WE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE
There are at least 720 million of us in Asia-Pacific and we face these issues:

- They said I’m too young to access sexual and reproductive health or HIV services.
- Older people make decisions for me about my own health.
- I’d rather not take an HIV test if I need my parent’s consent.
- I was forced to marry when I was just 15. Now I am 20 and HIV positive.
- My parents kicked me out for being trans. Now I face violence on the streets.
- I inject drugs and share needles, but harm reduction services here are only for adults.
- HIV education in my school only targets my heterosexual friends.

We are being left behind due to:

- Laws and policies requiring parental consent to access sexual and reproductive health services
- Laws permitting parents or guardians to be notified of a minor’s HIV test result without prior consent of the minor
- Laws that endorse abusive conduct such as confiscation of condoms and syringes, extortion, harassment and arbitrary detention of young people from key populations
- Laws preventing minors from accessing harm reduction programmes
- Customary laws that endorse gender-discriminatory practices such as early marriage