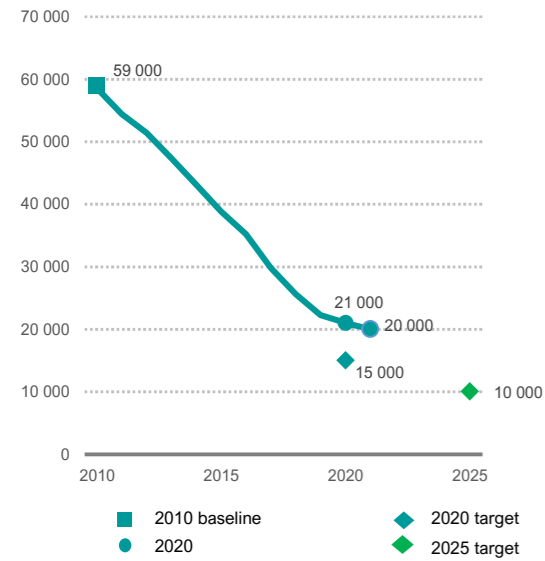


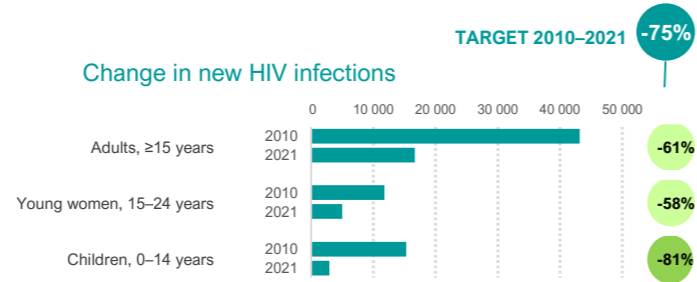
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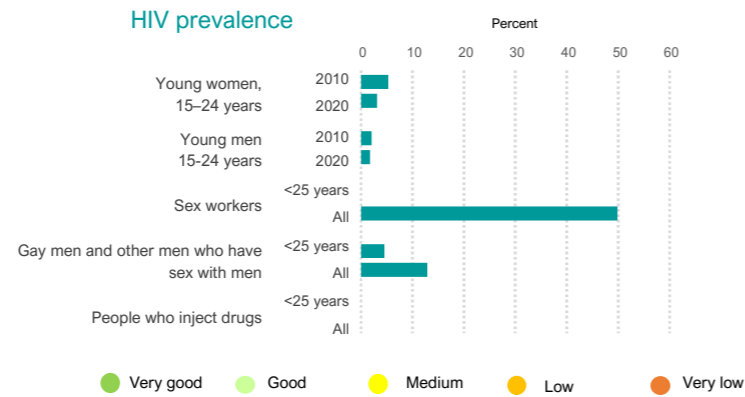
Number of new HIV infections (all ages)



Change in new HIV infections



HIV prevalence



Policy and structural barriers

Key populations

	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	Yes	Yes	Yes	na
The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations	< Half	< Half	None	> Half	#N/A
Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination	49%	13%	id	id	na
Population size	36 100	42 600	id	1 000	14 200

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	21%	
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	

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	53	90%
Young men	73	90%

Score: 4

KEY POPULATIONS

Sex workers

Condom use at last paid sex is (%)

Group	Value	Target
Sex workers	65	95%
Clients	75	95%

Score: 6

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	79	90%

Score: 7

People who inject drugs

Use of harm reduction services (%)

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

Score: id

CONDOM PROGRAMMING

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

Group	Value	Target
Women	49	90%
Men	73	90%

Score: 5

VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION

Uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision

Group	Value	Target
% of 2020 target achieved	21	90%
male circumcision prevalence 15–24	29	90%

Score: 1

ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Pre-exposure prophylaxis

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

Year	Value
2017	300
2018	459
2019	252
2020	10971
2021	10971

Change in use of PrEP (2020–2021): -45%

Score: 6

ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUG-BASED PREVENTION

Antiretroviral treatment

People living with HIV virally suppressed (%)

Group	Value	Target
Women	92	73%
Men	78	73%

Antiretroviral treatment coverage

Group	Coverage (%)
Overall	91%
Sex workers	91%
Gay men and other men who have sex with men	86%
People who inject drugs	id

Score: 9

PREVENTION OF VERTICAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV

MTCT rate: 8%

% of HIV-positive pregnant women receiving ART: id

Number of Estimated births to women living with HIV: 39 000

Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission: 3 000

Distribution of new child infections

Reason	Percentage
% of child infections because mother acquired HIV during pregnancy or breastfeeding	28%
% of child infections because mother did not receive antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy or breastfeeding	26%
% of child infections because mother did not continue antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding	31%
% of child infections because mother was on antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding, but was not virologically suppressed	15%

Score: id

Legend: 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 for key population program coverage: Global AIDS Monitoring 2021, Global Fund and PEPFAR reports obtained in 2021. Note: The 2021 UNAIDS epidemiological estimates represent the year 2020. 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.