

# ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN HIV PROGRAMS FOR KEY POPULATIONS

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATION

### KEY POPULATIONS FACE A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF HIV AND VIOLENCE

#### HIV PREVALENCE AMONG KEY POPULATIONS

##### SEX WORKERS ARE

**10x** more likely to acquire HIV compared to adults in the general population<sup>1</sup>

##### MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM) ARE

**24x** more likely to acquire HIV compared to adults in the general population<sup>1</sup>

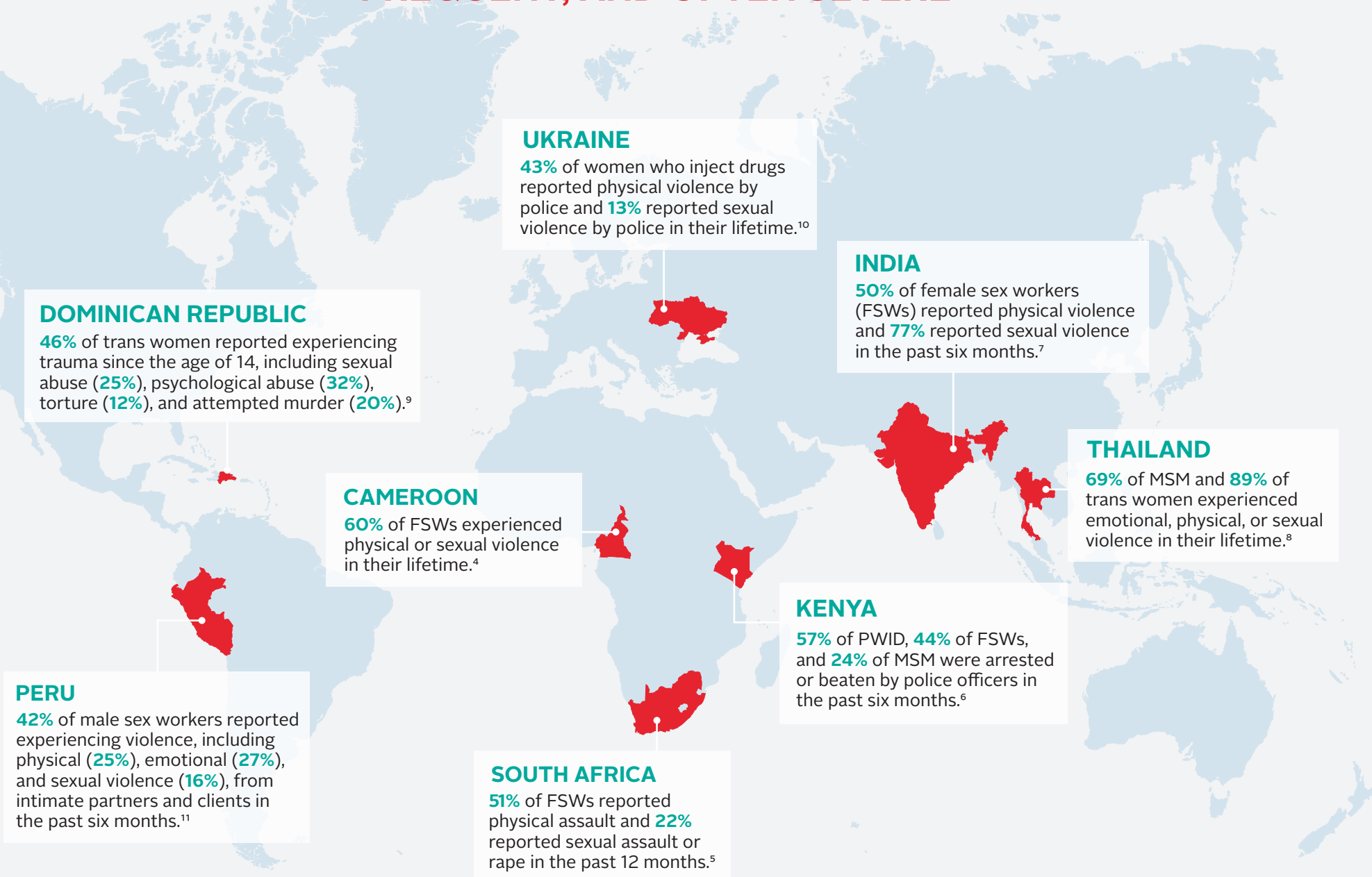
##### TRANS WOMEN ARE

**49x** more likely to be living with HIV than other adults of reproductive age<sup>2</sup>

##### PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS (PWID) ARE

**28x** more likely to be living with HIV than the general population<sup>3</sup>

### VIOLENCE AGAINST KEY POPULATIONS IS PREVALENT, FREQUENT, AND OFTEN SEVERE



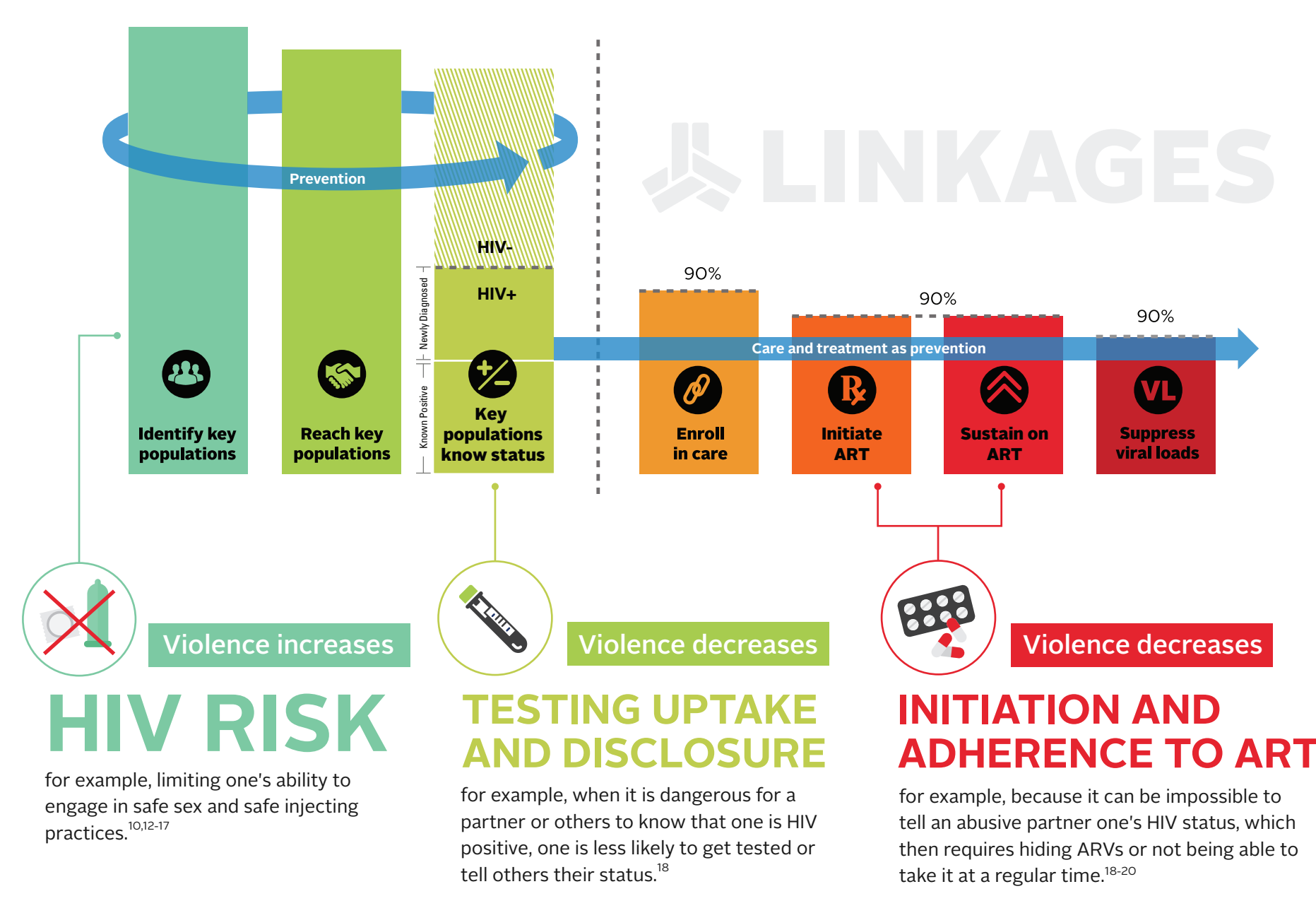
### VIOLENCE VIOLATES KEY POPULATIONS' HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIRECTLY AFFECTS THEIR HIV OUTCOMES

## IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON HIV AMONG KEY POPULATIONS

### Cascade of HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment Services for Key Populations

#### ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Human rights Gender equality Zero tolerance for stigma, discrimination, and violence



## HOW CAN WE INTEGRATE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE INTO HIV PROGRAMS FOR KEY POPULATIONS?

Global guidance states that violence should be addressed as part of the HIV response for key populations,<sup>21</sup> but these recommendations must be translated into concrete practices.



#### Build Core Knowledge among Implementers and Key Population Communities

- Train a core team of program staff and partners on the connections between violence and HIV and best practices for preventing and responding to violence against key populations.
- Conduct educational activities to help key populations identify violence and access violence response services.



#### Map the Prevalence of Violence and Stakeholders Working to Address It

- Establish mechanisms to better understand the characteristics and prevalence of violence against key populations, such as polling booth surveys.
- Create a map that illustrates key stakeholders and established relationships with them.



#### Create Networks to Ensure Key Populations' Access to Holistic Services

- Establish a referral network and directory of service providers who offer health, psychosocial, and legal services.
- Sensitize and train referral points with whom the program has formal relationships to detect and respond to violence.



#### Create Systems to Detect and Respond to Violence

- Develop standard operating procedures for how to detect and respond to violence against key populations.
- Create/disseminate information, education, and communication materials that identify violence, explain key populations' rights, and describe available services.
- Sensitize and train peer educators, peer navigators, outreach workers, and health care workers to detect and respond to violence.
- Establish mechanisms to support/supervise individuals engaged in violence prevention and response and promote self-care/personal safety.
- Implement a crisis response system.



#### Promote Accountability to Prevent Violence

- Sensitize and train police and other uniformed officers to commit to serving key populations who experience violence and to not perpetrating violence against key populations.
- Sensitize power structures to commit to connecting victims of violence to available services and condemning violence against key populations.



#### Document and Monitor

- Aggregate information on cases of violence to identify trends and inform programming.
- Develop systems to monitor and evaluate violence prevention and response programs, including opportunities for feedback from victims who use violence response services.

Each key population program will have unique needs, priorities, and resources available to support violence prevention and response. Many of these concrete practices can be integrated into existing activities, but others require additional investment. For more guidance on implementing violence prevention and response in alignment with your programmatic realities, refer to the **Key Population Program Implementation Guide**.<sup>22</sup>

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**Violence Prevention and Response: An Essential Component of Linkages for Key Populations**  
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