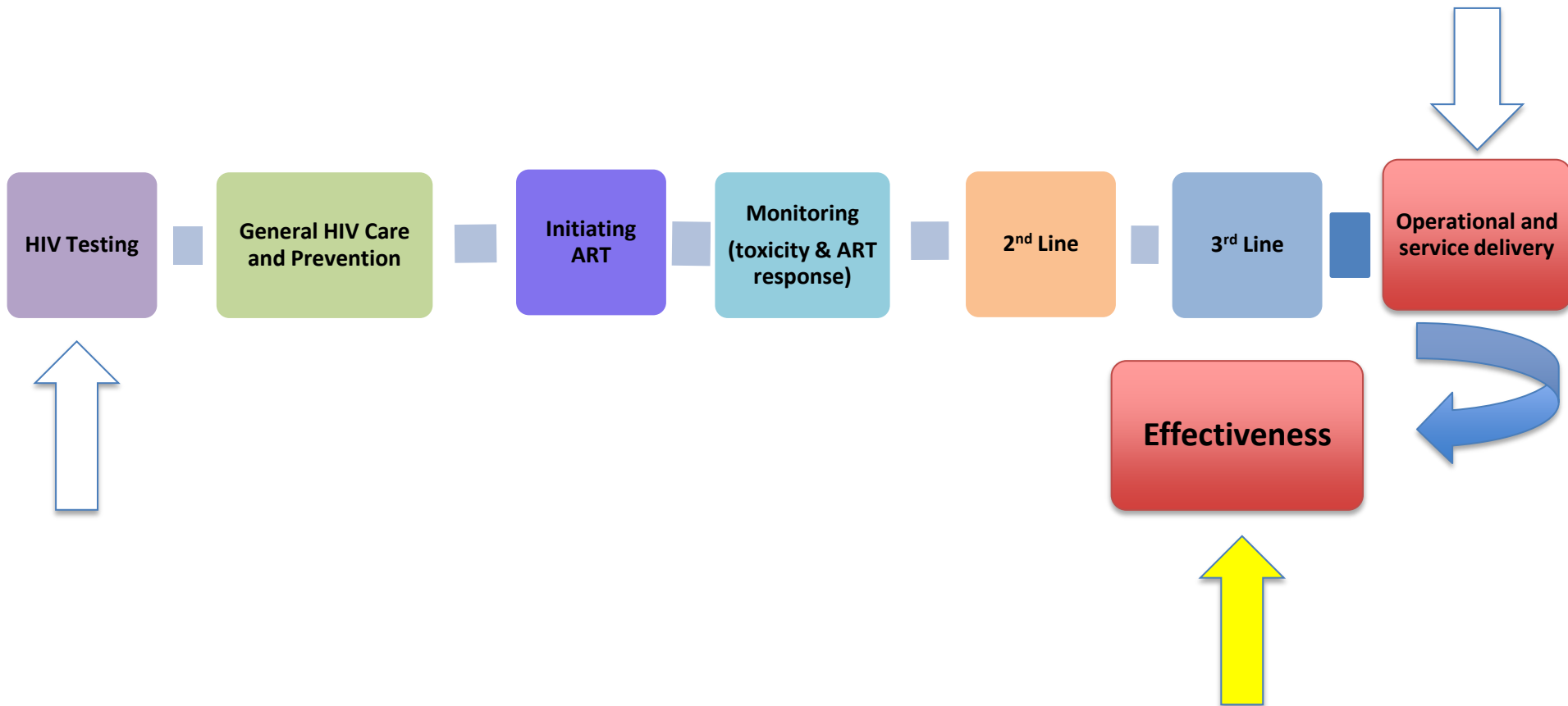
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- **C&T is a pre-requisite to ARV-based biomedical prevention such as TasP +++**

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# ART reduces sexual transmission: 96% efficacy

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Prevention of HIV-1 Infection with Early Antiretroviral Therapy

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# ART reduces sexual transmission: effectiveness (1)

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## Systematic Review of HIV Transmission between Heterosexual Serodiscordant Couples where the HIV-Positive Partner Is Fully Suppressed on Antiretroviral Therapy

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### Rate of transmission

0.0 to 0.14 per 100 person-years

(upper limit of 95% CI: 0.31)

## **ART reduces sexual transmission: effectiveness (2)**

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**Jean K. et al. Effect of early antiretroviral therapy on sexual behaviors and HIV-1 transmission risk in adults with diverse heterosexual partnership status in Côte d'Ivoire. J Infect Dis *in press*.**

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- Behavioral study nested within a RCT of early ART (ANRS 12 136 Temprano)**
- Estimated protective effect of early ART: 90% (95% CI: 81 - 95%)**



# The population impact of ART: HIV incidence

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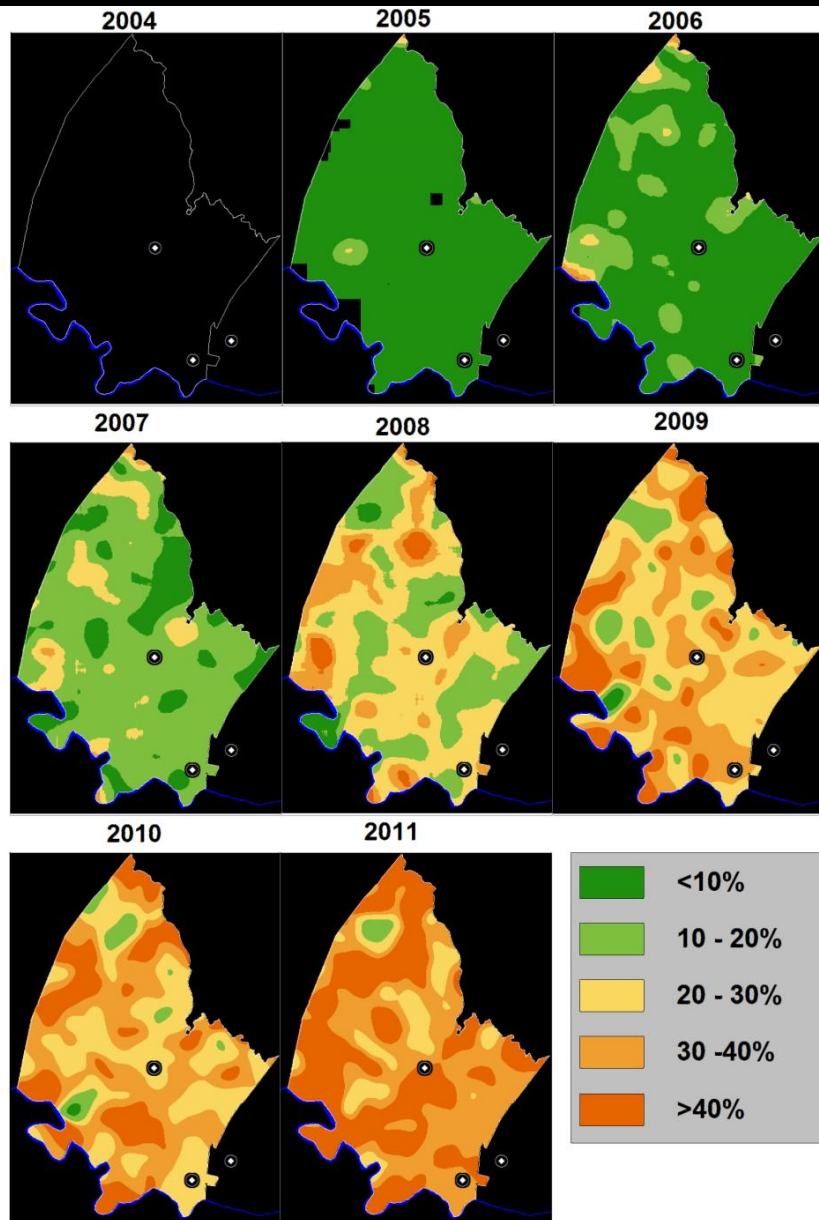
## High Coverage of ART Associated with Decline in Risk of HIV Acquisition in Rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

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# ART coverage, 2004-2011

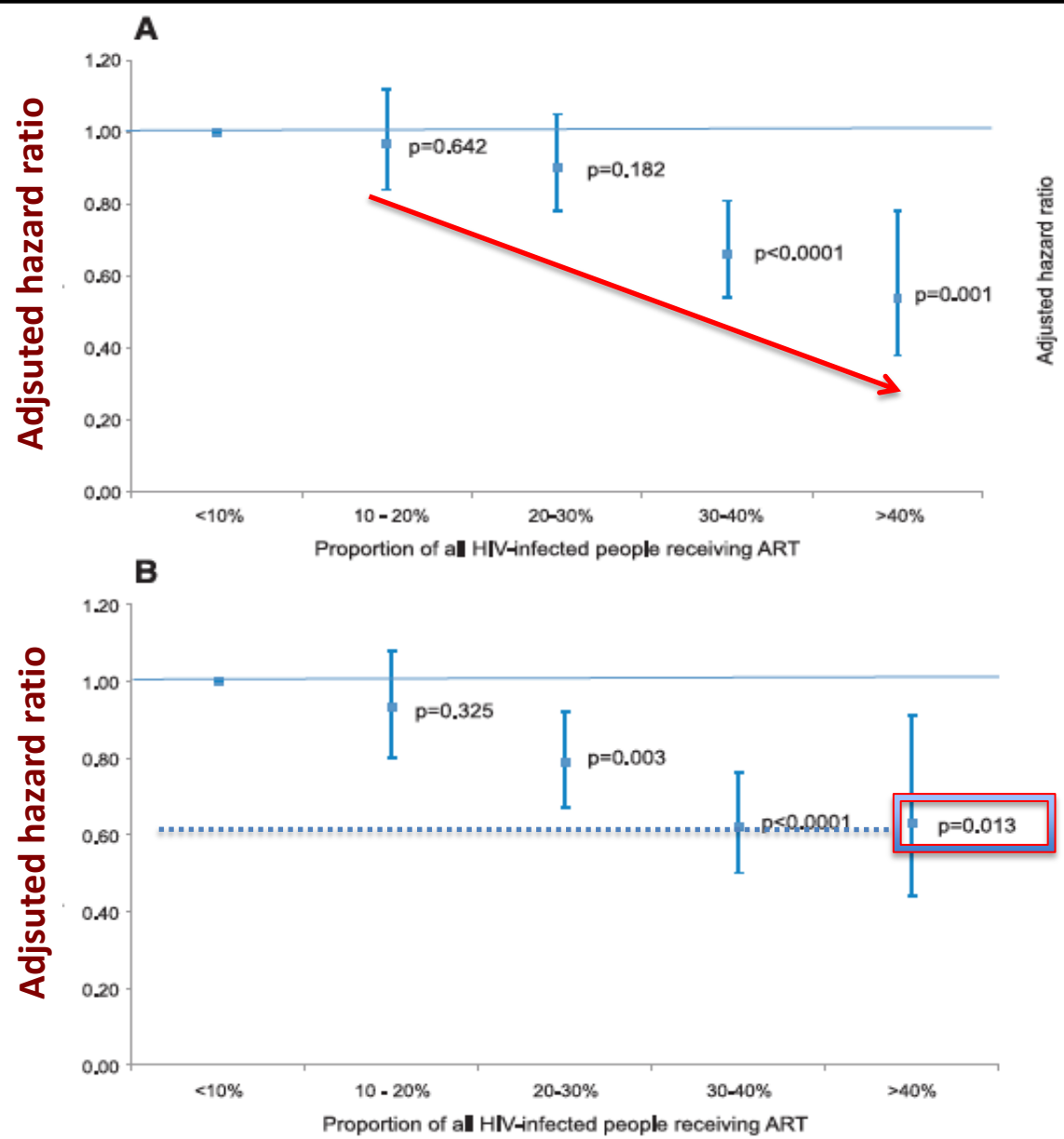
## Tanser F. Science, 2013



- **ART coverage** = proportion of the total HIV-infected population receiving ART at  $<200$  then  $<350$  CD4 cells/ $\mu$ l
- $\rightarrow$  >20 000 patients
- Spatial analysis using a standard Gaussian kernel of radius 3km



# Adjusted HIV acquisition hazard by ART coverage category adjusted for age and sex (A) and for all variables (B)

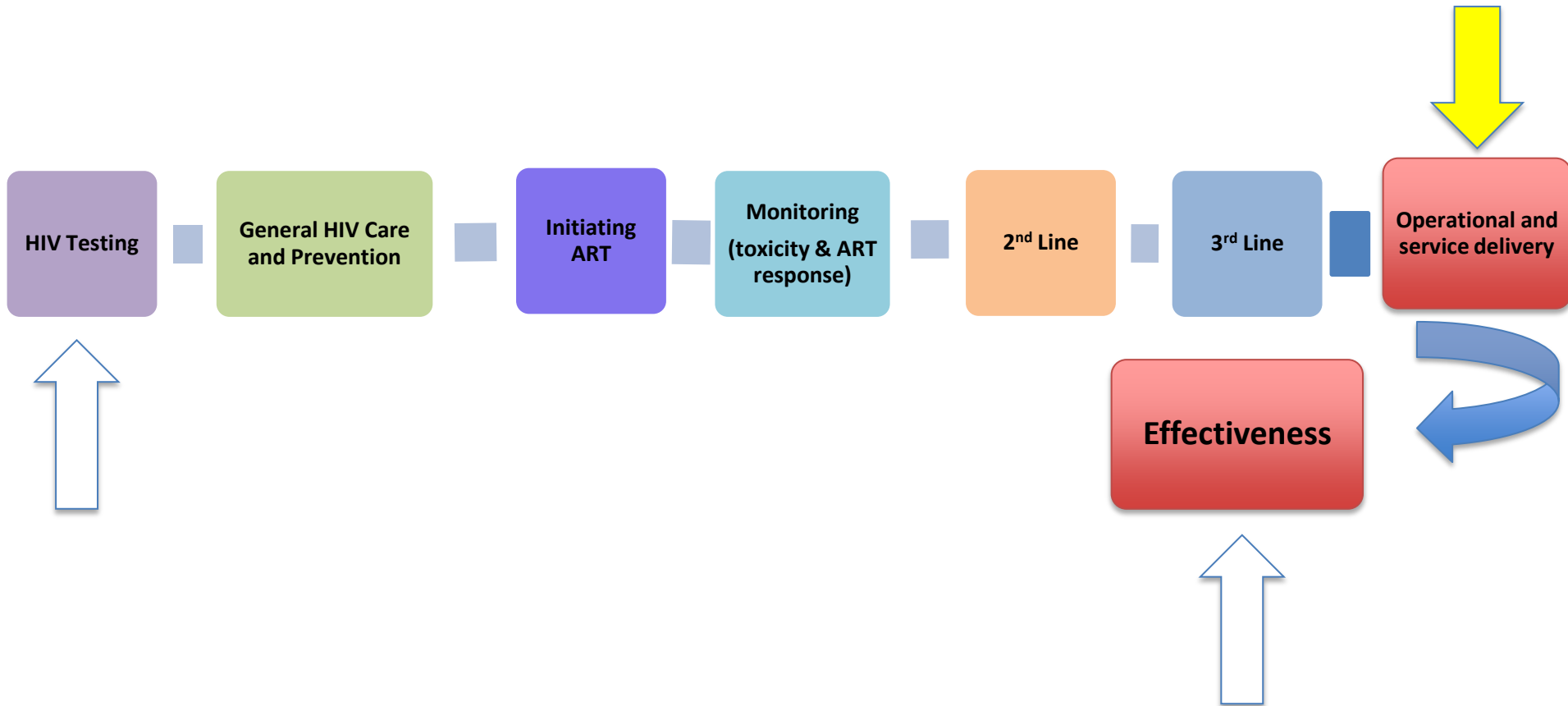


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  - Home treatment initiation  
(MacPherson P. Malawi. CROI, 2013)
  - Social marketing campaigns
  - Financial incentives to register in care
  - Build proximity health posts
  - Mobile health teams
  - Free transportation to health facilities

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  - Define loss to follow-up  
Chi BH. Proposed universal definition. PLoS Med, 2011.
  - Monitor closely program retention (early detection)  
Egger M. Nomogram. PLoS Med, 2011.
  - Document interventions of validated effectiveness, e.g. text messaging  
Horvath T. Cochrane Database Syst Rev, 2012 (2 RCTs in Kenya – improved adherence: 22%)  
Cameroon, Kenya protocols. BMJ Open, 2013



# Behavioural concerns

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# Resource constraints (1)

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- **Is there a risk of undesirable resource allocation (« crowding out »)?**

**This is not an argument against TasP but against TasP without sufficient resources**

# Resource constraints (2)

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- Task-shifting is efficient (Stretch, South Africa. Lancet, 2012)
  - Other sources of efficiency gains can be sought
- ... but will this be sufficient???

Human resources capacity may simply be lacking without major training efforts of qualified health workers

# Resource constraints (3)

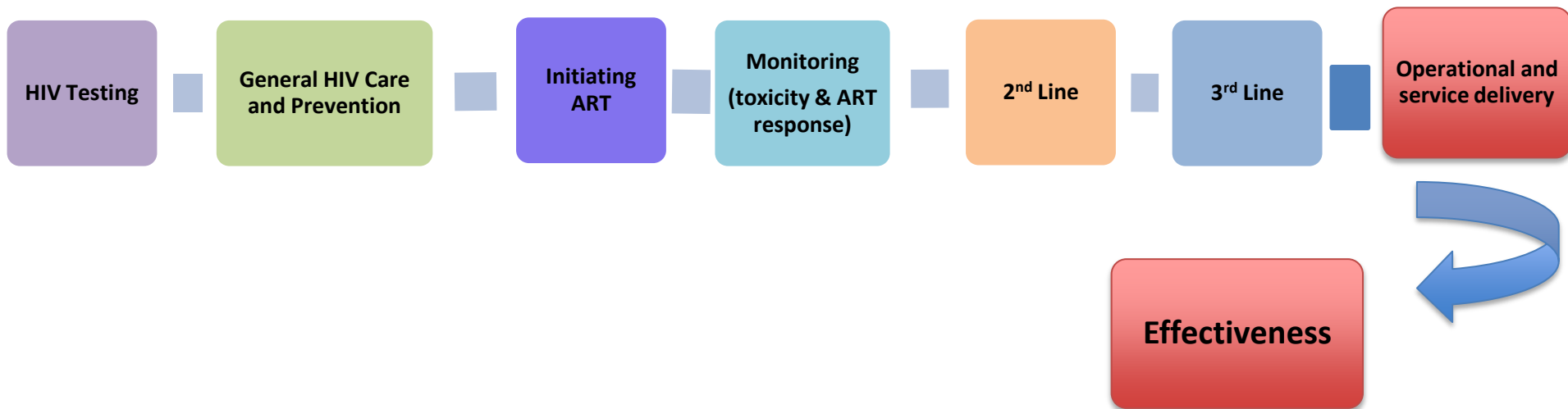
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**- Universal programs, vertically structured or fully integrated?  
versus highly specialized programs targeting key populations?**

**The need for implementation studies documenting where and how efficiency is maximized**

# *Treatment as Prevention (TasP)*

## The need for high-level evidence of effectiveness



# TasP RCTs (as of September 2013)

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## - 4 in Africa:

**ANRS 12 249 TasP (South Africa)**



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**HPTN 071 PopART (South Africa & Zambia)**

**CDC BCPP (Botswana)**

**SEARCH (Uganda & Kenya)**

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## *1 in the US:*

*HPTN 065 TLC-Plus (Washington DC & Bronx NY)*





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**ANRS 122 249**

**Treatment as Prevention (TasP)**

**Update**

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**Paris, 19 septembre 2013**



**Ukuphila kwami, ukuphila kwethu\***

**\* My Health for Your Health**

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**ANRS 12 249 TasP**

**A cluster randomised trial in Hlabisa sub-district,  
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

**<http://mereva.net/tasp>**

**Iwuji C et al. Trials. 2013; 14: 230. (Open Access)**

# TasP overall primary objective



- To directly estimate the effect of ART initiated immediately after the diagnosis of infection and irrespective of CD4 count criteria in people not yet eligible for ART on the incidence of new HIV infections in the general population in the same setting

# TasP Phase 1 aims



- **Provide sufficient guarantees in terms of acceptability and feasibility of the TasP intervention at individual and community level as well as on the parameters used to estimate the trial sample size to continue the trial and decide how to do so**

# TasP trial design (1/2)



- **Cluster-randomised controlled trial**
- **Component 1: Full prevention and HIV testing strategy in both the intervention and control arms**
  - Current range of community and clinic HIV testing options **AND**
  - **Implementation of regular (6 months, then 4 months) rounds of home-based HIV testing**
  - Comprehensive set of preventive services:
    - IEC, condom distribution, circumcision services, syndromic management of STIs and post-exposure prophylaxis, family planning

# TasP trial design (2/2)



**Component 2:** For all HIV-infected adult individuals identified:

## Control Arm

- Offer ART according to **national guidelines (currently)**

All patients with CD4 <350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, WHO clinical stage 3 or 4 or MDR/XDR Tb

## Intervention Arm

- Offer **universal immediate ART** initiation

# TasP Phase 1 specific objectives

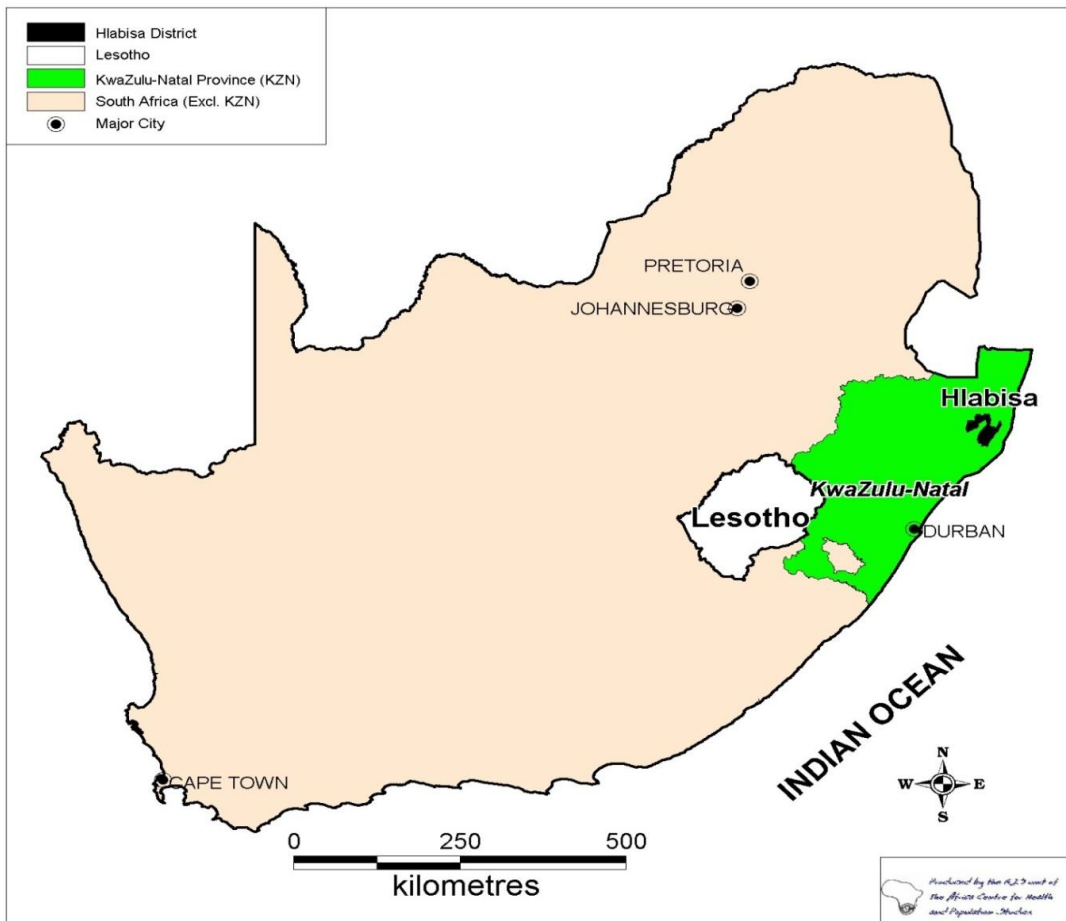


- Among all participants:
  - To estimate the acceptability and feasibility three times over a 14-month period of providing repeat HIV testing to all adult members of a community
- Among HIV-infected participants:
  - To estimate entry into care and ART, retention, morbidity/mortality, TB, virological failure, quality of life, etc. over a 7 to 19-month follow-up period
- Within the health system:
  - To appreciate the challenges faced by the health care system and health care professionals in providing the trial intervention

# TasP setting: Hlabisa subdistrict (KZN, SA)



Location of Hlabisa within South Africa

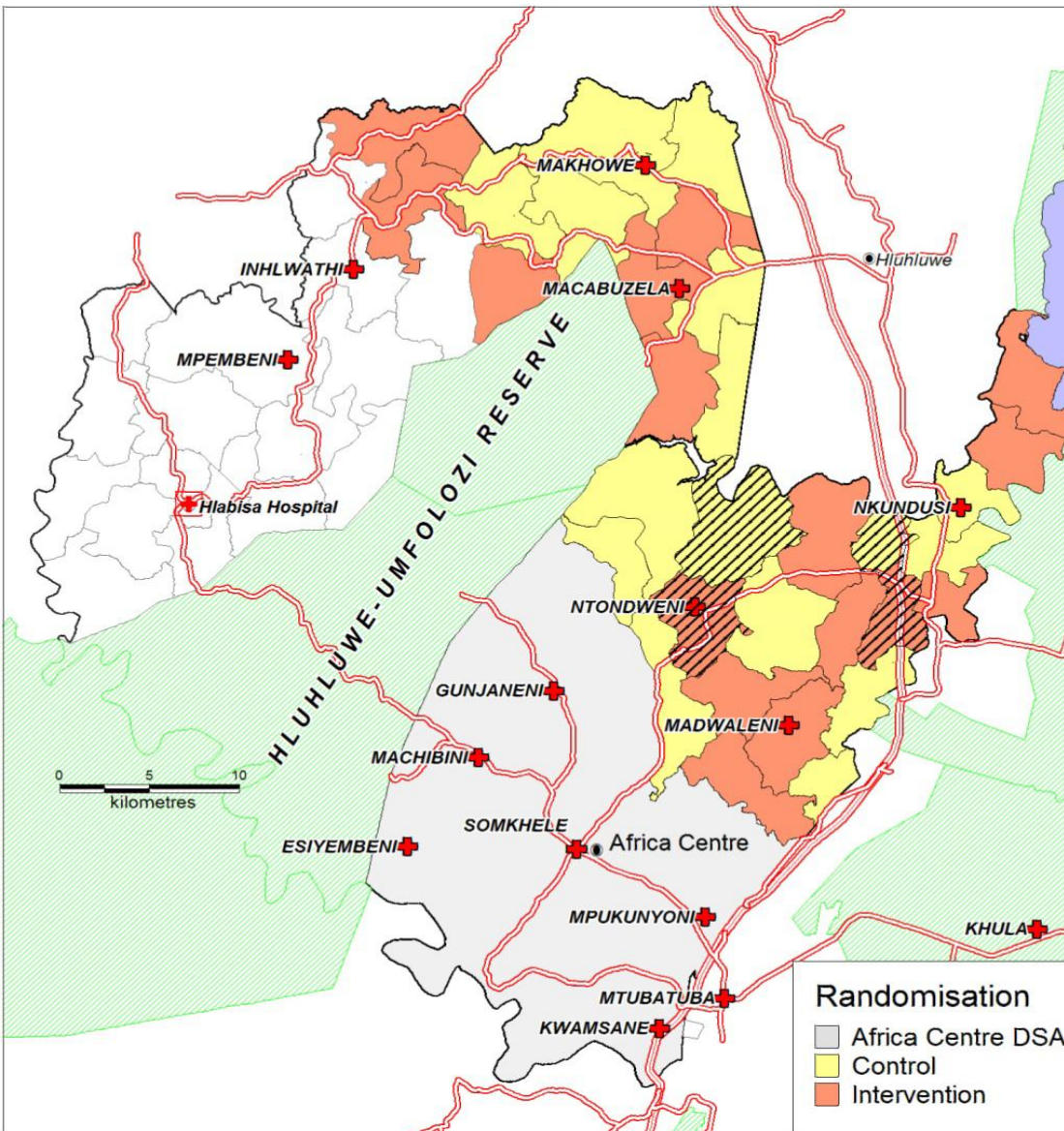


- 1 430 km<sup>2</sup>
- Approx. 220 000 Zulu-speaking people
- 24% overall HIV prevalence





# TasP clusters



- 34 communities/clusters
- Stratified on the basis of predicted HIV prevalence
- Randomly allocated in equal measure to control and intervention communities (17:17)
  - **Phase 1: in 4 (striped on map) then 10 clusters**
  - **1 000 participants per cluster, 800 HIV-neg**

# Phase 1 is ongoing



- **Clusters # 1 & 2 opened:  
March 2012**
- **Clusters # 3 & 4 opened:  
July 2012**
- **Clusters # 5 to 10 opened:  
January to August 2013**

# Progress - Feasibility (September 2013)

## Round 1 – Ten clusters

	Status within trial, n(%)	Sample size/model assumptions, n(%)
Registered	11 537	10 000
Contacted	8 347 (72)	9 000 (90)
Participation	7 865 (94)	-
HIV status ascertained	6 465 (82)	7 200 (80)
HIV positive	1 965 (30)	1 440 (20)
Seen in TasP clinic	912	-
Seen in DoH clinic	510	-
Total linked to care	1422 (72)	1 008 (70)

# **Pour conclure**

## **TasP : Possible réalité**

### **pour les pays en développement ?**

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- **Continuum de prévention et de soins :**

**Universal Test & Treat (UTT) / TTU**

- **Une évolution quasi inéluctable, mais**

**Quand ? Comment ? Qui paiera ?**

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# **TasP : Possible réalité pour les pays en développement ?**

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**2014-2015 : Éléments tangibles sur la  
faisabilité et l'acceptabilité en Afrique**

**2015-2017 : Effectiveness**

**Comment la mesurer ?**

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# TasP timeline - protocol

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- Project developed since September 2009
- Submitted to ANRS in March 2010, funding approved November 2010 (+ additional GLZ funding)
  - **Pilot phase: 2011 - 2013**
  - **Focusses on the acceptability and feasibility of the TasP intervention at individual and community level**
- TasP registration:
  - <http://clinicaltrials.gov/>: NCT01509508
  - South African Trial Register: DOH-27-0512-3974
- **Expansion phase: 2014 - 2015**

# TasP Phase 1 primary objective



- To validate and update the parameters of the model used to estimate the trial sample size and HIV incidence in terms of:
  - age distribution and HIV prevalence in the study population,
  - uptake of HIV testing,
  - linkage to care upon HIV diagnosis,
  - internal migration
  - and ART initiation over 14 months

# TasP Phase 1 other objectives



- To better define the *trial procedures* as the acceptability of HIV testing and entry into care may present unexpected challenges
- To *revise the protocol*, if necessary, and in light of changes in the international and national ART guidelines

# TasP organization



- **Principals investigators: François Dabis & Marie-Louise Newell**
- **Scientific Advisory Board (Chair: B. Hirschel)**
- **Data Safety Monitoring Board (Chair: P. Yeni)**
- **Coordinators: Collins Iwuji & Joanna Orne-Gliemann**
- **ANRS: Brigitte Bazin, Claire Rekacewicz, Jean-François Delfraissy**

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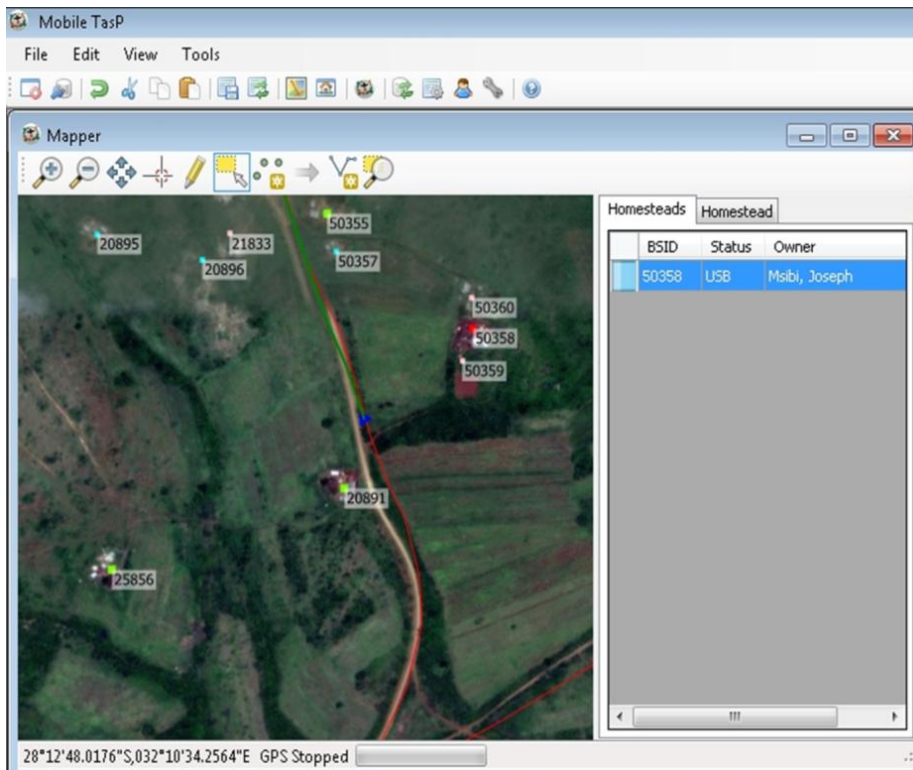
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# Homestead identification



## Homestead identification using GPS and GIS



# Trial registration / HIV status



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- Complete Household Registration form - electronically on net book
- Complete Household Information /Asset questionnaire; paper-based
- Complete individual questionnaire

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Offer rapid HIV testing and counselling to all adults





## Trial clinics

- HIV-infected participants have option of attending the TasP or Department of Health (DoH) clinic
- Africa Centre maintains database on those accessing HIV treatment and care in the sub-district

Ethics approval  
to link DoH & TasP databases



TasP Clin



Hlabisa DoH Clinic

Includes PoC CD4



# Clinic manager

Mobile TasP - [Clinic Manager for Clinic Name 85001 in Cluster 1]

File Edit View Tools

Find Individual

☒ TasP Id: 4234332 ☐ Name:  ☐ Surname:

☐ SA Id Nr:  ☐ Sex: Female ☐ Cluster: Cluster A

☐ DoB Yr:   ☐ Month:  ☐ Fingerprint

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Register Visit

Visit Date: 2012/01/09

Counsellor: Count Celler

Visit Type:

- Clinic, Protocol 3m
- Clinic, Protocol 6m
- Clinic, Protocol 9m
- Clinic, Protocol 12m
- Clinic, Protocol 15m
- Clinic, Protocol 18m
- Clinic, Protocol 21m
- Clinic, Protocol 24m
- Clinic, Protocol, Baseline
- Clinic, Non-protocol

Update Trial Status

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Patient registration  
at a clinic visit



Patient  
fingerprint  
recording

Mobile TasP - [Clinic Manager for Clinic Name 85001 in Cluster 1]

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☐ DoB Yr:   ☐ Month:  ☐ Fingerprint

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13000	Ruth	Bland	FEM
2342	Miriam	Makhoba	FEM
23342...	Mkhwanazi	Sikhumbuzo	MAL
23426...	Cresta	Bald	FEM
4234332	Nkosi	Isaac	MAL
23424	Abraham	Isaac	MAL
24242	Michael	Isaac	MAL
74901	Happy	Mnyango	FEM
74983	Zanele	Mashaba	FEM

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Documents

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Documents and  
specimens being captured  
on clinic visit conclusion

# **Phase 1 is ongoing (b)**

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**SAB 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:  
November 2012 (Paris)**

**DSMB 1<sup>st</sup> meeting:  
May 8, 2013 (Paris)**

**SAB 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:  
May 17-18, 2013 (Hlabisa)**