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**Embrace
Treatment**

**Empower
Prevention**

**Advance
Innovation**

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Beyond diversity: The Impact of a Multi-Stakeholder Network on the Right to Health

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Bergamo Fast Track City Network



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Institutions

13

NPOs

The Bergamo Fast-track City network was established on 18 March 2019

Goals

- Providing accessible screening opportunities
- Ensuring access to care and treatment
- Providing information on HIV and STIs
- Raising awareness of sexual health
- Combating stigma and prejudice



Network partners



COBATEST
NETWORK

Data collection → **Cobatest Network**

Our strategic mission: 2025 data



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Advocacy and Awareness-raising

- ✓ Training courses at high school
- ✓ Training courses at Italian courses
- ✓ Public awareness evenings
- ✓ Educational sessions for healthcare and social professionals



Screening Rapid, anonymous and free test for HIV, HCV, HBV and Syphilis

- ✓ Check Point
- ✓ Mobile screening activities
- ✓ Widespread screening activities



Linkage and Retention to care

- ✓ Physical accompaniment to medical appointments and blood tests and medication delivery
- ✓ Exemption registration and bureaucracy support
- ✓ Shared schedule management
- ✓ Self-help group and listening service
- ✓ Social healthcare facilities



Ensuring the **right** to **health** through a **community-based proximity** model

Advocacy and awareness raising



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Training sessions about:

- HIV/AIDS and STIs
- Prevention
- Test
- Sexual health
- Fight against stigma and prejudice



In 2025 were reached

2,813

Secondary school students

1,100

Language school students

15

Social workers

50

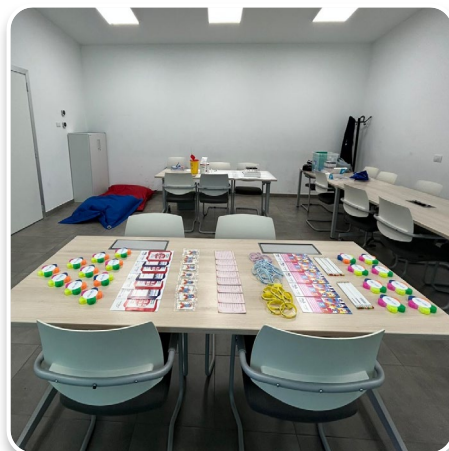
Healthcare workers

53.222

Website visitors
(www.friendlytest.it)

108.811

Social media views (IG e FB)



Screening activities



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Bergamo FTC - 2025	HIV	HCV	Syphilis	HBV	Total
N. of individuals tested	3432	3433	3432	1534	3486 (11839 test)
N. positivities (known + new)	23	51	33	40	147
Prevalence	0,66%	1,48%	0,96%	2,60%	4,21%
N. new positivities	6	6	16	38	66
Prevalence	0,17%	0,17%	0,46%	2,47%	1,89%
Known positives	17	47	17	2	83
Prevalence	0,49%	1,36%	0,50%	0,13%	2,38%



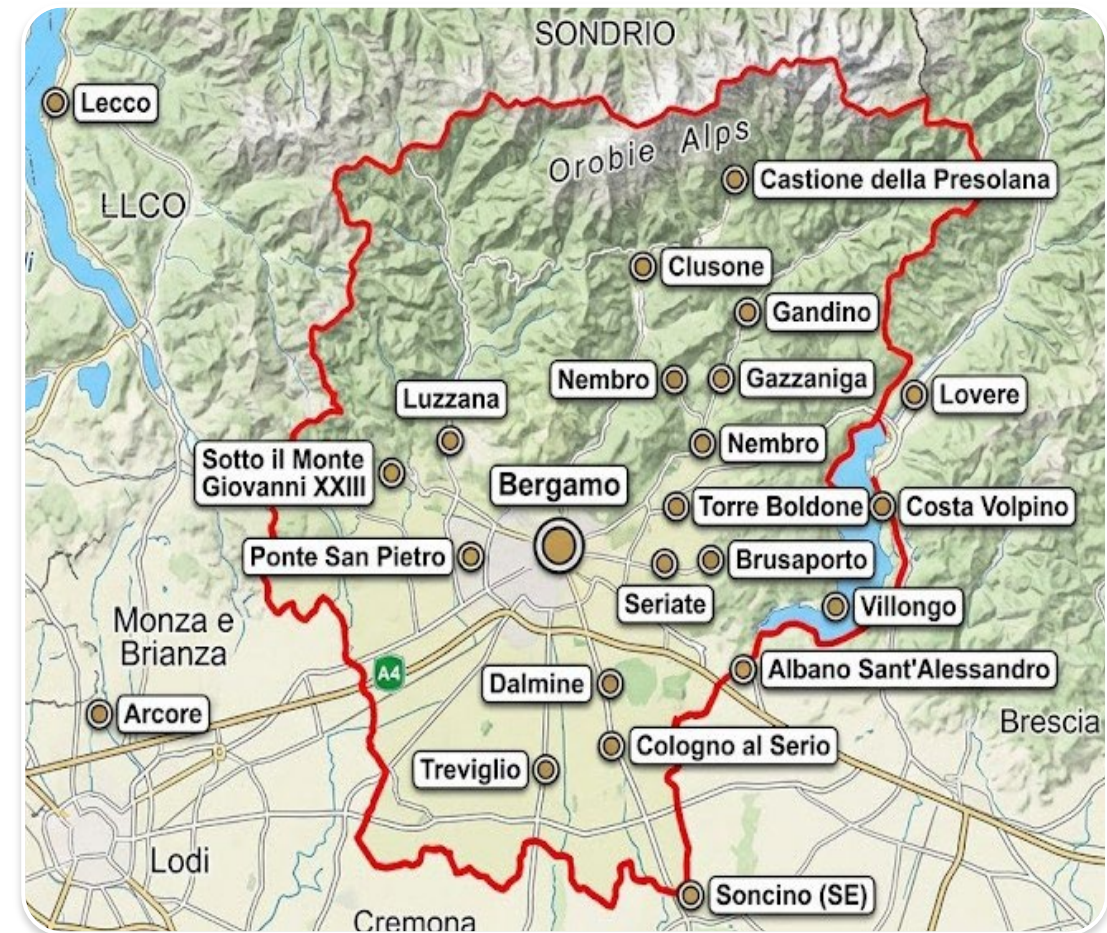
Screening opportunities among Bergamo and cohort



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3486 people tested		Total	Check Point sessions	Outreach screening sessions	Screening opportunities at NPO's facilities
	Screening opportunities offered	465	59	68	338
	Effective testing sessions	289	59	68	162

23 municipalities reached with awareness
and screening initiatives in 2025



Checkpoint

Fixed location located
in the city center in via
G.Moroni 93, Bergamo

Open every
Wednesday evening
and on other special
occasions during the
year



Outreach screening sessions

Universities, high
school, public events,
beach volleyball
tournament, sex
venues, pride festival,
pub and locals, italian
language schools



Screening at NPO's facilities

Migrant health centers,
homeless shelters,
drop-in centers,
addiction treatment
centers, Low-
Threshold Services

People reached and tested



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39% young people (18-25 years)

- 58% male
- 74.5% at first time
- 64% tested at universities or high schools
- Impact index: 1.4% (VS 0.24% >25 years)

35.5% migrants

- 64% tested at italian language school
- 14% tested in migrant reception contexts
- Main origin: 51.7% Nations of Africa
- Impact index: 0.80% (VS 0.20% italian-origin)

15% MSM

- 58% tested at check point
- 11% tested in LGBTQI+ events
- 84% did test before

16.7% people with vulnerabilities

- 64% tested in reception or harm reduction services
- 20% homeless
- 50% drug users

Screening positivities and outcomes



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66 new positivities

- **HIV+**: 5/6 (83%) need help in linkage to care
- **HCV+**: 6/6 (100%) need help in linkage to care
- **HBV+**: 38/38 (100%) need help in linkage to care
- **Syphilis+**: 6/16 (37%) need help in linkage to care

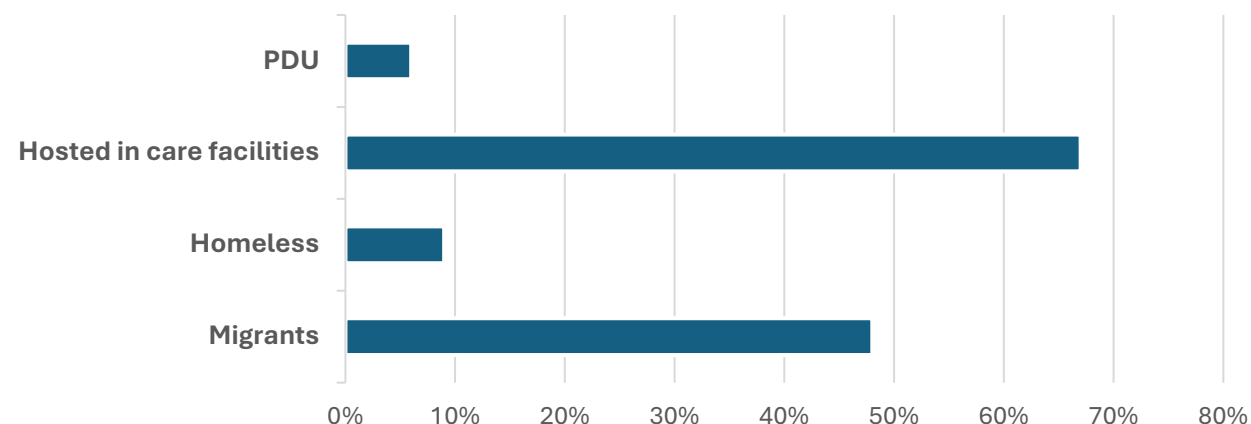


52 people need support

from the educational team in their care pathway due to their vulnerabilities.

**3 people were positive at more than one test*

Social vulnerability among those linked to care



Linkage and Retention to Care



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52 people with new diagnosis
required accompaniment for care pathway

8 re-engaged
in treatment (5 HIV, 1 HBV, 1 HCV, 1 Syphilis)

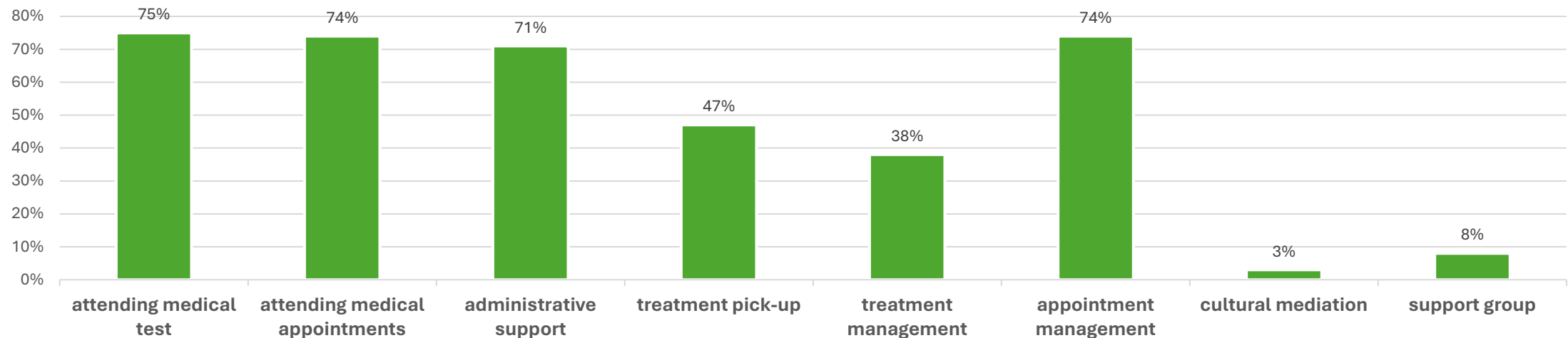
38 PWH hosted
in three residential houses

2 PWH supported
with medication pickup and delivery

9 PWH in peer group
attended the peer support group

450 phone contacts
for information on testing and risk
assessment

Linkage to care support provided



Linkage and Retention to Care



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Presence
Focus
Organizational skill
Availability
Creativity
Network

Conclusion and Prospects

Information. Opportunity. Care. The pillars of a new culture for sexual health awareness



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EFFECTIVE PROXIMITY MODEL

The proximity model is effective in identifying undiagnosed cases and promoting linkage to care



CONTINUITY OF CARE

The strength lies in the continuity of the care pathway between hospital and local community services



COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES

To maintain the proven effectiveness of these efforts a more robust commitment of public resources is essential

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

**Proximity is the Key to Prevention: the model turns community outreach into clinical outcomes.
Sustaining this network is an investment in public health, not a cost.**



Thank You for Your Attention

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