

# Transgender legislation and strategic information on transpeople in Brazil

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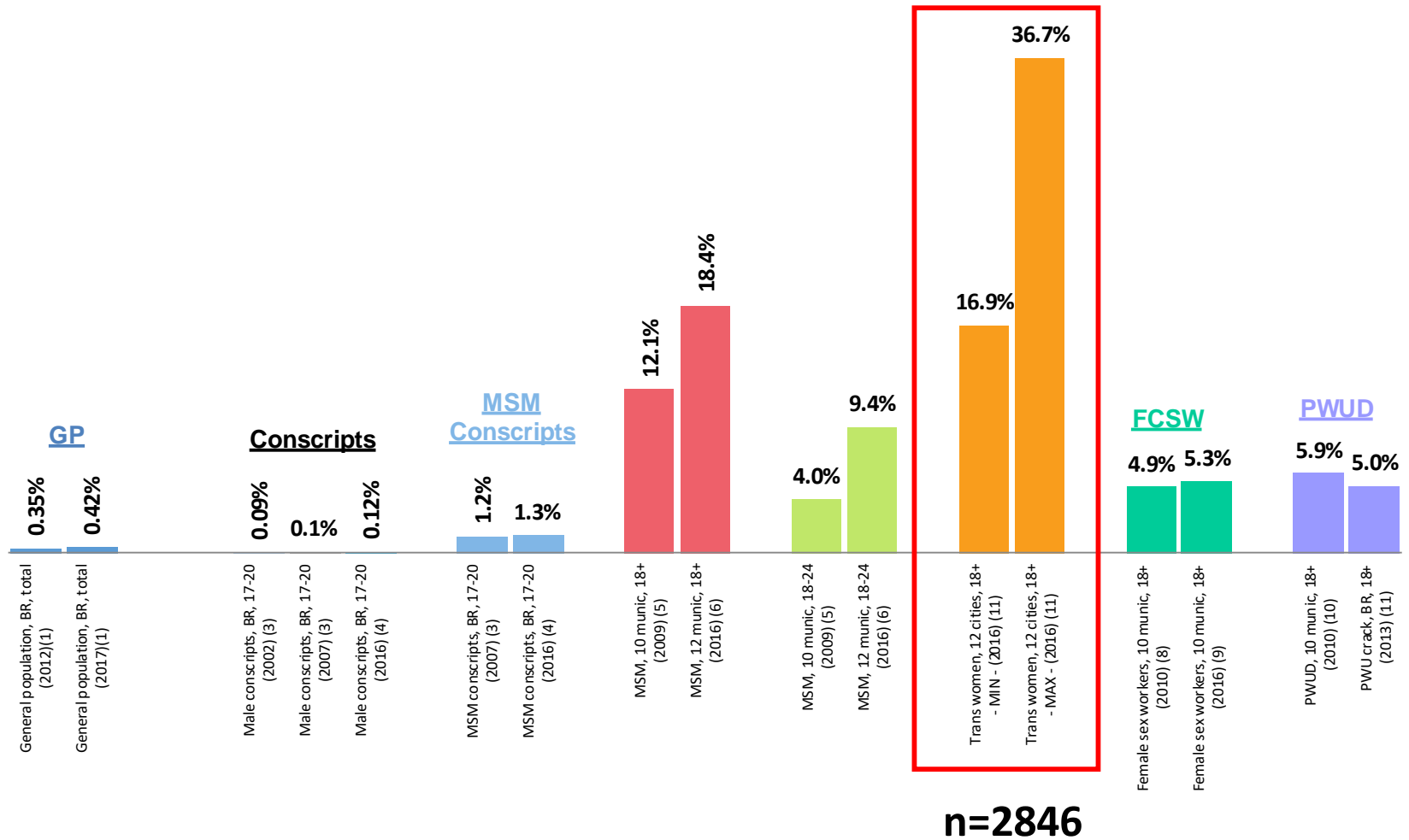
**Ministry of Health of Brazil**

Department of Surveillance, Prevention and Control of STIs,  
HIV / AIDS and Viral Hepatitis



# HIV prevalence, Brazil, 2002-17

PESQUISA DIVAS: first national RDS survey for transwomen



# Concerning healthcare:

Brazilian National Policy for the Integral Health of LGBT Persons (established by law)

**Brazil's Unified Health System (SUS) provides sex reassignment surgeries free of charge (in 11 registered health services)**

**Its National Policy for the Comprehensive Health of LGBT persons to improve trans people's access to STI, HIV / AIDS and viral hepatitis services**

**Also establishes the use of social names in healthcare records**



**Includes harm reduction actions for transpeople**

**SUS provides hormones free of charge**

**Establishes the sexual and reproductive rights of transpeople**

# Trans data visibility within our systems

## 01 - FORMULÁRIO DE CADASTRAMENTO DE USUÁRIO SUS – PROFILAXIA

1	Número de Prontuário	2	CNS – Cartão Nacional de Saúde	3	Identificação Preferencial do Usuário <input type="radio"/> Nome Social <input type="radio"/> Nome Civil
4 Nome Completo do Usuário - Civil					
5 Nome Social					
13 Órgão Genital de Nascimento <input type="radio"/> Vagina <input type="radio"/> Pênis <input type="radio"/> Vagina e Pênis					
14 Orientação Sexual <input type="radio"/> Heterossexual <input type="radio"/> Homossexual / Gay / Lésbica <input type="radio"/> Bissexual					
15 Identidade de Gênero <input type="radio"/> Homem <input type="radio"/> Mulher <input type="radio"/> Mulher Transexual <input type="radio"/> Travesti / Mulher Travesti <input type="radio"/> Homem Transexual					

# Brazil's National Transgender Visibility Day

The Ministry of Health of Brazil supported the official creation of the Brazil's National Transgender Visibility Day – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – through the first campaign “Travesti e respeito”.



# Brazilian MoH has invested in actions focused on transgender people

## POPTRANS AGENDA

MINISTERIO DA SAUDE  
Secretaria de Vigilância em Saúde  
Departamento de Vigilância, Prevenção e Controle das Infecções  
Sexualmente Transmissíveis, do HIV/AIDS e das Hepatites Virais

**CARTILHA DE PREVENÇÃO  
COMBINADA DO HIV PARA  
HOMENS TRANS**



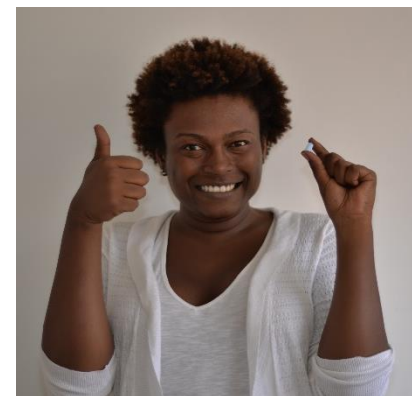
First national booklet concerning the health of transmen



WEBDOC POPTRANS



Pesquisa DIVAS: first RDS on transwomen data



PrEP for transwomen and transmen!

# Civil Rights

In Brazil, transpeople are **allowed to change their name and gender in official documents without medical evaluations or judicial decisions** (Supreme Court decision, 2018)

Brazil's Supreme Electoral Court (2018) allowed trans people to use social names in their electoral identity cards and apply to be candidate for election according to their current gender.



Human Rights Watch website article titled "Brazil Boosts Transgender Legal Recognition". The article, dated March 14, 2018, reports that the Supreme Court has removed medical and judicial criteria for changing legal gender. The author is Graeme Reid, Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program. The article includes a photo of people at a pride parade and a list of related news items.

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## Brazil Boosts Transgender Legal Recognition

Supreme Court Removes Medical and Judicial Criteria to Change Legal Gender

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Reviewers take part in the 19th Gay Pride parade along Paulista Avenue in Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 7, 2015. © 2015 Reuters

Brazil's Supreme Court ruled that the government can no longer require transgender people who want their name and gender marker on identification documents changed to undergo medical procedures or subject their decisions to judicial review. Last week's decision is a major shift that reflects increasing global momentum to recognize transgender people's rights to dignity and recognition before the law.

Transgender people in Brazil had previously been able to change their names and legal gender in the national civil registry and on some identification documents – but only after undergoing mandatory psychiatric evaluations and surgical procedures and obtaining a judicial order from the Public Prosecutor.

**MORE READING**

- July 1, 2018 - News Release: Indonesia: Anti-LGBT Crackdown Fuels Health Crisis
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# Education

## Universities

- Ministry of Education's Ordinance n. 1612, 2011, guarantees the use of trans people's social names in Brazil's Higher Education Public Institutions.
- Some Brazilian universities offer quota programs for Master's Degrees and PhDs addressing transgenders.

## Schools

Ministry of Education also allowed in 2018 the use of transgender people's social names in school records.



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# World fashion



**Lea T**  
Transwoman who worked for Givenchy



**Valentina Sampaio**  
World's first transwoman to be on the cover of Vogue Paris magazine

# Sport

## Tiffany Abreu

First transgender woman to play in the Brazilian female volleyball team



### Transgender volleyball player excelling in Brazil, eyeing 2020 Tokyo Olympics

Brazil's Tiffany Abreu recently made her debut in the country's top league for women

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Brazilian volleyball player Tiffany Abreu is tearing up the women's volleyball circuit in her home country, and she has her eyes on the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

That's noteworthy because she's also the first transgender athlete to compete in the country's top volleyball league for women.

Abreu, 33, made her debut in the top flight Superliga this week, playing well and





# Conclusion

Brazil faces a big challenge regarding transgender's access to health and other public policies

- ✓ Trans people in Brazil and worldwide faces a lot of prejudice and discrimination, which results in: lack of schooling, employment, civil and social rights and, in consequence, lack of access to health;
- ✓ To link more trans people to healthcare services, we must comprehend the structural barriers and fight to have a positive environment for this population;
- ✓ This challenges is ours: Governments, healthcare providers and other areas - led by the expertise in life of the trans people. **Together we can go further!**

# Thank you!



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