

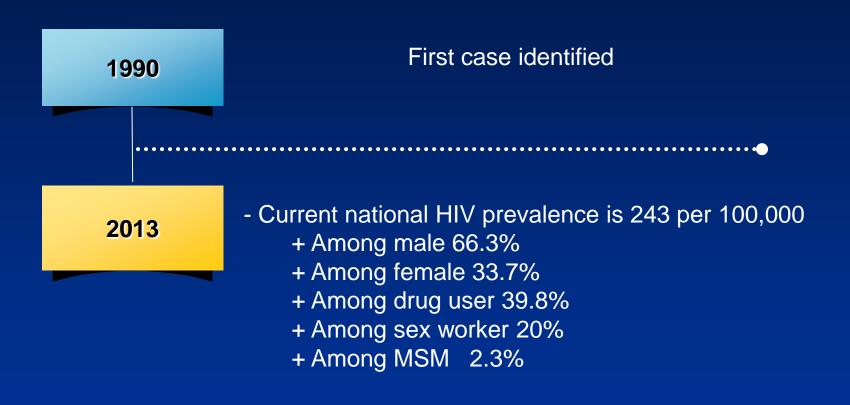


POLICE LEADERSHIP IN THE HIV RESPONSE IN VIETNAM

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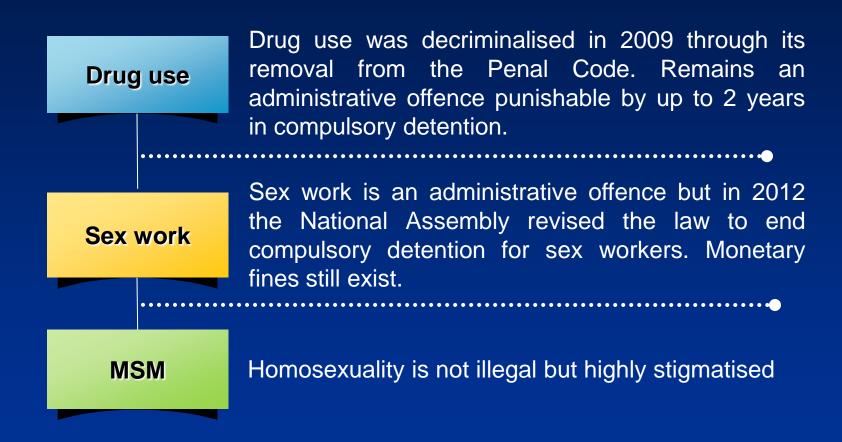
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*Figures: Ministry of Health (first 6 months report of 2013)

Legal situation regarding most-at-risk populations (MARPs) in Viet Nam



People's Police Academy (PPA) activities relating to MARPs

- Before 2012, PPA did not have any engagement with harm reduction programs for MARPs
- 2012 PPA was represented at 2 day regional seminar on 'Law Enforcement and Harm Reduction' in Bangkok
- 2012 PPA representative participated in workshop on 'Policing Diverse Communities in Southeast Asia' in Melbourne
- 2013 6 PPA staff undertook 3 week training in 'Police as Collaborative Leaders in the HIV response' in Sydney and Melbourne

Initiatives for police engagement in harm reduction

- Training for recruits at PPA regarding working with MARPs and HIV:
- + Established working group for delivering training at the People's Police Academy
- + Revise UNODC documents of Training on HIV for Police Services
- + Discuss to incorporate knowledge of HIV for police in lectures of students in PPA



Initiatives for police engagement in harm reduction

- Partnership programs with HIV projects
- + Collaboration with SCDI
- + Workshop: Enhancing partnerships between LEAs and CSOs in the context of drug use and HIV
- + Chance of collaboration with VNMSM, PLHIV, USAID pathways, FHI, BABSEA

Challenges to increasing police support for harm reduction

- Perception that HIV prevention is not the role of the police
- Negative police attitudes towards MARPs
- Poor history of multi-sectoral collaboration
- The use of quotas as measures of police performance

What leadership role does the PPA have in HIV prevention among MARPs?

As an educational institution, the role of the PPA is to provide excellent quality, evidence-based education to police - in both recruit and inservice training phases - in collaboration with key stakeholders, to improve the police role in the HIV response

Thank you: Questions?

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