



## Key Data Issues and Suggestions

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## 1.0 Reference Sources

This review of reference sources is categorized into two groups, namely **general sources** and **country sources**. The general sources include the regional or global documents, such as the Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic, The World Health Report, The Human Development Report, and data from the UN Population Division and the PMTCT Report Cards.

The **country sources** are classified into two: 1) surveys and 2) others. The surveys include the Demographic Health Survey (DHS), the Behaviour Surveillance Survey (BSS), and the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey Reports (MICS). The others studies, research or surveillance data. Most reference documents utilized for the Philippines database are available in electronic format and can be accessed through the internet. Some documents are available as hard copy version only.

### 1.1 General sources

All the general sources of data on Philippines are available. The socio-economic and demographic information/indicators are drawn from these sources. An overall picture of the HIV epidemic in the Philippines can be presented with the help of these general sources.

### 1.2 Country sources

#### 1.2.1 Surveys

- Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Surveillance, 2005
- Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), 2003
- RTI/STI Prevalence in Selected Sites in the Philippines, 2002
- Young Adult Fertility & Sexuality Survey, 2002
- Enhanced STI control in Angeles City, 2001
- Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), 2000
- Male Sexual Risk Behavior and HIV/AIDS: A survey in three Philippine Cities, 1999
- Demographic and Health Survey (DHS),1998

#### 1.2.2 Others

- HIV/AIDS Registry, Department of Health, August 2009 Update
- Consensus Report on HIV and AIDS Epidemiology, 2005
- HIV Surveillance Technical Report, 2003
- HIV and AIDS Indicator Country Report, Measure DHS,1993-2000

### 1.2.3 Sources that are to be followed up

- The source of the figures reported in UNGASS Country Progress Report 2008 and Towards Universal Access Health Sector Progress Report 2009 is from IHBSS 2007. However the full report is not available.
- IHBSS 2009 is still ongoing.

### 1.2.4 Forthcoming Publication

DHS 2008

## 2.0 Indicators

**2.1 HIV prevalence and epidemiological status:** The most recent data available on MARPs are from IHBSS 2007. The data gap existed between the period of 2003-2007 and there is a limited data on pregnant women and young people.

**2.2 Vulnerability and HIV knowledge:** Data on comprehensive HIV knowledge among MARPs is available from IHBSS 2007. Concerning general population, the most recent data available is from DHS 2003 and Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality survey 2002 for young people.

**2.3 Risk behaviors:** IHBSS 2007 is the most recent source for reported risk behavior among MARPs. The data for young people and general population are from DHS 2003 and RTI/STI Prevalence in Selected Sites in the Philippines 2002.

**2.4 Socio-economic impact of the epidemic:** The data on the socio-economic impact of the epidemic is very limited.

**2.5 National response:** Prevention coverage and HIV testing among MARPs is available from IHBSS 2007. However, there is a limited data on ART coverage among adult and children.

## 3.0 Overall impressions of the data review

### 3.1 Strengths

- Passive surveillance system in terms of HIV/AIDS registry has been set up since 1986 (2 years after detecting the first case) and HIV/AIDS monthly report (for reported number of HIV/AIDS cases) are available online.
- Active surveillance (HSS) has been established since 1993 and conducted bi-annually from 1993-1996 and carried out annually from 1997-2003
- Behavioral surveillance survey was conducted annually from 1993-2003
- UNGASS country progress reports are available for all reporting rounds (2004, 2006 and 2008)

### 3.2 Weaknesses

- Full report of IHBSS 2007 and all rounds of BSS and HSS are not accessible.
- Behavioral data among MARPs is limited despite the annual rounds of BSS due to the subject of accessibility.