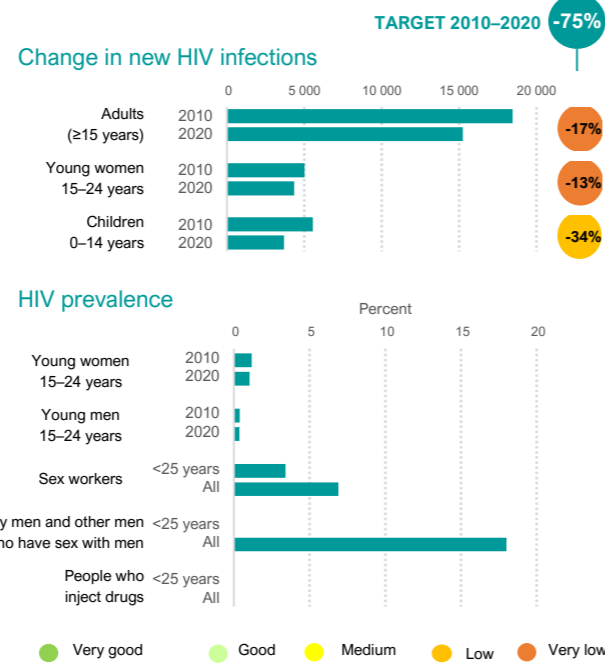
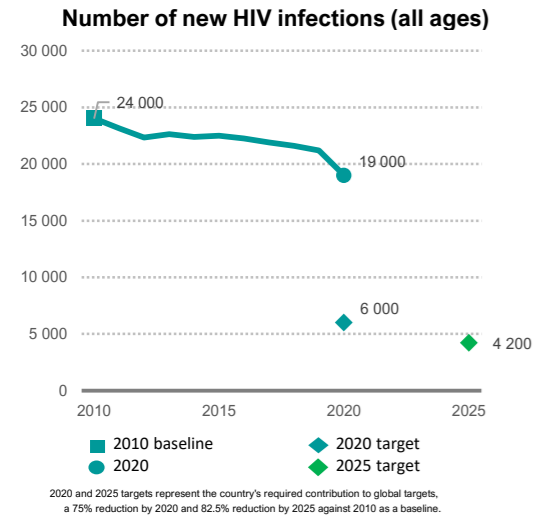


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2021

The number of people newly infected with HIV declined from 24000 in 2010 to 19000 in 2020, a 21% decline.



Policy and structural barriers

Key populations

	Sex workers	Gay men & other MSM	People who inject drugs	Trans-gender people	Prisoners
Criminalization of the behaviour of key populations	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	na
The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations	All	All	None	id	id
Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination	id	id	id	id	na
Population size	51 900	54 800	id	id	id

Adolescent girls and young women

	15-19 years	15-49 years
Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence	id	id
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 HIV testing services, age of consent	Yes, <14	

HIV prevention adaptations during COVID-19

	Safe continuation of outreach	Online counselling
Young women	Yes	Yes
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 integrated into sexual and reproductive health 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	Value	Target
Young women	19	90%
Young men	39	90%

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

84

Score: 3

KEY POPULATIONS

Sex workers

Condom use at last paid sex (%)

Group	Value	Target
Sex workers	90	95%
Clients	44	95%

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

39

Score: 7

KEY POPULATIONS

Gay men and other men who have sex with men

Condom use at last anal sex (%)

Group	Value	Target
Gay men and other men who have sex with men	60	90%

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

39

Score: 5

KEY POPULATIONS

People who inject drugs

Use of harm reduction services (%)

Service	Value	Target
With safe injections	id	95%
On opioid substitution therapy	id	40%

Received two prevention interventions in past 3 months (%)

id

Score: id

CONDOM PROGRAMMING

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

Group	Value	Target
Women	17	90%
Men	39	90%

Estimated condom distribution need met (%)

id

Score: id

VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision

Group	Value	Target
% of 2020 target achieved	96	90%

% of annual voluntary medical male circumcision target achieved

na

Score: na

ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Pre-exposure prophylaxis

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

2017 2018 2019 2020

Change in use of PrEP (July-December 2020)

No documented PrEP use in 2020

At the end of 2020, there was no use of PrEP reported.

Score: id

ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Antiretroviral treatment

People living with HIV virally suppressed

Group	Value	Target
Women	id	73%
Men	id	73%

Antiretroviral treatment coverage

Group	Value
Overall	60%
Sex workers	99%
Men who have sex with men	4%
People who inject drugs	id

Score: 6

PREVENTION OF VERTICAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV

MTCT rate (2020): 21%

% of HIV-positive pregnant women receiving ART (2020)

72%

Number of Estimated births to women living with HIV (2020)

18 000

Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission (2020)

3 700

Distribution of new child infections in 2020

Reason	Percentage
% of child infections because mother acquired HIV during pregnancy or breastfeeding	21%
% of child infections because mother did not receive antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy or breastfeeding	44%
% of child infections because mother did not continue antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding	28%
% of child infections because mother was on antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding, but was not virologically suppressed	7%

Score: 4

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

Data sources: UNAIDS 2021 epidemiological estimates; Global AIDS Monitoring 2021; and ICF - the DHS Program STATcompiler. Data sources key populations coverage: Global AIDS Monitoring 2021, Global Fund and PEPFAR reports obtained in 2021. Note: the zuz1 epidemiological estimates presented are for zuz1. Umer data points may refer to various years when the surveys were conducted.

2020 and 2025 targets 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.