

WE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE

There are at least 720 million of us in Asia-Pacific and we face these issues:

They said I'm too young to access sexual and reproductive health or HIV services.

Older people make decisions for me about my own health.

I'd rather not take an HIV test if I need my parent's consent.

I was forced to marry when I was just 15. Now I am 20 and HIV positive.

My parents kicked me out for being trans. Now I face violence on the streets.

I inject drugs and share needles, but harm reduction services here are only for adults.

HIV education in my school only targets my heterosexual friends.

We are being left behind due to:

- Laws and policies requiring parental consent to access sexual and reproductive health services
- Laws permitting parents or guardians to be notified of a minor's HIV test result without prior consent of the minor
- Laws that endorse abusive conduct such as confiscation of condoms and syringes, extortion, harassment and arbitrary detention of young people from key populations
- Laws preventing minors from accessing harm reduction programmes
- Customary laws that endorse gender-discriminatory practices such as early marriage