




# **From global to regional: Science, youth and community in the HIV response in East Africa**

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## OUR STRATEGIES



<b>SERVICE DELIVERY</b>	Provide effective, promptly and appropriate health services including HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support services for MSM.
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	Build capacity of MSM community with the skills they need to advocate on their own behalf and improve their lives.
<b>ADVOCACY</b>	Create environments that support and promote MSM health care rights focusing on the availability, accessibility, safety and quality of care.
<b>RESEARCH</b>	Foster evidence-based HIV programming and documentation for MSM in Kenya through research.



*Community Approaches to Ending HIV in Kenya*

Case Study Ishtar MSM.

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- Ishtar MSM, a community based organization that advances sexual health of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Coverage:** Nairobi County (Westlands, kasarani, Embakasi)
- Hotspots: 81
- **Duration: 2014-2018**





# Strategies

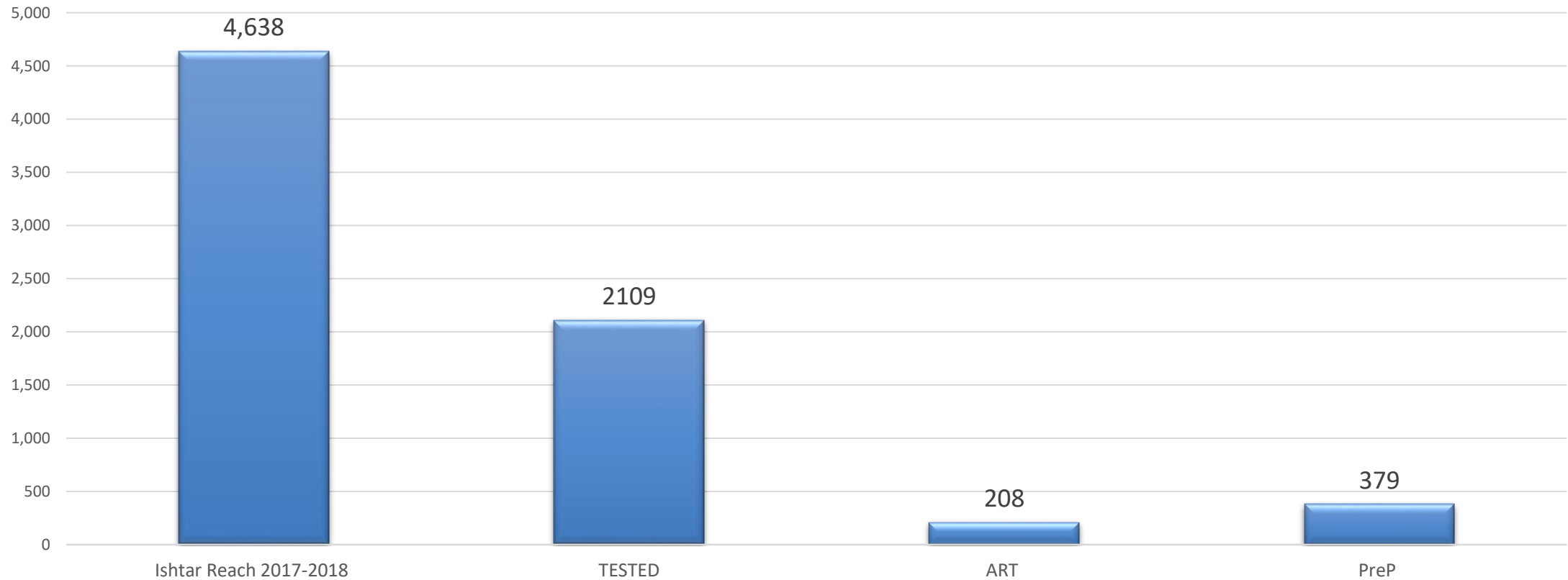
- ❖ Support groups & Post test clubs
- ❖ Peer Educator initiated programs
- ❖ Outreaches
- ❖ Social media Campaigns
- ❖ Snow balling-clients mobilize their friends from their social circles





# Current Reach

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# Success

- Strong partnerships with the ministry of Health
- Community designed and led Program
- A wellness centre and safe space for community
- The wellness centre being a model site
- A strong community Movement



# Challenges

- ❖ The legal barriers to access to services for adolescents.
- ❖ Some of the approaches are costly and we have to look at the aspects of sustainability
- ❖ Having friendly queer youth centers that are inclusive of LGBT youth





Thank you!