

Global Law & Policy Progress on Human Rights, Equality, Stigma and Discrimination

The 10-10-10 Targets

The Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026 recognizes that ending inequalities is essential to ending AIDS. Since 2010, the global AIDS response has made remarkable progress—tripling the number of people on ARV treatment and reducing deaths by 39%. But globally, only 26 countries are on track to achieve the goal of a 90% reduction in AIDS-related mortality by 2030 and only 23 countries are on track to reduce new HIV infections by 90%. Most countries in the world did not achieve the 90-90-90 treatment goals by 2020.

A major reason the world has not achieved the 2020 goals can be found in the law and policy environment. Criminalization, stigma, and discrimination against PLHIV, key populations,

women and girls, and other marginalized populations create very real barriers to people accessing HIV prevention and treatment services. The Global AIDS Strategy sets new 10-10-10 targets on the removal of punitive laws that criminalize key populations and expansion of supportive laws and policies to fight stigma, discrimination, gender-based violence, and gender inequity. UNAIDS estimates that achieving these targets will prevent 2.5 million new HIV infections and 1.7 AIDS-related deaths by 2030.

This policy brief highlights seven laws and policies that countries should adopt to achieve the 10-10-10 targets and describes the current state of the world.

Criminalizing Laws & Rights-Supporting Laws in the World

Countries in every region and every income level have adopted key laws that align with the 10-10-10 targets and support the end of AIDS. But data from the HIV Policy Lab shows that the world has a long way to go to achieve these targets.

At present, **no country in the world has adopted all seven of these laws/policies.** But 178 countries have adopted at least one of the laws/policies, and every recommended law/policy has been adopted by at least one country.

The 10-10-10 targets call for removing punitive laws that criminalize same-sex relationships, sex work, drug use and HIV exposure/transmission. Most countries have adopted a non-criminalizing approach for at least one of these—only 9 countries for which we have data fully criminalize all four components.

However, 37 countries criminalize one, 88 criminalize two, and 52 criminalize three of the four. Meanwhile, the 10-10-10 targets call for legal environments supportive of fighting stigma and gender inequity. Twenty-nine countries have incorporated nondiscrimination protections that cover sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status, as well as creating independent human rights institutions and enforceable gender-based violence laws, and 158 countries have adopted at least one of these rights-supporting laws/policies. Countries around the world are making progress in adopting these critical policies, as the map shows. But faster change is needed to reach the 10-10-10 goals by 2025.

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Progress Towards the 10-10-10 Targets

Target

<10% of countries have punitive laws & policies by 2025

Sub-target

<10% of countries criminalize sex work, possession of small amounts of drugs, same-sex sexual behavior, and HIV transmission, exposure or nondisclosure by 2025

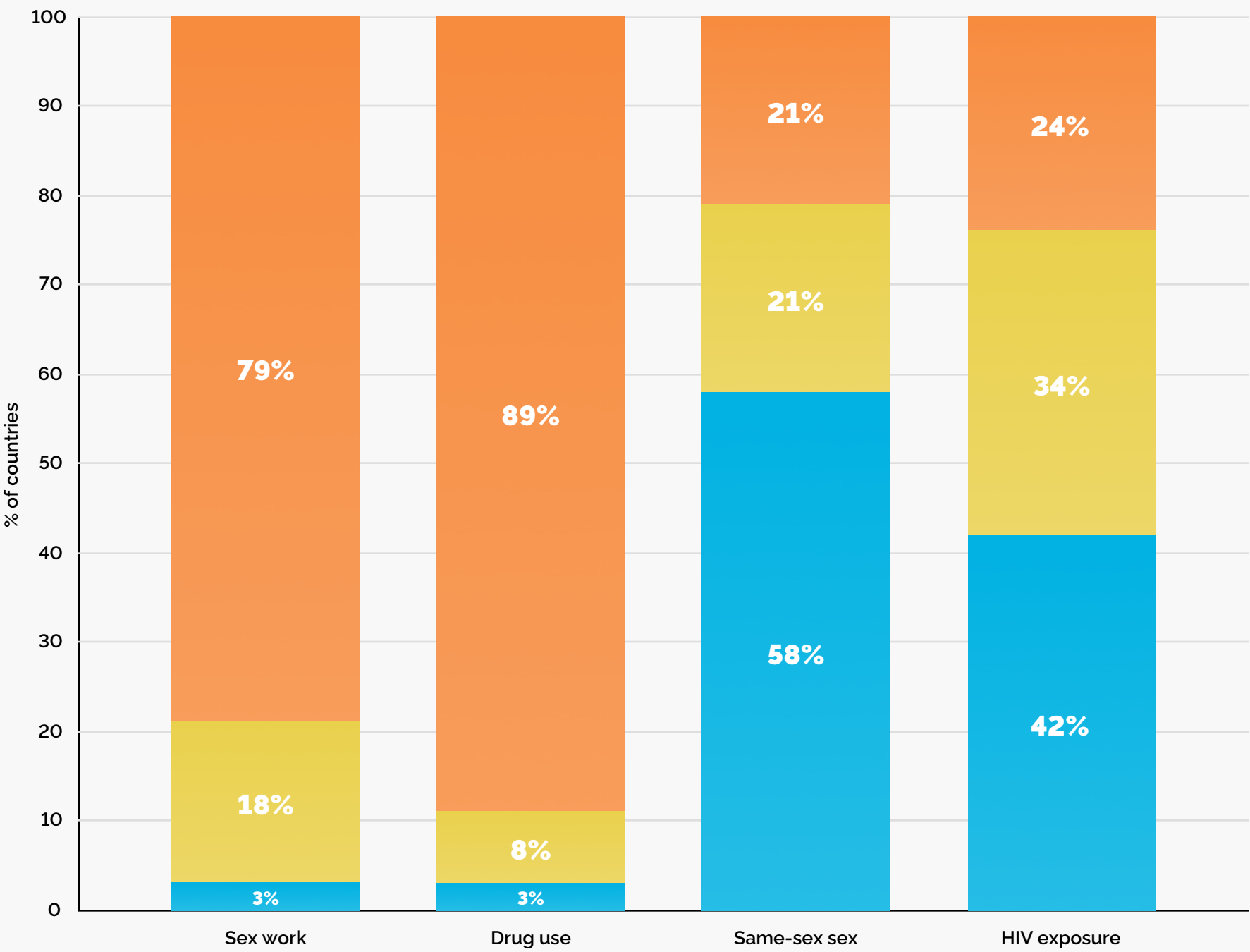
By targeting and stigmatizing PLHIV and key populations, criminalization laws/policies create barriers to accessing HIV and other health services. The Global AIDS Strategy calls on countries to repeal or reject such laws/policies.

Status

100% of countries are missing this target. Every country in the world partially or fully criminalizes at least one of these four components. But for some of these components, real progress is being made—58% of countries do not criminalize same-sex relationships and 42% do not criminalize HIV exposure/transmission/non-disclosure.

Global progress towards non-criminalization

- Policy adopted
- Policy partially adopted
- Policy not adopted

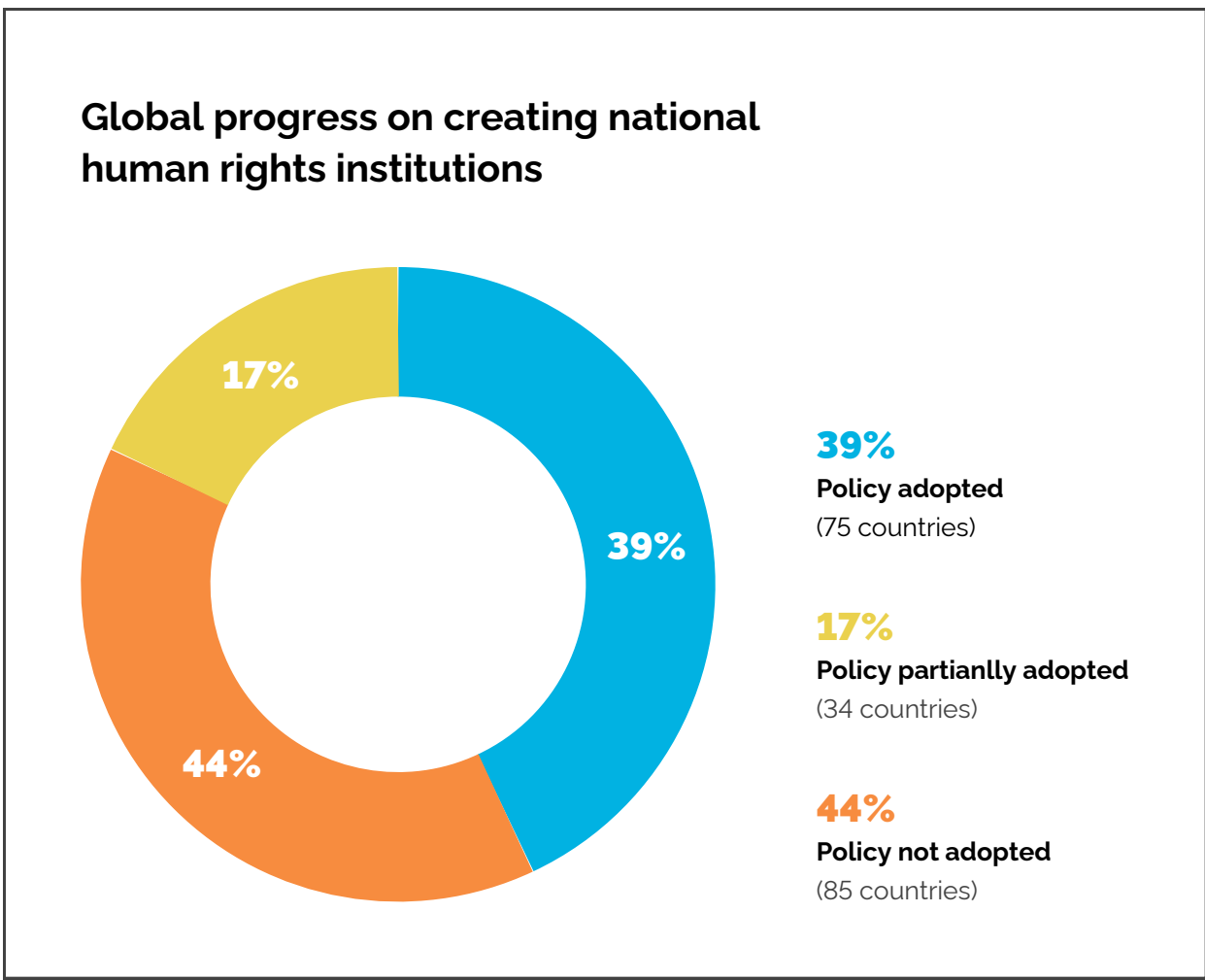


Data is available for: Sex work- 187 countries; Drug use-194 countries; Same-sex sex-194 countries; HIV exposure-180 countries

Sub-target

<10% of countries lack mechanisms for people living with HIV and key populations to report abuse and discrimination and seek redress by 2025

The Global AIDS Strategy calls on countries to create mechanisms through which PLHIV and key populations who experience abuse and discrimination can report these incidents and seek redress.



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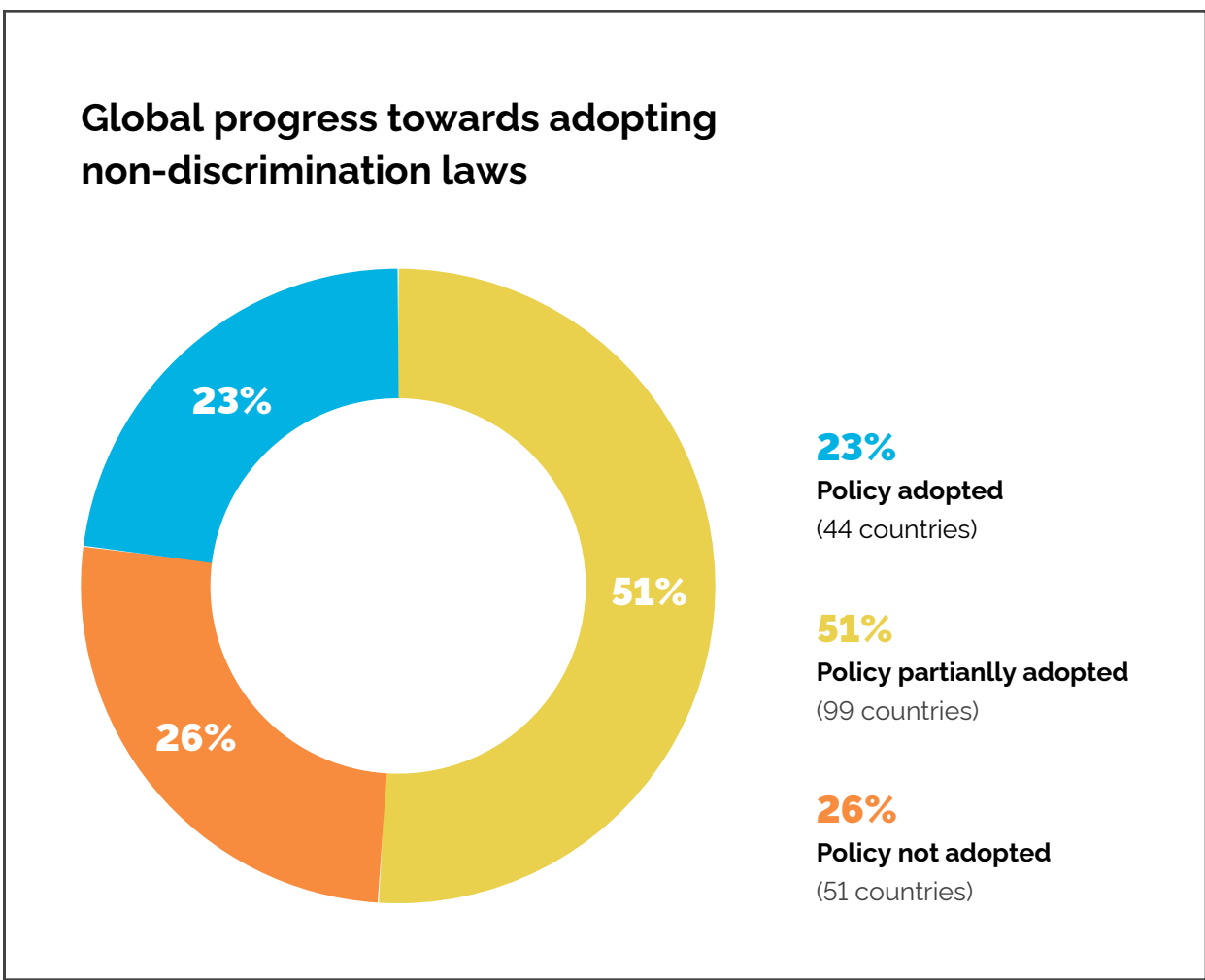
61% of countries are missing this target.

Only 39% of countries have accredited national human rights institutions (NHRIs) that are fully compliant with the Paris Principles. Another 17% have accredited NHRIs that are partially compliant with the Paris Principles.

Target

<10% of PLHIV and key populations experience stigma and discrimination by 2025

The Global AIDS Strategy recognizes that stigma and discrimination against PLHIV and key populations fuel inequalities that undermine AIDS responses. National laws and policies that protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status are crucial to safeguard human rights and signal that there is no place for stigma in society.



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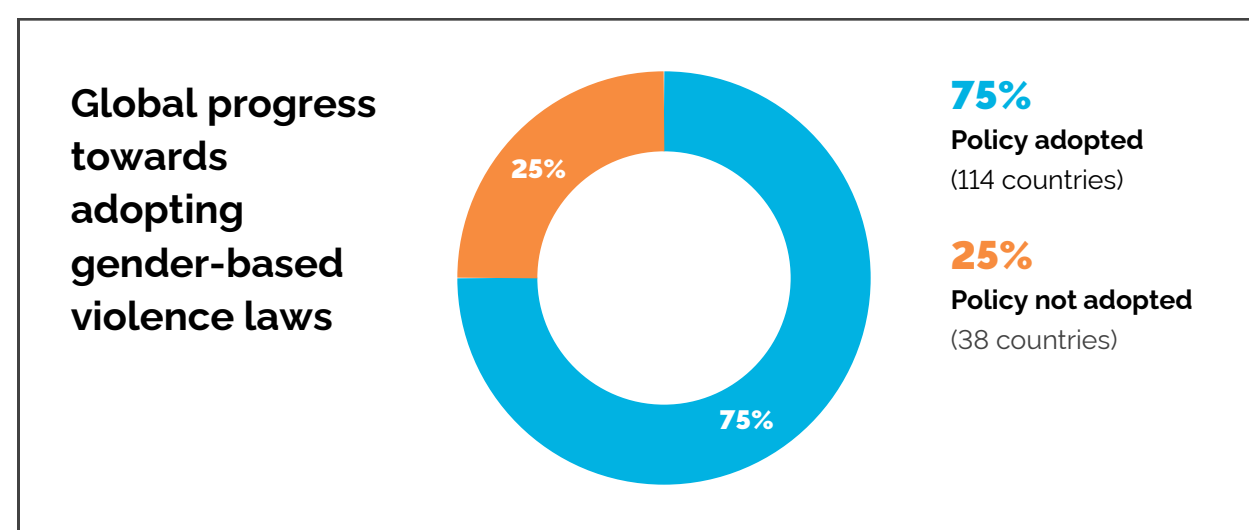
77% of countries have laws and policies that are not aligned with this target.

Only 44 countries have adopted laws that protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status. But taking each individually shows more progress—79 countries have laws that protect people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; 68 countries have laws that protect people from discrimination on the basis of gender identity; and 112 countries have laws that protect people from discrimination on the basis of HIV status.

Target

<10% of women, girls, PLHIV and key populations experience gender inequality and violence by 2025

According to UNAIDS data, women and girls account for 48% of new HIV infections worldwide. Unequal power dynamics between genders, harmful gender norms, and the threat of gender-based violence leave women and girls more vulnerable to HIV infection and less able to seek HIV prevention and treatment services. Laws that impose enforceable penalties for gender-based violence are key to protecting the health and wellbeing of women and girls.

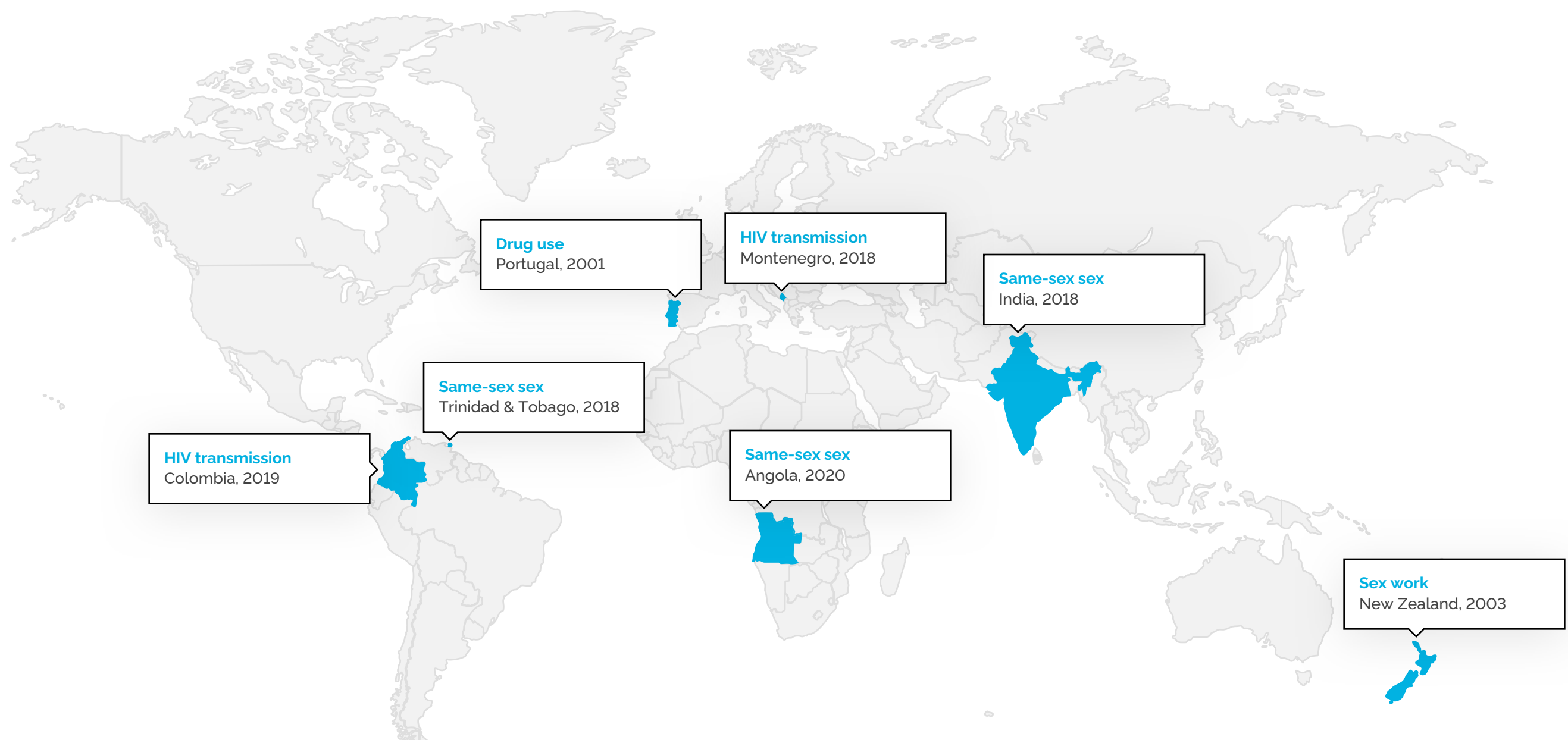


Status

25% of countries have laws/policies that are not aligned with this target. At least 114 countries have adopted laws with enforceable penalties against gender-based violence.

Law & Policy Change is Possible

Here are some countries that have decriminalized...



SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS

Angola: In 2019, Angola's parliament repealed a colonial-era penal code that criminalized same-sex sex. The President signed the new penal code into law in late 2020.

India: In 2018, the Supreme Court of India ruled unanimously that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and criminalization of same-sex sex relations is a fundamental violation of rights and is unconstitutional.

Trinidad and Tobago: In 2018, Trinidad and Tobago decriminalized consensual same-sex sex when the High Court of Trinidad & Tobago ruled that the sections of the penal code that criminalized it violated the right to privacy and freedom of expression.

DRUG USE/POSSESSION

Portugal: In 2001, Portugal decriminalized the possession of drugs for personal use.

SEX WORK

New Zealand: In 2003, New Zealand fully decriminalized sex work and extended to sex workers the labor law and human rights protections available to all other workers.

HIV EXPOSURE

Colombia: Colombia's Penal Code formerly made it a criminal offense for PLHIV to engage in practices through which the virus might be transmitted. In 2019, Colombian Constitutional Court declared this article unconstitutional, and it has since been repealed.

Montenegro: In 2018, Montenegro's legislature repealed an article of the criminal code that criminalized HIV exposure and transmission.

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National progress towards the 10-10-10 targets

✓ Policy adopted

✓ Policy partially adopted

✗ Policy not adopted

Same-sex sex
non-criminalization

Sex work
non-criminalization

























Drug use
non-criminalization

HIV exposure
non-criminalization






















National human
rights institutions

Non-discrimination
protections

Gender based
violence laws

Country							
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC							
 Afghanistan	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Australia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Bangladesh	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Bhutan	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
 Brunei Darussalam	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Cambodia	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 China	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Cook Islands	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	
 Democratic People's Korea (Republic of)	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
 Fiji	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 India	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Indonesia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Japan	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Kiribati	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Korea (Republic of)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Lao People's Democratic Republic	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Malaysia	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
 Maldives	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
 Marshall Islands	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Micronesia (Federated States of)	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
 Mongolia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Myanmar	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Nauru	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
 Nepal	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 New Zealand	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Niue	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	

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Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
 Pakistan	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Palau	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Papua New Guinea	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Philippines	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Samoa	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Singapore	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Solomon Islands	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Sri Lanka	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Thailand	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Timor-Leste	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Tonga	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Tuvalu	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
 Vanuatu	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
 Viet Nam	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA							
 Albania	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Armenia	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Azerbaijan	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Belarus	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Georgia	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Kazakhstan	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Kyrgyzstan	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Moldova (Republic of)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Montenegro	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 North Macedonia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Russian Federation	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Tajikistan	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

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Policy not adopted

Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
 Turkmenistan	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	
 Ukraine	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Uzbekistan	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA							
 Angola	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Botswana	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Comoros	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Eritrea	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
 Eswatini	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Ethiopia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Kenya	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Lesotho	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
 Madagascar	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Malawi	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Mauritius	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Mozambique	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Namibia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Rwanda	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Seychelles	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 South Africa	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 South Sudan	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
 Tanzania (United Republic of)	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Uganda	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Zambia	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Zimbabwe	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN							
 Antigua and Barbuda	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Argentina	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
Bahamas							
Barbados							
Belize							
Bolivia (Plurinational state of)							
Brazil							
Colombia							
Chile							
Dominica							
Dominican Republic							
Ecuador							
El Salvador							
Grenada							
Guatemala							
Guyana							
Haiti							
Honduras							
Jamaica							
Mexico							
Nicaragua							
Panama							
Paraguay							
Peru							
Saint Kitts and Nevis							
Saint Lucia							
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines							
Suriname							
Trinidad and Tobago							
Uruguay							

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








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Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA							
 Algeria	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
 Bahrain	✓		✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
 Djibouti	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
 Egypt	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	✗	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗
 Iraq	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Jordan	✓	✗	✗		✓	✗	✓
 Kuwait	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗
 Lebanon	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✓
 Libya	✗	✗	✗		✓	✓	✗
 Morocco	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Oman	✗	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗
 Qatar	✗	✗	✗		✓	✗	✗
 Saudi Arabia	✗	✗	✗		✗	✓	✓
 Somalia	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	
 Sudan	✓	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗
 Syrian Arab Republic	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗
 Tunisia	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 United Arab Emirates	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
 Yemen	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	
WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA							
 Benin	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Burkina Faso	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Burundi	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Cameroon	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
 Cape Verde	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓

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Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
 Central African Republic	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Chad	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Congo	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Côte d'Ivoire	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Democratic Republic of the Congo	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Equatorial Guinea	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
 Gabon	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
 Gambia	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
 Ghana	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Guinea	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
 Guinea-Bissau	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Liberia	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Mali	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Mauritania	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Niger	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
 Nigeria	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Sao Tome and Principe	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Senegal	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Sierra Leone	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Togo	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA							
 Andorra	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓	
 Austria	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Belgium	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Bulgaria	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Canada	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Croatia	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Cyprus	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

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 Czechia	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Denmark	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Estonia	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
 Finland	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 France	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Germany	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Greece	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Hungary	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Iceland	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Ireland	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Israel	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Italy	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
 Latvia	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Lithuania	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Luxembourg	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Malta	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 Monaco	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓	
 Netherlands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Norway	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Poland	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Portugal	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Romania	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
 San Marino	✓		✗		✗	✗	✓
 Serbia	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
 Slovakia	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Slovenia	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Spain	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
 Sweden	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Policy adopted
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Policy partially adopted
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Policy not adopted

Country	Same-sex sex non-criminalization	Sex work non-criminalization	Drug use non-criminalization	HIV exposure non-criminalization	National human rights institutions	Non-discrimination protections	Gender based violence laws
<div><div></div><div>Switzerland</div></div>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
<div><div></div><div>Turkey</div></div>	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
<div><div></div><div>United Kingdom</div></div>	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
<div><div></div><div>United States of America</div></div>	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

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Non-discrimination protections:
Do national laws/policies include protections from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status?

Same-sex sex non-criminalization:
Does national law/policy refrain from criminalizing and prosecuting people for consensual same-sex sexual acts?

Gender based violence:
Does the law explicitly address domestic violence with enforceable penalties?

HIV exposure non-criminalization:
Does national law refrain from criminalizing and prosecuting people for HIV exposure/ transmission?

National human rights institutions:
Is there an independent national human rights institution to which violations can be reported, in accordance with the Paris Principles?

Sex work non-criminalization:
Does national law avoid criminalizing sex work (buying, selling, and organizing of sex work)?

Drug use non-criminalization:
Does national law refrain from criminalizing personal drug use/ possession?