Launching new WHO guidelines for key populations: Focus for impact

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Topic of discussion:
Launching WHO’s newly updated Consolidated guidelines on HIV, viral hepatitis and STI prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations.

Background:
Due to tremendous global gains in HIV prevention, testing and treatment, HIV-related morbidity, mortality, and new infections, have all declined in recent years.

Despite this progress, key population groups are still overlooked in the provision of equitable access to essential health services. These groups are disproportionately affected by HIV and other conditions, including viral hepatitis and STIs. Urgent change is required in health sector strategies to prioritize key populations.

In response, WHO is launching updated and consolidated guidelines for key populations, as a framework for addressing HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis, using a rights-based, integrated and person-centred approach.

Essential health packages are outlined by key population group to help prioritize services and achieve universal health coverage.