Finalising Your Checklist and Preparing for COP23
1. Make clear asks
2. Use PEPFAR’s own data
3. Gather community-led data
4. Amplify community voices
5. Engage with PEPFAR
Improving PrEP Roll out, uptake and retention
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention?
Roll out of CAB LA and the DVR

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently?
"PEPFAR/T is also supportive of exploring the feasibility of the DVR and CAB-LA as additional options for pre-exposure prevention and will work with the GOT and WHO to explore adoption and integration of these new technologies." -p. 75

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023?
PEPFAR should support acceleration and invest in DVR and CAB for PrEP policy and guideline development and fast track implementation
Community Led Monitoring
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention? Inclusive community led monitoring

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently? "Through locally-based CSOs or individuals, COP22 will help establish a schedule to collect and scale open-ended survey questions related to service delivery from individual patients and clinical staff at both public and private facilities within a given county. These questions and observations will be centered around programmatic themes as determined by the County Coordinating Mechanism and entered into an anonymized data platform that will be available internally for decision making, as well as publicly." – pg. 38

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023? In COP23 PEPFAR will ensure that civil society is at the forefront of determining the structure of community led-monitoring to ensure that it is inclusive and community led. CLM should also ensure the inclusion of key population as implementers of CLM.
Improving HIV Retention - how do we support people to start and stay on treatment
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention? Retention - increasing support groups at the community

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently? PEPFAR will revive support groups at all PEPFAR-supported sites and encourage innovation to ensure that PLHIV and KP continue to be supported even during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions." - pg. 102

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023?

• In COP23, PEPFAR should fund community support groups for people living with HIV at the community to improve ART continuity and treatment literacy levels for people living with HIV in all districts.

• PLHIV community organizations inclusive of AGYW organizations funded to revive support groups for community members in need of education and support in at least five high burden regions of the country.
Prioritising Interventions for Adolescent Girls and Young Women
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention? Comprehensive, user-friendly service delivery package for adolescents.

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently? "Per the PLL, further consideration will be given to KVP, including adolescents and young adults as well as KP. In COP22, PEPFAR/T will employ an equity lens to ensure that marginalized populations are receiving quality services that meet their needs by addressing structural barriers, enhancing behavioral surveillance and size estimation, improving KP-friendly services, and expanding PrEP access." -p. 74

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023? In COP23, PEPFAR must offer comprehensive, user-friendly service delivery package that for adolescents implemented offering prevention, treatment and SRH services to young people and adolescents in 15 counties.
Key Populations
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention? Increase services offered to transgender people

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently? "In COP22, PEPFAR is targeting to reach 136,297 FSWs, 80,064 MSMs, 1,635 PWIDs (with 7,936 on MAT), and 1,641 TG with HIV prevention and treatment services in 24 HIV high and medium burden counties." - pg. 65

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023? In COP23, PEPFAR should increase the target number of transgender persons receiving services from 1000 to 5000 and partner with transgender organizations in 30 high and medium burden counties to ensure safe and stigma free service delivery.
Tuberculosis/advanced HIV Disease
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

What is the priority intervention? Increase access to 3HP (TB preventative therapy)

What is PEPFAR doing on this currently? In COP22, 30% of eligible PLHIV, including CLHIV, will be initiated on TPT and monitored until completion. CLHIV will also initiate cotrimoxazole, where indicated." -p. 51

What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023? 100% (700,337) PLHIV including children and adolescents be initiated and complete TPT within COP23, and cotrimoxazole, where indicated, must be fully integrated into the HIV clinical care package at no cost to the patient. Of these, at least 40% should receive 3HP.
Paediatric HIV
Clearly outline key recommendations & demands

- **What is the priority intervention?** Point of care early infant diagnosis for paediatrics

- **What is PEPFAR doing on this currently?** "In COP 22, The POC platform will be expanded from 6 to 10 for regions that report high numbers of positive infants, as well as for areas that have poor access to the conventional EID testing and long turnaround times for results." - pg. 61

- **What should PEPFAR be doing on this in 2023?** In COP23, PEPFAR must support an additional 61 POC EID machines to ensure children have access to timely diagnosis.
The COP23 Calendar
## COP23 PEPFAR timeline

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Resources to use as you prepare
Strategic Direction Summaries: SDSs are up on the PEPFAR Website. Download them and have a meeting to go through and see what made it in there. (https://www.pepfar.gov/countries/cop/index.htm)

PEPFAR Data: Take a look at the PEPFAR data for 2022 as a tool for advocacy — it tells an important story of what is working and what is not. All PEPFAR data is now online! pepfarwatch.org/resources.

Measuring Up. In Haiti, South Africa, Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Uganda activists have completed a detailed analysis of PEPFAR’s responsiveness to activist demands, called “Measuring Up.”

Draft Global Guidance: Review COP23 draft global guidance

Your Country calendar: A country calendar for the next few months, including the dates for the in-country Strategy Retreat

Quarter 4 POART slides: Access to the data (but you don’t have to wait, see http://mer.amfar.org)

Global Guidance, tools, and COP23 Planning Level Letters - release date Feb 15, 2023
People’s COPs as Advocacy Tools
So what next after this?
Invites to the co-planning meeting and in-country retreats. Ask your country team for your invites.

Consult with communities, especially those outside capitals, get their input and their evidence about why changes are needed.

Have pre-meetings with civil society organizations to make sure your representatives are well prepared to represent all of your priorities.

Share your priorities with global civil society networks who can make sure staff in PEPFAR headquarters in Washington are aware.

Be specific about what should change from last year’s Country Operational Plan. What should be added? Who should be covered? Where?
So who should you send as reps?
Send your best, boldest advocates well prepared to push for your priorities.
Upcoming COP23 Webinars — to support the development of activist recommendations to PEPFAR

Sign up at: bit.ly/PEPFARWatchWebinars2023
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