



Defining pathways for PrEP and PEP delivery in pharmacies

Request for proposals

Closing date and time: 25 September 2026, 23:00 CET

1. About the IAS

IAS – the International AIDS Society – convenes, educates and advocates for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being. After the emergence of HIV and AIDS, concerned scientists created the IAS to bring together experts from across the world and disciplines to promote a concerted HIV response. Today, the IAS and its members unite scientists, policy makers and activists to galvanize the scientific response, build global solidarity and enhance human dignity for all those living with and affected by HIV. The IAS also hosts the world's most prestigious HIV conferences: the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference.

Find more information about the IAS at www.iasociety.org.

2. About HIV prevention at the IAS

New HIV acquisitions remain far above global targets, even as effective prevention options are available. These options are out of reach in the most HIV-affected areas due to inequities, domestic funding limitations and foreign aid suspensions. To close this gap, the IAS: supports policy makers and programme implementers to act fast on latest evidence on prevention technologies and their rollout; equips health service providers with knowledge and tools to support informed prevention choice; and works with communities and policy makers to advocate for improvements in affordable access to, and create demand for, diverse HIV prevention options. Read more about the [IAS strategy for 2026 and beyond here](#).

3. Purpose

The IAS is seeking proposals from organizations registered in the African region to identify pathways to expand PrEP and/or PEP delivery in private pharmacy settings. Pharmacies are among the most accessible points of contact in health systems and can offer a discreet alternative to clinic-



based services. Pharmacy-based PrEP delivery has proven feasible and acceptable in pilot studies in Kenya and South Africa [1]. Realizing this potential at scale requires coordinated engagement of key stakeholders, including pharmacy providers, professional associations, regulators, policy makers, prescribing clinicians, civil society organizations and prospective PrEP/PEP users [2]. This RfP will support selected organizations to assess the existing national context for pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP delivery, identify key barriers and enablers, map key stakeholders, consolidate stakeholder perspectives, and develop a roadmap of actionable recommendations for expanding pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP delivery in their country of focus. The resulting roadmap should be designed as a practical resource to advance pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP delivery.

4. Deliverables

The total funding available for this RfP is USD 16,700. The IAS will support one or two organisations to undertake this work in one or two countries. The final number of awards and funding per award will depend on the quality and scope of the proposals received. Grants will be awarded for a maximum duration of three months (close 15 December 2026) to local partners to complete the below deliverables:

Deliverable 1: Country situation and stakeholder analysis

A concise analysis of the existing environment for pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP delivery, including:

- Review of the current policy, regulatory and service delivery environment relevant to pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP, including identification of existing or planned pharmacy-based PrEP and/or PEP initiatives, where applicable
- Mapping of key stakeholders
- Consultation and consolidation of stakeholder perspectives on key next steps, timelines and responsibilities
- Identification of key barriers, enabling factors and areas requiring policy, regulatory or operational clarification or change

Deliverable 2: Roadmap outlining actionable recommendations to expand pharmacy-delivered PrEP and/or PEP

Development of a validated roadmap outlining actionable recommendations to expand pharmacy-delivered PrEP and/or PEP. The roadmap should consider, as relevant to the country context, elements such as:



- Actions that could be taken within the existing policy and regulatory environment and those that may require policy or regulatory change
- Stakeholders responsible for leading and supporting each action
- Relevant dependencies or preconditions
- Key operational considerations, including workforce and training needs, commodity supply, testing and referral requirements, data systems, quality assurance, financing and sustainability, as relevant
- Opportunities for piloting, implementation or scale-up where relevant
- Prioritization of recommended actions based on feasibility and potential impact
- Remaining evidence or implementation gaps requiring further work

The following activities are eligible for support:

- Time/human resource capacity for team members (staff and/or consultants) to conduct situation analysis, hold consultations, and develop and validate a final roadmap
- In-person convenings to support roadmap development
- Costs associated with the development of deliverables, including human resource capacity and production costs associated with design, layout and translation

5. Proposal requirements

- Organization profile, including indication that the organization is registered in the African region (max 500 words)
- A detailed narrative of team structure, roles and relevant expertise, including the designated focal point and contact details (max 1,000 words)
- A detailed rationale and description of the focus country and methodology to be used, including workplan and timeline (max 1,500 words)
- A budget and budget narrative outlining rationale and anticipated costs per activity (in USD)
- Demonstrated expertise in HIV prevention service delivery, as evident in two examples of previous work
- Proof of organization registration
- Audited organization financial reports for the past two years

6. Submission details

Proposals must be sent by email to hivprevention@iasociety.org with the subject, "RfP – Prevention in pharmacies", by 25 September, 23:00 CET.



Please ensure that all application materials are submitted in a single PDF document.