

# WE ARE PREGNANT WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING WITH HIV

In Asia-Pacific, there are at least 70,000 of us needing treatment to prevent the transmission of HIV to our children and we face these issues:

Some clinics turned me away because I am HIV-positive.

My baby died because I was left alone for hours in labour. The hospital staff were scared to help me because I have HIV.

I know it's possible to have a HIV-negative baby yet the health worker insists on me having an abortion and being sterilized.

The clinic disclosed my HIV status to my family without my consent.

My parents-in-law reported me to the police because I gave birth to a HIV-positive baby.

## We are being left behind due to:

- Lack of protective laws and policies for pregnant HIV-positive women and girls in healthcare settings
- Lack of legislation to prevent forced abortion and/or coerced sterilization of pregnant HIV-positive women and girls
- Criminalization of HIV transmission, including mother-to-child HIV transmission