WE ARE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

There are an estimated 6 million of us in Asia-Pacific and we face these issues:

- Health workers discriminate against me.
- I have no access to justice when I experience discrimination.
- I have to take an HIV test at work. I am scared that I will lose my job.
- I am terrified that I will be expelled from my school.
- I can be arrested for exposing my partner to HIV.
- I got HIV from my husband and but I'm scared to get treated because he is pressuring me not to disclose my status.
- My status was disclosed without my consent.

We are being left behind due to:

- Legislation lacking clear, comprehensive prohibitions against HIV-related discrimination
- Inadequate laws, policies and programmes ensuring access to justice for people living with HIV
- Contradictory statements in laws, which hinder the application of general anti-discrimination principles to people living with HIV
- Criminalization of HIV transmission, exposure or non-disclosure
- Restrictions on entry, stay and residence on the basis of HIV status