



**7TH CATHOLIC
ASIA PACIFIC COALITION
ON HIV & AIDS
CONFERENCE:
REGIONAL
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
UPDATES**

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Journey of AIDS by the numbers

Since the beginning of the epidemic -

Globally...

77 million people have become infected with HIV
population size of Turkey

35 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses
population size of Canada

In Asia and the Pacific...

12 million people have become infected with HIV
Almost twice the population size of Lao PDR

6 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses
population size of Singapore

Getting to zero



Fast-Track and Ending AIDS Targets: Asia and the Pacific

by 2020

90-90-90

HIV treatment

90 000 (75% reduction from 2010)

New HIV infections or
fewer

ZERO

Discrimination

by 2030

95-95-95

HIV treatment

53 000 (90% reduction from 2010)

New HIV infections or
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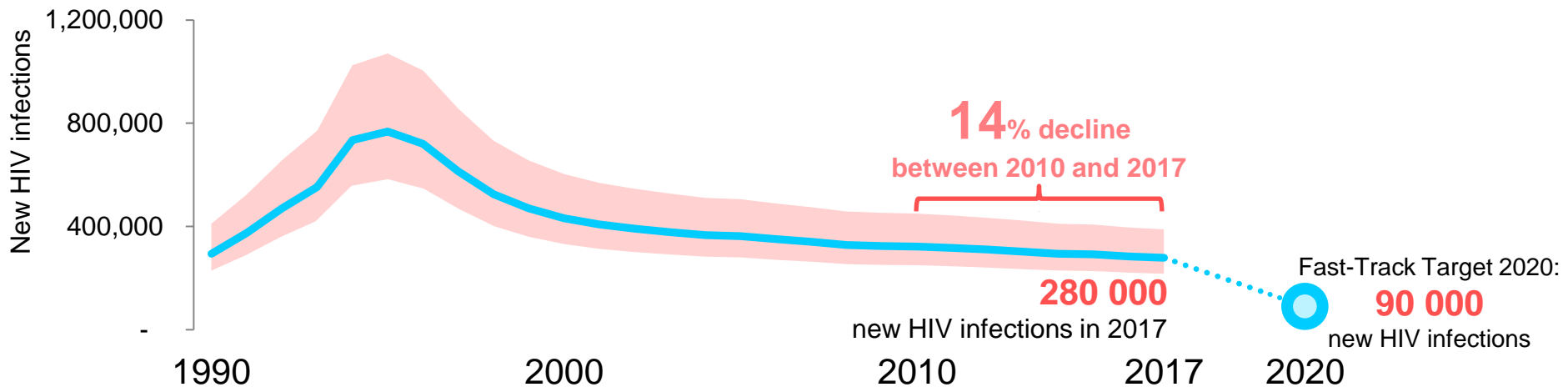
Discrimination

Despite earlier achievements, the decline in new HIV infections has stalled during the past 7 years.

Global



Asia and the Pacific



— New HIV infections ● 2020 Fast-Track target*

*The 2020 target is equivalent to a 75% reduction since 2010.

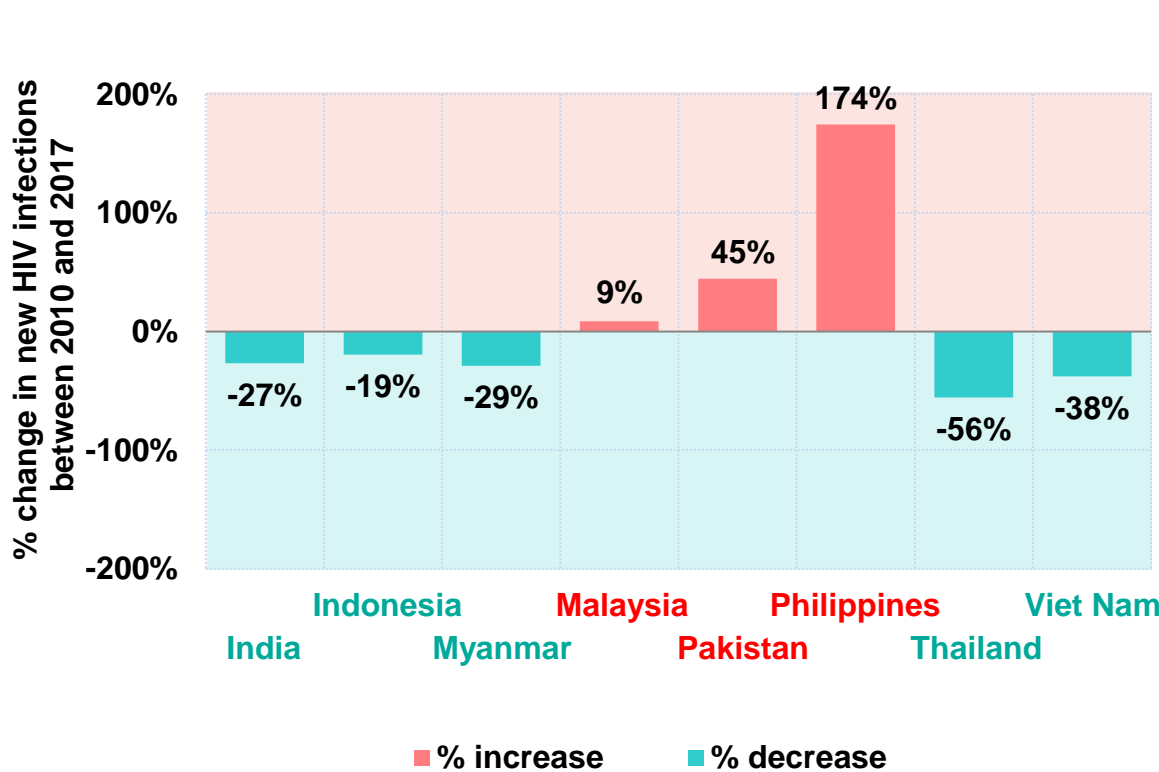


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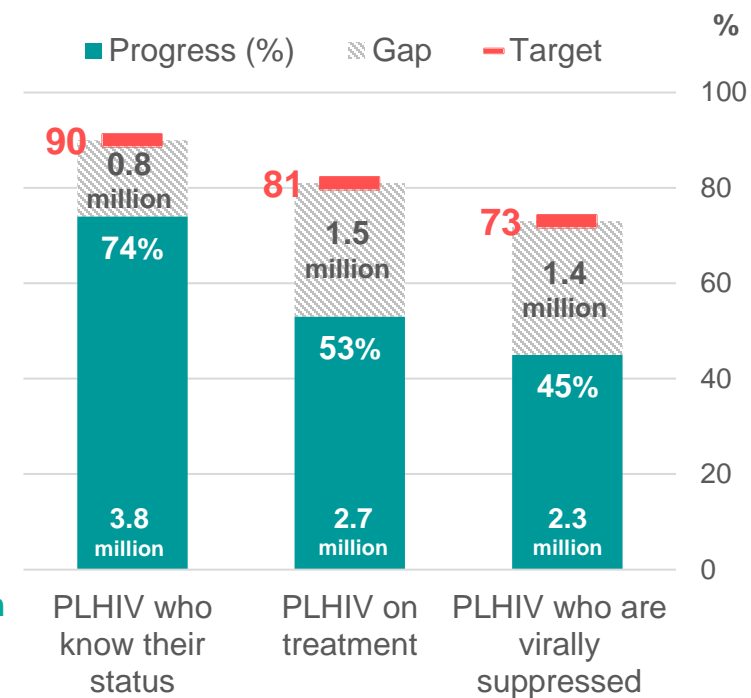
HIV is not over yet!

Miles to go and gaps to address

Percent change in new HIV infections between 2010 and 2017



HIV testing and treatment cascade, 2017

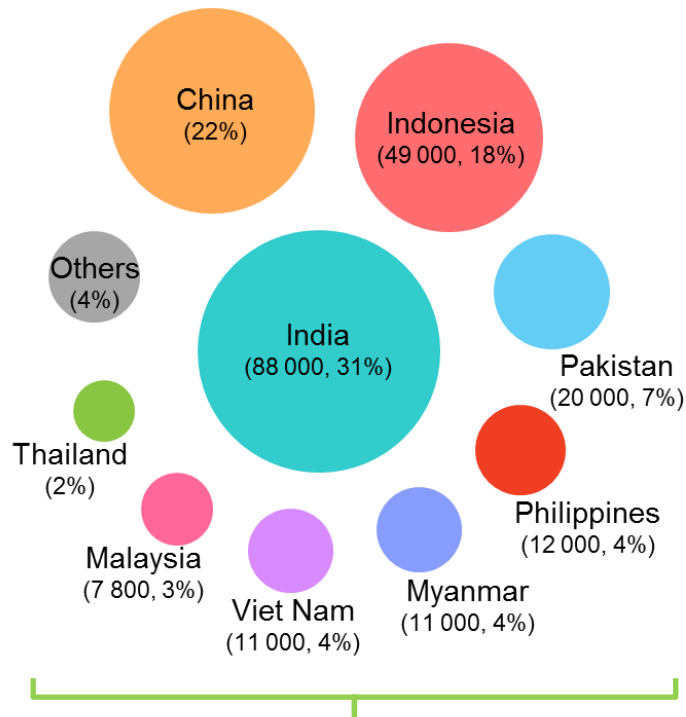


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Urgent need for focused response: location-population approach!

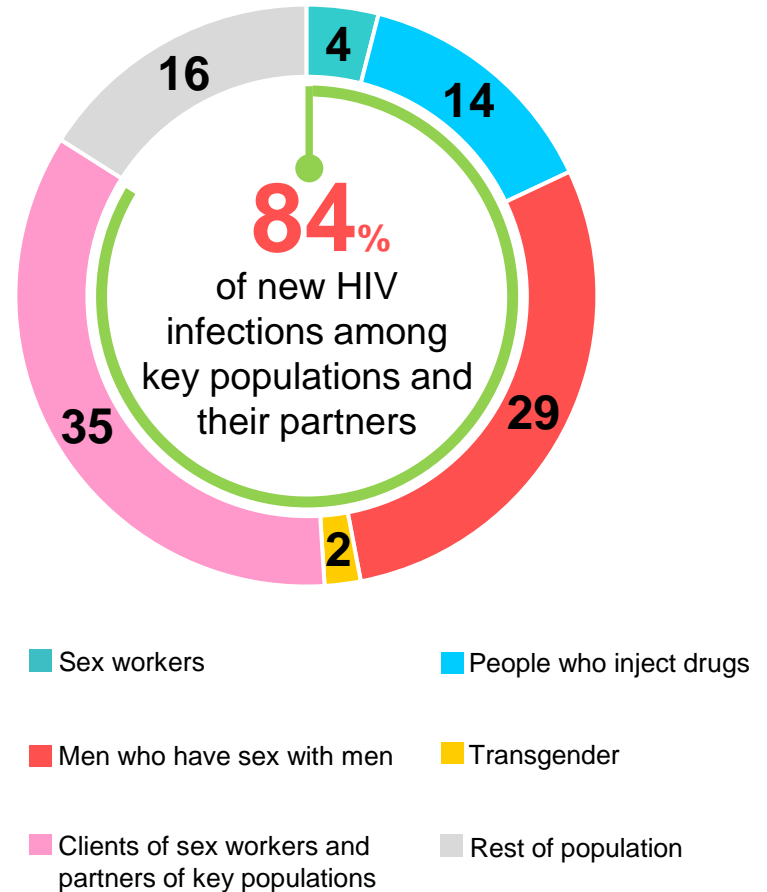
Distribution of new HIV infections by country



9 countries account for

96% of total 280 000 new HIV infections in Asia Pacific

Share of new HIV infections by population

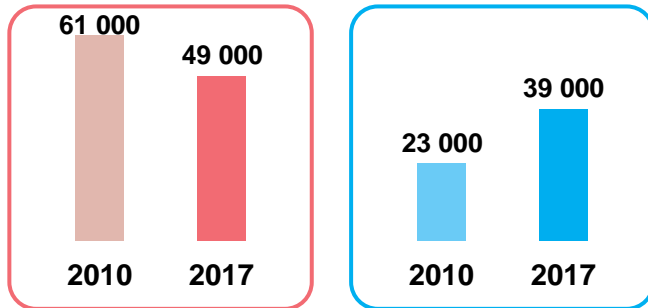


- Sex workers
- People who inject drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- Transgender
- Clients of sex workers and partners of key populations
- Rest of population

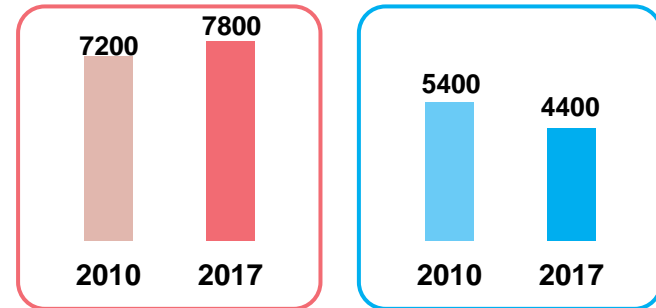
Country zoom-in: how far are we with ending AIDS as a threat to public health security

New HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths in select countries, 2010 and 2017

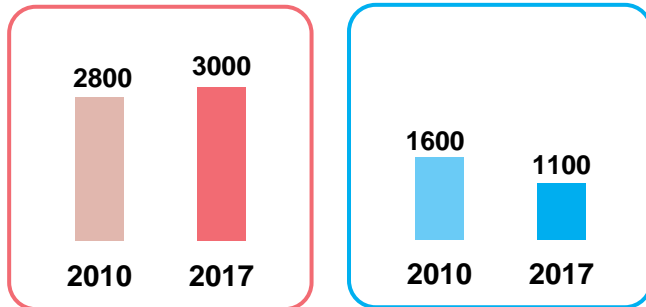
Indonesia (rising AIDS-related deaths)



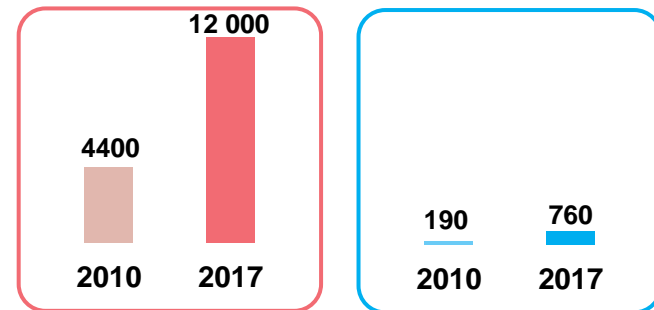
Malaysia (rising new HIV infections)



Papua New Guinea (rising new HIV infections)



Philippines (rising new HIV infections)



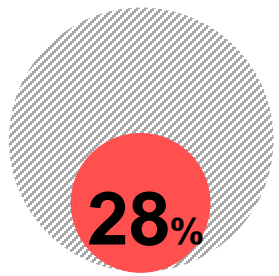
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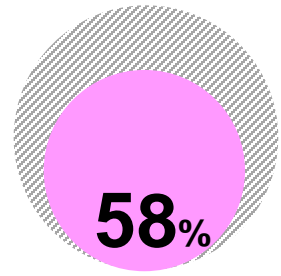
Mind the gap: use innovations to maximize prevention effect

Prevention gap, select countries and populations

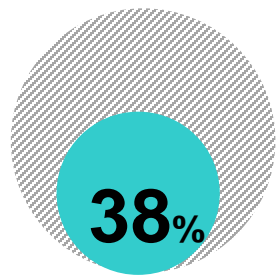
Philippines, Men who have sex with men



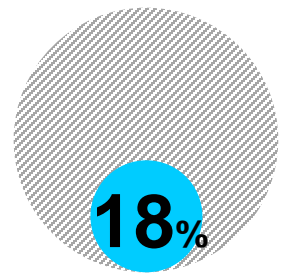
Malaysia, Transgender women



PNG, Port Moresby, Female sex workers



Viet Nam, People who inject drugs



PrEP availability through pilot/demonstration sites by key populations, March 2018



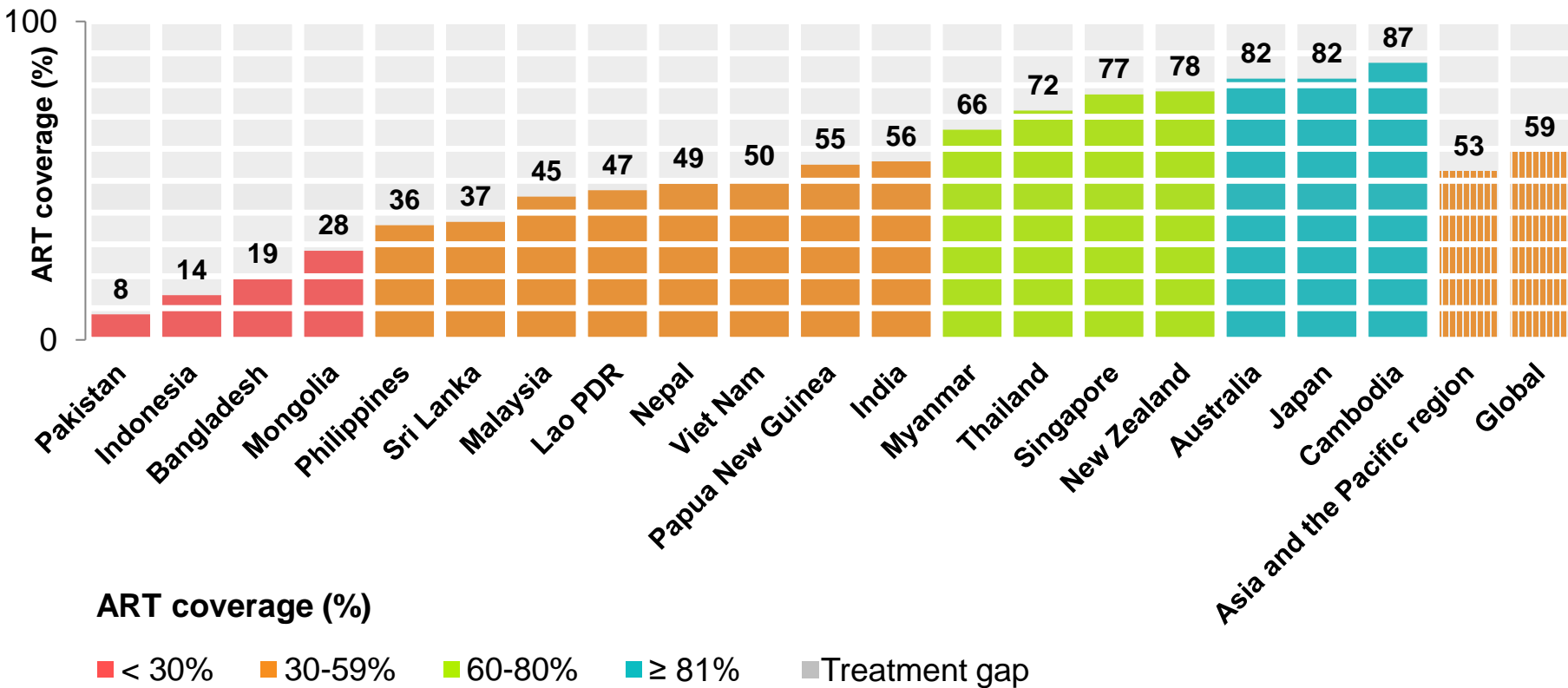
- PrEP availability**
- MSM
 - MSM, SW and PWID
 - MSM, SW, TG
 - MSM, SW, TG, PWID
 - No
 - No info

Note: Although PrEP demonstration and pilot projects are available for key populations in the region, only Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand provide/have planned to provide PrEP at national scale.

* any 2 out of 3 services - condom and lubricants, counselling, and STI screening/ needles and syringes for PWID

Current treatment scale-up has made significant achievement but the region is lagging behind the global trend

ART coverage and treatment gap, Asia and the Pacific, 2017



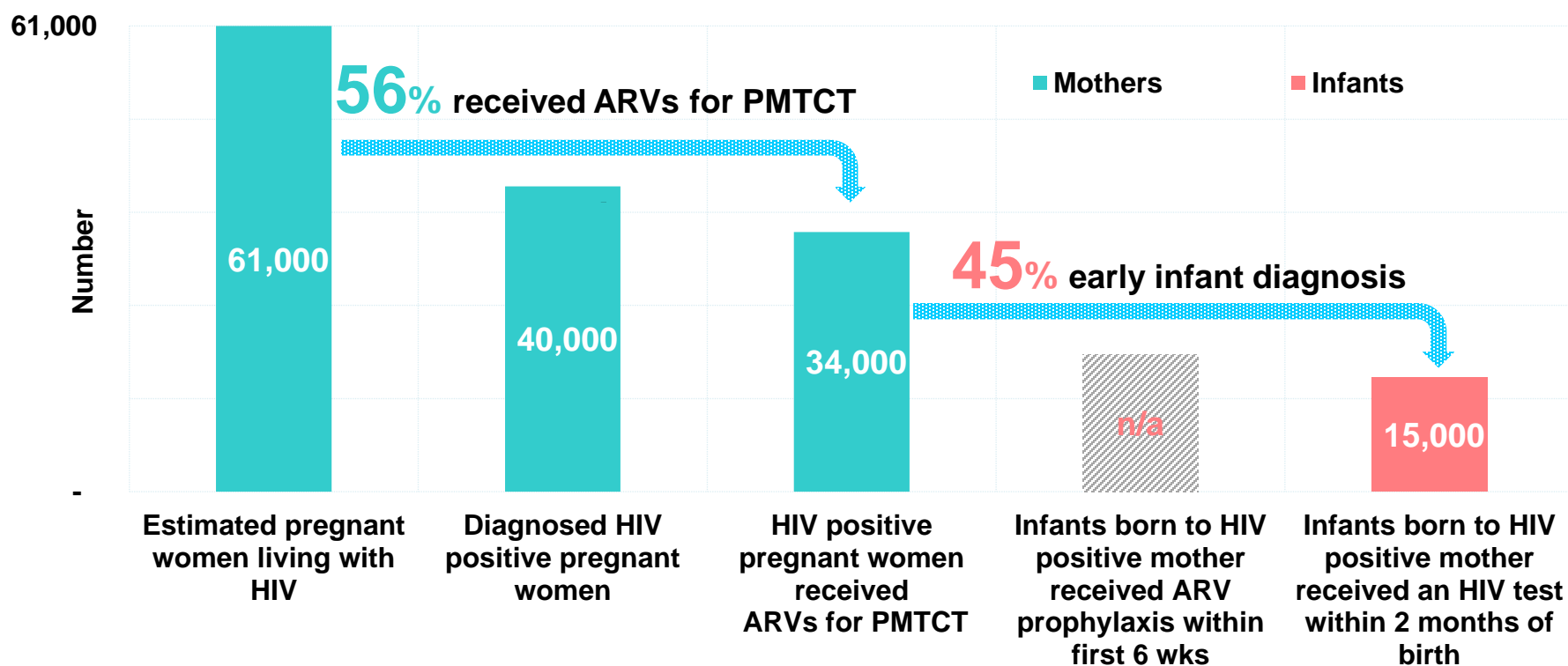
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Towards ending AIDS in children starts with mothers: time to improve linkages and prevent leakages

Service cascade of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Asia and the Pacific, 2017



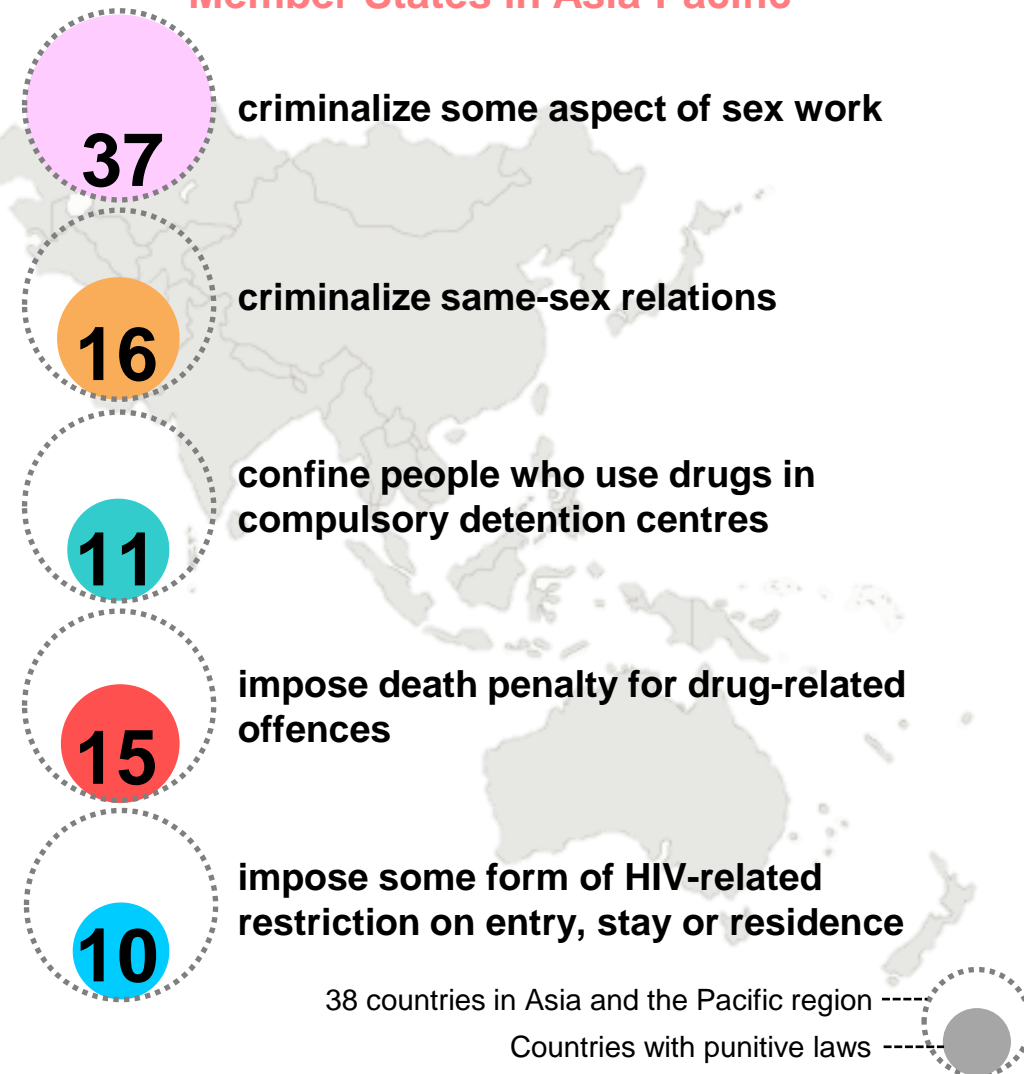
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Note: Coverage of infant ARV prophylaxis is not captured in GAM 2018 reporting



Support countries to put in place guarantees against discrimination in law, policies, and regulations

Legal barriers to HIV response remain in 38 UN Member States in Asia Pacific



Recent ground-breaking decision by India's Supreme Court strikes down law criminalizing LGBTI people

REPORTABLE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO. 76 OF 2016

NAVTEJ SINGH JOHAR & ORS. ...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA
THR. SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE ...Respondent(s)

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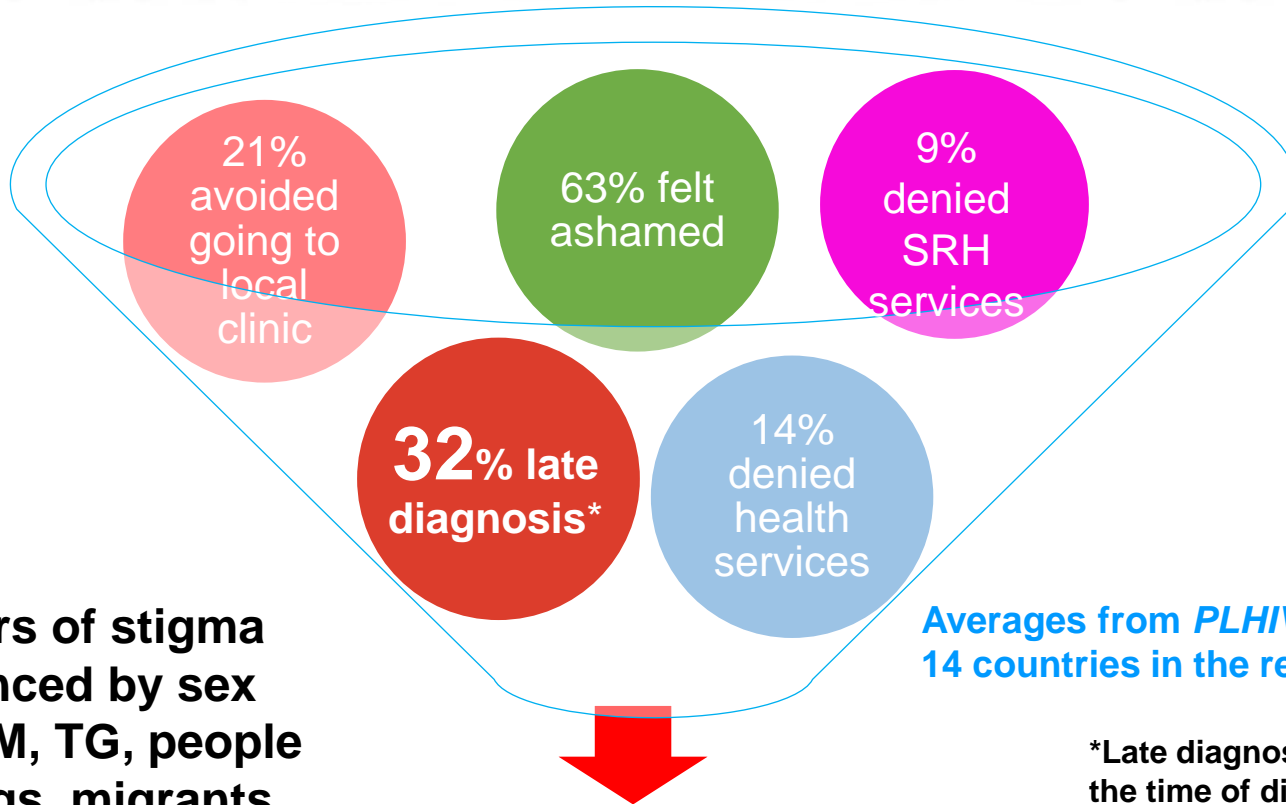
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Dipak Misra, CJI (for himself and A.M. Khanwilkar, J.)



Stigma: the major barrier to HIV and health services



Averages from *PLHIV Stigma Index* in 14 countries in the region (2008-2014)

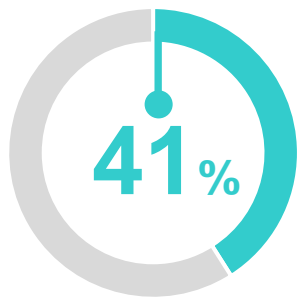
*Late diagnosis- CD4<200 at the time of diagnosis (based on treatment programme data)

Multiple layers of stigma also experienced by sex workers, MSM, TG, people who use drugs, migrants.

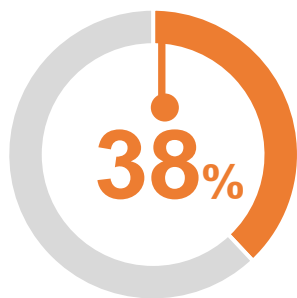
Access to health services



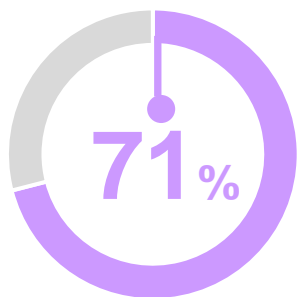
Social justice and human rights are fundamental to address the health needs of key populations



2 out of **5** **Female sex workers** were forced to have sex in the last year in Madhya Pradesh, India



1 out of **3** **Men who have sex with men** avoided seeking health care due to stigma in Yangon, Myanmar



2 out of **3** **Women who use drugs** have unmet need for reproductive health care in Malaysia



1 out of **5** **Transgender women** have been denied/thrown out of a housing in their life time in Cambodia

How Faith-based organizations can support AIDS response

PEOPLE



- ✓ People centered and integrated public health approaches
- ✓ Working to end marginalization and HIV-related stigma and discrimination

PARTNERSHIPS



- ✓ National and local governments
- ✓ Public and private sector
- ✓ Academics and researchers
- ✓ Civil society organizations

COMMUNITY



- ✓ Mobilize local faith communities to become involved in the local AIDS response
- ✓ Community support

LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY



- ✓ for universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services
- ✓ for respecting all human beings as equally worthy of health, dignity and care, regardless of their faith, values or lifestyle choices

Faith-based Organizations in AIDS Response

Faith at International AIDS Conference (IAC), July 2018, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

- ✓ Theme “**Faith Building Bridges**”
- ✓ Discussed how faith groups and leaders can, should and are building bridges to more effectively **eliminate AIDS as a public health threat by 2030**, with particular attention to marginalized people, and key population groups.



Event on the sidelines of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly, September 2018, New York.

- ✓ Keynote speakers and table discussions focused on the **outcomes of the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis** on 26 September, and examined how the longstanding experience of faith-based organizations in responding to TB/HIV can support the new declarations agreed by Member States during the historic HLM.
- ✓ The participants renewed their call to national governments to not only maintain, but increase, **support in order to end AIDS and TB as public health threats by 2030**.



“In countries where adequate public health care systems exist, the work of Catholic religious congregations and dioceses and their hospitals is aimed not only at providing quality medical care, but also at putting the human person at the centre of the healing process, while carrying out scientific research with full respect for life and for Christian moral values. In countries where health care systems are inadequate or non-existent, the Church seeks to do what she can to improve health, eliminate infant mortality and combat widespread disease. Everywhere she tries to provide care, even when she is not in a position to offer a cure. The image of the Church as a “field hospital” that welcomes all those wounded by life is a very concrete reality, for in some parts of the world, missionary and diocesan hospitals are the only institutions providing necessary care to the population”.

Excerpt from the message of Pope Francis
on the 26th World Day of the Sick 2018

THANK YOU

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