

Global Pandemics: What HIV teaches about COVID-19 Pandemic - Asia and the Pacific context

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Summary of HIV and COVID-19 Pandemics, Asia and the Pacific

HIV pandemic, 2019

People living with HIV	Total	5.8 million
	Adults	5.7 million
	Women (15+ years)	2.1 million
	Children (<15 years)	140 000

People newly infected with HIV	Total	300 000
	Adults	280 000
	Children (<15 years)	15 000

AIDS-related deaths	Total	160 000
	Adults	150 000
	Children (<15 years)	7 900

People receiving antiretroviral therapy	Total	3.6 million (by June 2020)
	Adults	3.4 million
	Children (<15 years)	88 000

COVID-19 pandemic

People infected with COVID-19	14.1 million
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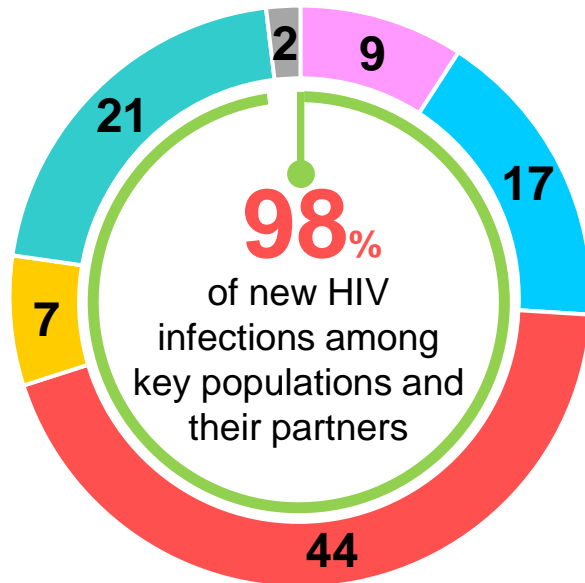
People newly infected with COVID-19 (* 1 day)	44 800
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Deaths due to COVID-19	224 000
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Death rate (%)	2%
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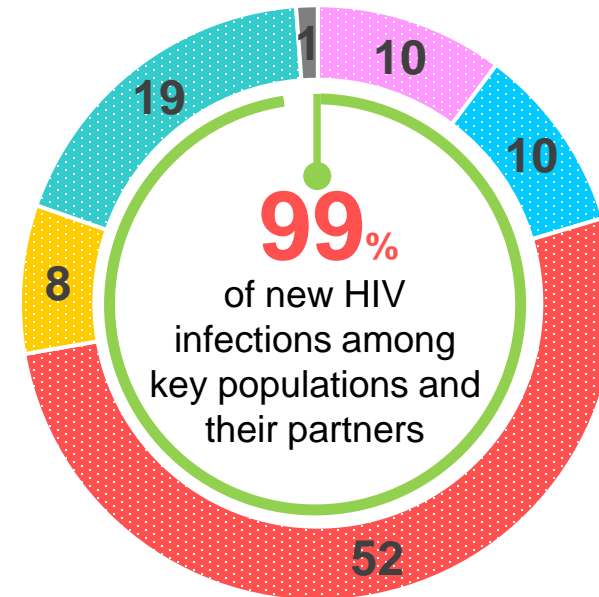
Need for focused response in HIV: Epidemic mostly affecting key populations and their partners

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



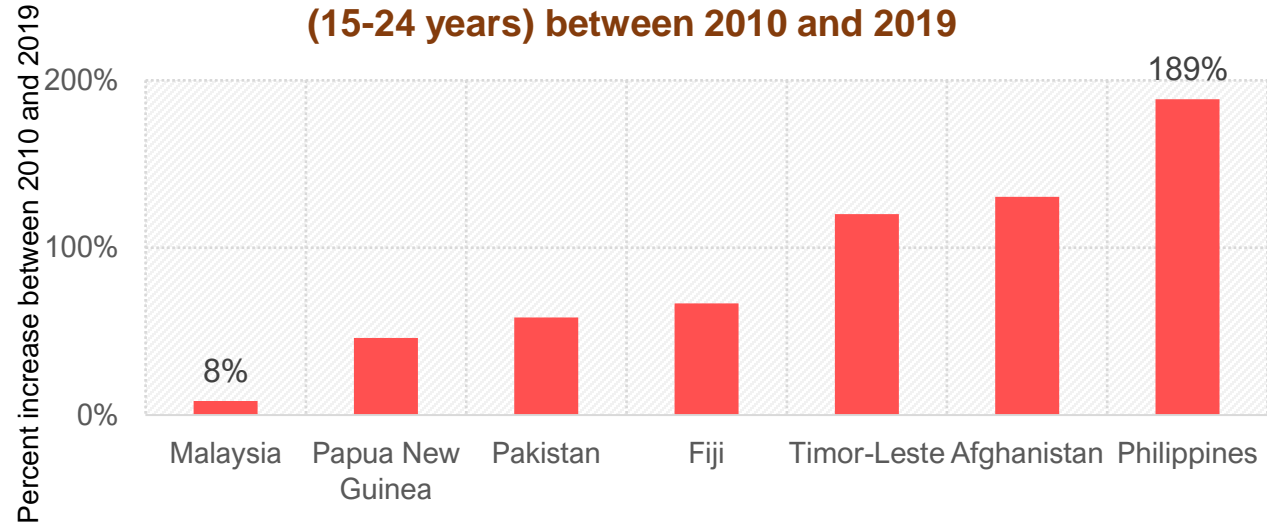
- Men who have sex with men
- Transgender
- Rest of population

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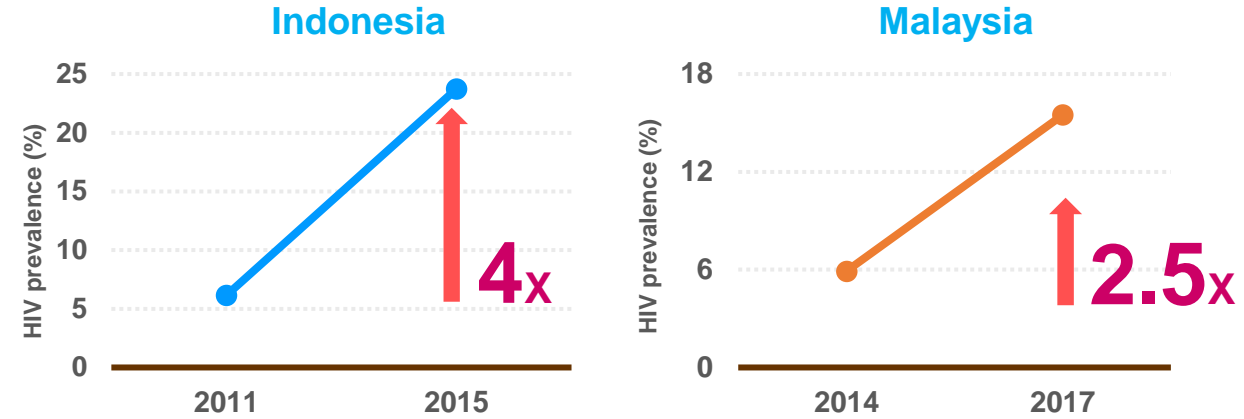


Snapshot of HIV among young people (15-24 years) in Asia-Pacific

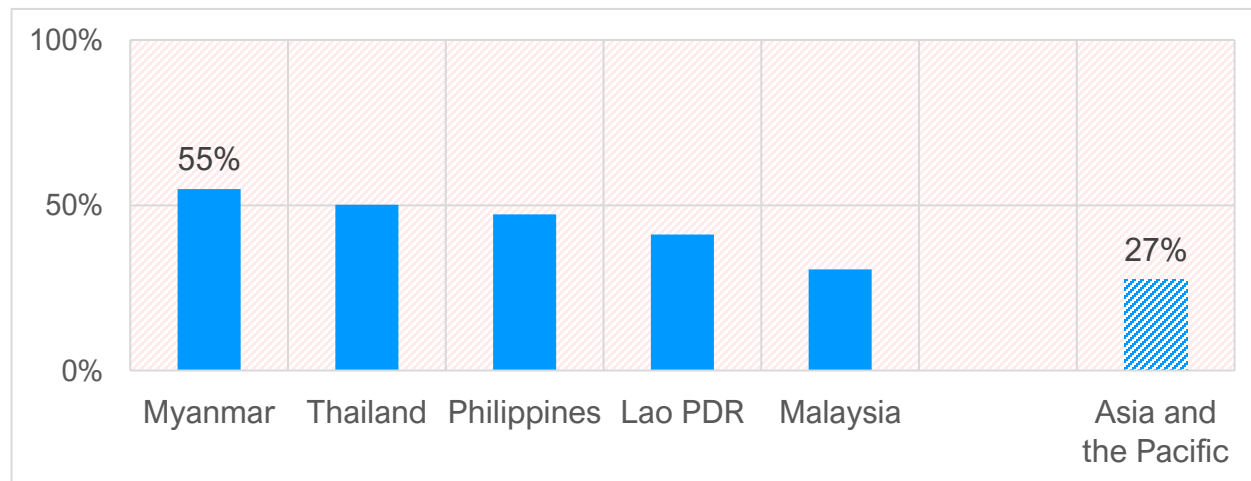
Countries with rising new HIV infections among young people (15-24 years) between 2010 and 2019



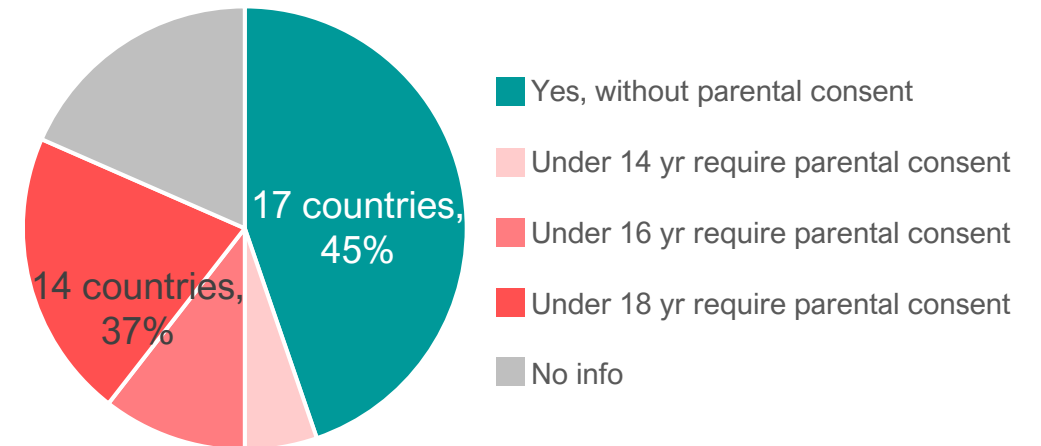
Rising HIV prevalence among young MSM (<25 years)



Countries with proportion of young people among total new HIV infections are higher than regional average



Laws and regulations that allow adolescents (10-19 yr) to access HIV testing services without parental consent





Digital growth

YOUNG PEOPLE



Barriers

PrEP
HIV self-testing

SRHR
services

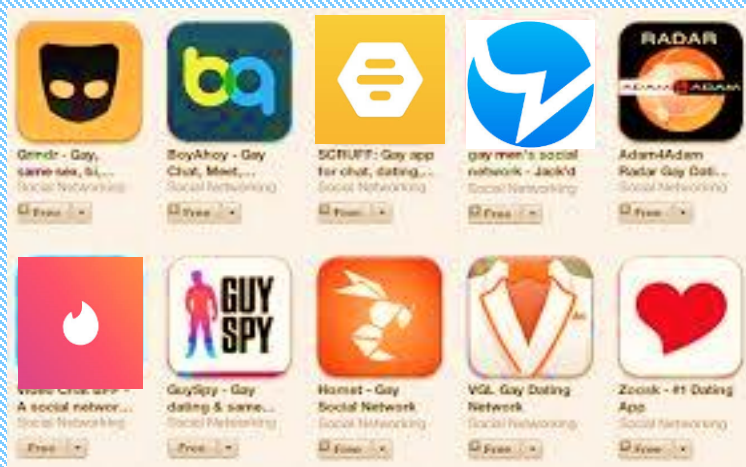
Unreachable

Traditional
prevention
outreach

VIRTUAL SPACE



Mobile phone & social media

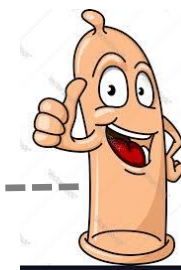


Dating apps

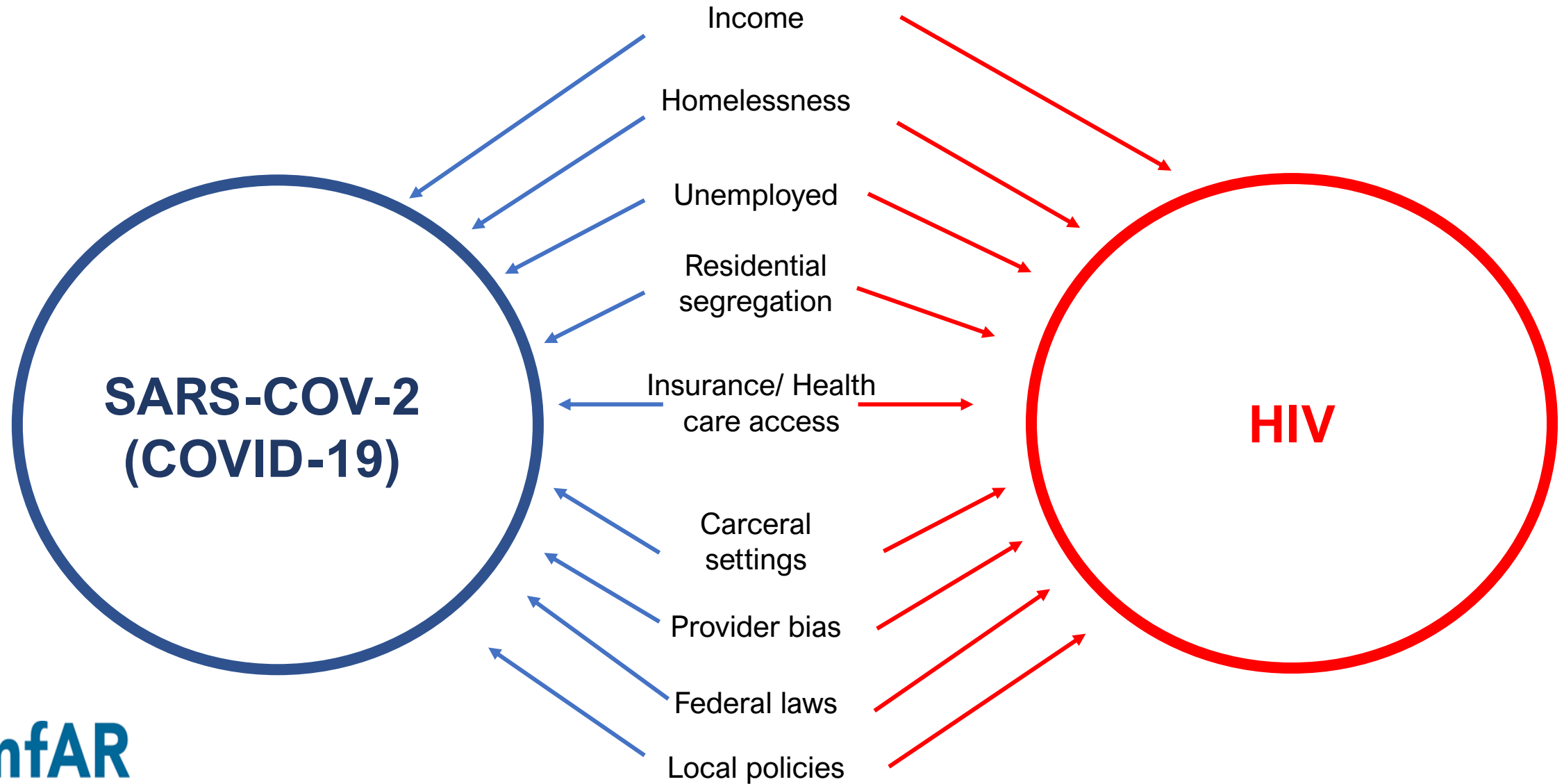


Cities

Party drugs and chem sex



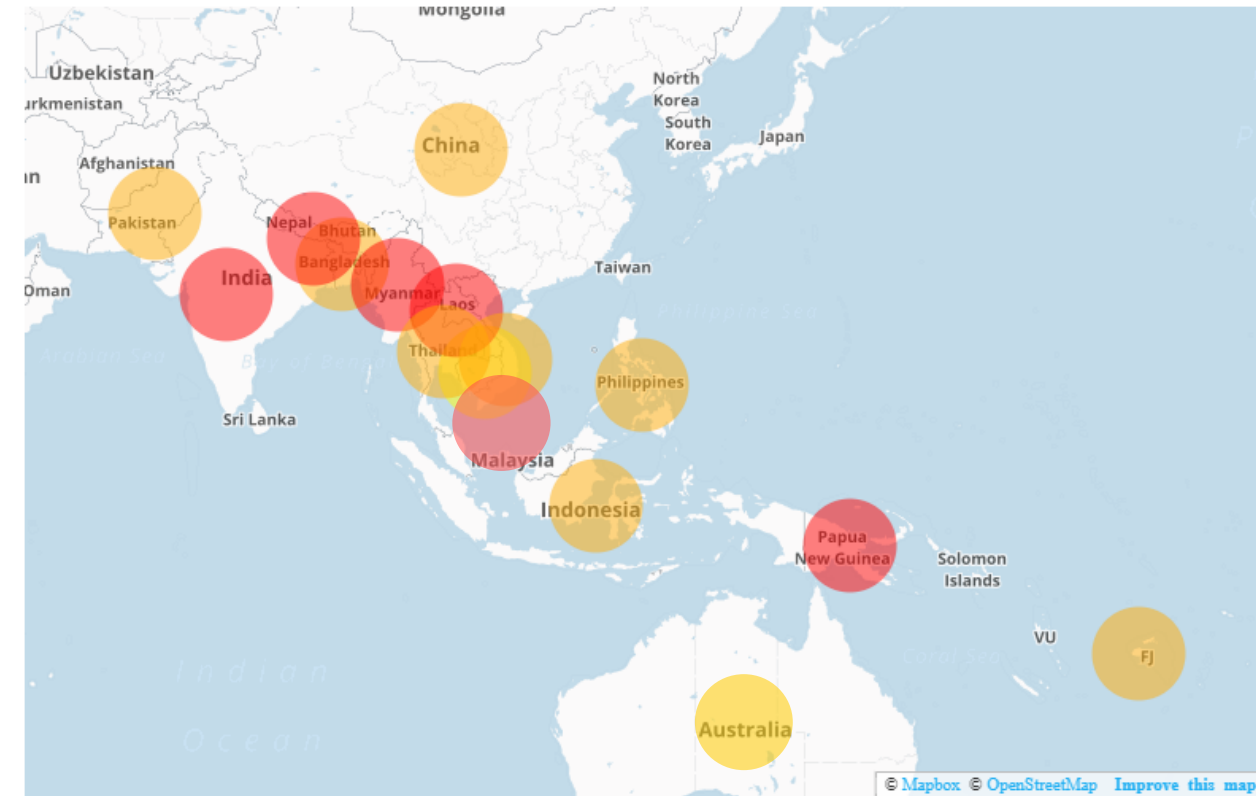
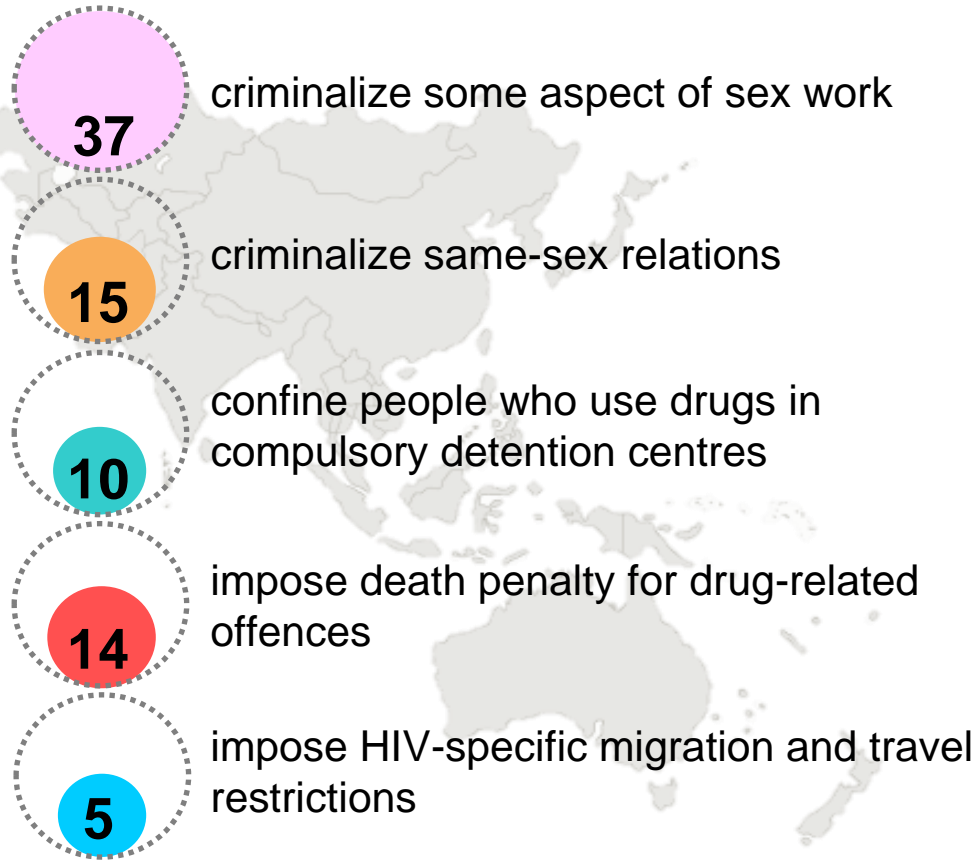
HIV and COVID-19 Intersectionality



Response to pandemics must be guided by human rights principles and practices

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

COVID-19 related restrictions by country



■ National Lockdown ■ Partial Lockdown

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Innovation, community solidarity and resilience HIV response 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](#)

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Source: UNAIDS Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (2020). A rapid assessment of multi-month dispensing of antiretroviral treatment and pre-exposure prophylaxis in the Asia-Pacific region; UNIADS Philippines (2020). Innovations Amid COVID Crisis and Beyond: The Philippine Experience – Presentation at UNAIDS Quarterly Programme Branch Meeting on 7th October 2020; and <https://unaids-ap.org/2020/10/28/key-population-networks-in-asia-and-the-pacific-amplify-the-impact-of-community-led-responses-to-covid-19/>



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INNOVATIONS



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- ❑ Enable “Precision Public Health” – from standardized to differentiated and innovative service delivery maximizing the flexibility and adaptability of services
- ❑ Leaving no one behind – HIV leaders call for “People’s vaccine”
- ❑ Community at the center of effective responses
- ❑ Health response grounded in human rights principles and practices
- ❑ Systems for health - A systems approach, that is sufficiently flexible, synergistic, and adaptive to respond to people’s needs and preferences in all circumstances, and that is optimally inclusive, just, and equitable - for a multisectoral, all-of-government, all-of-society response
- ❑ Sustained political leadership and global coordination

SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH



PEOPLE CENTRED RESPONSE



HUMAN RIGHTS



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