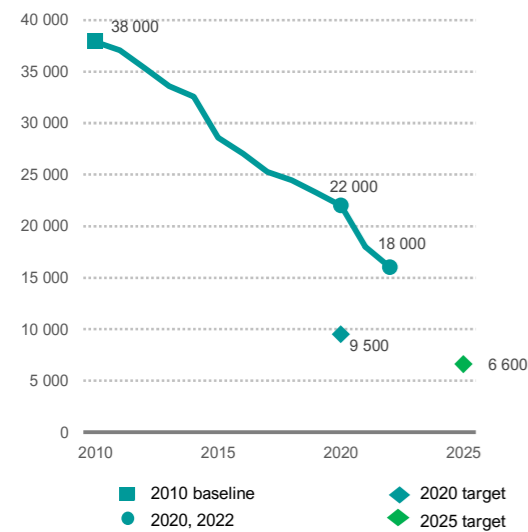


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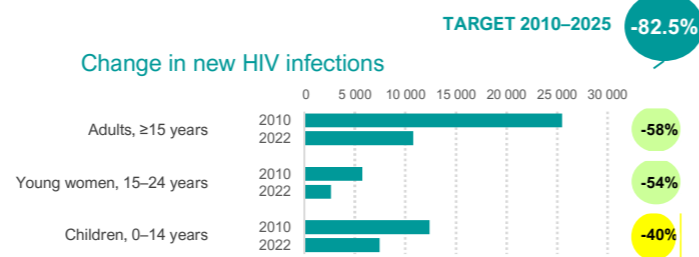
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## Number of new HIV infections (all ages)

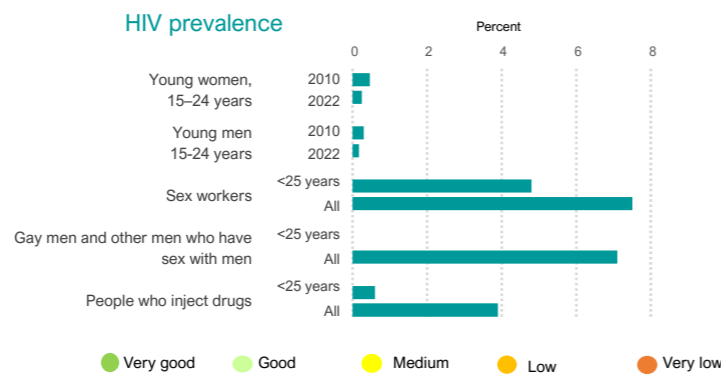


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## Change in new HIV infections



## HIV prevalence



## HIV programme coverage and outcomes

### ADOLESCENT GIRLS, YOUNG WOMEN & MALE PARTNERS

Condom use with a non-regular partner among young people 15-24 years old (%)

Group	Value
Young women	25
Young men	33

Target: 90%

Score: 4

### KEY POPULATIONS

Sex workers

Condom use at last paid sex is (%)

Group	Value
Sex workers	48
Clients	34

Target: 95%

Score: 3

### KEY POPULATIONS

Gay men and other men who have sex with men

Condom use at last anal sex (%)

Group	Value
Gay men and other men who have sex with men	57

Target: 90%

Score: 5

### KEY POPULATIONS

People who inject drugs

Use of harm reduction services (%)

Group	Value
With safe injections	23
On opioid substitution therapy	50

Target: 90%

Score: 1

### CONDOM PROGRAMMING

Condom use with a non-regular partner, 15-49 years (%)

Group	Value
women	24
men	33

Target: 90%

Score: 1

### MEN AND BOYS (INCLUDING VMMC)

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision

Target: 90%

Score: na

### ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Pre-exposure prophylaxis

Number of people actively taking Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Year	Value
2017	400
2018	356
2019	356
2020	553
2021	7853
2022	8650

Change in use of PrEP (2021-2022): +1320%

Score: 3

### ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Antiretroviral treatment

People living with HIV virally suppressed (%)

Group	Value
Women	78
Men	78

Target: 86%

Score: 8

### PREVENTION OF VERTICAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV

MTCT rate: 26%

% of HIV-positive pregnant women receiving ART: 37%

Number of Estimated births to women living with HIV: 28 000

Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission: 7 300

Distribution of new child infections:

Reason	Percentage
% of child infections because mother acquired HIV during pregnancy or breastfeeding	9%
% of child infections because mother did not receive antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy or breastfeeding	77%
% of child infections because mother did not continue antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding	12%
% of child infections because mother was on antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding, but was not virologically suppressed	2%

Score: 0

Condom use, completion of lower-secondary education, coverage of dedicated programmes

Condom use, coverage of prevention interventions (as shown above)

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Safe injection practices, coverage of prevention interventions (as shown above), needle and syringe distribution

Condom use, condom distribution

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Regulatory approval, PrEP guidelines, PrEP coverage per 100 people acquiring HIV

Score: 4

Score: 3

Score: 5

Score: 1

Score: 1

Score: na

Score: 3

Score: 8

Score: 0

Legend: Very good (green), Good (light green), Medium (yellow), Low (orange), Very low (red). id ... insufficient data, na ... not applicable

## Policy and structural barriers

### Key populations

Barrier	Sex workers	Gay men and other men who have sex with men	People who inject drugs	Transgender people	Prisoners
Criminalization of the behaviour of key populations	Yes	No	No	No	na
The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations	All	> Half	#N/A	< Half	< Half
Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination	id	18%	14%	18%	na
Population size	526 000	194 900	168 000	57 000	36 700

### Adolescent girls and young women

Barrier	15-19 years	15-49 years
Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence	id	id
Girls who completed lower secondary education	52%	
Policies on life skills-based HIV and sexuality education (secondary schools)	id	
Laws requiring parental consent for adolescents to access HIV testing services, age of consent	Yes, <18	

## Baseline status of 10 HIV Prevention 2025 Road Map Actions

Road Map Action	2023
1. Data-driven needs assessment	Green
2. Precision prevention approach	Green
3. Define investment needs	Green
4. HIV prevention leadership agencies	Green
5. Expand community-led services	Green
6. Remove social and legal barriers	Green
7. Integration with related services	Green
8. Introduction of new technologies	Red
9. Real-time programme monitoring	Orange
10. Accountability for HIV progress	Orange

Note: 'Yes' refers to the adaptation having been introduced (not necessarily it being universally available).

## Linkages between HIV and sexual and reproductive health services

HIV testing services integrated within sexual and reproductive health	#N/A
Provider-initiated condom promotion integrated into sexual and reproductive health services	No/id

Data sources: UNAIDS 2021 epidemiological estimates; Global AIDS Monitoring 2021; and ICF - the DHS Program STATcompiler. Data sources for key population program coverage: Global AIDS Monitoring 2022, Global Fund and PEPFAR reports obtained in 2022. Note: The 2023 UNAIDS epidemiological estimates represent the year 2022. Other data points may refer to various years when the surveys were conducted. Note: 2020 and 2025 targets for reducing new HIV infections represent the country's required contribution to global targets, a 75% reduction by 2020 and 82.5% reduction by 2025 against 2010 as a baseline. These reductions are required to achieve a 90% reduction by 2030.