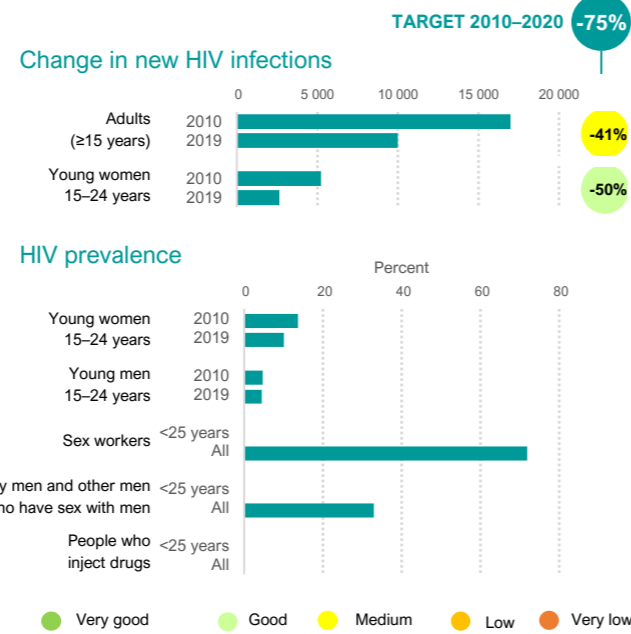
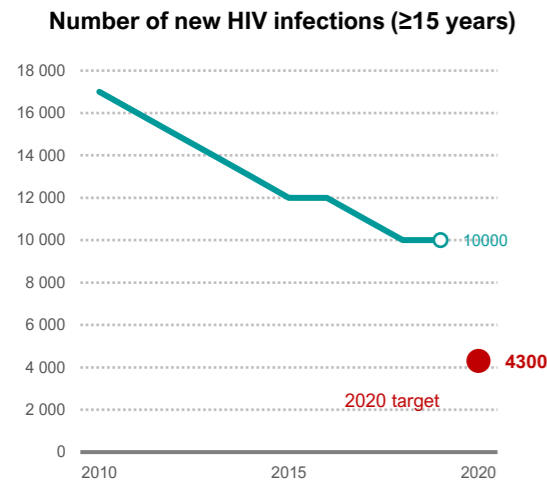


# THE STATE OF HIV PREVENTION IN LESOTHO

2020

The number of adults newly infected with HIV declined from 17000 in 2010 to 10000 in 2019, a 41% decline.



## 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	No	Yes
The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations	> Half	> Half	None
Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination	8%	8%	id

### Adolescent girls and young women

Indicator	15-19 years	15-49 years
Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence	id	1%
Girls who completed lower secondary education	46%	
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	Yes	No
Key populations	Yes	No
Adopted multi-month dispensing	Yes	Expanded alternative access
Condoms	Yes	Yes
PrEP	Yes	No
HIV treatment	Yes	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	No/id

## 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 (%)

Young women	82
Young men	79

Target 90%

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

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

### KEY POPULATIONS

Sex workers

Condom use at last paid sex (%)

Sex workers	62
Clients	90

Target 95%

27: Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

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

### KEY POPULATIONS

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

Condom use at last anal sex (%)

Gay men and other men who have sex with men	46
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Target 90%

49: Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

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

### KEY POPULATIONS

People who inject drugs (PWID)

Use of harm reduction services (%)

With safe injections	id
On opioid substitution therapy	id

Target 95%

Target 40%

id: Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

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

### CONDOM PROGRAMMING

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

Women	66
Men	73

Target 90%

100: Estimated condom distribution need met (%)

8: Condom use, condom distribution

### VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision

% of 2020 target achieved	58
Male circumcision prevalence, 15-24	70

Target 90%

88: % of annual voluntary medical male circumcision target achieved

8: Progress against global and annual country voluntary medical male circumcision target

### ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Pre-exposure prophylaxis

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

2018	850
2019	7300
2020	35478

Annual change (2019-20) in users of PrEP: +386%

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

### ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Antiretroviral treatment

People living with HIV virally suppressed

Women	66
Men	54

Target 73%

65%: Overall antiretroviral treatment coverage

Sex workers: id

MSM: id

PWID: id

id: Levels of suppressed viral loads are moderate overall. Based on limited available data, treatment coverage among key populations is not known.

Scores (1-10): Very good (green), Good (light green), Medium (yellow), Low (orange), Very low (red), 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	Not done	Done
3 - HIV prevention strategy	Done	Done
4 - Legal and policy reform	Not done	Done
5a - Key population size estimates	Not done	Partly done
5b - Defined key population package	Not done	Done
5c - Adolescent girls and young women size estimates	Not done	Done
5d - Adolescent girls and young women package	Not done	Done
6 - Capacity development and technical assistance plan	Not done	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

Legend: Done (green), Partly done (yellow), Not done (red)

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.