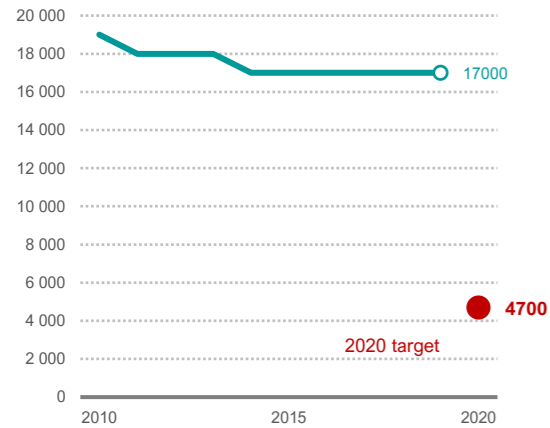


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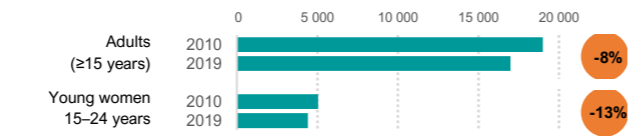
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The number of adults newly infected with HIV declined from 19000 in 2010 to 17000 in 2019, a 8% decline.

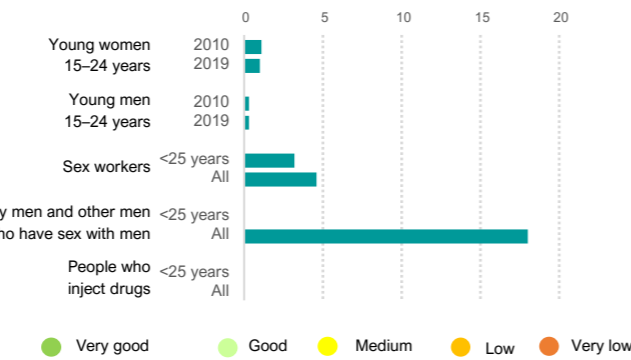
## Number of new HIV infections (≥15 years)



## Change in new HIV infections



## HIV prevalence



## Policy and structural barriers

### Key populations

Barrier	Sex workers	Gay men & other men who have sex with men	People who inject drugs
Criminalization of the behaviour of key populations	Yes	Yes	Yes
The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations	All	All	None
Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination	7%	id	id

### Adolescent girls and young women

Indicator	15-19 years	15-49 years
Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence	id	28%
Girls who completed lower secondary education	50%	
Policies on life skills-based HIV and sexuality education (secondary schools)	Yes	
Laws requiring parental consent for adolescents to access sexual and reproductive health services	Yes	

## HIV prevention adaptations during COVID-19

Adaptation	Safe continuation of outreach	Online counselling
Young women Key populations	Yes	Yes
Adopted multi-month dispensing	Yes	Expanded alternative access
Condoms	Yes	Yes
PrEP	Yes	Yes
HIV treatment	No	No
Safe injecting equipment	No	
Opioid substitution therapy (take home dosages)		No

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	Yes
Provider-initiated condom promotion in family planning services	Yes

## 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	Condom use (%)	Target (%)
Young women	27	90
Young men	39	90

% of high-incidence locations with a programme for adolescent girls & young women

Condom use among young women is very low. Coverage of high-incidence locations with dedicated prevention programmes is not being assessed.

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### KEY POPULATIONS

**Sex workers**

Condom use at last paid sex (%)

Group	Condom use (%)	Target (%)
Sex workers	90	95
Clients	44	95

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

50

Condom use at last paid sex is moderate. Coverage of HIV prevention programmes for sex workers is very low.

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**Gay men and other men who have sex with men (MSM)**

Condom use at last anal sex (%)

Group	Condom use (%)	Target (%)
Gay men and other men who have sex with men	48	90

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

55

Condom use at last anal sex is very low. Coverage of HIV prevention programmes for gay men and other men who have sex with men is low.

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**People who inject drugs (PWID)**

Use of harm reduction services (%)

Service	Use (%)	Target (%)
With safe injections	~10	95
On opioid substitution therapy	~10	40

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

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Use of safe injecting equipment is not known and coverage of opioid substitution therapy is not known. Coverage of prevention programmes for people who inject drugs is not known.

### CONDOM PROGRAMMING

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

Group	Condom use (%)	Target (%)
Women	17	90
Men	39	90

Estimated condom distribution need met (%)

22

Condom use is very low among people with non-regular partners. The proportion of the total condom distribution need met is very low.

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### VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision

Group	Uptake (%)	Target (%)
% of 2020 target achieved	96	90
Male circumcision prevalence, 15-24	96	90

% of annual voluntary medical male circumcision target achieved

The country is not among the 15 priority countries for voluntary medical male circumcision.

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### ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

**Pre-exposure prophylaxis**

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

Year	Number of PrEP users
2018	~10
2019	~10
2020	~10

Annual change (2019-20) in users of PrEP

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**Antiretroviral treatment**

People living with HIV virally suppressed

Group	Virally suppressed (%)	Target (%)
Women	37	73
Men	22	73

Antiretroviral treatment coverage

Group	Coverage (%)
Overall	45%
Sex workers	99%
MSM	4%
PWID	id

Levels of suppressed viral loads are very low overall. Based on limited available data, treatment coverage among key populations is low.

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Scores (1-10) ● Very good ● Good ● Medium ● Low ● Very low id ... insufficient data na ... not applicable

## Implementation of Prevention 2020 Roadmap

Ten actions	2017	2020
1 - HIV prevention needs assessment	Not done	Done
2 - HIV prevention targets	Done	Done
3 - HIV prevention strategy	Done	Done
4 - Legal and policy reform	Not done	Done
5a - Key population size estimates	Partly done	Partly done
5b - Defined key population package	Not done	Not done
5c - Adolescent girls and young women size estimates	Not done	Not done
5d - Adolescent girls and young women package	Not done	Not done
6 - Capacity development and technical assistance plan	Not done	Not done
7 - Social contracting	Not done	Done
8 - HIV prevention financial gap analysis	Not done	Done
9 - Strengthen programme monitoring	Not done	Done
10 - Performance review	Not done	Done

● Done ● Partly done ● Not done

Data sources: UNAIDS 2020 HIV estimates; Global AIDS Monitoring 2020; Global HIV Prevention Coalition progress survey 2020; and ICF - the DHS Program STATcompiler. Data sources key populations coverage: Global AIDS Monitoring 2020, Global Fund Proposals 2020 and PEPFAR COP20. Note: the 2020 HIV estimates presented are for 2019. Other data points may refer to various years when the surveys were conducted.