

AIDS at a crossroads: state of the epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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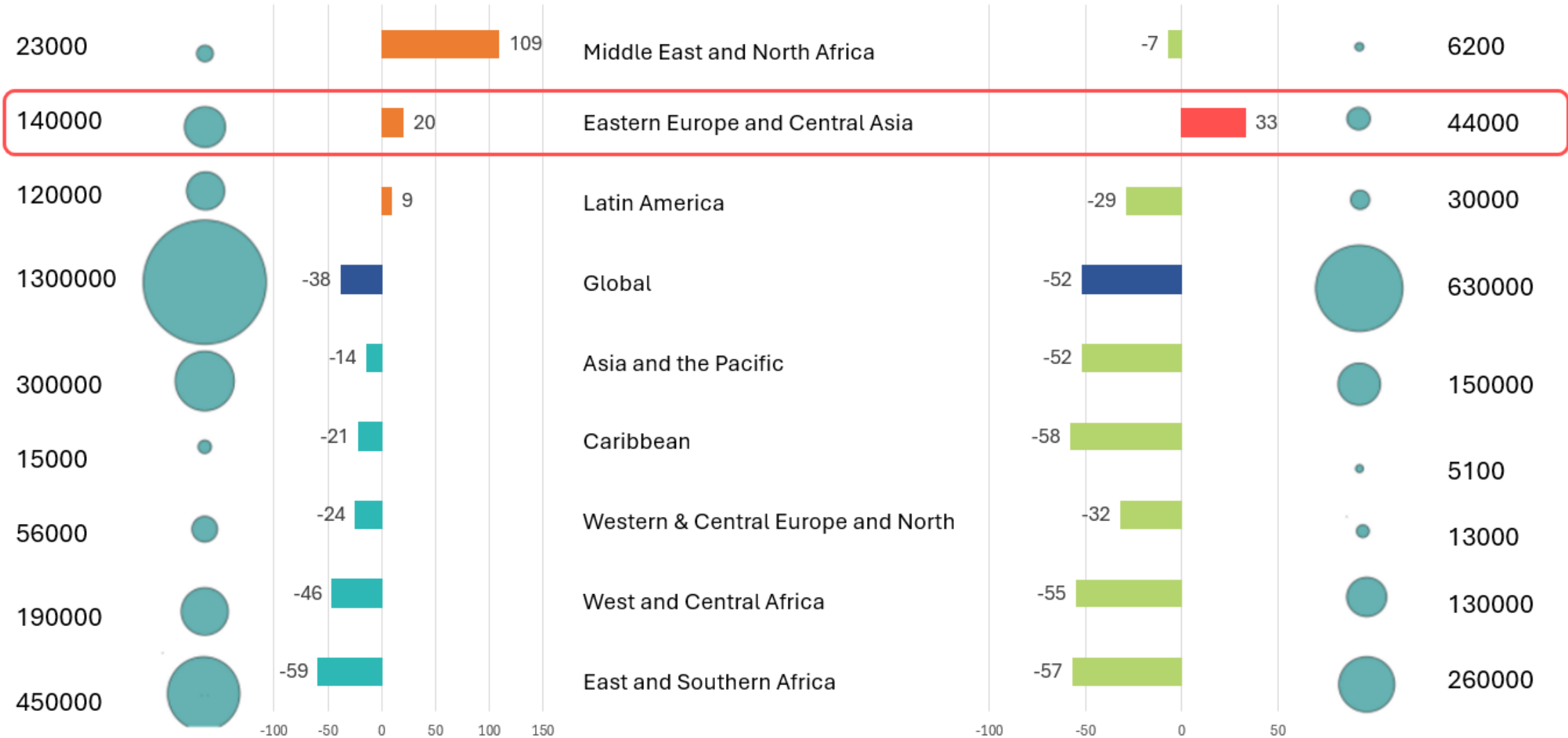
Percent change of new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths, EECA

New HIV infections

% change between 2010 and 2023

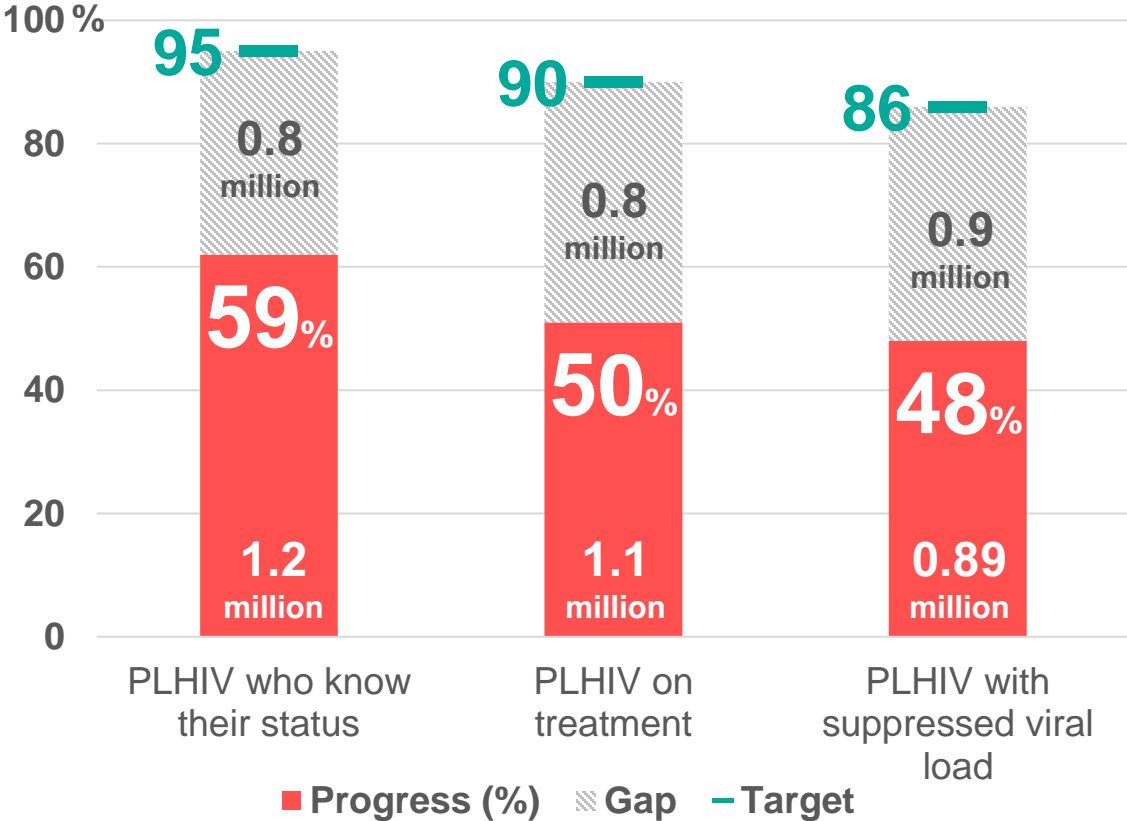
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AIDS-related deaths



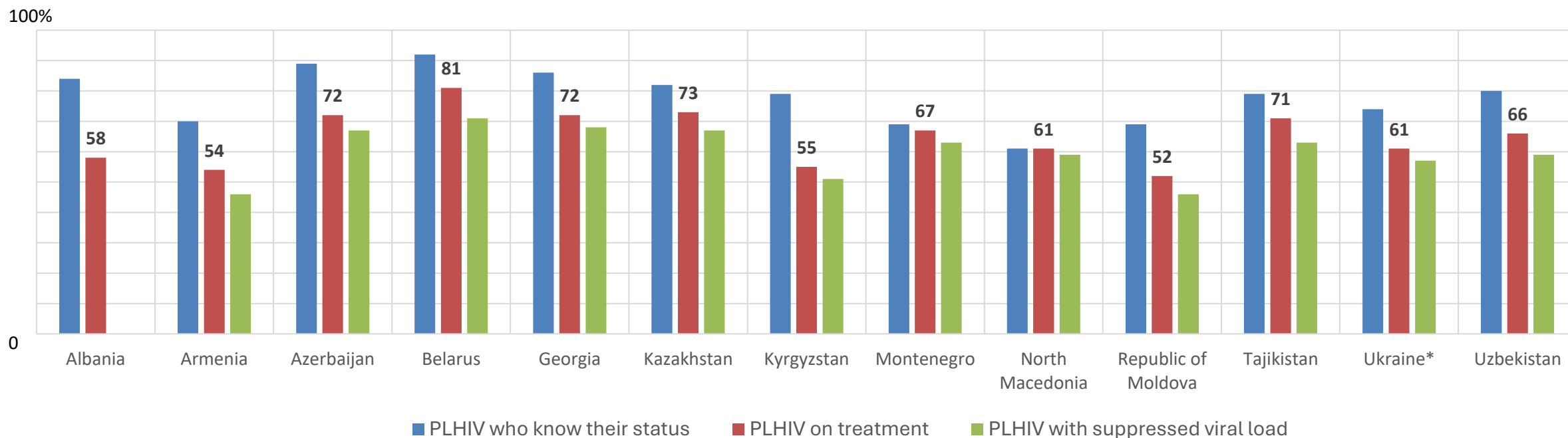
Mind the gaps: EECA is lagging behind the global achievement of 86-77-72 in HIV testing and treatment cascade

HIV testing and treatment cascade
Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 2023



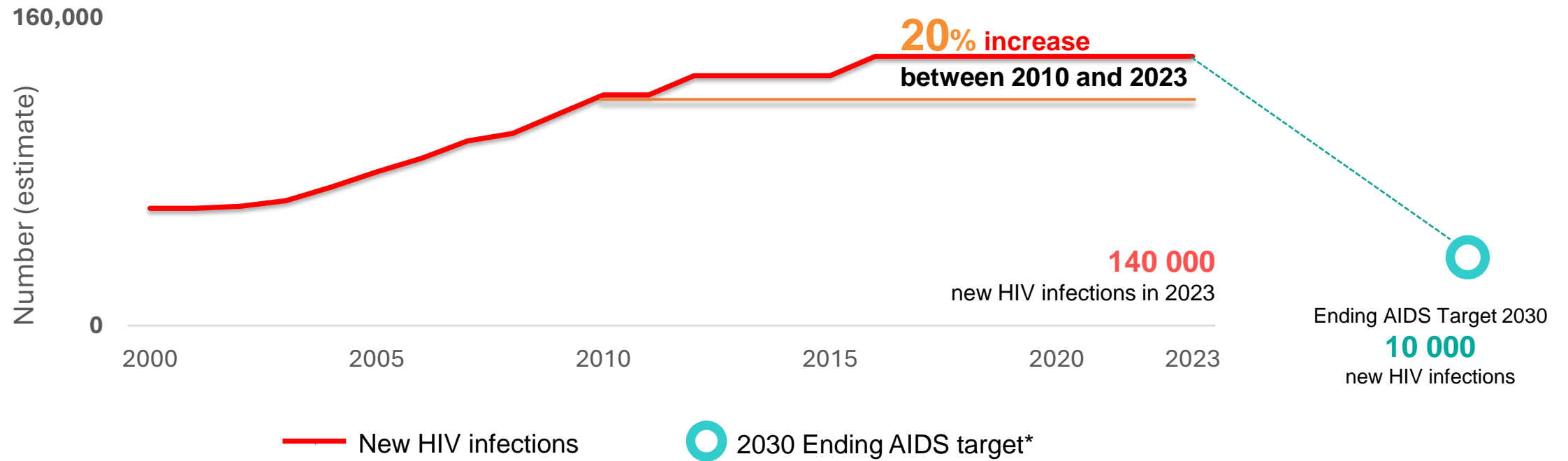
Source: UNAIDS special analysis, 2024

EECA countries must address inequalities and close gaps along the continuum of care in all settings to maximize the benefits of U=U



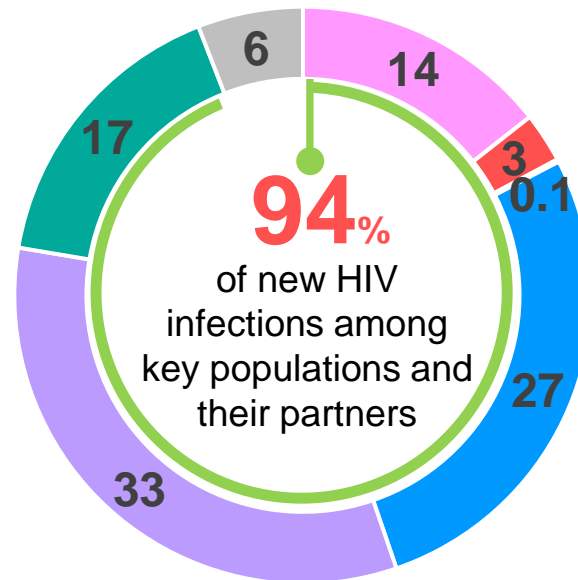
HIV testing and treatment cascade in selected EECA countries, 2023

New infection trends: increase in EECA



HIV is concentrated among key populations and their partners

Distribution of new HIV infections by population in Eastern Europe and Central Asia



Sex workers

Men who have sex with men

Transgender women

People who inject drugs

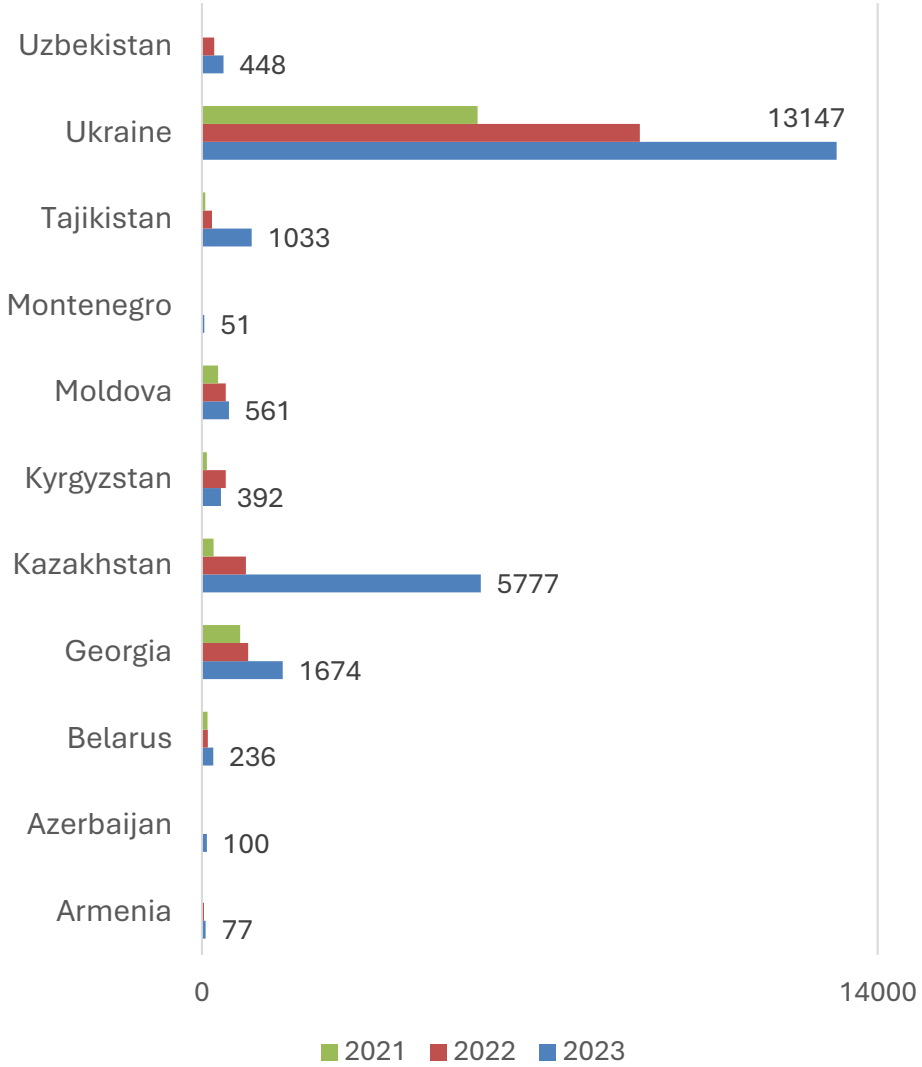
Clients of sex workers

Non-client partners of key populations

Remaining population

Need to scale up innovative interventions and differentiate HIV services across the continuum of prevention and care cascade

People receiving PrEP in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

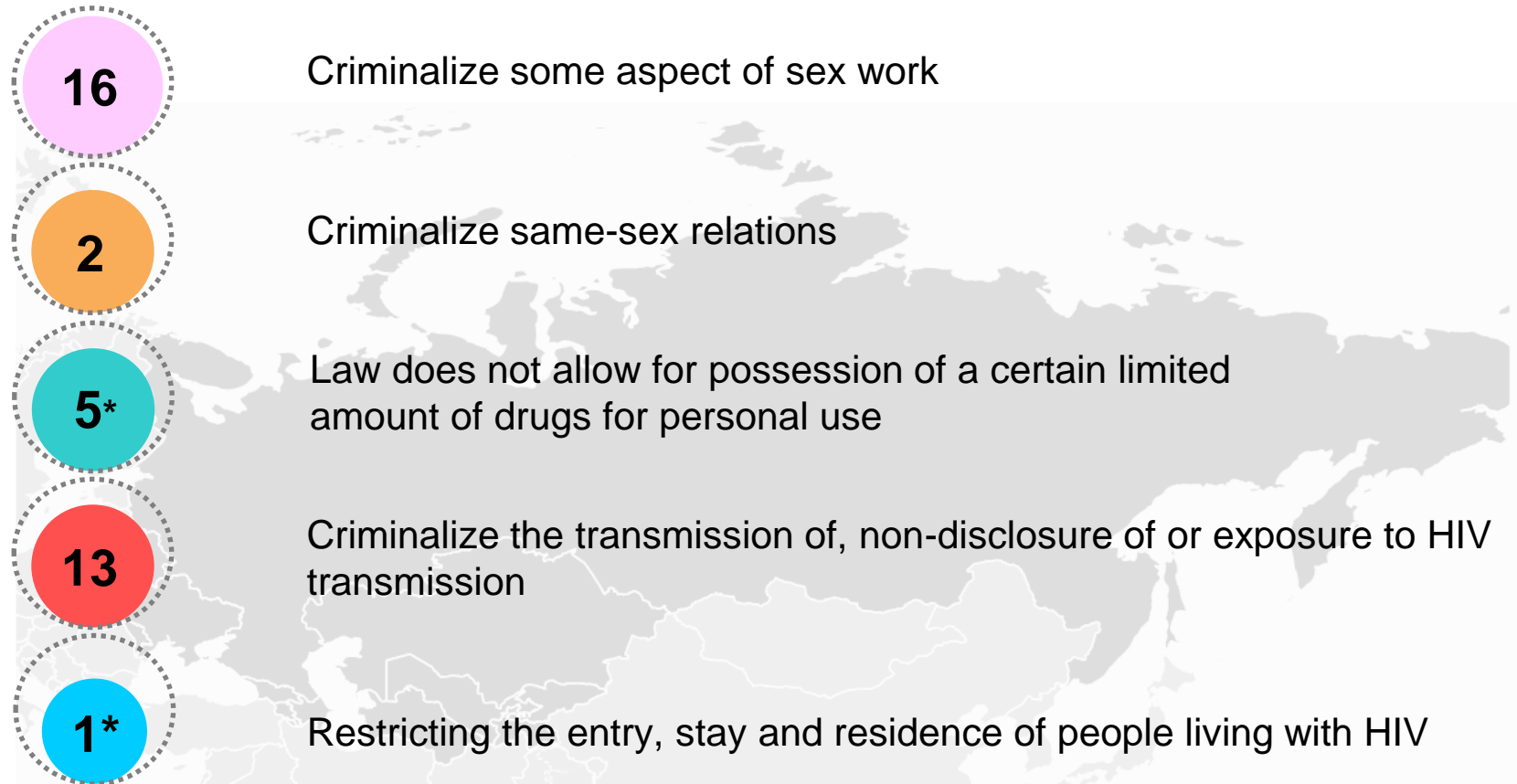


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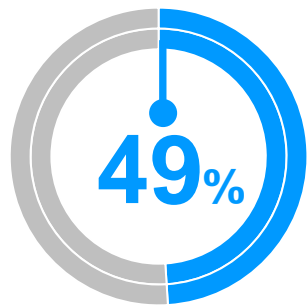
Key populations remain criminalized in most countries

Legal barriers to HIV response remain in 16 UN Member States in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

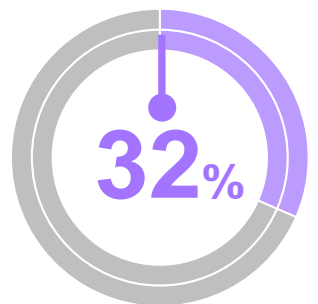


* Data not available in 4 countries

Social justice and human rights are fundamental to address the health needs of key populations



of **people who inject drugs** in Kyrgyzstan avoid seeking medical care due to stigma and discrimination



of **PLHIV** in Tajikistan avoid seeking medical care due to stigma and discrimination



of **men who have sex with men** in Kazakhstan experienced physical and/or sexual violence in the past 12 months



of **Sex Workers** in Ukraine avoid HIV testing due to stigma and discrimination



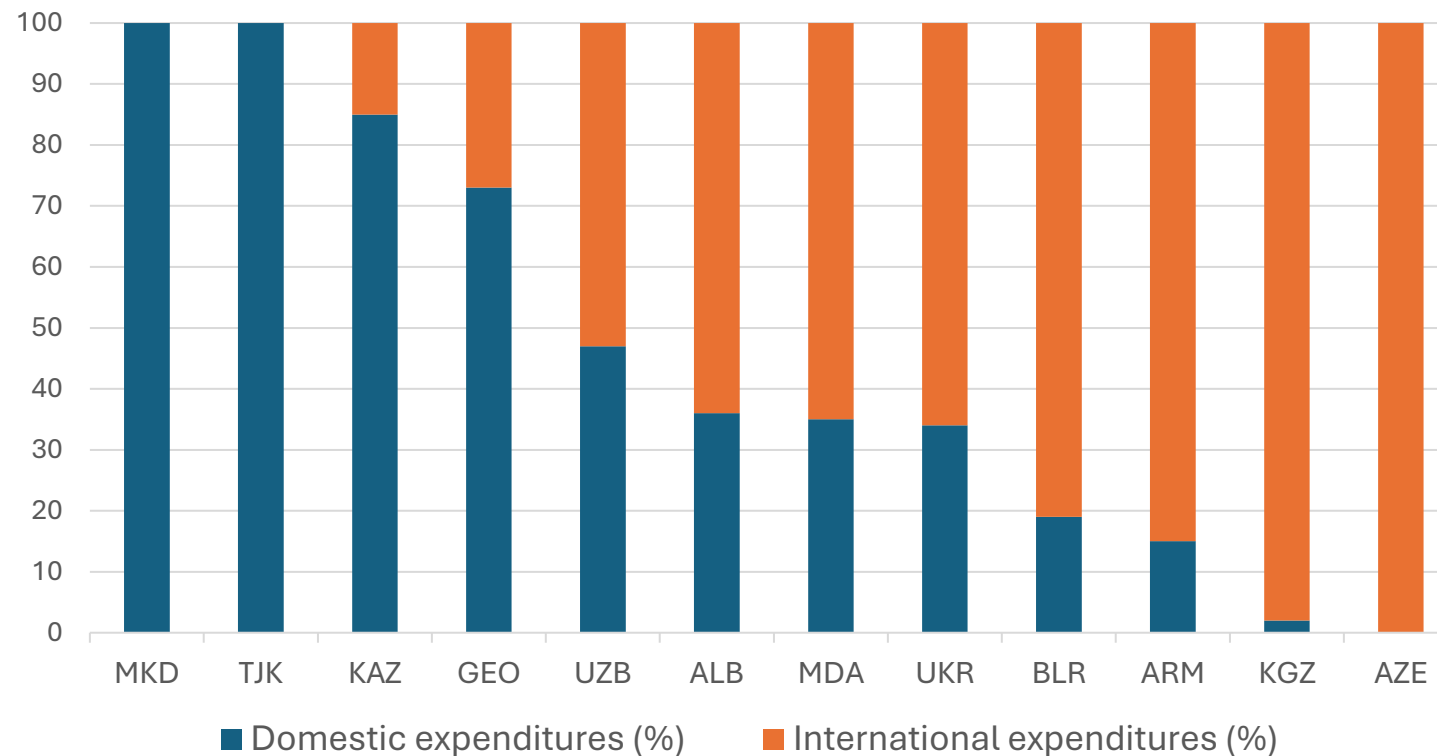
of **people who inject drugs** in Armenia avoid HIV testing due to stigma and discrimination



of **men who have sex with men** in Moldova avoid HIV testing due to stigma and discrimination

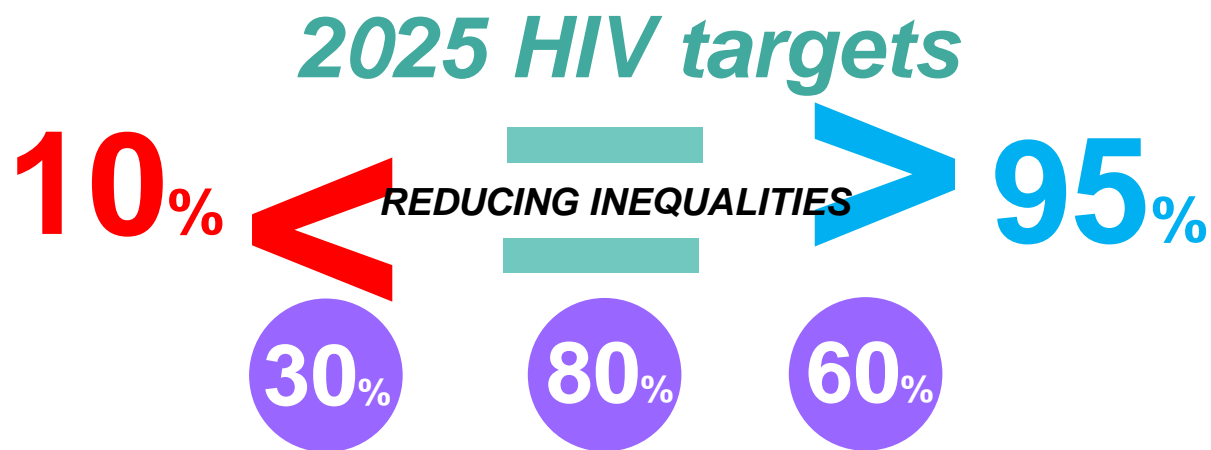
Significant shortfall in funding on focused prevention pillars and high reliance on International financing

Eastern Europe and Central Asia



GAME CHANGERS:

EECA Regional Priorities to End Inequalities and End AIDS



INNOVATIONS



People living with HIV and communities at risk at the centre

PEOPLE CENTRED COMMUNITY LED RESPONSE



- Renew and intensify the focus on key populations in policies and programmes
- Modernize HIV service delivery (injectable ARVs, PrEP, testing algorithms)
- Eliminate/mitigate the barriers to equitable HIV programme coverage among key populations and most vulnerable communities
- Mobilize sustainable policy, programme and financing for HIV response

HUMAN RIGHTS



THANK YOU!