

Advocacy, policy and support on male sexualities

Risks and Responsibilities: Preventing HIV epidemics among gay men, other MSM and transgenders in Asia and the Pacific

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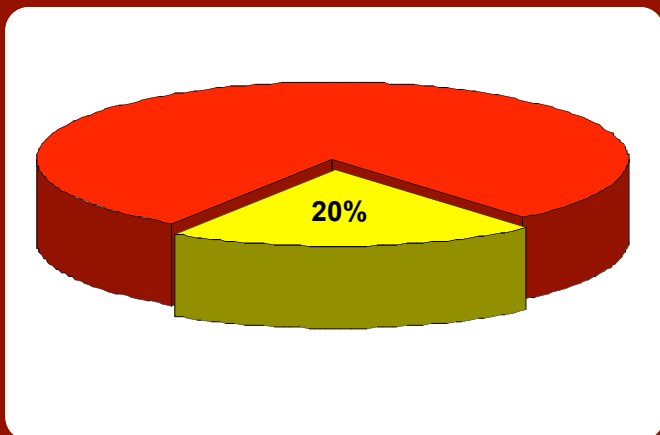


Why we must work with male-to-male sex and HIV prevention, care and support?

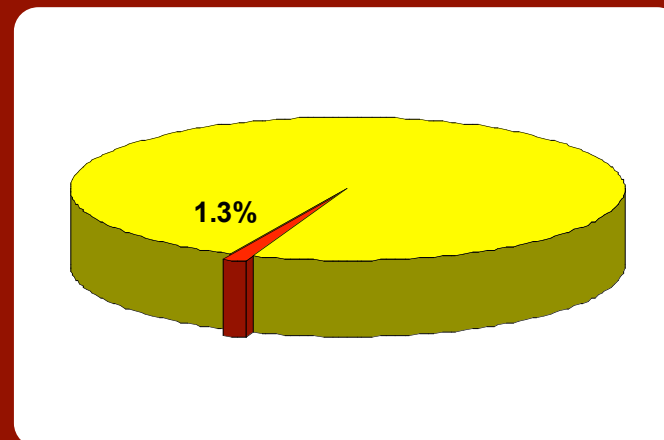
- **It is the right thing to do epidemiologically.**
- **It is the right thing to do from a public health perspective.**
- **It is the right thing to do on humanitarian grounds.**

We also have

- **The right to be treated with dignity and respect;**
- **The right to be free from violence and harassment;**
- **The right to be treated as full citizens in their country;**
- **The right to be free from HIV/AIDS.**



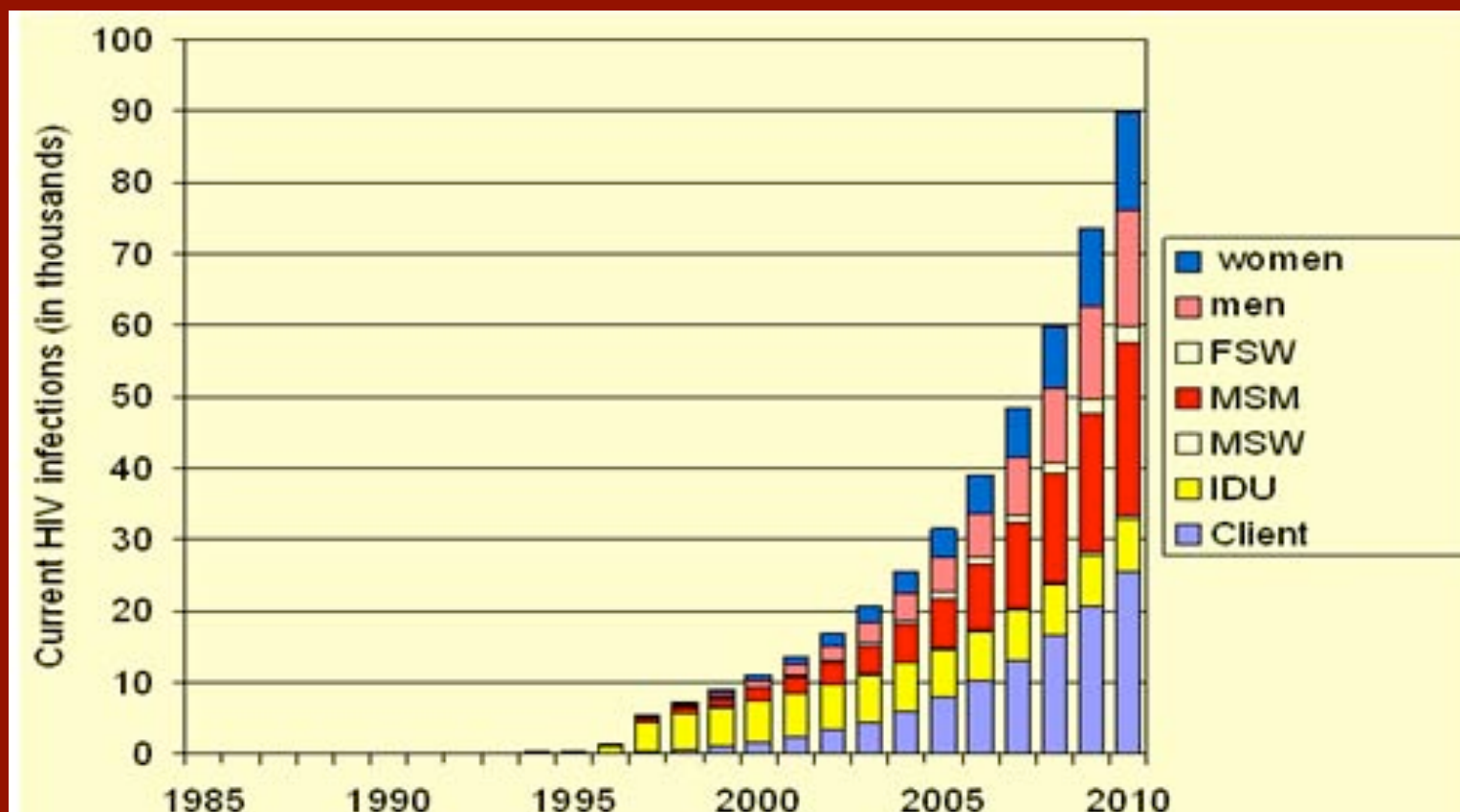
In Thailand MSM is estimated to contribute over 20 per cent of all new infections, while MSM-specific spending accounts for slightly over 1 per cent of the total national budget for AIDS.



Although MSM is one of the five priority groups most at risk, in Asia and the Pacific, spending on MSM-specific programme and interventions is less than 1% of the National spending on AIDS in most countries in the region.

Source: Martin G.et al., 2006

Estimated number of new infections per year among Asian adults



Source: Tim Brown et al, 2006

MSM populations are several times higher infected than general population

	Times HIV in MSM higher	HIV in General population
Chennai, India	6	0.9
Jakarta, Indonesia	4	0.5
Bangkok, Thailand	16	1.6
HCM City, Vietnam	6	1
China	15	0.1

EXPENDITURE ON MSM PROGRAMMING, 2004 (US\$)			
Country, City, or Province	MSM Prevention Expenditure	Total Prevention Expenditure	Share of Prevention Expenditure
Thailand	\$482,500	\$12,516,400	3.85%
Myanmar	\$375,000	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	\$220,000	\$20,670,673	2.59%
Ho Chi Minh City	\$4,232	\$430,376	0.05%
Cambodia	\$190,000	\$8,506,560	2.23%
	\$184,676		2.17%
China	\$140,000	n/a	n/a
China Province 1	\$28,000	\$21,000,000	0.13%
China Province 2	\$0	\$3,000,000	0%
Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR)	\$40,000	\$2,694,600	1.48%

From the Constella Futures paper on HIV expenditure on MSM programming in the Asia-Pacific region, 2006



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- 1. Urgent need to substantially increase investment in HIV programmes focusing on the needs of MSM and transgenders**
- 2. A rapid scaling up of HIV service coverage across the region building the capacity of MSM and transgender community-based organisations to respond to the challenge**
- 3. More informed epidemiological and ethnographic data**

You can be assured of the support of the United Nations family in your common endeavor to win the battle against HIV among MSM and transgender communities.

If nobody is there for you - we are here!

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Violence against gay men, other MSM and transgenders



In India and Nepal - but they are not alone

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