

Special Issue

Leaving No One Behind: The Prevention and Treatment of HIV Among Key and Vulnerable Populations

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on HIV prevention and treatment among key and vulnerable populations (KVPs). Despite a 60% reduction in HIV incidence since 1995, KVPs remain critical for epidemic control. In 2023, 1.3 million new infections occurred, with 44% in women and girls. While global adult HIV prevalence is below 1%, KVPs face higher rates—including adolescent girls/young women (15–25) in eastern/southern Africa, gay men/men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who inject drugs, transgender individuals, and prisoners. Their uptake and adherence to HIV treatment also lag behind the general population. Enhancing evidence on strategies to boost KVPs' use of prevention methods and improve treatment uptake/adherence is vital. We welcome articles on KVPs' knowledge, perceptions, attitudes, and experiences regarding HIV prevention/treatment; strategies/policies to address these; and new prevention/treatment drugs. Contributions may include opinion pieces, qualitative/quantitative/mixed-methods research, scoping reviews, literature reviews, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, meta-syntheses, and editorials.

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