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Glossary of acronyms and terms

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| ACHIEVE | Action for Health Initiatives, Inc. (Philippines) |
| ADR | Alternative dispute resolution |
| AMTP | AIDS Medium Term Plan (Philippines) |
| ART | Antiretroviral therapy |
| ARV | Antiretroviral |
| AusAID | Australian Agency for International Development |
| BABSEA CLE | Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education |
| BAHA | Business Coalition Against HIV/AIDS (PNG) |
| CAP+ | China Alliance of People Living with HIV/AIDS |
| CBO | Community based organization |
| CCLPHH | Centre for Consultancy on Health Policy and Law on HIV/AIDS (Viet Nam) |
| CD4 test | Immune system test |
| CEDAW | Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women |
| CHR | Commission on Human Rights (Philippines) |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| CRPD | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities |
| DECS | Department of Education, Culture and Sport (Philippines) |
| DepEd | Department of Education (Philippines) |
| DOJ | Department of Justice (Philippines) |
| DOLE | Department of Labor and Employment (Philippines) |
| DSWD | Department of Social Welfare and Development (Philippines) |
| ESCAP | Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific |
| FHI | Family Health International |
| FWLD | Forum for Women, Law and Development (Nepal) |
| HACC | HIV/AIDS Coordinating Committee (Cambodia) |
| HAMP Act | HIV/AIDS Management and Prevention Act (PNG) |
| HBV | Hepatitis B Virus |
| HKEOC | Hong Kong Equal Opportunity Commission |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| IDLO | International Development Law Organization |
| IEC | Information, education and communication |
| ILO | International Labour Organization |
| INP+ | Indian Network of Persons living with HIV/AIDS |
| IRR | Implementing rules and regulations (Philippines) |
| KHANA | Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (Cambodia) |
| LCC | Legal Consultancy Collaborators (Viet Nam) |
| LGU | Local Government Unit (Philippines) |
| M&E | Monitoring and evaluation |
| MNT | Mongolian currency, Tugrik |
| MSM | “Men who have sex with men” or “males who have sex with males” (either term is intended to include adolescents) |
| NACO | National AIDS Control Organization |
| NACS | National AIDS Council Secretariat |
| NGO | Non-government organization |

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| NCCD | National Centre for Communicable Diseases (Mongolia) |
| NHRC | National Human Rights Commission (India) |
| NHRI | National human rights institution |
| NPC | National People's Congress (China) |
| NSP | National Strategic Plan |
| OFW | Overseas Filipino worker |
| OHCHR | Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights |
| OPS | Office of the Public Solicitor (PNG) |
| OWWA | Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (Philippines) |
| PHA | Philippine Hospitals Association |
| PICT | Provider-initiated Counseling and Testing |
| PLAC | Provincial Legal Aid Centre (Viet Nam) |
| PLD | Institute for Research on Policy, Law and Development (Viet Nam) |
| PLHIV | People living with HIV |
| PLWHA | People living with HIV/AIDS |
| PNAC | Philippine National AIDS Council |
| PNG | Papua New Guinea |
| PNGDLA | Papua New Guinea Development Law Association |
| PNP | Philippine National Police |
| POEA | Philippine Overseas Employment Administration |
| PPA+ | Pinoy Plus Association, Inc. |
| PRC | People's Republic of China |
| PWID | Person who injects drugs |
| RA | Republic Act (Philippines) |
| RPNGC | Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary |
| SELNA | UN Joint Programme of Support to an Effective Lao National Assembly |
| SHC | Social Hygiene Clinic (Philippines) |
| STI | Sexually transmitted infection |
| SRH | Sexual and reproductive health |
| UDHR | Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| UNAIDS | Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| VCS | Village Courts Secretariat (PNG) |
| VCT | Voluntary counseling and testing |
| VLA | Viet Nam Lawyers Association |
| VNP+ | Viet Nam Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| YAFA | Youth AIDS Filipinas Alliance, Inc. |

Key populations

The term 'key populations at higher risk of HIV' or 'key populations' refers to those who are most likely to be exposed to HIV or to transmit it, and whose engagement is critical to a successful response. In all countries, key populations include people living with HIV. In most settings, men who have sex with men, transgender persons, people who inject drugs, sex workers and their clients, and sero-negative partners in sero-discordant couples are at higher risk of exposure to HIV than other people.

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