

Taking AIDS out of isolation through dynamism of urbanization

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**Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific** 

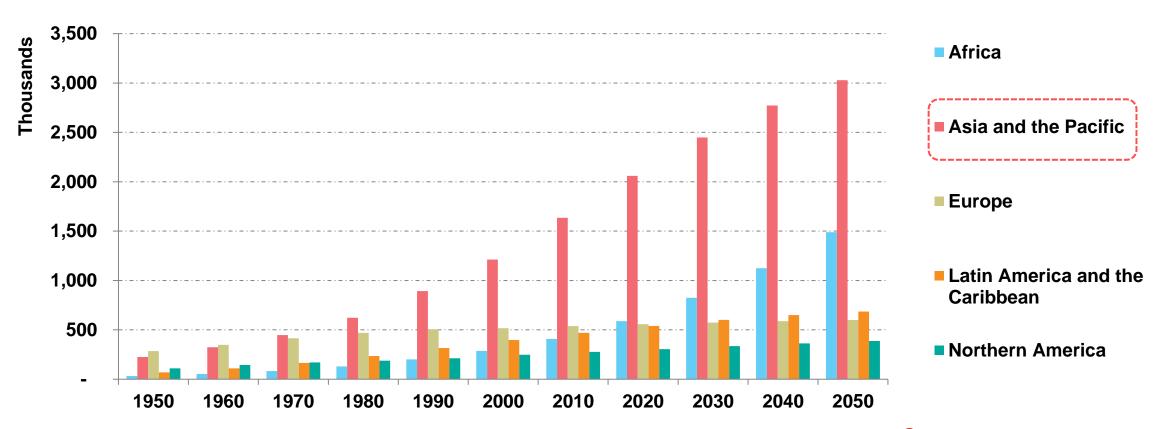
## **Port of Penang**





# Urban growth in Asia and the Pacific: over 2 billion urban population by 2020 and 3 billion by 2050

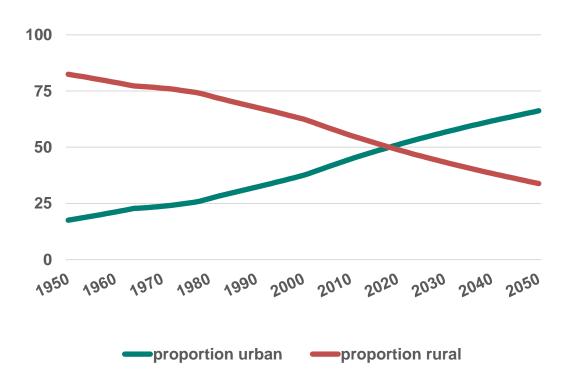
Annual urban population at mid-year, 1950 - 2050 (in thousands)



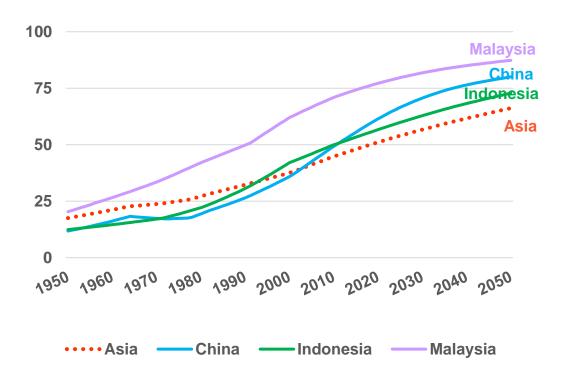


## Rapid expansion of urban population in Asia and the Pacific

## Proportion of urban and rural population, Asia and the Pacific



## Projected urban population by 2050, select countries and regional average





## Urban incentives and demographic shift to urban

Economy and employment opportunities	Education
Health care	Infrastructure and services

Between 2014 and 2016, the 300 largest metro areas accounted for

- One-third of global employment growth
- Two-third of global GDP growth

# Dynamism of urbanization



Sources of economic growth and prosperity



Incubator of talent, creativity and innovation



Extraordinary educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.



Comparatively greater concentration of services, creativity and productive capacity

Advantage of having young, mobile, diverse populations.



**Urbanization and Public Health** 

# Urbanization comes with a price: public health consequences of urbanization

- Issues associated with over-crowding and poor living conditions
  - Tuberculosis
  - Infectious disease outbreaks such as Dengue fever, influenza

#### Environment

- Flooding and associated conditions (electric shock, snake bite, leptospirosis, etc)
- Air pollution associated lungs problems such as asthma

### Slums/urban poor

- Poor sanitation and ventilation (diarrheal disease and lungs problems)
- Street children
- Drug use

#### Exacerbation of risk behaviors

- Affluence and anonymity; mobile men with money and mobile phones
- Risky sexual behaviors casual sex, chem sex, transactional sex, multiple sex partners
- Road traffic accidents

#### Social disruption and mental health

 Stress (economic and social, cultural differences, estrangement), stigma, pressure to be attuned with urban life

# As cities grow, so do their challenges



Range of development issues



Home to fragile communities, social exclusions and inequalities



Behaviour and sexual networking that may increase the risk of HIV infection



The exchange of sex for money or gifts



Major challenges in service delivery for health including HIV







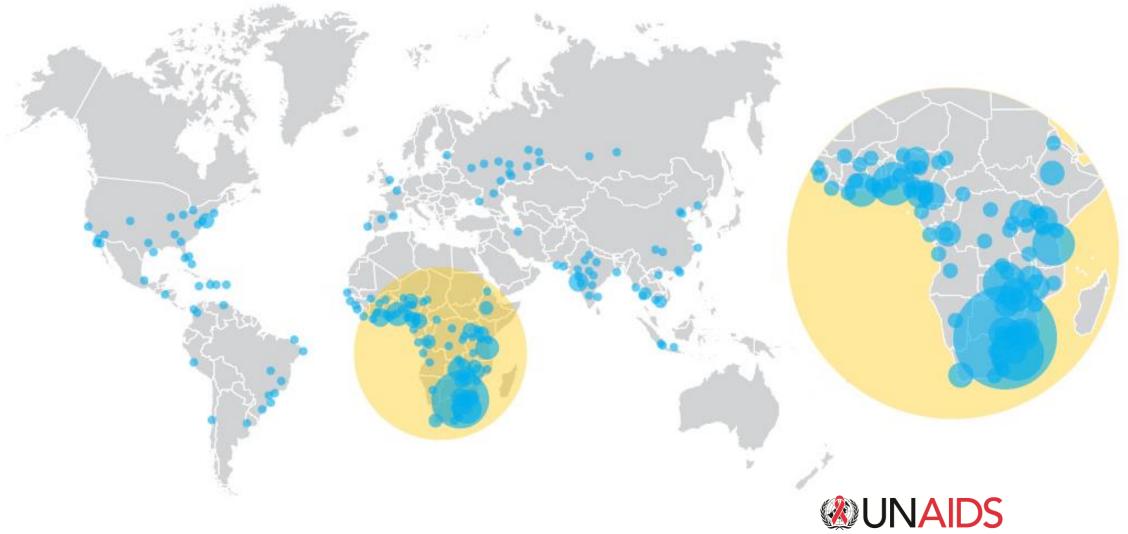




### **HIV and Urbanization**

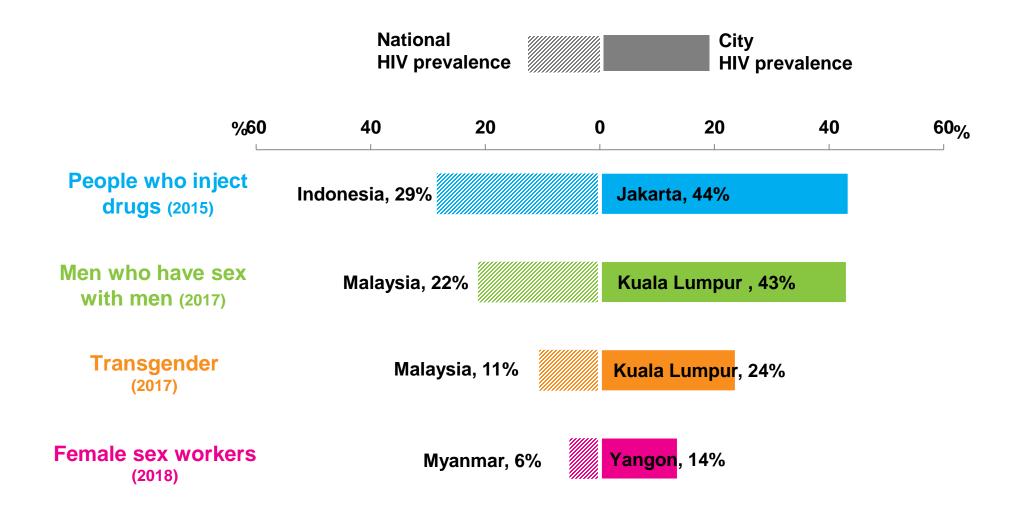
### Globally, 200 cities account for one-fourth of total HIV infections

World map of 200 cities with the greatest estimated number of people living with HIV



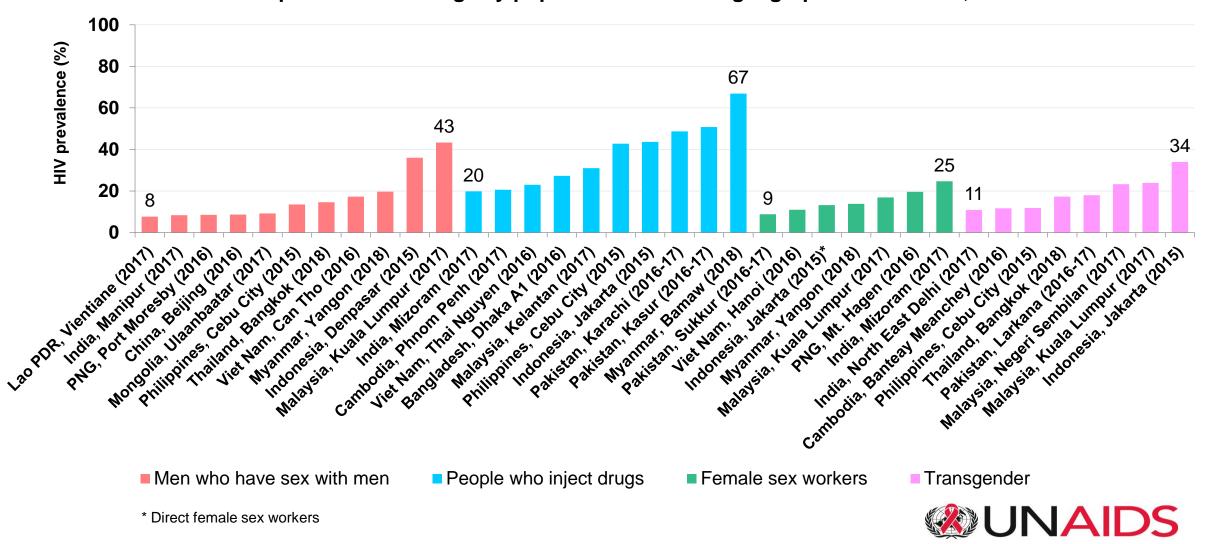
Source: UNAIDS 2014. The Cities Report

# HIV in Asia and the Pacific is concentrated among key populations, especially in cities



### Higher HIV prevalence in cities and urban locations

HIV prevalence among key populations in select geographical locations, 2015-2018



## HIV in Malaysia urban cities



In 2018,

- About 3/5 of newly diagnosed cases are from urban cities
- 5 cities account for more than 30% of newly diagnosed cases in which 4 cities are in Klang Valley.



Share of newly reported HIV cases in cities as % of total reported cases in 2018

### Urbanization, digital growth and rising HIV epidemics among young MSM

## Urban growth and escalation of HIV epidemic among young MSM

1 in 3 young MSM in



Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia are living with HIV

1 in 4 young MSM in



Can Tho,
Viet Nam are living with HIV

1 in 5 young MSM in



Yangon,
Myanmar are living with HIV

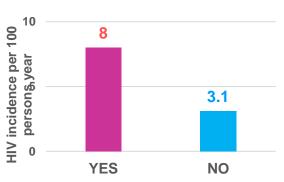
#### **Digitalization and MSM epidemic**

HIV incidence is

# 2x higher

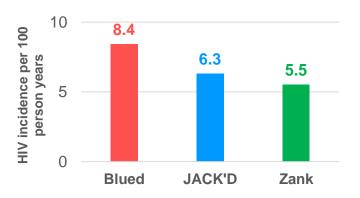
among those who use geosocial networking apps

HIV incidence rate based on an 18-month cohort study in Shenyang, China



Use geosocial networking apps to seek sex partners

Higher incidence among geosocial networking apps users in Shenyang, China





**Digital growth** 

### **YOUNG PEOPLE**



**Barriers** 

**PrEP** 

**SRHR** services

**Traditional** prevention outreach

#### Unreachable

# VIRTUAL SPACE



Mobile phone & social media



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**Dating apps** 

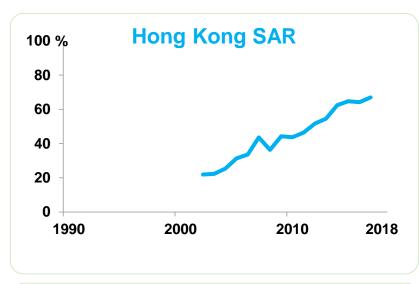


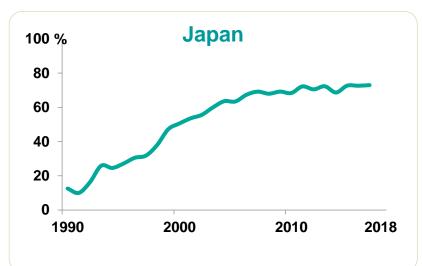
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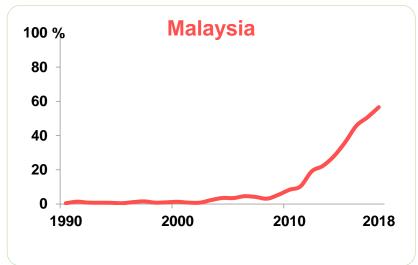


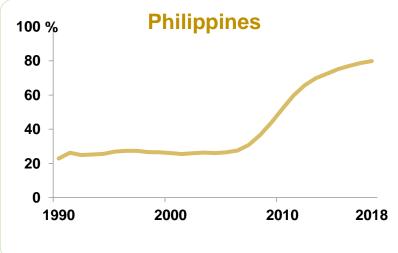
Party drugs and chem sex

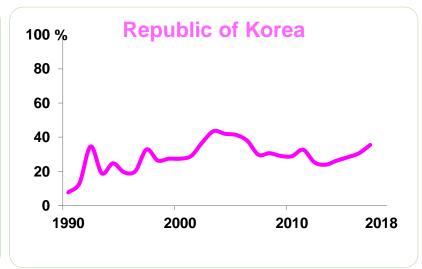
# Trend data on the proportion of newly reported HIV cases attributable to male-to-male sex, 1990 - 2018

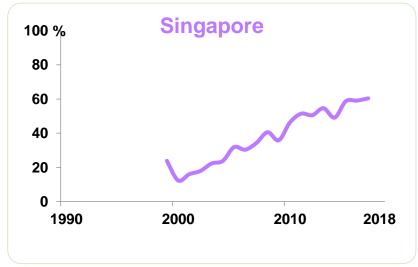








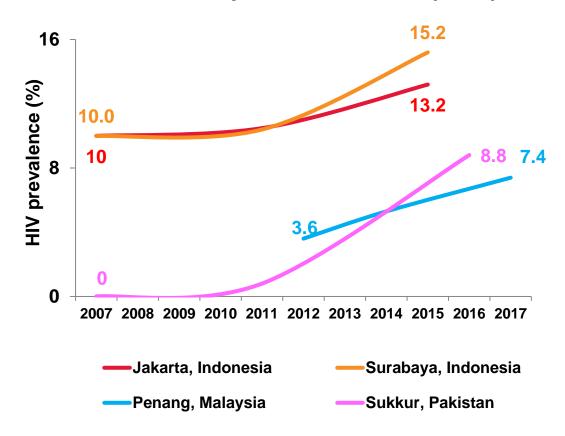




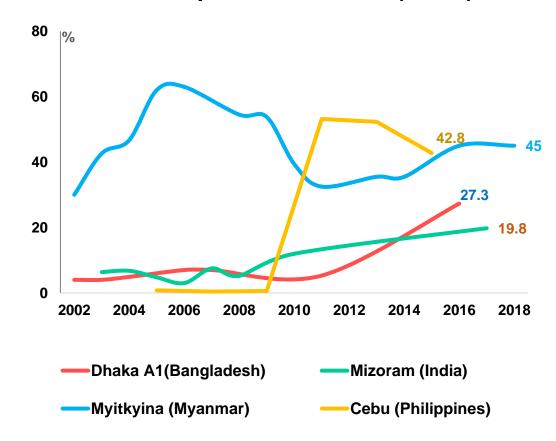
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# Cities where rising HIV prevalence trends among female sex workers and people who inject drugs are observed

#### **HIV** prevalence trend (FSW)



#### **HIV prevalence trend (PWID)**





New urban agenda, Fast-Track and ending AIDS initiatives in cities

## What is new urban agenda

- World leaders from 167 member states have adopted the New Urban Agenda at the UN
  Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador, on 20
  October 2016.
- It sets a new global standard for sustainable urban development and roadmap for building cities that can serve as engines of prosperity and centres of cultural and social well-being while protecting the environment
- In the New Urban Agenda, leaders have committed to:
  - Provide basic services for all citizens
  - Ensure that all citizens have access to equal opportunities and face no discrimination
  - Fully respect the rights of refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons regardless of their migration status

## New urban agenda and AIDS response

- One of the <u>core principles and commitments</u> of new urban agenda includes:
  - "Ending the epidemics of AIDS by promoting safety and eliminating discrimination and all
  - forms of violence, by ensuring public participation providing safe and equal access for all, and by providing equal access for all to physical and social infrastructure and basic service"
- It also *calls for action*:
  - "To address multiple forms of discrimination faced by, inter alia, women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples and local communities, slum and informal-settlement dwellers, homeless people, workers, smallholder farmers and fishers, refugees, returnees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of their migration status"

# 2014 Paris Declaration to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030

PARIS DECLARATION 1 December 2014 (amended 24 July 2018)

#### FAST-TRACK CITIES: ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

Cities achieving the 90-90-90 targets by 2020



The Fast-Track cities network- the partnership between UNAIDS, the City of Paris, the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care and UN-Habitat, serves to provide support to priority cities to Fast-Track their HIV responses, to deliver on the commitments of the Paris Declaration



## Fast-Track and Ending AIDS city initiatives, ASEAN focus

### Getting to Zero Cities (G2Z) project

- -Launched in 2011 as part of "2011 ASEAN Declaration of Commitment: Getting to Zero new HIV infections, Zero discrimination and Zero ADIS-related deaths"
- -Flagship initiative of the ASEAN to achieve zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths in Southeast Asia
- -Under the "2016 ASEAN Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS: Fast-Tracking and Sustaining HIV and AIDS Responses to End the AIDS epidemic by 2030", ASEAN member states committed to focus on prevention and treatment responses along 90-90-90 and ending AIDS targets
- -Expand from 13 pilot sites in 2012 to more than 60 sites across the region by end 2018



Taking AIDS out of isolation as part of urban solutions for health

# Harnessing the AIDS response for healthier, sustainable cities

- Ending the AIDS epidemic in cities will have profound, long-lasting benefits
- AIDS response can also play a transformative role, as a pathfinder for broader health and development
- The key characteristics of the AIDS response multisectoral; evidence-based; people-centred approaches; community engagement and leadership; innovations and endurance for solutions; a commitment to human rights and gender equity with the vision of no one be left behind can be the model for the path towards healthy and just urban cities

### Innovations towards healthier cities and inclusive societies

- HIV self-testing offers anonymity and privacy that can circumvent stigma related barriers
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis is a highly effective prevention choice for people who are at high risk of HIV
- Digital solutions
  - Marlo the chatbot in Indonesia is the mobile application (chatbot) capable of providing anonymous HIV advice and support, referrals to testing, treatment and care services. It is designed to appeal to young MSM.
- Inclusive society starts with inclusive health care services
  - Sundown clinics that offer HIV services in key cities in the Philippines (clinic hours 2 pm to 10 pm).

## Taking AIDS out of isolation through dynamism of urbanization

- Economic growth in cities with greater concentration of services, creativity and productive capacity -
  - Use cities' regulatory powers and infrastructure that provide great opportunities to improve and interlink health services for integrated people-centered health response
  - Involvement of workplace and private sectors in the AIDS response
- Incubator of talent, creativity and innovation in cities-
  - Use digital solutions and embrace innovative approaches in multi-sectorial health response (e.g HIV self-testing, virtual outreach and linked to services)
- Young and diverse populations in cities-
  - Services and programmes that enable young people to avoid and prevent risks. Comprehensive sexuality education, youth participation and empowerment including economic empowerment

- Public health consequences associated with urbanization
- HIV disproportionately affects working age group
- Widening inequalities, social injustice, stigma and discrimination

 Changing patterns and dynamics of health risk behaviors (including HIV) that evolves with advancing technology and digitalization

Rising HIV infections among young people across many urban locations

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