





# OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN HIV WITH SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND COLLABORATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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### Overview of the HIV epidemic in Southeast Asia

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### Journey of AIDS by the numbers



### Since the beginning of the epidemic -

### Globally...

75 million people have become infected with HIV (Population size of Turkey)

32 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses (Population size of Canada)

### In Asia and the Pacific...

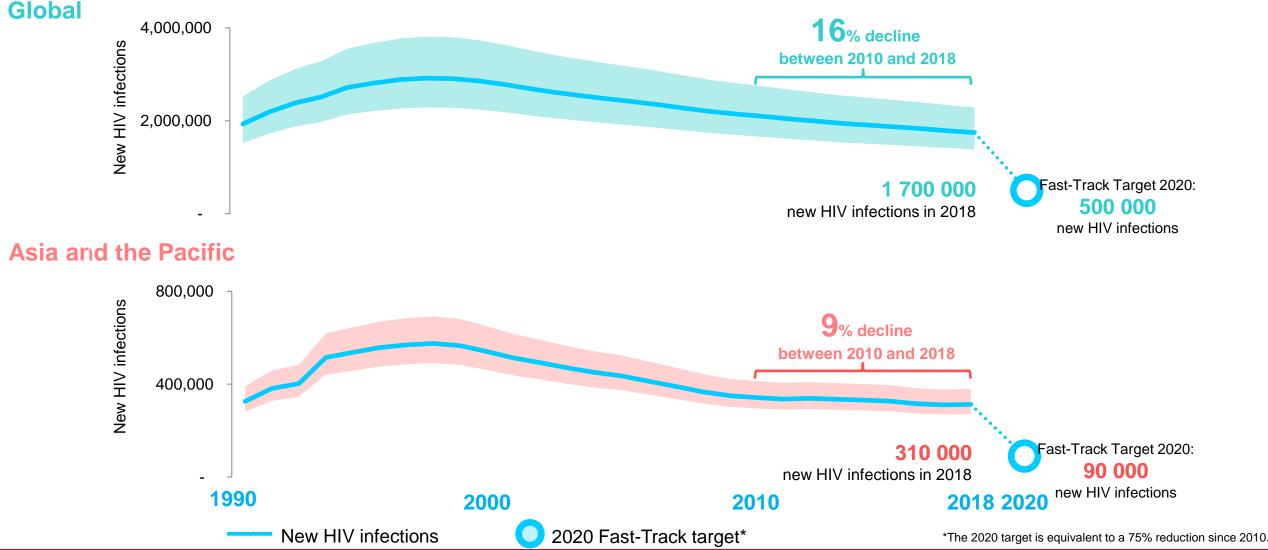
12 million people have become infected with HIV (Almost twice the population size of Lao PDR)

6 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses (Population size of Singapore)



HIV response has achieved notable success in declining new infections globally and regionally, but during the past 8 years the decline in new HIV infections has stalled

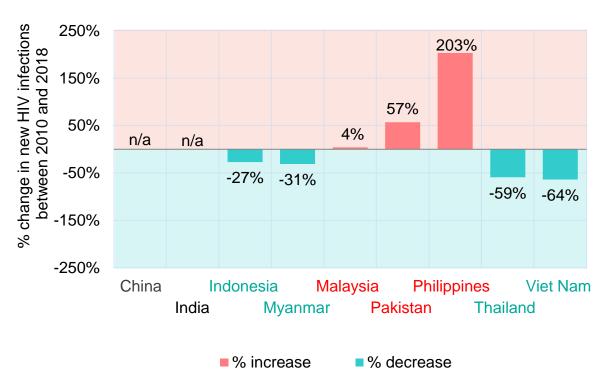






# A significant variation in new HIV infections trends in Asia and the Pacific countries

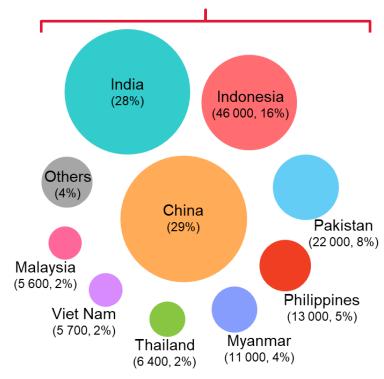
Percent change in new HIV infections between 2010 and 2018



Note: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and PNG are also seeing increasing new HIV infection trends between 2010 and 2018

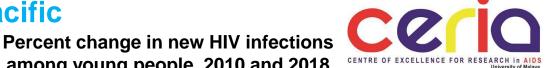
### Distribution of new HIV infections by country, 2018

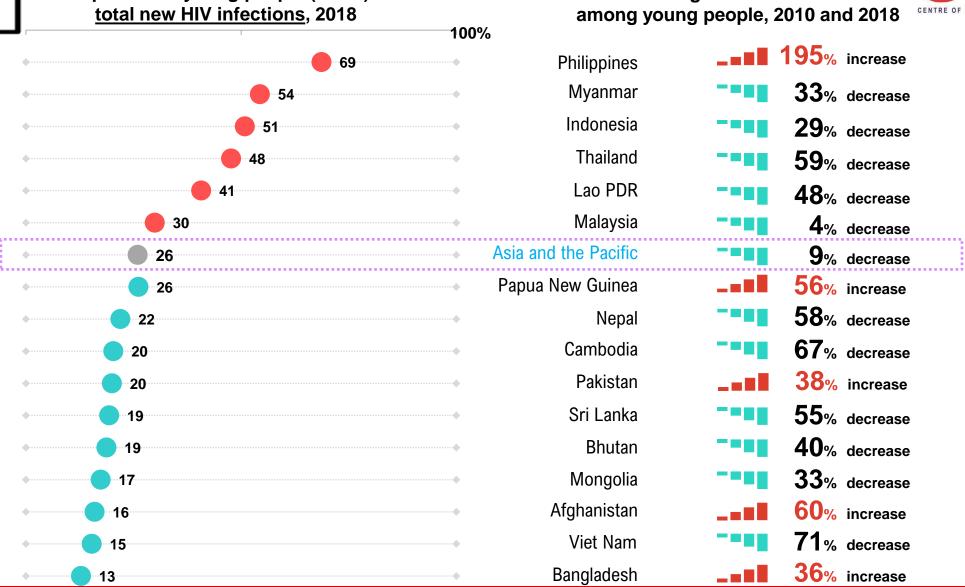






## Overview of new HIV infections among young people (15-24) in Asia and the Pacific





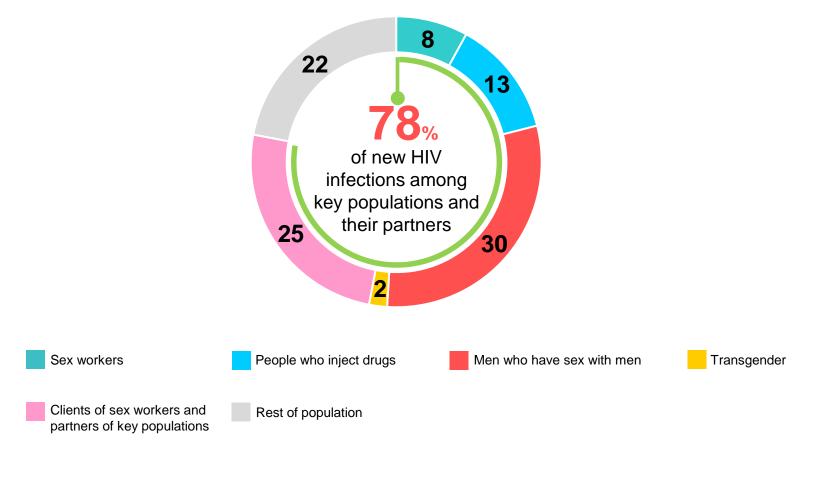
Proportion of young people (15-24) in



# Urgent need for focused response: Epidemic mostly affecting KPs and their partners



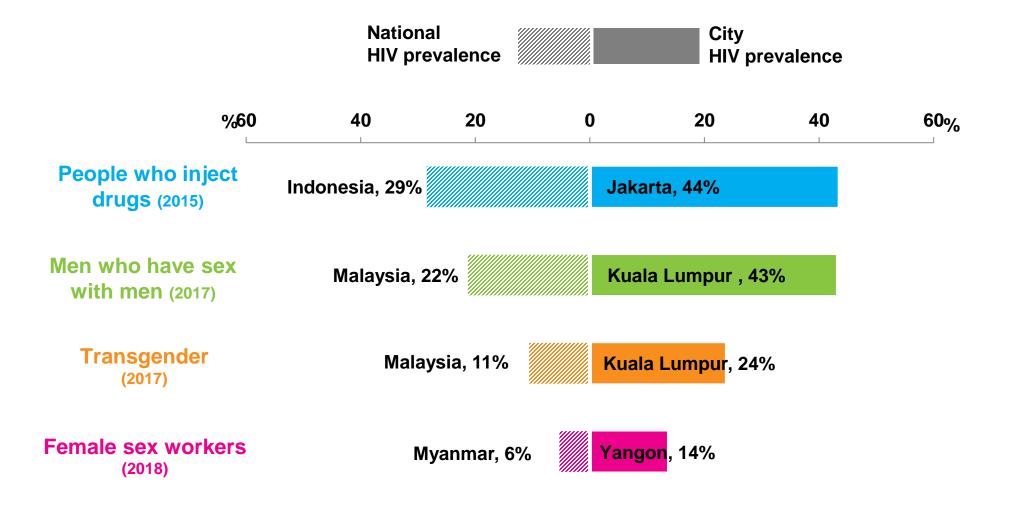
#### Share of new HIV infections by population in Asia and the Pacific





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







# 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

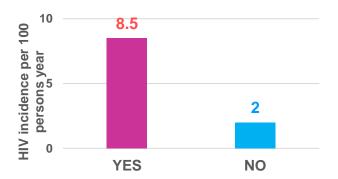
#### **Digitalization and MSM epidemic**

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

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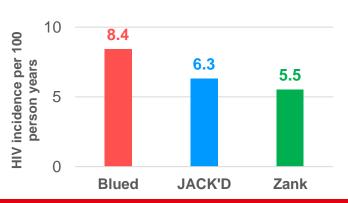
## 2x higher

among those who use geosocial networking apps



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



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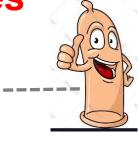
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**Dating apps** 



**Cities** 





# Risk profiles of MSM who use social platforms to find sexual partners



#### Findings from internet-based survey of Vietnamese MSM



70% were in the age bracket of 18-25



66% had multiple sex partners



66% were hidden MSM (Bong Kin)



77% never tested for HIV



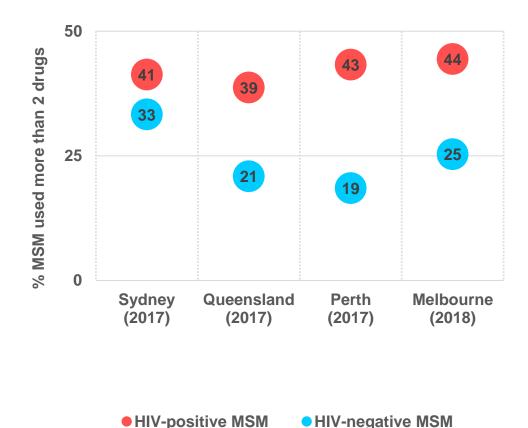
# Dual/multiple Risks: cause for concern and urgent need for differentiated service delivery model

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- FSW, their clients and drug use
- ❖ MSM, drug use and chemsex
- ❖ TG, sex work and drug use
- ❖ PWID who sell and buy sex



### % of MSM who used more than 2 drugs in the last 6 months by HIV status, Australia





# Mind the gap: use innovations to maximize prevention

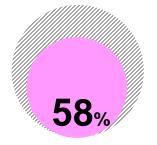


Prevention gap, select countries and populations

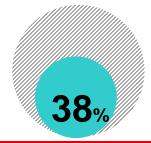
Philippines, Men who have sex with men



Malaysia, Transgender women

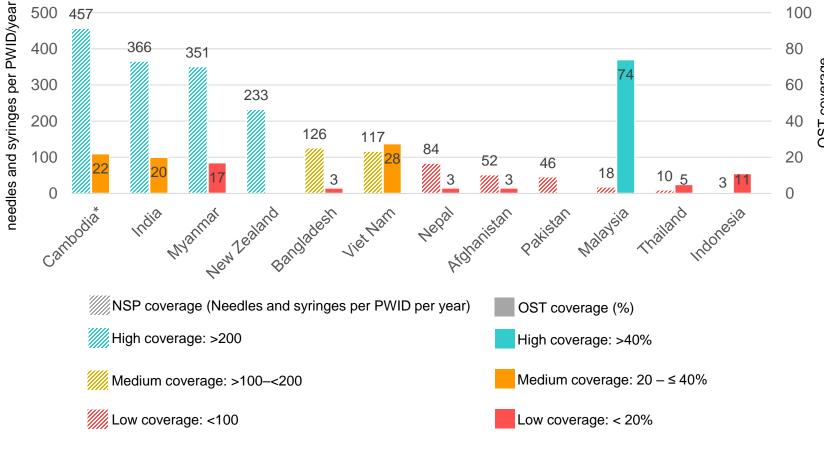


PNG, Port Moresby, Female sex workers

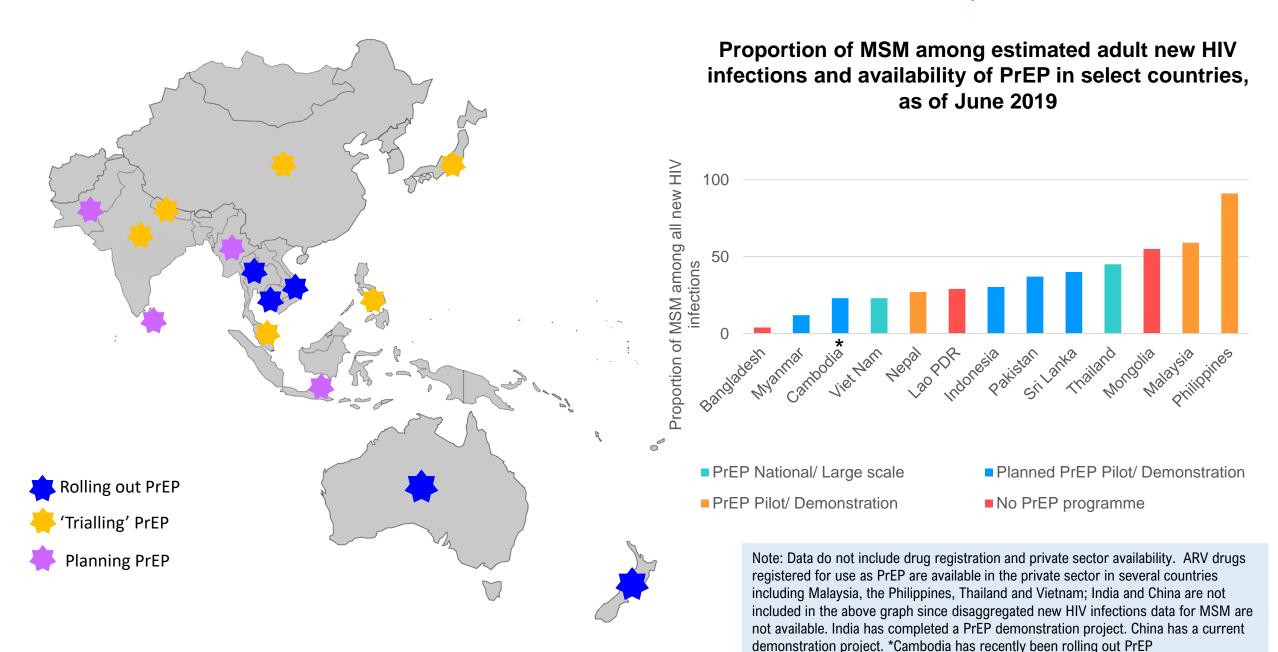




Needle and syringe programme (NSP) and Opioid substitution therapy (OST) coverage among people who inject drugs, select countries with available data, 2018



### Status of PrEP in Asia and the Pacific, 2019

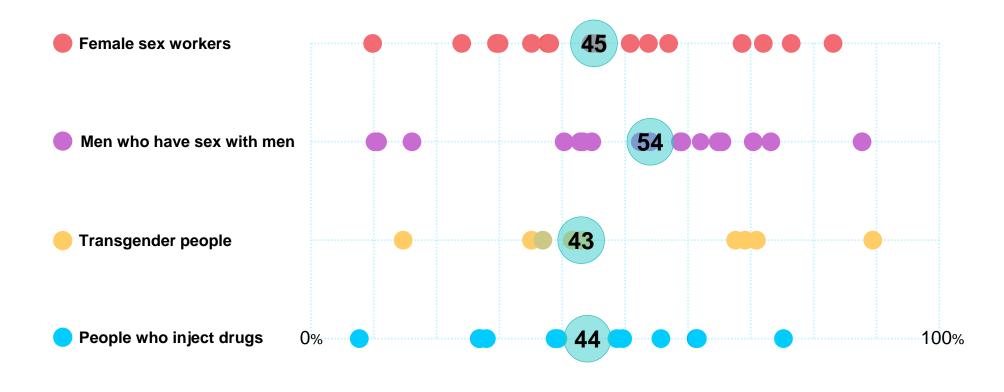


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# HIV testing is the entry point for prevention and treatment but about half of key populations do not know their HIV status

HIV testing coverage among key populations, 2014 - 2018

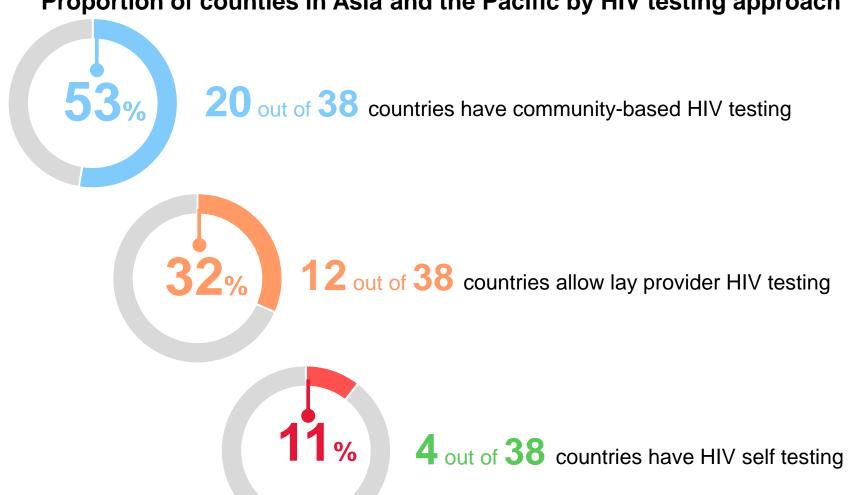




### Innovative HIV testing strategies to reach prevention and treatment Fast-Track targets in Asia and the Pacific



#### Proportion of counties in Asia and the Pacific by HIV testing approach

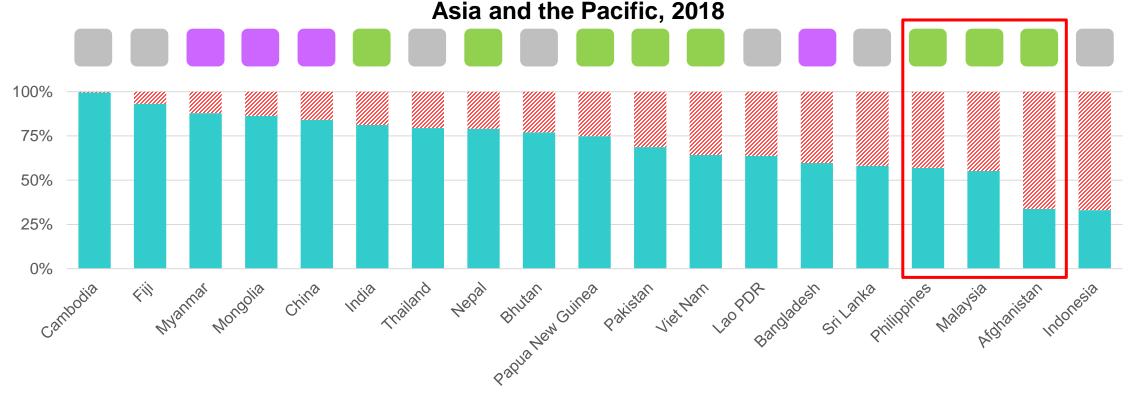




# Same day ART initiation: a call to prevent onward transmission and AIDS-related deaths



Proportion of PLHIV who know their HIV status by treatment and by policy on same day initiation of ART,





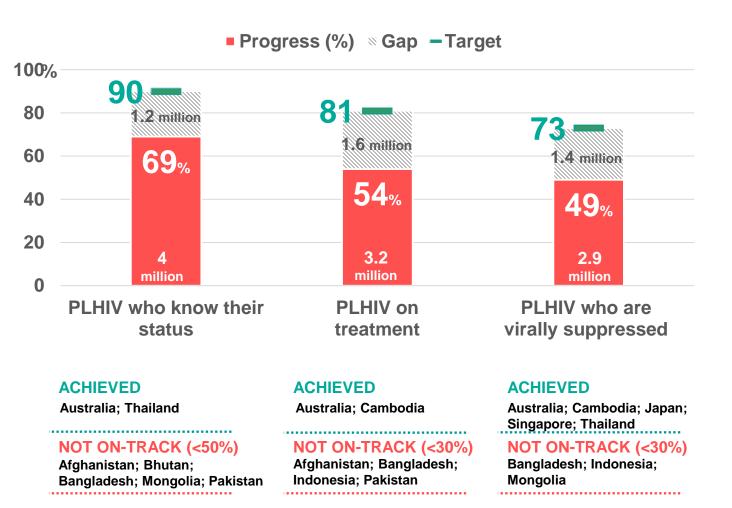
Possible to start ART on the same day as HIV diagnosis NOT possible to start ART on the same day as HIV diagnosis



### Regional overview: Treatment target and gaps



#### HIV testing and treatment cascade, Asia and the Pacific, 2018



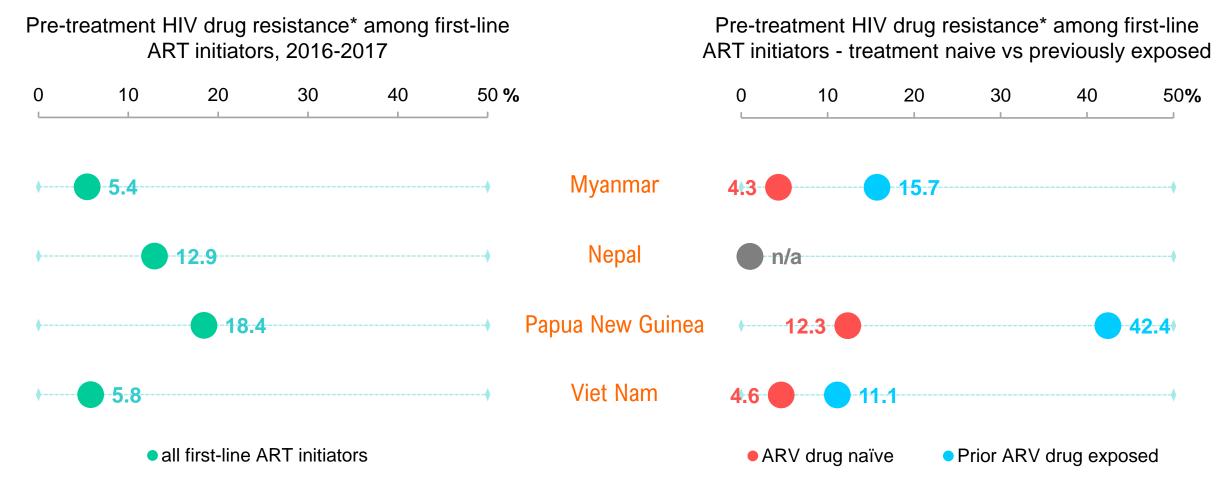


Note: India and China data not available



# HIV drug resistance: an urgent need to address the leakages in treatment continuum, and improve quality of treatment services





\*Estimated HIV drug resistance to any type of ARV drugs



# 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

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criminalize some aspect of sex work

16

criminalize same-sex relations

11

confine people who use drugs in compulsory detention centres



impose death penalty for drug-related offences



impose some form of HIV-related restriction on entry, stay or residence

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)

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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

...Respondent(s)

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WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 572 OF 2016
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JUDGMENT

<u>Dipak Misra, CJI</u> (for himself and A.M. Khanwilkar, J.)



### **TB** snapshot



### **Globally...**

10 million new TB infections of which

0.6 million are MDR/RR-TB infections

1.6 million TB deaths

#### In Asia and the Pacific...

6.84 million new TB infections (+2/3)

0.34 million are MPR/Ripatibe infections (11/2) ing MDR-TB cases

0.83 million TB deaths (1/2)



# 11 out of 12 high TB burden countries in Asia and the Pacific also have high MDR-TB burden, 2017



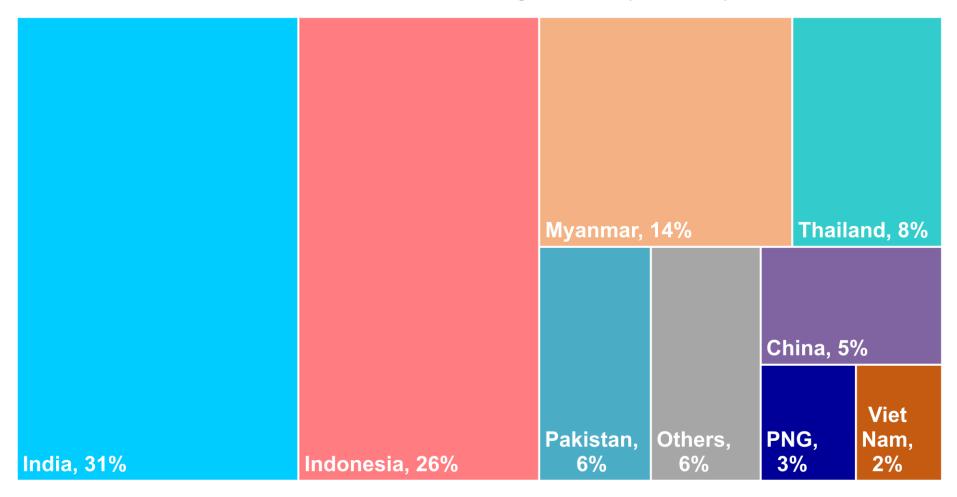
	High TB burden	High MDR-TB burden
Bangladesh	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Cambodia	$\overline{\checkmark}$	
China	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
DPR Korea	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
India	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Indonesia	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Myanmar	$\checkmark$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Pakistan	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Papua New Guinea	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Philippines	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Thailand	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Viet Nam	$\overline{\checkmark}$	



# 8 countries account for 94% of all TB-related deaths among PLHIV in Asia and the Pacific



#### Proportion of TB deaths among PLHIV by country, 2017





### Lost opportunities in integrating TB and HIV services to save lives by putting more people on TB and HIV treatment, Asia and the Pacific





2 in 3 People co-infected with TB-HIV DO NOT know their HIV status



1 in 3 ART service providers <u>DO NOT</u> provide TB treatment in ART settings

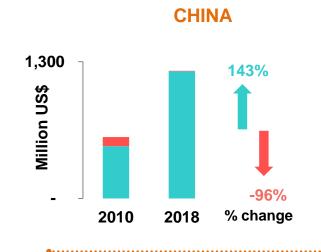


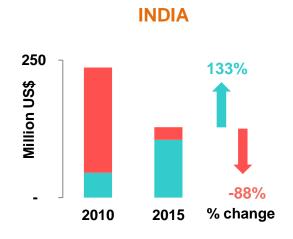
3 in 4 TB service providers <u>DO NOT</u> provide antiretroviral therapy in TB clinics

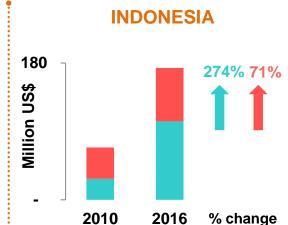


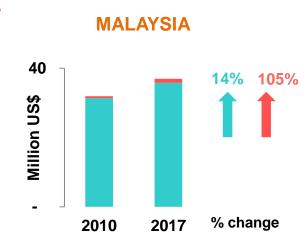
# Increased government investments in AIDS Mostly goes for treatment!

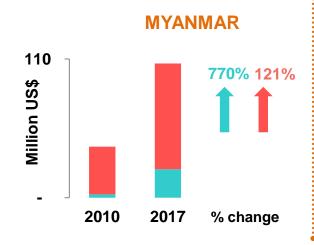


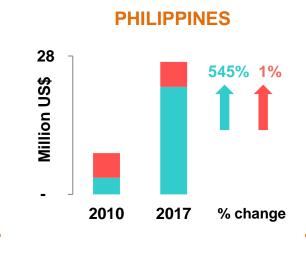


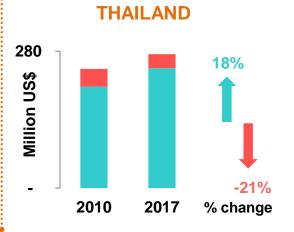


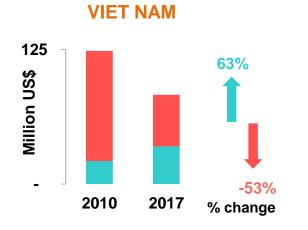










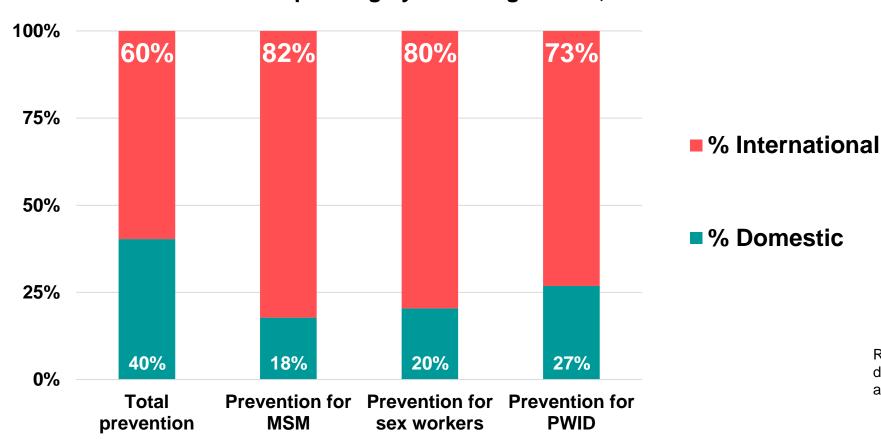




# Key populations prevention: heavy reliance on external financing sources



#### Prevention spending by financing source, 2012 - 2017



Regional aggregate based on available data from 12 countries\* between 2012 and 2017

12 countries\*- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam



Recognizing the challenges and realities

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- ☐ Rising epidemics in populations (particularly among young MSM) and locations continue to be cause for concern
- ☐ Emergence of new challenges in a number of countries (Bangladesh, Malaysia, PNG,...) with signs of resurgence of epidemics
- ☐ Hurdles to sustain the fragile gains in countries that have made inroads to control the epidemic (Cambodia, Thailand)
- ☐ Changing patterns and dynamics of health risk behaviors (including HIV) that evolves with advancing technology and digitalization
- ☐ Growing trend of dual/multiple risks chemsex, drug use, selling and buying sex among MSM, TG, PWID and sex workers and limited use of differentiated service delivery approach
- ☐ Shrinking space for civil society and weakening of its capacity and activism, erosion of human rights and growing conservatism in a number of countries.
- ☐ Urgent need to scale-up HIV testing and treatment to close the gaps along continuum of care cascade and to maximize the impact of U=U
- ☐ Donor dependency and sustainability issues, particularly for key populations HIV prevention programmes
- ☐ Stigma and discrimination against PLHIV and key populations standing in the way of effective HIV response

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# Way forward: Game changing efforts to make the end of AIDS a reality



- Harness the advancement of technology and embrace innovative service delivery models and new tools:
  - PrEP, Community-based HIV testing, self-testing, index testing
  - Innovative service delivery models physical and virtual outreach; online to offline model;
     differentiated service delivery model



#### Mind the gap:

- keeping up with changing epidemics and behavioral trends and reinvigorate prevention efforts for all key populations
- Scale up HIV testing and treatment; Same day ART initiation; link and maintain in care to maximize the prevention effect of treatment and to control the epidemic



#### People centered, right-based and integrated multi-disease approach

- Maximize partnerships and synergistic efforts for health and well being of key populations and PLHIV (UHC, TB-HIV,STI, RH, mental health, etc.)
- Community-led services community capacity building and empowerment; meaningful engagement of civil society at all levels



Breakdown stigma and legal barriers

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