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**European Network for HIV/STI
Prevention and Health Promotion
among Migrant Sex Workers**



Access to Services and Rights for sex workers



Call

- To form partnerships and review policies and laws that keep sex workers from accessing HIV and sexual health services.

Action

- Sex work interventions must be central to scaling up the HIV response and listening to sex workers is crucial.

Impact of repressive policies

- Working and living conditions: undermines sex workers dignity and control of the working condition
- Forced into working in clandestine and unsafe spaces: reducing their access to health care and prevention measures.
- 70% of sex workers are migrants: additional barriers to access health and social care.
- Shift to Indoor setting(70%): only 30% coverage
- Increasing of violence & human rights abuse

Addressing barriers to progress

5 main area

- Equal access to health and rights
- Migration and mobility in sex work
- Creating an enabling legal and policy environment
- Violence against sex workers
- Impact of criminalisation in driving the HIV epidemic in sex work settings

Making structural changes

- Decriminalization of sex work
- Equal legal protection and access to justice
- Combatting stigma and discrimination
- Financial and institutional support for human rights-based and community-led services

Call for Actions

- Addressing barriers to progress: removing key obstacles, reducing new infection and providing treatment and care is urgent and necessary
- Policies promoting these changes and endorsed at high political levels greatly facilitate programme implementation and national scale up.
- Enabling sex workers to openly access prevention services with dignity must be part of every national HIV programme.
- Revising laws and policies and addressing structural barriers will enhance the effectiveness of HIV prevention, improve access to health services and reduce violence against sex workers.

UNAIDS Guidance on HIV and Sex Work



Where sex workers are able to assert control over their environments and insist on safer sex, evidence indicates that STI/HIV risk and vulnerability can be sharply reduced.

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