

YOUNG PEOPLE AND HIV IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA

ACCORDING TO UNAIDS

210,000

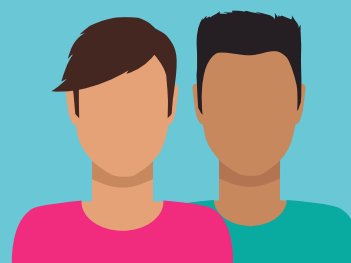
YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS OLD WERE LIVING WITH HIV IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC) AND MANY MORE DO NOT KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS.¹



IT IS ESTIMATED THAT

35,000

NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN LAC ACCOUNTED AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS OLD. ONE THIRD OF ALL NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN THE REGION OCCURRED AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.²



HIV PREVALENCE IN MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM) UNDER 25 YEARS OLD IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN GOES UP TO

23.3%

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KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES

ONLY 30%



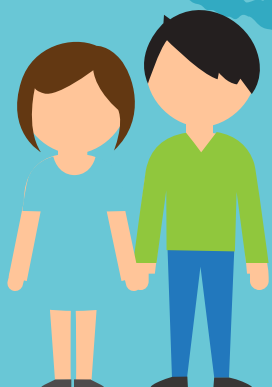
OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE REGION CORRECTLY IDENTIFY HOW TO PREVENT SEXUAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV AND REJECT MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ITS TRANSMISSION



DATA FROM SURVEYS TARGETING WOMEN IN BARBADOS, BELIZE, COSTA RICA, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, GUYANA, PANAMA AND URUGUAY SHOW THAT AROUND 5-16% OF

YOUNG WOMEN BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS OLD BECAME SEXUALLY ACTIVE BEFORE THE AGE OF 15⁴

ACCESS TO SERVICES



IN MOST COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA, THE **AVERAGE AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT FOR HETEROSEXUAL INTERCOURSE IS OF 14 YEARS OLD, AND IN THE CARIBBEAN IS 16 YEARS OLD.**⁵



IN 9 OUT OF 17 COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT IS STILL REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GET AN HIV TEST OR KNOW ITS RESULTS.⁶



IN THE CARIBBEAN A FEW COUNTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED POLICIES ALLOWING MINORS TO ACCESS HIV TESTING WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT, EITHER ALLOWING IT AT ANY AGE (SUCH AS IN GUYANA) OR ABOVE THE AGE OF 14 (AS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO).⁷

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¹ Aidsinfo database

² Idem 1

³ GARPR 2015

⁴ GAP Prevention Report, UNAIDS, 2016

⁵ Idem 4

⁶ Idem 4

⁷ Idem 4



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