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Action field 1:

Reduce the community viral load by breaking the chains of PHI with a yearly one month national campaign (Break The Chains).

Action field 2:

Reduce time from infection to diagnosis to 12 months.

Action field 3:

No transmission after diagnosis.

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What's BTC about?

It's about Primary HIV Infection (PHI) and community viral load.

HIV spreads mainly though chains of PHI among networks of parallel sex partners (steady and sex-buddies).

Where do you stand in this network?

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What does it mean?

- Safer Sex still remains the best way to prevent transmission during PHI.

- Test & Treat is not efficient to prevent transmission during PHI. Yet it is an important complementary answer to the epidemic.

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How does BTC work?

- One month (April) with no infection/transmission

- MSM are free to chose how to participate according to their personal situation.

- Counseling and testing with sexual partner(s) after the campaign (Mai)

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Thank you!

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