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## HIV IN VIET NAM

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- In 2006, there were an estimated 280,000 people living with HIV in Viet Nam
- Approximately one in 60 households has a person living with HIV.
- The estimated number of people infected with HIV more than doubled between 2000 and 2006 from approximately 122,000 to 280,000.

### The whole country affected

- HIV-infections have been reported in 100% of 64 cities/provinces, 96% of districts and 65% of wards/communes in the country.
- Highest prevalence rates are in Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, Quang Ninh, Hai Phong and Can Tho.

### Epidemic is still in a concentrated phase

- HIV epidemic in Viet Nam is still in a concentrated phase. The majority of reported cases are people with higher risk behaviors such as injecting drugs and unprotected sex.
- HIV prevalence among IDUs was at the highest level at 29.4% in 2001 and 2002 and at 23.2% in 2006; HIV prevalence among IDUs was exceptionally high in Hai Phong and Quang Ninh, at 66% and 59%, respectively.
- Stigma and discrimination make it hard to reach those at higher risk like sex workers, their clients and men who have sex with men (MSM). There is a need for targeted interventions for these groups.
- HIV prevalence among female sex workers (FSW) was at the highest level of 5,9% in 2002 and 4.14% in 2006. The HIV prevalence among FSWs was exceptionally high in Can Tho and Hanoi, 33.86 % and 22.6%, respectively.
- The data on HIV prevalence and risk behaviors of men who have sex with men in Viet Nam is still limited. Latest recorded HIV prevalence rate among MSM was 5 % in HCMC and 9% in Hanoi (IBBS 05/06).
- Epidemics often overlap: male injecting drug users have unprotected sex with female sex workers and some female sex workers are also injecting drugs.
- 80 % of new HIV-infections are among 20-39 year-olds.
- Infections among children and women are also increasing.