

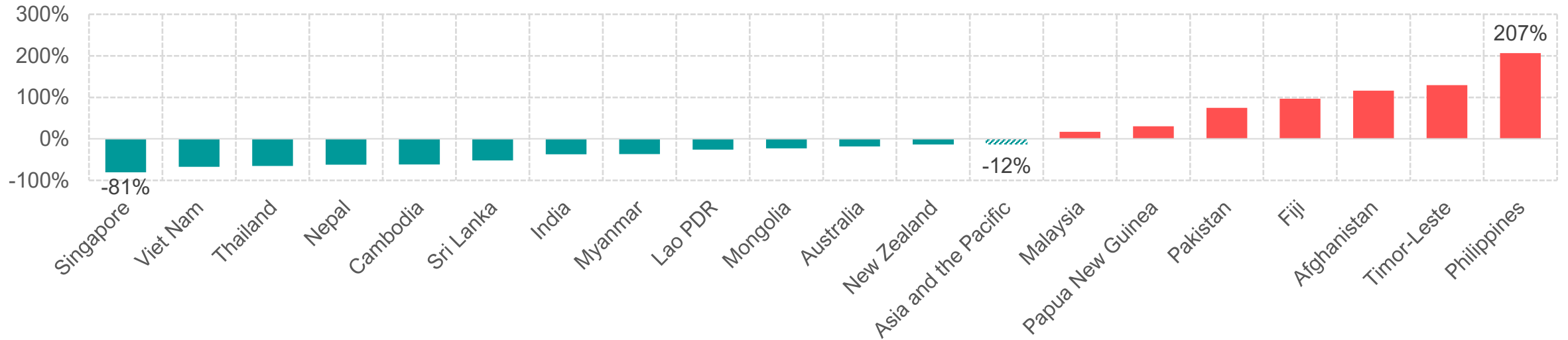
HIV response that needs to be stepped up, and lessons learnt applied during the COVID-19 pandemic

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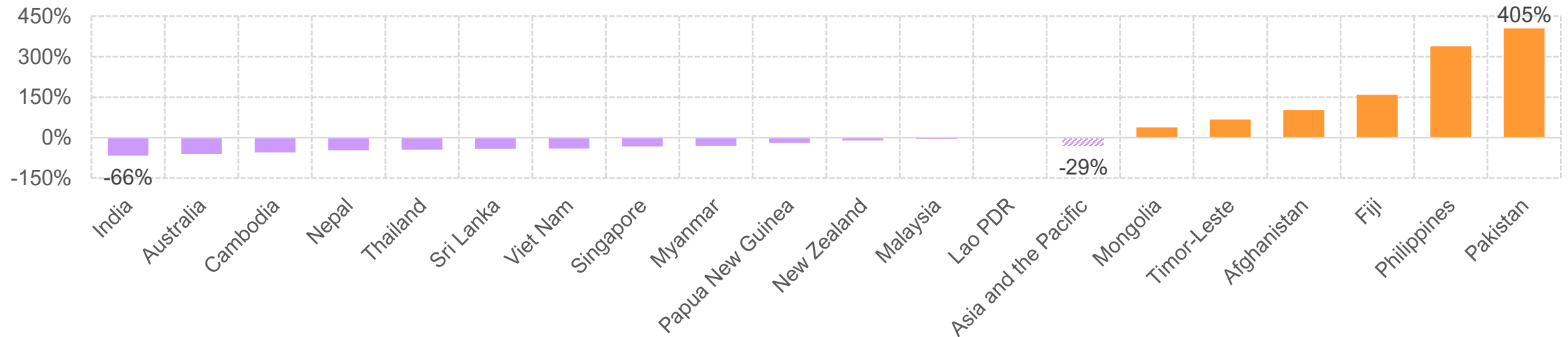


New HIV infection and AIDS-related death trends vary greatly in Asia and the Pacific countries

Percentage change in new HIV infections by country, Asia and the Pacific, 2010-2019

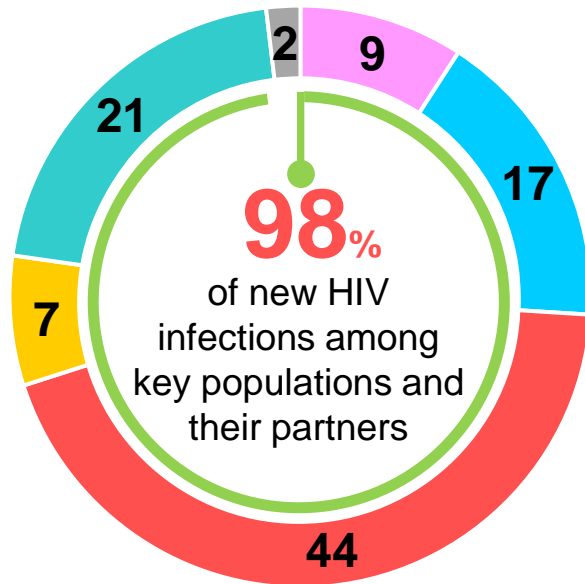


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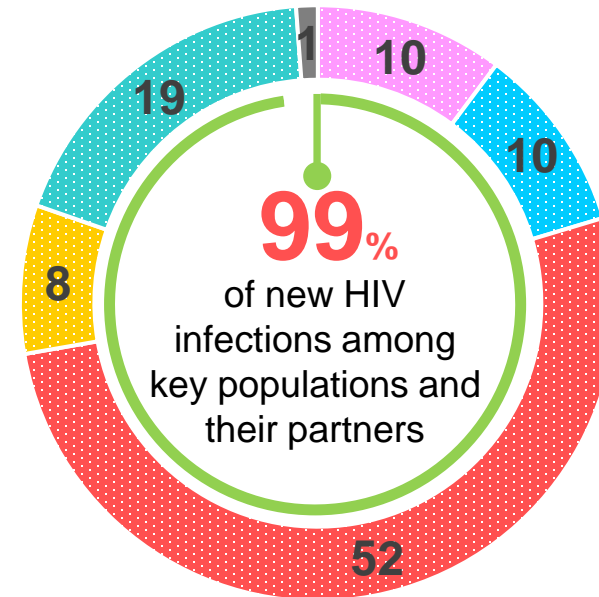
Need for focused response: Epidemic mostly affecting key populations and their partners

Distribution of new HIV infections by population, 2019



- Sex workers
- People who inject drugs
- Clients of sex workers and partners of key populations

Distribution of new HIV infections among young people (15-24 yr) by population, 2019

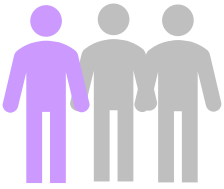


- Men who have sex with men
- Transgender
- Rest of population

Urbanization, digital growth and rising HIV epidemics among young MSM

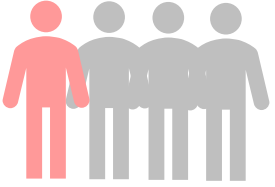
Urban growth and escalation of HIV epidemic among young MSM

1 in 3 young MSM in



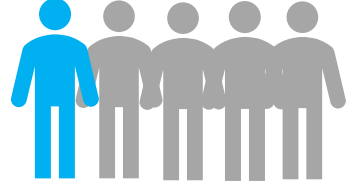
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia are living with HIV

1 in 4 young MSM in



Can Tho, Viet Nam are living with HIV

1 in 5 young MSM in

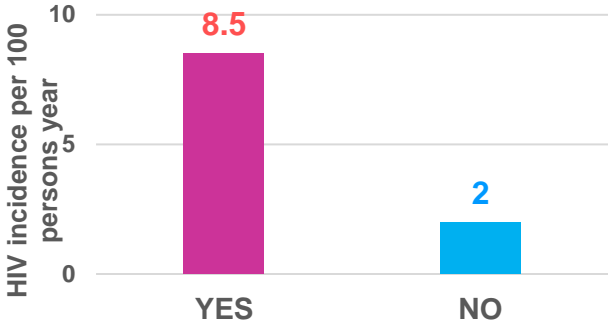


Yangon, Myanmar are living with HIV

Getting to zero

Digitalization and MSM epidemic

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

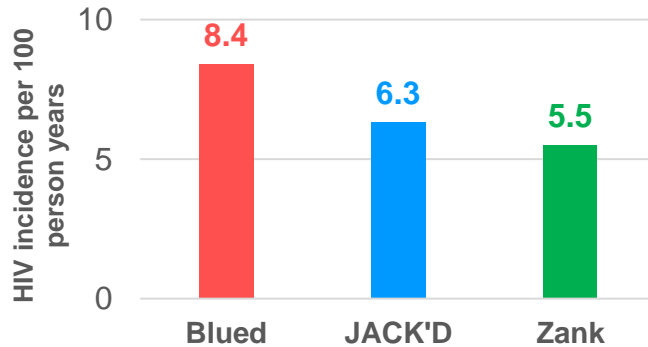


HIV incidence is

4x higher

among those who use geosocial networking apps

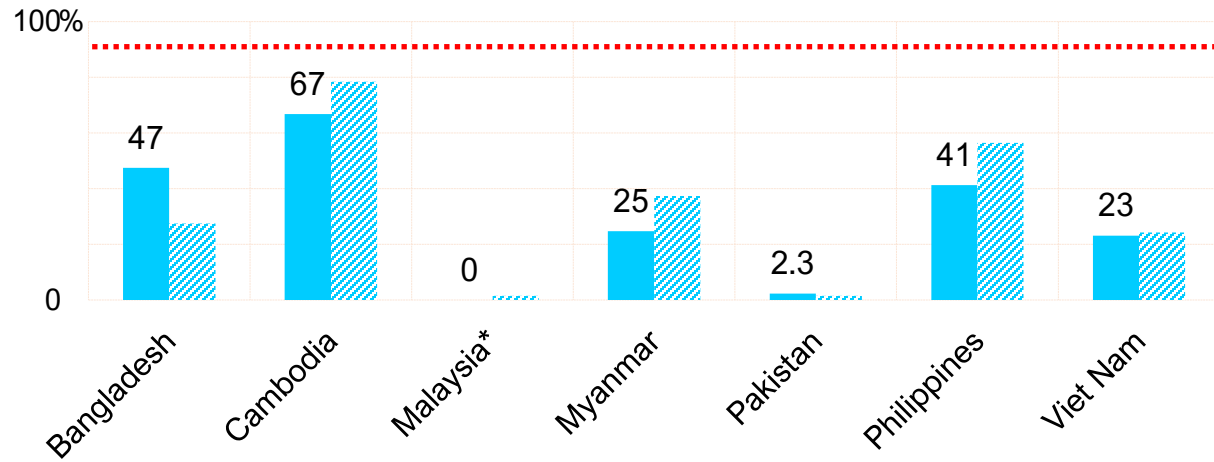
Higher incidence among geosocial networking apps users in Shenyang, China



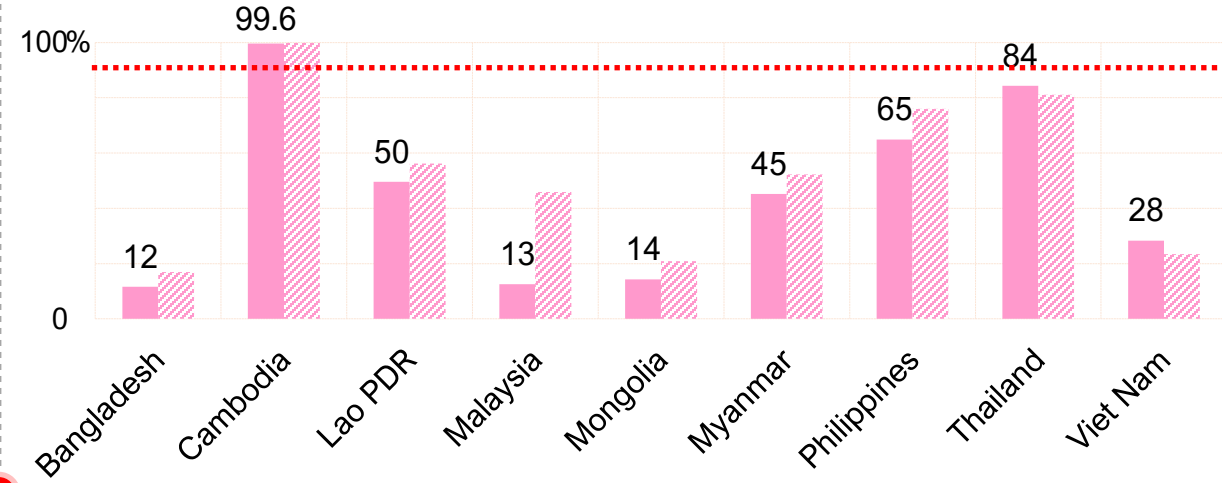
Source: Prepared by www.aidsdatahub.org based on Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveys; Xu, J. et al. (2018). The Effect of Using Geosocial Networking Apps on the HIV Incidence Rate Among Men Who Have Sex With Men: Eighteen-Month Prospective Cohort Study in Shenyang, China. J Med Internet Res, 20(12); Mao, X et al. (2018). HIV incidence is rapidly increasing with age among young men who have sex with men in China: a multicentre cross-sectional survey. HIV medicine, 19(8), 513-522.

Lagging behind Fast-Track prevention targets: time to re-energize and make use of innovations and advances in HIV prevention

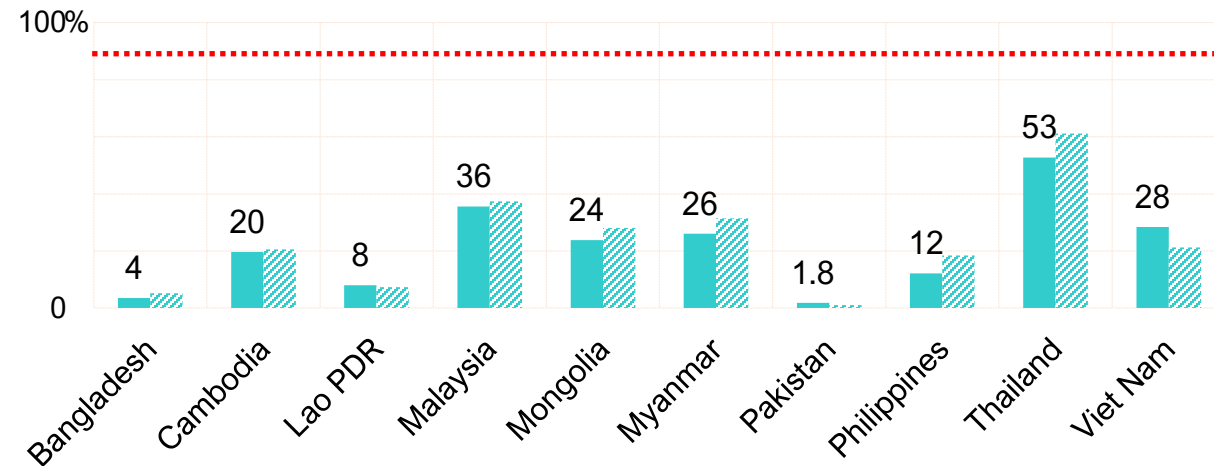
People who inject drugs



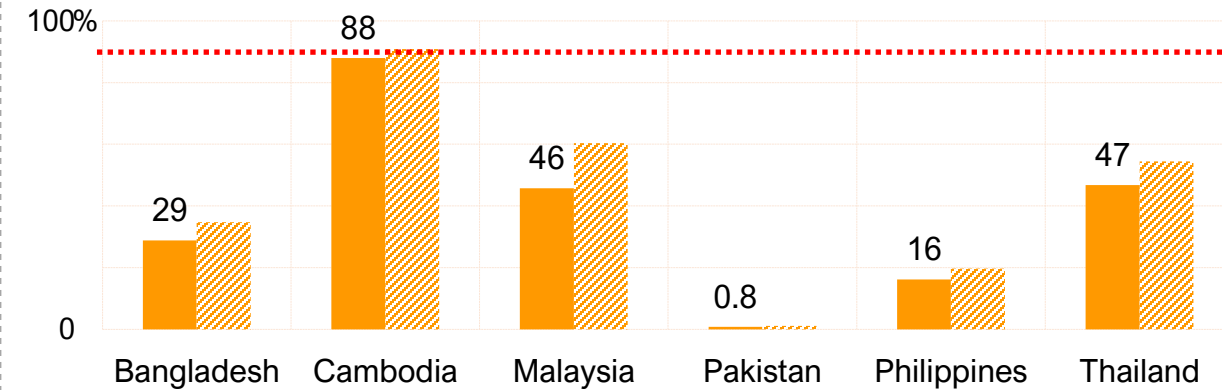
Female sex workers



Men who have sex with men



Transgender

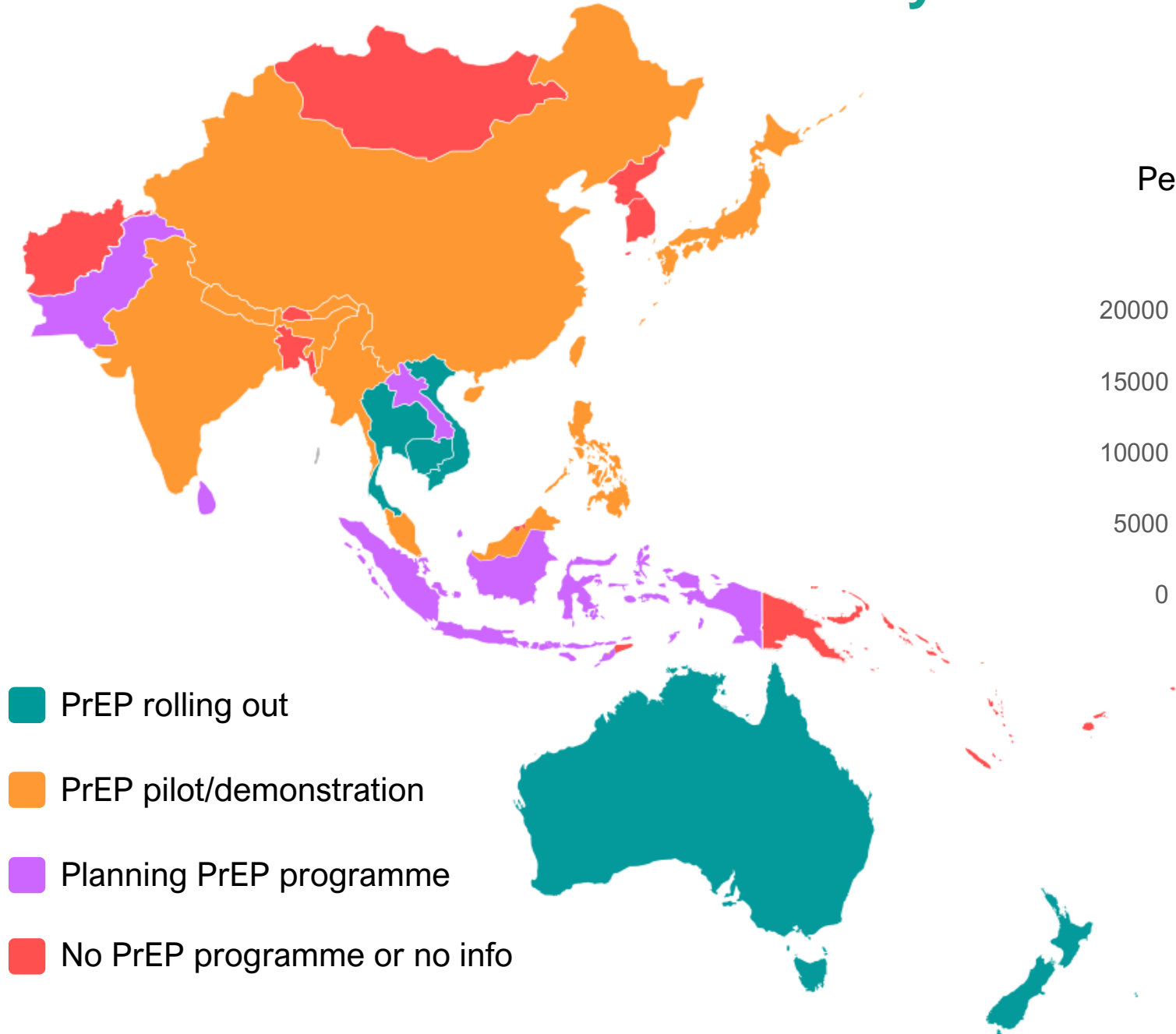


*Young PWID sample size <50

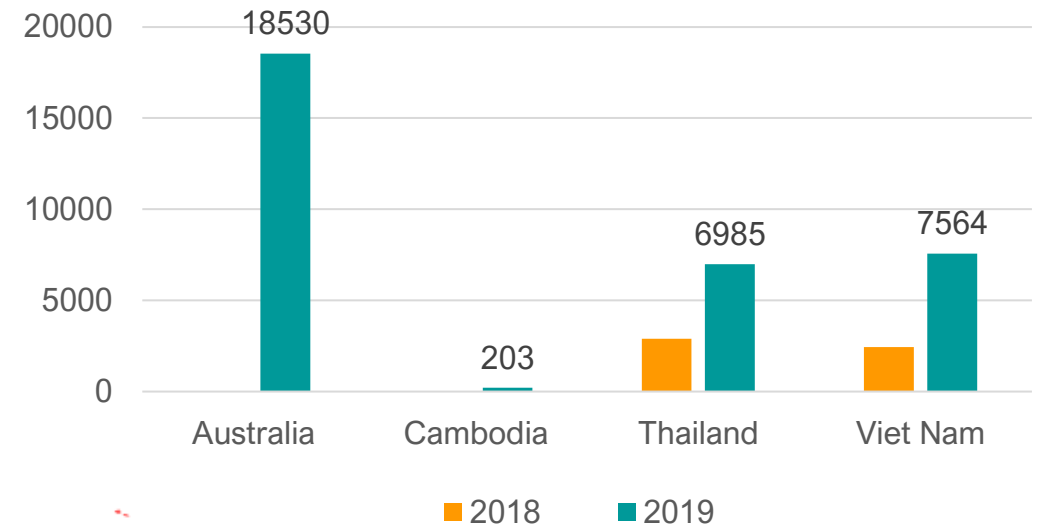
● <25 years

▨ 25+ years

Status of PrEP availability in Asia and the Pacific, 2019

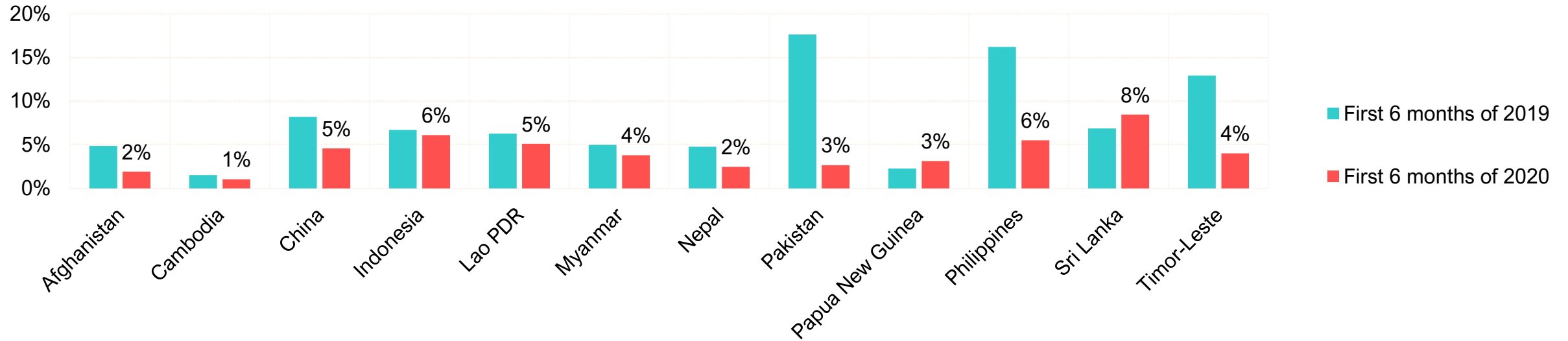


People receiving PrEP, countries with available data, 2018 and 2019

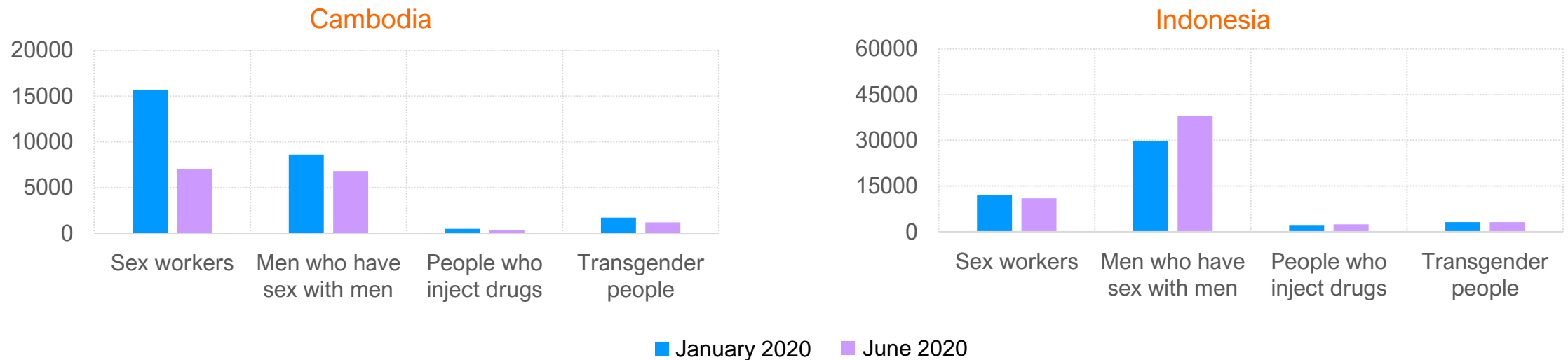


The 'new normal'- continued efforts are needed to ensure access to HIV services

Comparison of net treatment scale-up in the first 6 months of 2019 and 2020 by country



Key populations reached by HIV prevention programme in Cambodia and Indonesia, January and June 2020

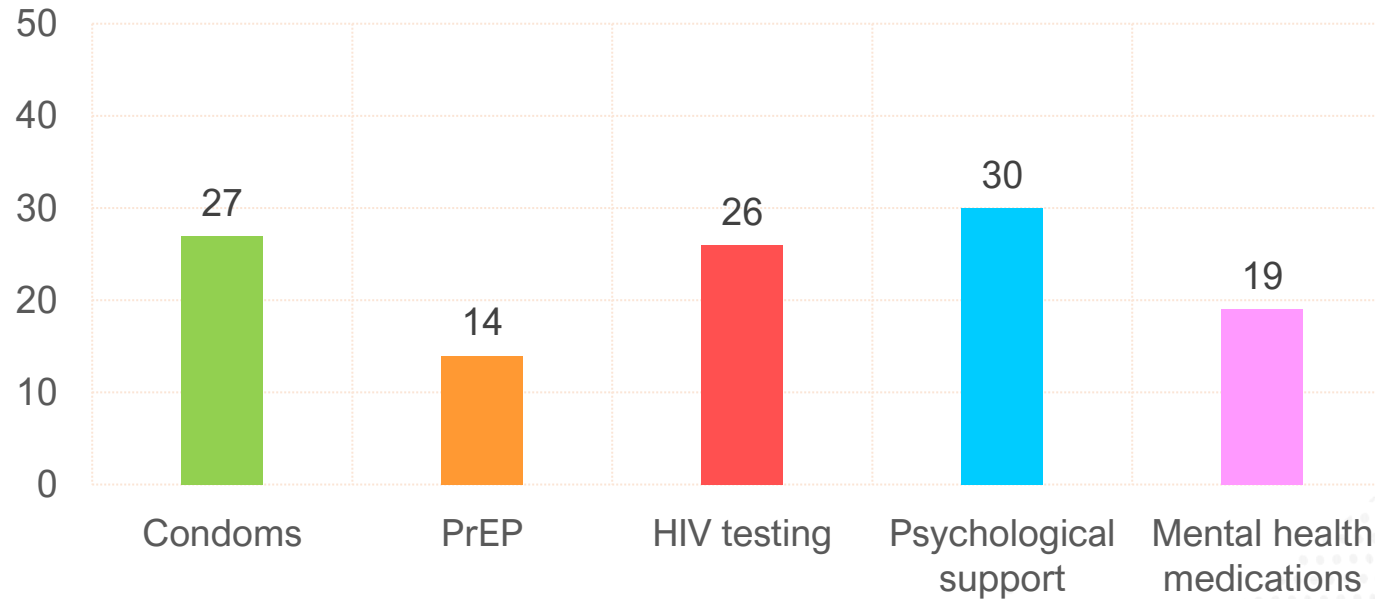


Examples from Asia Pacific region: LGBTI people


- Laws that criminalize sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, exacerbate negative health outcomes as people may avoid accessing health-care services for fear of arrest or violence.
- Transgender women reported difficulties or delays in accessing hormone replacement therapy in Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

Examples from Asia Pacific region: young key populations

Proportion of young key populations who experienced delays or disruptions when accessing health services



Going forward I

- Explore alternative ways to provide HIV, sexual and reproductive health services, and hormonal therapy for transgender people.
 - Expand availability of HIV and STI prevention through pharmacies, drug shops, online platforms and other outlets.
 - Promote innovative solutions and non-traditional condom outlets to improve access for all key populations.
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Digital growth

YOUNG PEOPLE



Barriers

PrEP

SRHR services

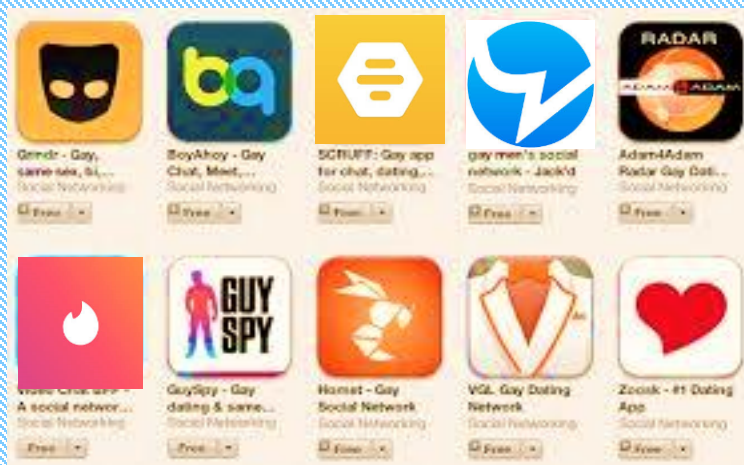
Unreachable

Traditional prevention outreach

VIRTUAL SPACE



Mobile phone & social media



Dating apps



Cities

Party drugs and chem sex



Community solidarity and resilience in time of COVID-19 pandemic

Community-led innovations on DSD and MMD

- Home ARV Refill Delivery & Pick-up Assistance Service by “Oplan ARVayanihan” and diversified PrEP services through telemedicine and PrEP delivery by PrEP Pilipinas in Philippines
- Adapting service delivery to meet the needs for PrEP by Center for Applied Research on Men and Community Health (CARMAH) in Viet Nam
- Community ARV dispensing in India, Nepal, PNG, Philippines, and Thailand
- KP-led PrEP service delivery and PrEP MMD in Thailand and Viet Nam

Regional community networks amplify the impact of community-led responses to COVID-19

- Report on community led best practices by [ANPUD](#), and best practices community-led supports in advocacy and service delivery document by [APN+](#)
- Youth-friendly crowdsourcing website that pools available information and guidance on COVID-19 by [IATT-YKP](#)
- [APCOM's newsletter](#) serving as a virtual announcement board of available resources for community members
- A series of six feature stories - Dignity Amidst COVID-19: Trans youth leading the response - by [APTN](#) and [Youth LEAD](#)



**GLOBAL SOLIDARITY
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.**

No individual, organization or country can on its own eliminate the existing inequalities that fuel the AIDS epidemic today. We all need to play our part to make the world a healthier place.



THANK YOU

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