

People Living with HIV Stigma Index - Asia Pacific Regional Analysis, 2011

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Description:

This report provides findings from the rollout of the People Living with HIV Stigma Index (PLHIV Stigma Index) in nine countries in Asia and the Pacific (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand). It provides the first large-scale regional comparison of standardized human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-related stigma indicators. It shows that stigma and discrimination have profound implications for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. They reduce an individual's willingness to be tested for HIV, to disclose their HIV status, to practise safer sex and to access health care. In addition, stigma impedes the efforts of services to reach people most in need of prevention, treatment and care. It impacts an individual's capacity to acknowledge and manage their own HIV infection, affecting their physical and psychological well-being and quality of life.

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