

# Why Has **Asia** Fallen Behind on **HIV/AIDS**?

Our global successes in reaching nearly 20 million people with antiretroviral treatment (ART) reflect the impact of programs such as the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. These programs have invested billions of dollars in HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention in the hardest hit countries, many of which are in East and Southern Africa.

However, it is increasingly clear that the Asia-Pacific region has fallen behind Africa in its HIV/AIDS response, and that children, women, and men in the Asia-Pacific have less access to lifesaving treatment and prevention interventions.

The stagnation we see in HIV program coverage in the Asia-Pacific is a reminder to governments, civil society, and donors that much more needs to be done to bring HIV/AIDS under control in the region.

