



HLM 2021 Virtual Side Event

Young key populations leadership and innovations in the HIV response in Asia and the Pacific

Organizers: Youth LEAD, UNAIDS Asia Pacific, UNFPA Asia Pacific Region Office (APRO), UNICEF EAPRO and UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub

When: **7th of June, 2021, at 13:00** (Bangkok time)

Where: LIVE Streamed via Youth LEAD Facebook Page

Background

The key populations (KP) drive the HIV epidemic in Asia and the Pacific. However, the available data suggest that the epidemic is shifting towards young key populations (YKP). YKP include young drug users, sex workers, men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people and people living with HIV. In 2019, around a quarter of total new infections occurred among people aged 15–24 years, with 99% of all new HIV infections among young people from key populations and their partners (UNAIDS, 2020). The HIV prevalence amongst YKP is more than or equal to 5% in 10 countries of the region across all young key populations. In particular, the HIV prevalence amongst young MSM and young people who inject drugs is higher than 5% in all 10 countries.

The region has vibrant YKP initiatives led by national and regional YKP networks in partnership with the UN and other technical partners. Numerous advocacy and innovations have been spearheaded, leading to enabling environment for YKP to access the essential services, harness their leadership and reduce stigma and discrimination. Such initiatives, however, are sporadic and are not well spread consistently across countries. Moreover, there still exist huge programmatic, data, funding and policy gaps to address the YKP issues. If we are to reach the 95-95-95 targets and end AIDS by 2030, young key populations must be empowered and meaningfully engaged in decision making to guide an effective HIV response.

As part of a joint regional strategy to continue to advocate for and support the YKP agenda in the region, in 2020 Youth LEAD, UNAIDS AP, UNFPA APRO and UNICEF EAPRO initiated a report to analyze the existing available quantitative data on the HIV situation among YKP, document different regional stakeholders' perspectives and approaches to YKP and collect innovative programs. The report, which is still being developed by the aforementioned partners, will aim at rejuvenating YKP issues and offering solid evidence for continuous advocacy.

The proposed HLM side event will present and discuss the HIV situation among YKPs, groundbreaking programs, lessons learned, and testimonies from young key populations leaders.

Organizer information

Youth LEAD, UNAIDS AP, UNFPA APRO, UNICEF EAPRO and UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub will jointly organize the side event.

Youth LEAD will be the focal agency for the event and will liaise with the UN agencies for the agenda, identifying speakers and other logistical support for the event.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 953 9647 7986

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Objectives

The side event aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Highlight YKP specific issues from the Asia Pacific to a global audience and the Member States and shed lights on the bulging HIV epidemics amongst YKP in the region;
- Showcase YKP-led initiatives and advocacy efforts in the region. The event will offer good examples of YKP leadership and their contributions to the HIV response, including the COVID-19 response;
- Share lessons learned from innovative HIV and SRHR programs targeted to YKP.

Event Format:

Time	Session	Methodology	Facilitator/Speaker
15 min	<p><u>Session 1: Introduction and opening</u></p> <p>Opening remarks by Youth LEAD, Government of Australia and UNAIDS</p>	Plenary	<p>Moderator and host: Vanessa Monley, Programme Officer at Youth LEAD</p> <p>Ikka Noviyanti, Advocacy Officer at Youth LEAD</p> <p>Dr Stephanie Williams, Australia Ambassador for Regional Health Security</p> <p>Eamonn Murphy, UNAIDS Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific</p>
20 min	<p><u>Session 2: Setting the scene</u></p> <p>Highlighting key issues of the HIV epidemic among YKP in the Asia Pacific region</p>	<p>Plenary followed by Q&A 10 min presentations and 10 min Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The HIV epidemic, data and updates among young key populations in Asia and the Pacific</i> - <i>Issues and challenges facing young key populations in Asia and the Pacific</i> 	<p>Moderator: Maki Akiyama, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>Ye Yu Shwe, Regional Adviser, Epidemiology and Response Monitoring, UNAIDS Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Fletcher Chiu, Chair of the Board of Youth LEAD</p>

30 min	<p><u>Session 3: HIV services and YKP</u></p> <p>Access to differentiated HIV prevention and treatment services in Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p>Talk show style</p> <p><i>(5 minutes per speaker plus 15 minutes of Q&A)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIV prevention innovations, including HIV self-testing and PrEP for young key populations - HIV treatment and enrolment in care among young people (ARV, MMD, co-infections etc) - Integrated HIV, SRHR, mental health and other health services 	<p>Moderator: Jawying Honey Lyster, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub</p> <p>Doan Thanh Tung, Executive Director at Lighthouse Social Enterprise, Viet Nam</p> <p>Kulkanya Chokephaibulkit MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Siriraj Institute of Clinical Research (SICRES), Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Thailand.</p> <p>Yvonne Marie Rafol, Council for the Welfare of Children, Philippines</p>
30 min	<p><u>Session 4: Innovation and YKP leadership</u></p> <p>Spotlight on innovative services and programs, including YKP leadership</p>	<p>Talk show style</p> <p><i>(5 minutes per speaker plus 15 minutes of Q&A)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YKP engagement and leadership in the Global Fund processes and the national HIV response - Partnership between government and YKP-led organizations in HIV service delivery - Digital innovations for demand generation 	<p>Moderator: Monsicha Poolsawat, UNICEF Thailand</p> <p>Legee Tamir, Project and Networking Officer at Youth LEAD</p> <p>Applesta de Costa, Human Touch Foundation and Dr. Wanda Viegas, Senior Medical Officer, ART Centre at Goa Medical College.</p> <p>Tono Permana, Saya Berani (Indonesia)</p>
10 min	<p><u>Session 5: Wrap up and closing</u></p>	<p>Key messages, recommendations and way forward</p>	<p>Vanessa Monley, Youth LEAD</p>

Materials:

PPT slides from the speakers, premium zoom platform with webinar facility, resource person from interpretations (TBC)