

Situation of HIV/AIDS among Young People in the Asia-Pacific Region

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This note highlights the increasing risk of young people to HIV infection. It begins with an epidemiological overview and then analyses the factors that contribute to young people's vulnerability, including lack of information and access to youth-friendly health services, the needs of special target groups, and the links between drug use and HIV/AIDS. The paper then highlights the need for youth-friendly programmes and services, including peer-to-peer education and life skills. It also notes the importance of integrated youth health policies and high-level political commitment. The paper concludes with a discussion on the need to view youth as positive agents of change in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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