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BARRIERS TO HIV TREATMENT AS PREVENTION (TASP) IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

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Treatment as prevention (TasP) approach refers to the absence of HIV transmission risk following reduction in HIV levels to 'undetectable' due to the effectiveness of antiretrovirals. Significant efforts have been made to increase awareness and understanding of TasP in industrialized societies but not in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region where HIV remains a highly taboo condition. In this editorial, we discuss the effectiveness and public understanding of TasP, with a focus on the MENA region. We argue that increasing awareness and understanding of PrEP could enable the MENA to move closer towards the UNAIDS target of 90-90-90.

