

Fast-Track or Off Track?

How insufficient funding for key populations jeopardises ending AIDS by 2030

This factsheet highlights the findings and recommendations from new research by key populations partnerships Bridging the Gaps and PITCH. It looks into the funding towards HIV programming for key populations: gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and people who inject drugs in low and middle income countries between 2016-2018, and compares this against funding for the overall HIV response.

In 2016, the global community agreed to work together to end AIDS by 2030. UNAIDS' Fast-Track strategy recognised that investing in programming for key population communities was central to achieving this ambitious goal.

However, gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and people who inject drugs, continue to bear the brunt of the epidemic, and lack access to HIV services due to stigma and criminalisation.

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Key findings

The research has found that:

Resources for HIV programmes for key populations, in the first three years of the Fast-Track approach, fell far short of what was needed.

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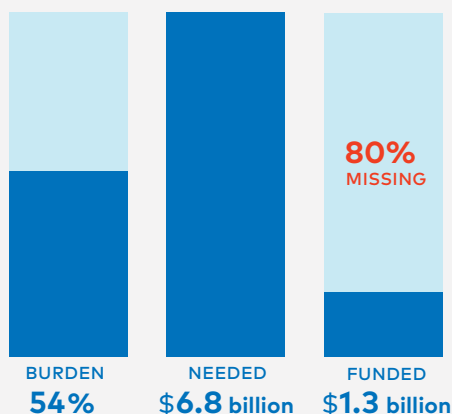
There is a staggering gap of 80% between the budget required for HIV programmes targeting key populations and the amount made available.

Global shortfall

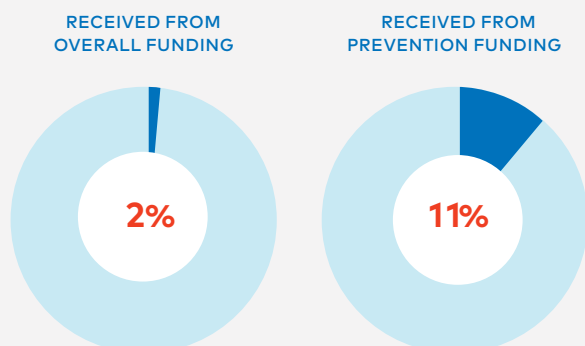
Key populations and their partners accounted for more than half of all new HIV infections globally in 2018.

Resource gap

Global rate of new HIV infections burden versus funds needed and funds made available.

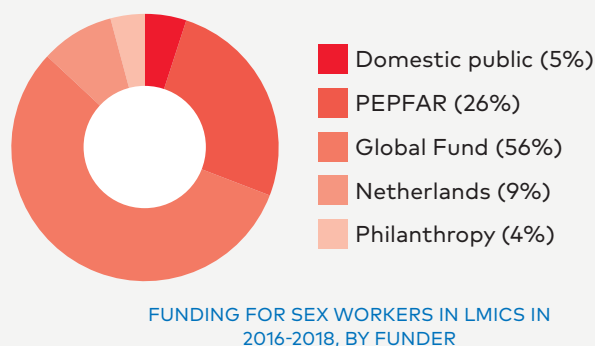
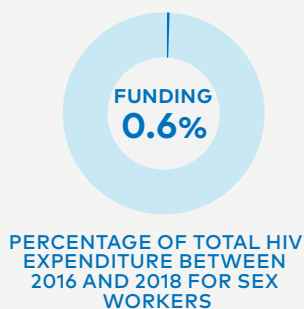


Percentage of total HIV funding invested in key populations in low and middle-income countries



To end AIDS by 2030, a significant scale-up of resources for HIV programming is needed for - and crucially led by - the populations most affected by HIV

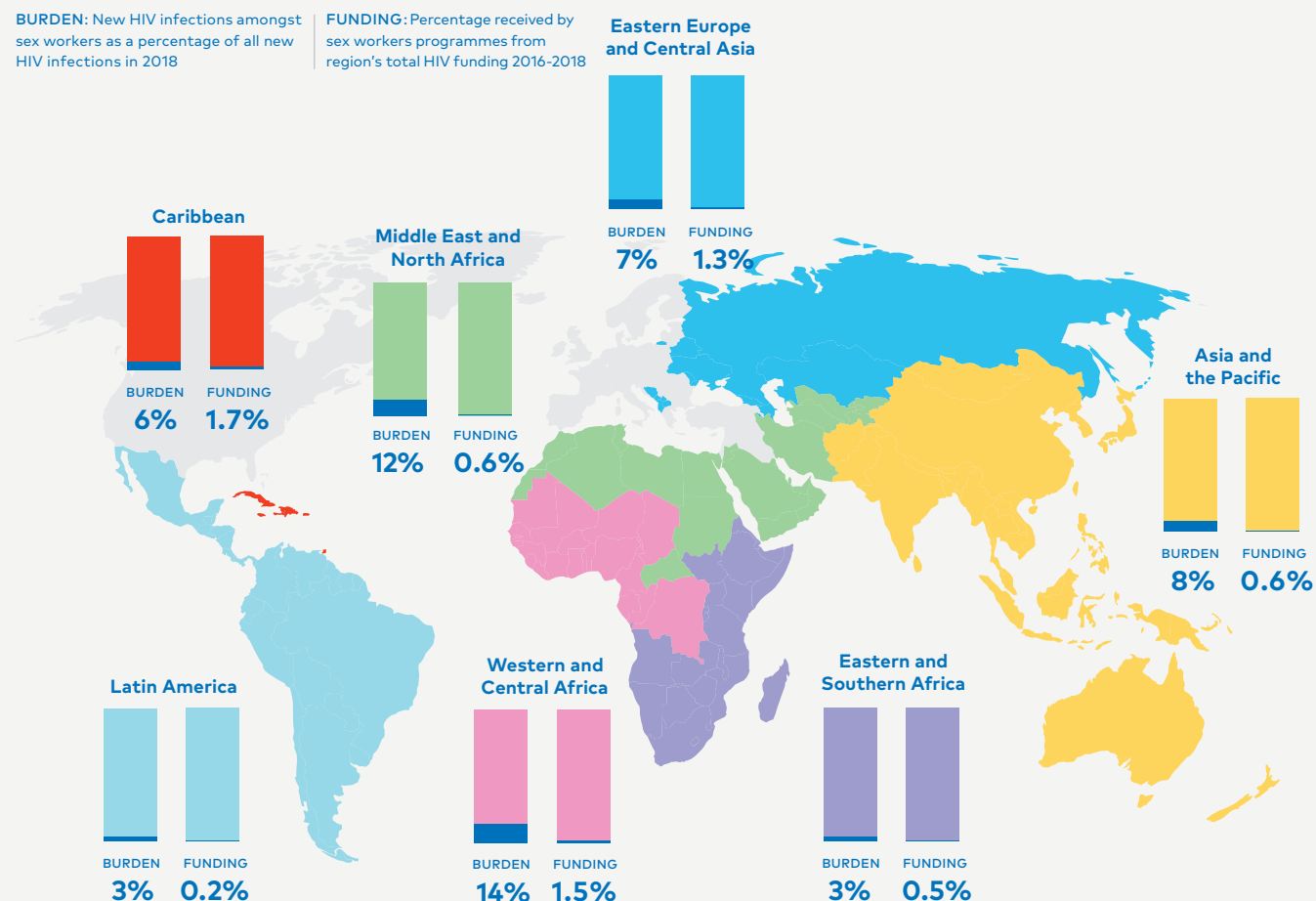
Insufficient HIV funding for sex workers



Rate of new HIV infections burden versus region's total HIV funding: sex workers

BURDEN: New HIV infections amongst sex workers as a percentage of all new HIV infections in 2018

FUNDING: Percentage received by sex workers programmes from region's total HIV funding 2016-2018



Recommendations

Getting on track to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 will mean for all major funders to:

1. Increase their investments towards the \$36.49 billion needed for HIV programming for key populations, over the next decade.
2. Scale up the proportion of their funding focused on community-led and community-based interventions.
3. Increase the proportion of funding for advocacy and support to key populations to create enabling environments.
4. Undertake concerted and coordinated efforts to systematically disaggregate, track and make public, funding allocation and spending for key population HIV programming.

Major funders need to significantly increase funding for HIV programming for key populations to get the global AIDS response on track

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