



National Center for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STD (NCHADS)

# PrEP IMPLEMENTATION IN CAMBODIA

**From Planning to Implementation: Cambodia's Experience with Cabotegravir-LA (CAB-LA)**

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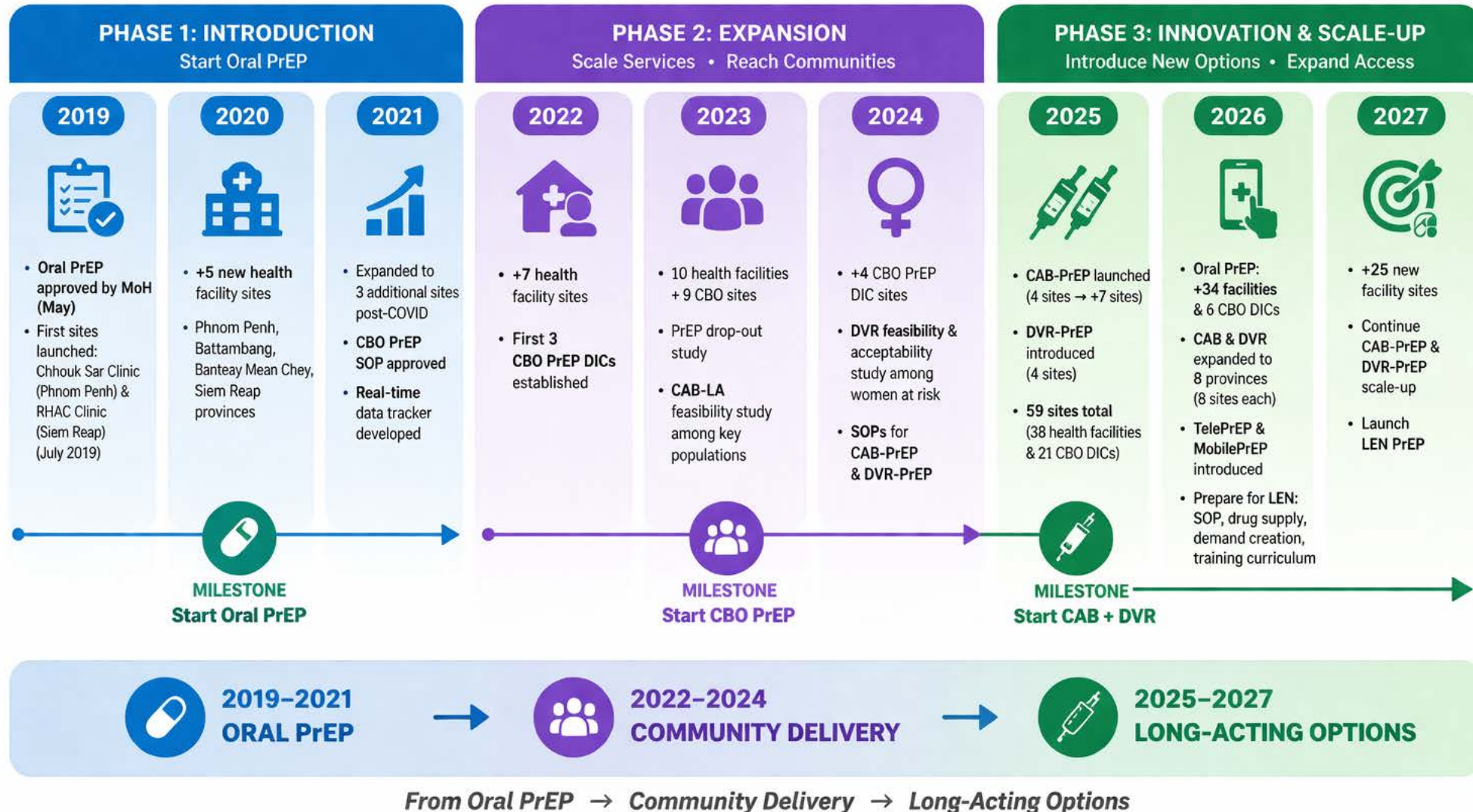


# HIV RESPONSE IN CAMBODIA AND THE CASE FOR PREP

- Cambodia has achieved major success in its HIV response, becoming the **first country in Asia-Pacific to reach the 95-95-95 targets**.
- The country has **nearly universal treatment coverage**, with almost all diagnosed people on ART and about **98% achieving viral suppression**.
- It has also **reduced new HIV infections by over 90% since the 1990s**, driven by strong prevention and community-based programs.
- However, while Cambodia has made significant achievements, new HIV infections remain disproportionately high among young key populations aged 15–24 years, highlighting the need for continued efforts to sustain progress toward ending AIDS as a public health threat.



# EVOLUTION OF PREP IMPLEMENTATION

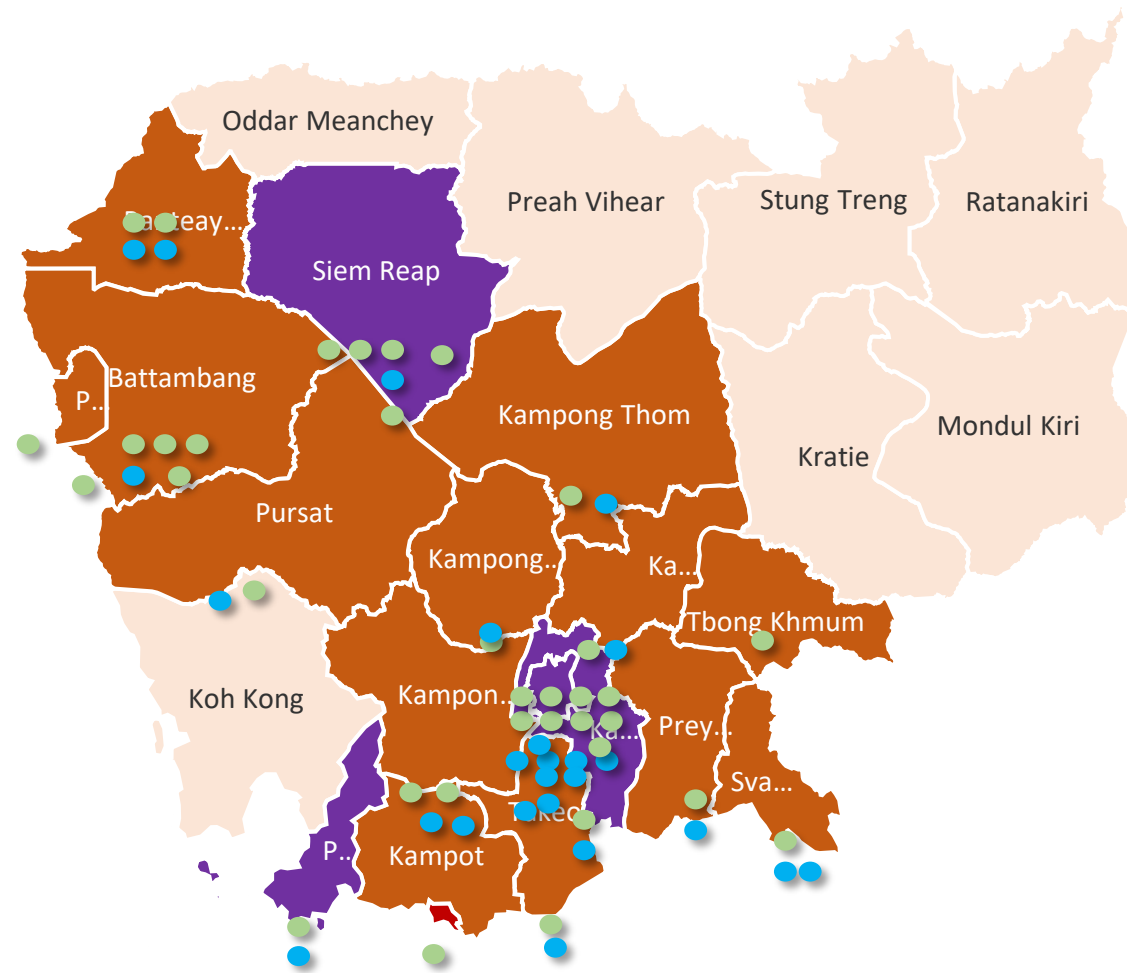




# PREP SERVICES IN CAMBODIA, Q2 (MAY)-2026

Cambodia has made significant strides in HIV prevention through the national rollout of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), most recently with the introduction of CAB-PrEP and DVR-PrEP.

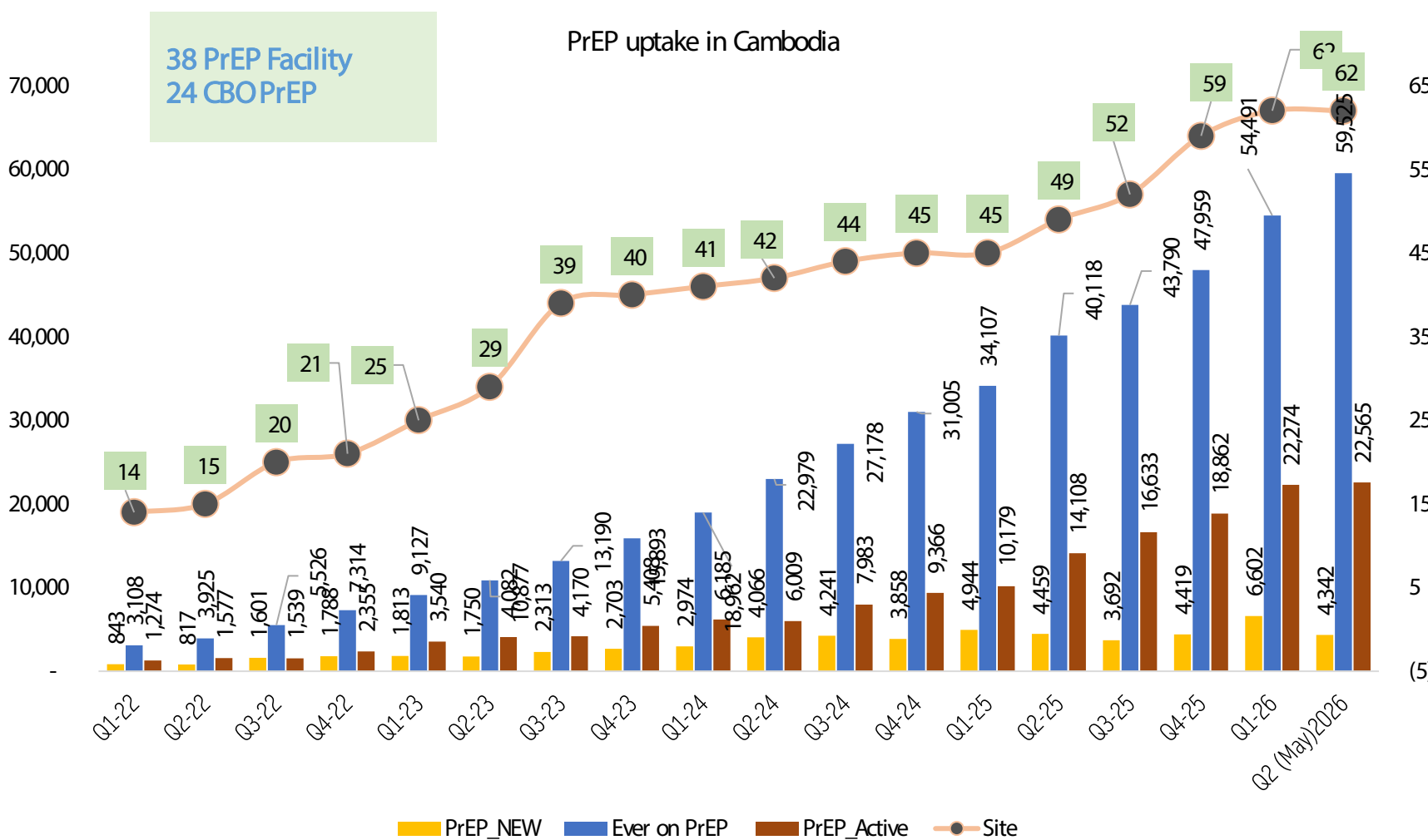
This marks a major milestone in the country's HIV response, complementing the existing oral PrEP services that have been available since 2019.



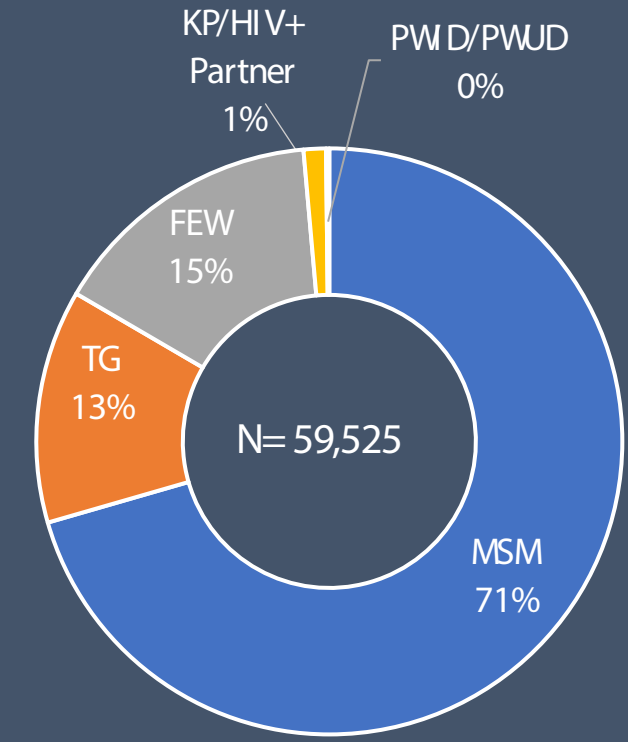
- PrEP Provinces (17)
- Facility PrEP (38)
- CBO PrEP (24)
- CAB PrEP (14)



# PREP UPTAKE - ALL SITES 2022-2026 (Q2-MAY)



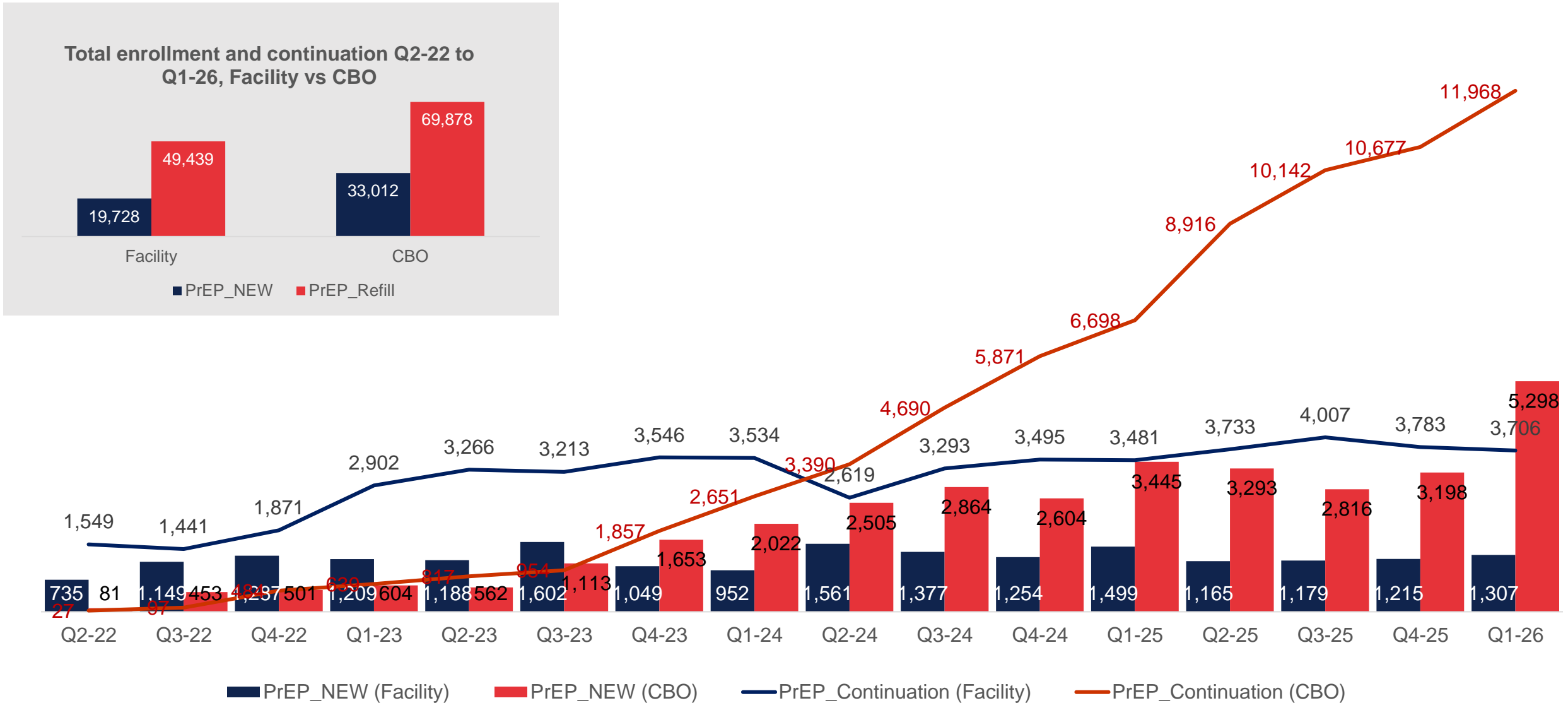
Total Ever on PrEP  
Disaggregation – by KP





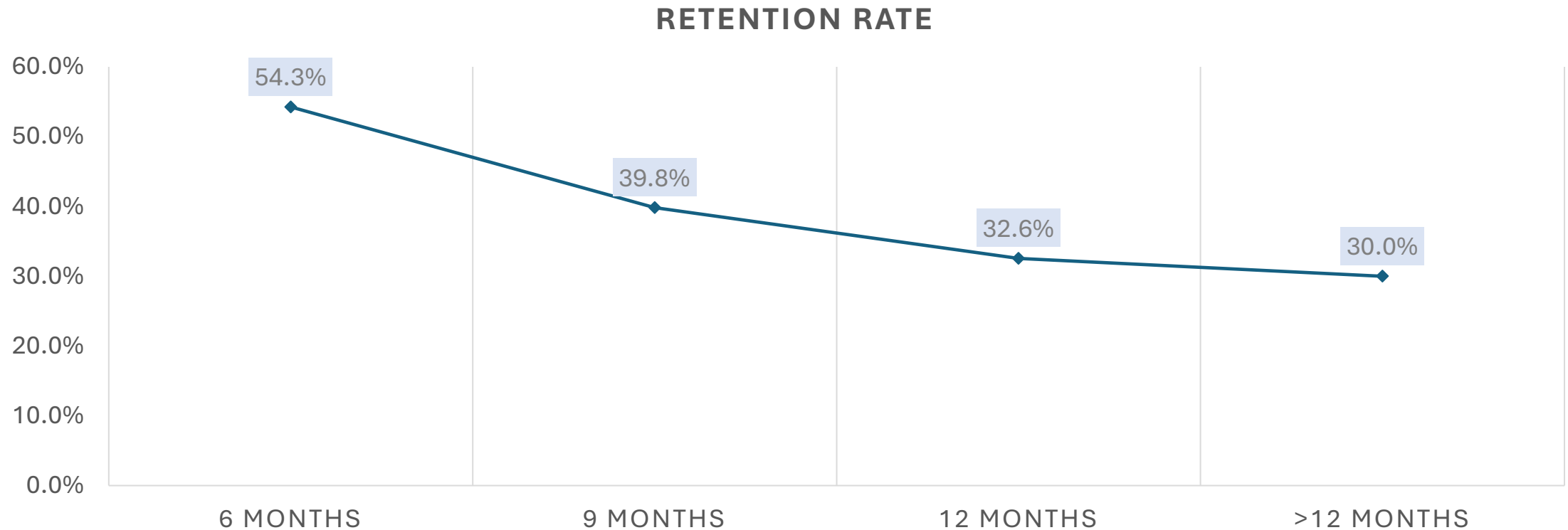
# PREP\_NEW, PREP\_REFILL AND PREP\_ST - FACILITY VS CBO

Total enrollment and continuation Q2-22 to Q1-26, Facility vs CBO





# Oral PrEP RETENTION RATE AS OF 2025

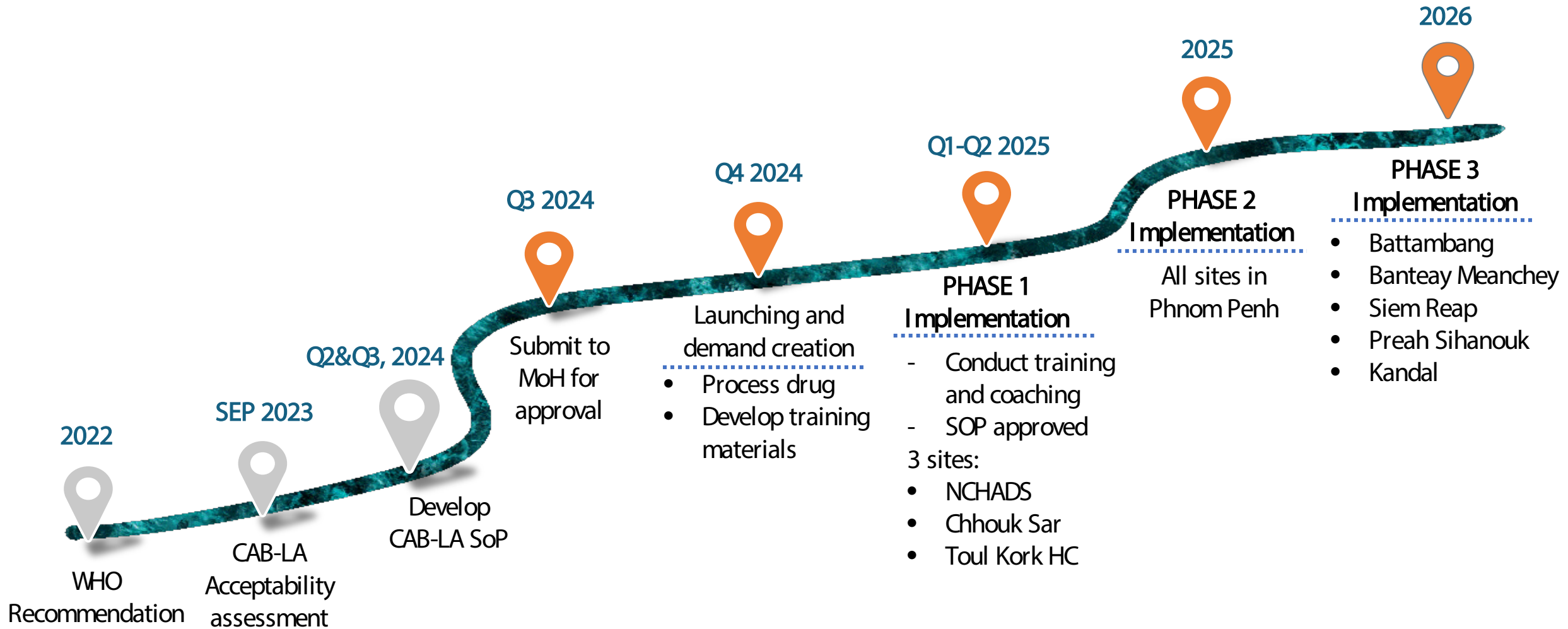


Note: The dropped out clients defined as clients who not came to refilled greater than 90 days comparing with next appointment.

Data source: PrEP real-time database, NCHADS



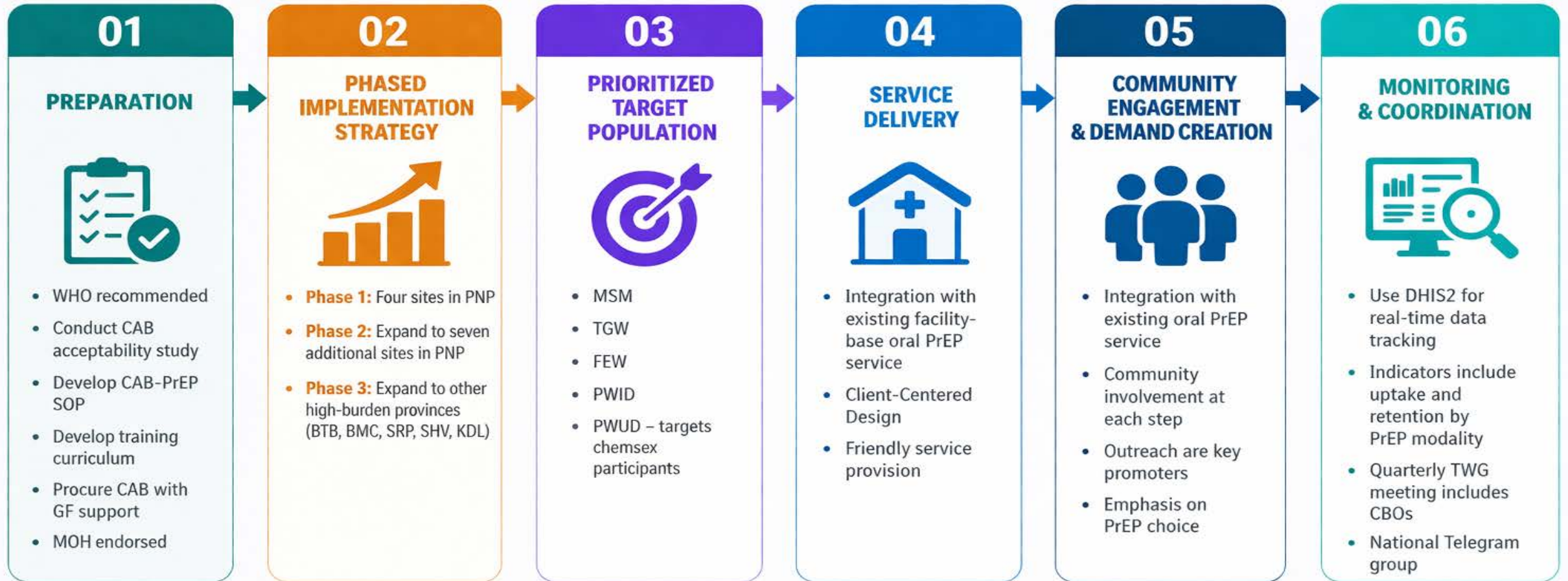
# LONG-ACTING PREP ROADMAP IN CAMBODIA





# PATH TO LAUNCHING CAB-PrEP

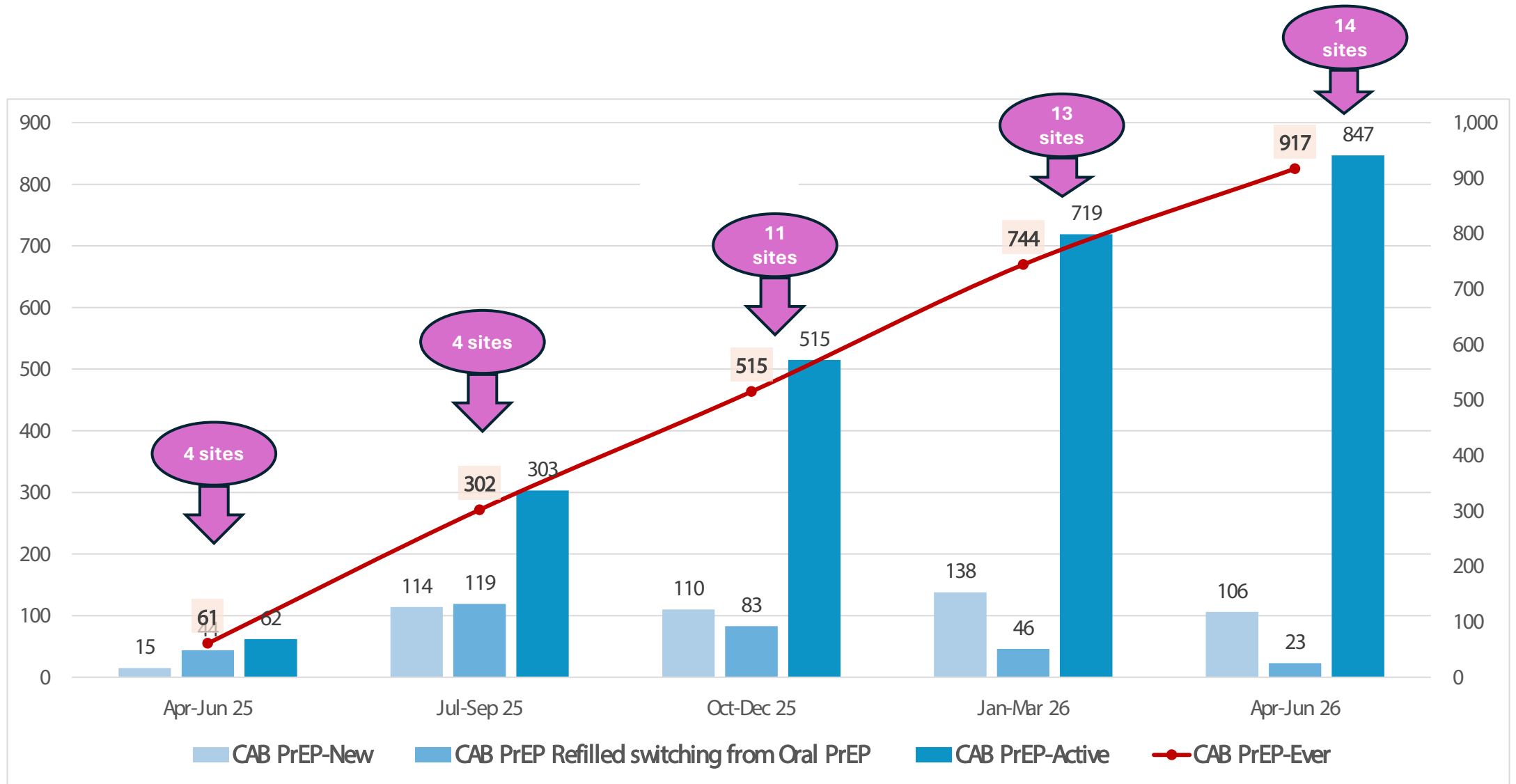
## A SIMPLE 6-STEP ROADMAP FOR CAMBODIA



**GOAL: MAKE CAB-PrEP ACCESSIBLE, EFFECTIVE, AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED**

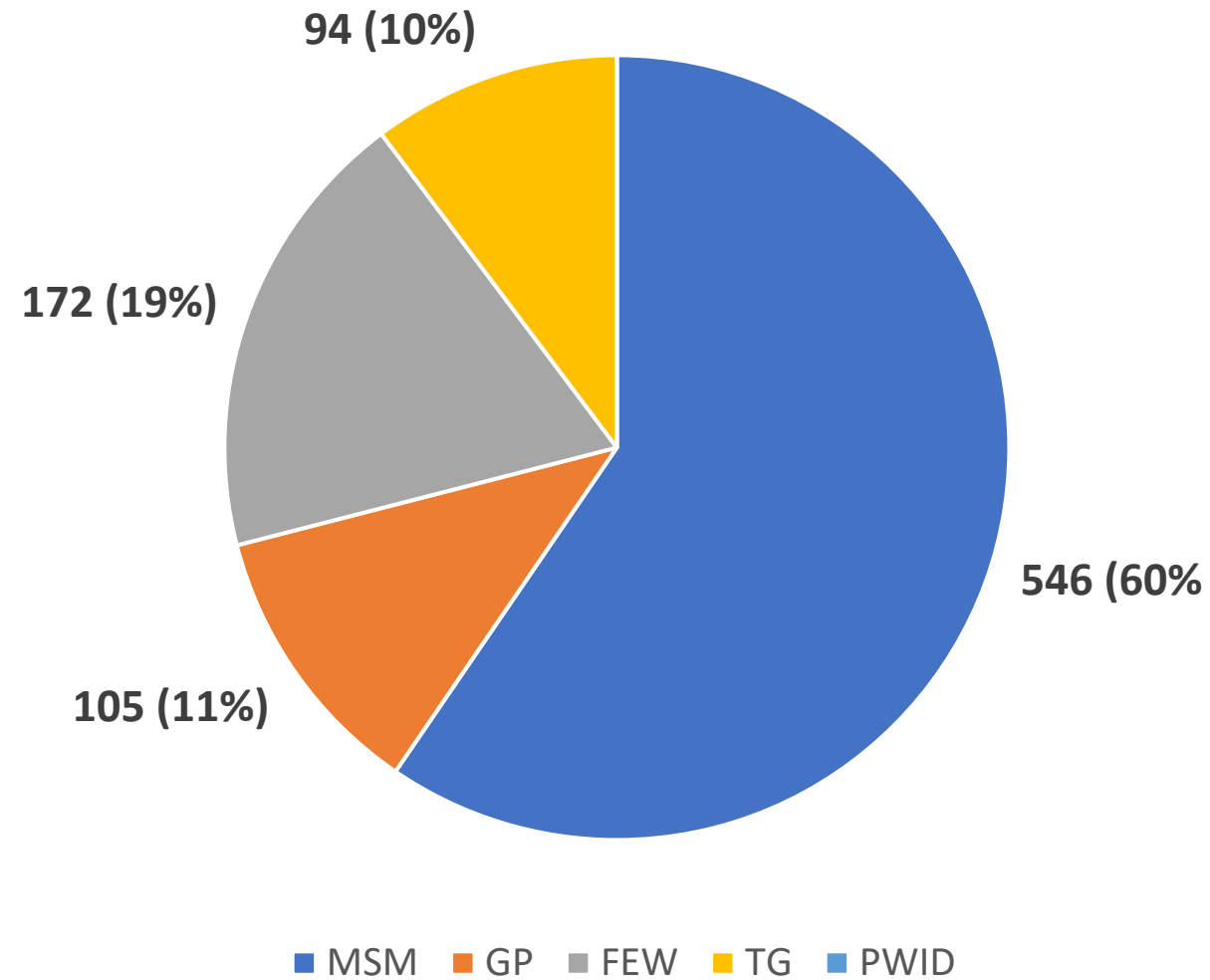


# CAB-PrEP implementation, Q2 (Apr-May)-2026 (N=917)





# CAB-PREP IMPLEMENTATION, Q2 (MAY)-2026 (N=917)





# EMPOWERING COMMUNITY-LED PREP DEMAND



## **Principle of 'Nothing for Them Without Them'**

Community-led PrEP ensures those most affected are at the forefront of decision-making, fostering ownership and inclusivity.

## **Active Participation Builds Trust**

Engagement beyond observation allows for genuine leadership, which increases program relevance and participant trust.

## **Addressing Unique Needs**

Community-driven strategies, as highlighted by WHO, effectively tackle specific challenges and improve health outcomes.



# CHALLENGES

While Cambodia has expanded PrEP rapidly, **key challenges remain in reaching young key populations, reducing stigma, ensuring adherence, and sustaining funding and service delivery innovations.**

## 01

PrEP coverage **remains low** at 34% of the KP estimate, with **limited uptake** of CAB-PrEP and DVR-PrEP, and **no access to LEN.**

## 02

Retention low – **only 33% (M12)**

## 03

PrEP awareness among some KP communities still low

## 04

**Insufficient funding support** for PrEP, including reimbursement and CBO budget



# ADDRESSING CHALLENGES ON THE WAY TO 2030

## To increase PrEP coverage to 50% of PSE and meet the annual PrEP enrollment target

- Scale up CBO DICs and integrate PrEP into all ART clinics and other services (e.g. Maternity, FHC)
- Expand delivery channels — TelePrEP, MobilePrEP, and PrEP choice: oral (daily and on-demand), CAB, and DVR — with communities leading
- Ensure steady supply of PrEP commodities — oral, CAB, DVR, and self-test kits
- Drive community-led demand creation with BCC technical support, and hold monthly and quarterly meetings at national and provincial levels
- Roll out LEN at all current CAB sites and boost demand through CBOs

## To improve retention and refills

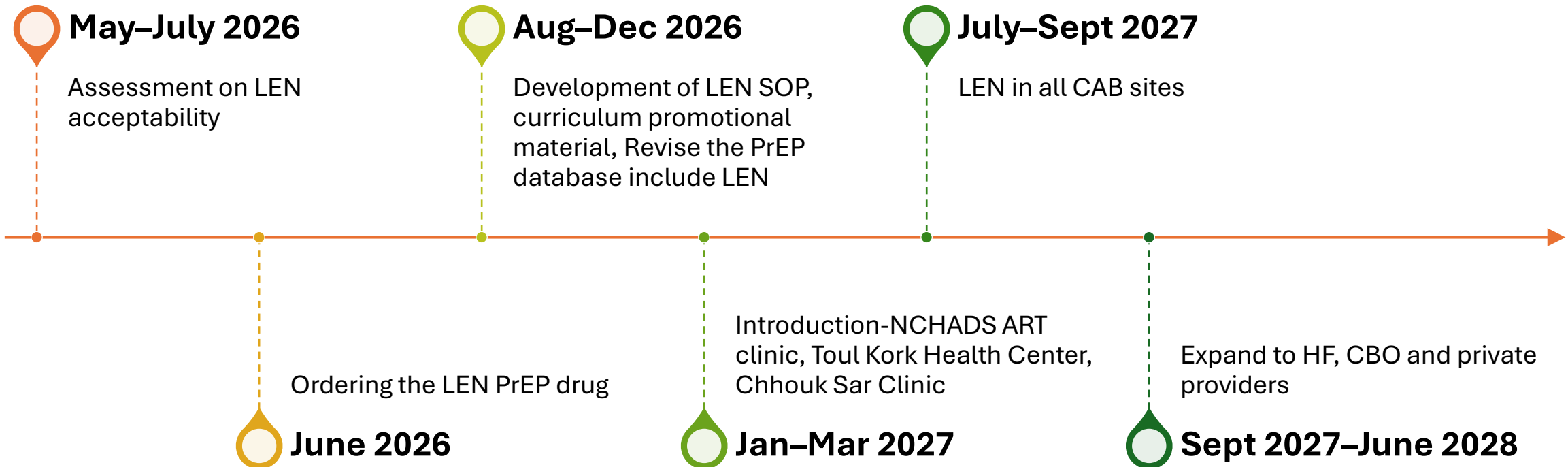
- Allow Tele-refill every other visit for oral PrEP
- Strengthen the PrEP real-time database with refill notifications and adherence reminders
- With CBOs and CLM, understand the reasons for dropout (DO) and run the re-engagement strategy — friendly service and CLM meetings
- Integrate PrEP into HIV meeting agendas at OD and provincial levels and the CLM forum to reduce DO
- Provide physical and virtual technical support, respond via the PrEP Telegram group, and hold semi-annual network meetings to review progress and share lessons
- Introduce LEN to reduce clinic visits and ease retention challenges

## To improve PrEP awareness among KP communities

- Boost CBO-led PrEP promotion via social media, community pop-up events, and ad campaigns on Facebook, Grindr, and influencer networks
- Strengthen CBO-clinic collaboration on demand-creation planning and implementation
- Run routine refresher training and onboarding for new OMs
- Document and film best PrEP providers and CAB-PrEP and DVR users, and share these best practices across other PrEP sites
- Add LEN to PrEP awareness and promotion among KP communities



# ROADMAP FOR LEN PREP INTRODUCTION: A STRATEGIC GAME CHANGER





# Thank you!

