

Driving HIV prevention to Black African communities

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Who are GMI?

GMI Partnership is a collaboration between 3 London-based charities working in sexual health



'Ivana Test' is our mobile testing van who joined the team for this project funded by Fast Track Cities initiative.



Project overview

Objective:

- Increase HIV testing, knowledge and early diagnosis in migrant and other marginalized communities across London

Methods:

- Mobile HIV testing van
- Areas of high migrant or marginalised communities.
- Provide free, rapid HIV testing, prevention information, sexual health advice and signposting/referrals

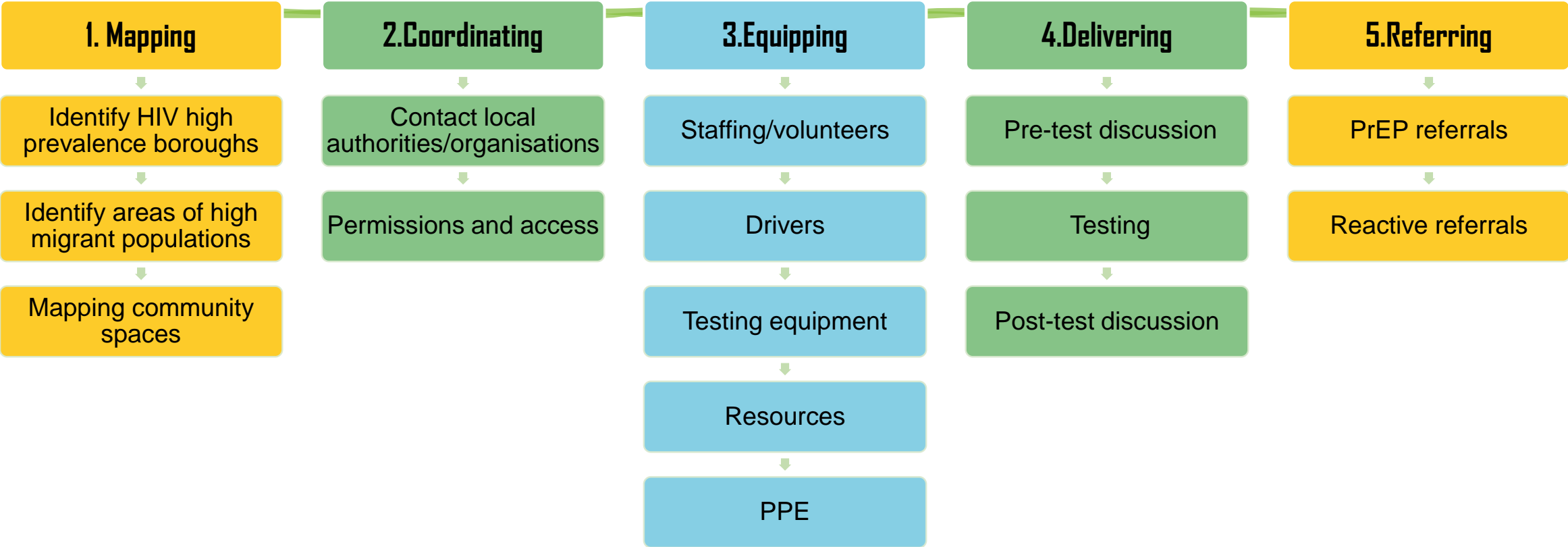


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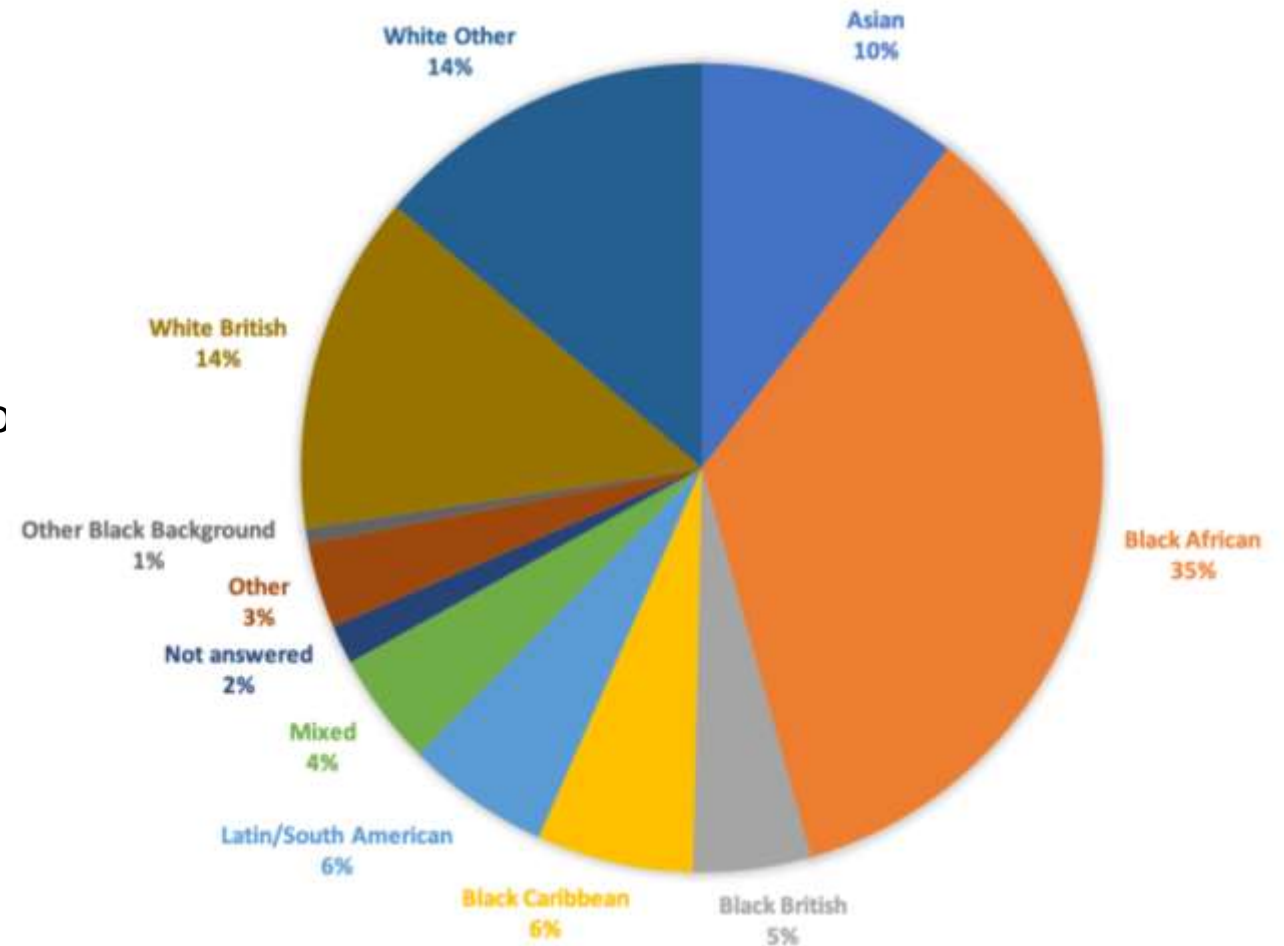
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What is the process?



Who accessed the service?

- 1,789 HIV tests across 105 sessions
- 35% Black African
- 69% people born outside of the UK
 - 45% of these were born in high prevalence cc (as defined by UNAIDS)
- Gender
 - Female (37%)
 - Male (61%)
 - Other (2%)
- Sexual Orientation
 - 77% Heterosexual
 - 14% GBMSM
 - 4% Other



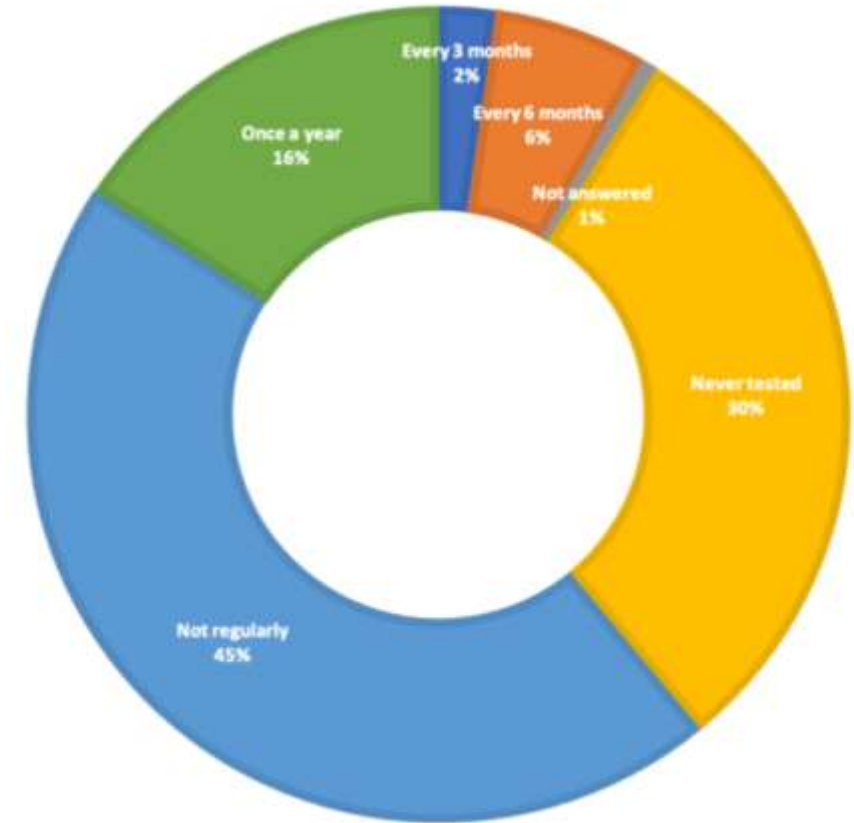
Engaging Black African communities

How we engaged the community:

- Culturally competent – understanding the cultural needs of the community
- Speaking community languages
- Representation from staff and volunteers

Of the 628 Black African service users tested:

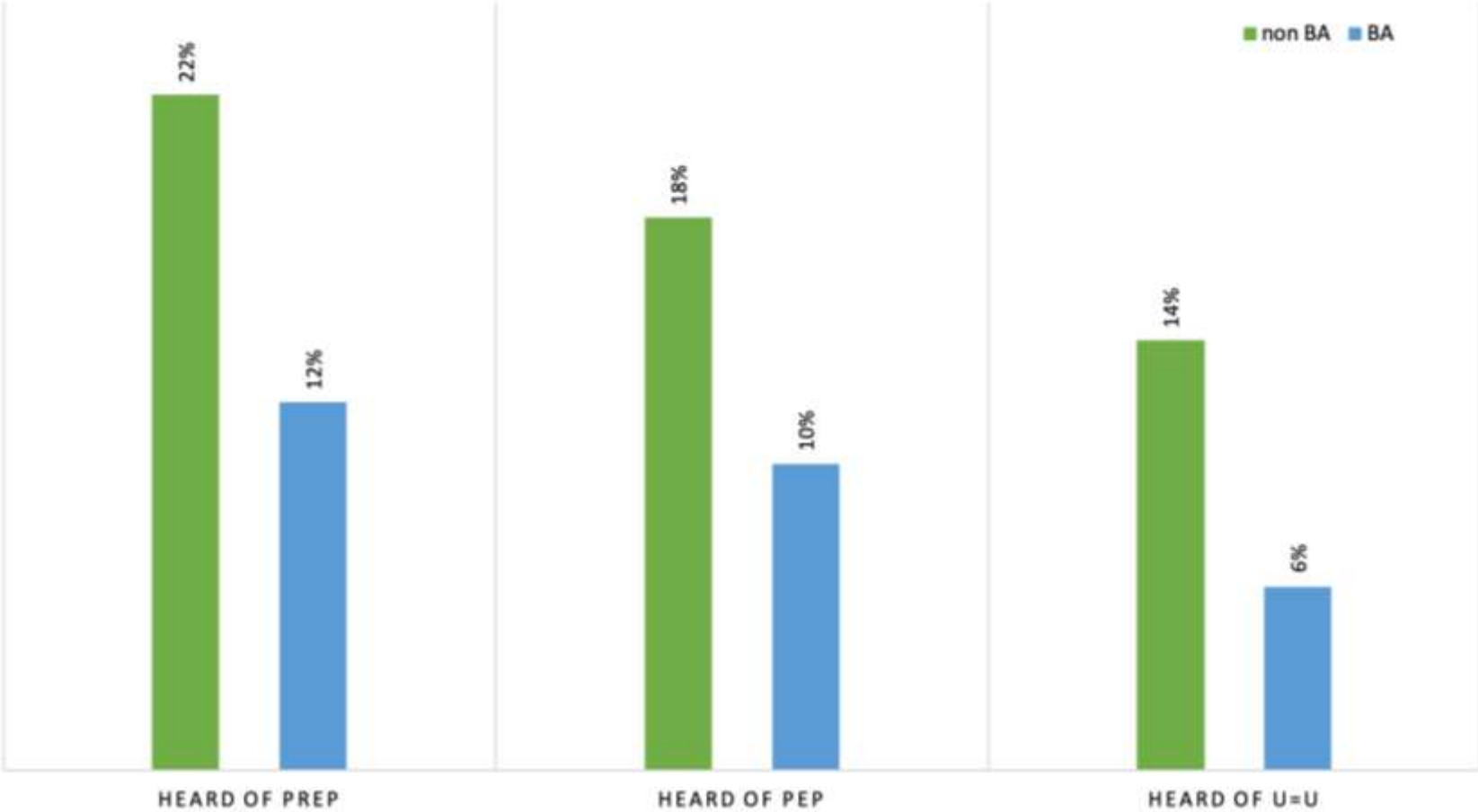
- Female 44%, Male 55%
- Heterosexual (90%), GBMSM (3%), Other (2.1%)
- 61% reported never having an STI screening in the UK before
- 30% reported never testing for HIV before
- 45% reported not testing regularly



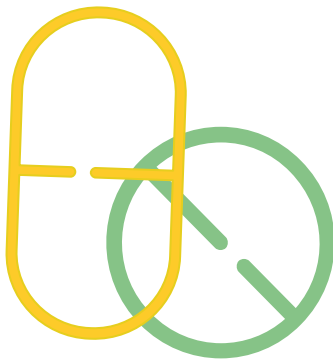
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More than a testing service



** Due to reduced response for 'have you heard of U=U' - this number is based on 240/628 responses for BA users and 408/1161 for non-BA users*



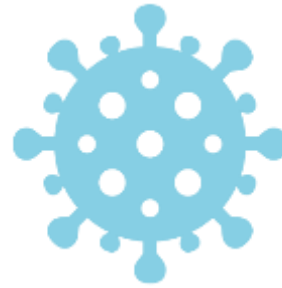
Lessons and challenges along the road



Logistics



Staffing & volunteers



COVID-19 & Monkeypox



Stigma & mistrust



Building community trust



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Any questions?



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