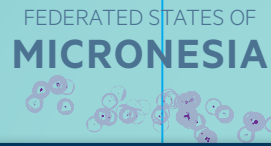
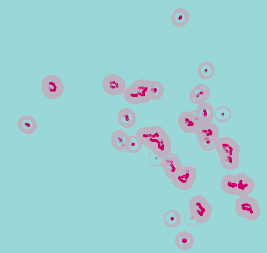




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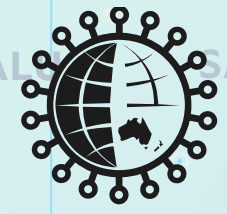


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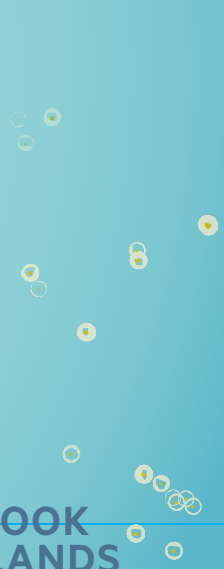
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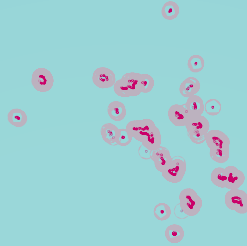
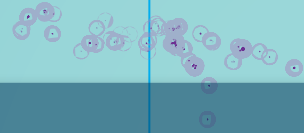
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TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

TUVALU

SAMOA

VANUATU

TONGA

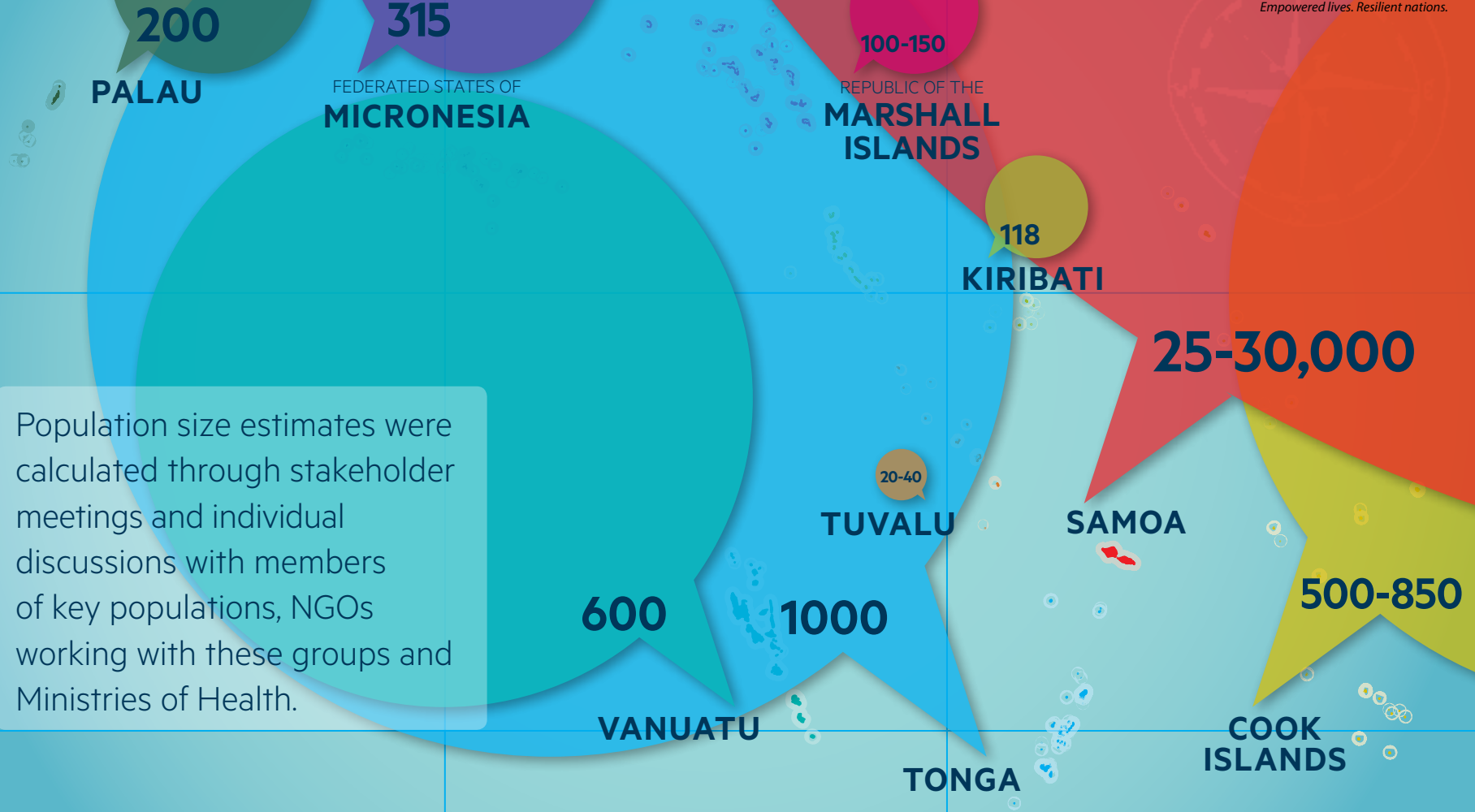
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TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATE:



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TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN MEAN AGE OF SEXUAL DEBUT:



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YEARS

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18

FEDERATED STATES OF
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18

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

14

KIRIBATI

17

TUVALU

16

SAMOA

16

VANUATU

16

TONGA

15

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Age of first sexual intercourse (with either a man or a woman) was reasonably similar across the countries. MSM and transgender people in Kiribati and Cook Islands had the earliest sexual debut.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

NUMBER OF MALE PARTNERS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (MODAL CATEGORY):



50
YEARS

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1-50

PALAU

1-3

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

1-10

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

3-19

KIRIBATI

1-3

TUVALU

1-3

SAMOA

4-10

VANUATU

4-10

TONGA

4

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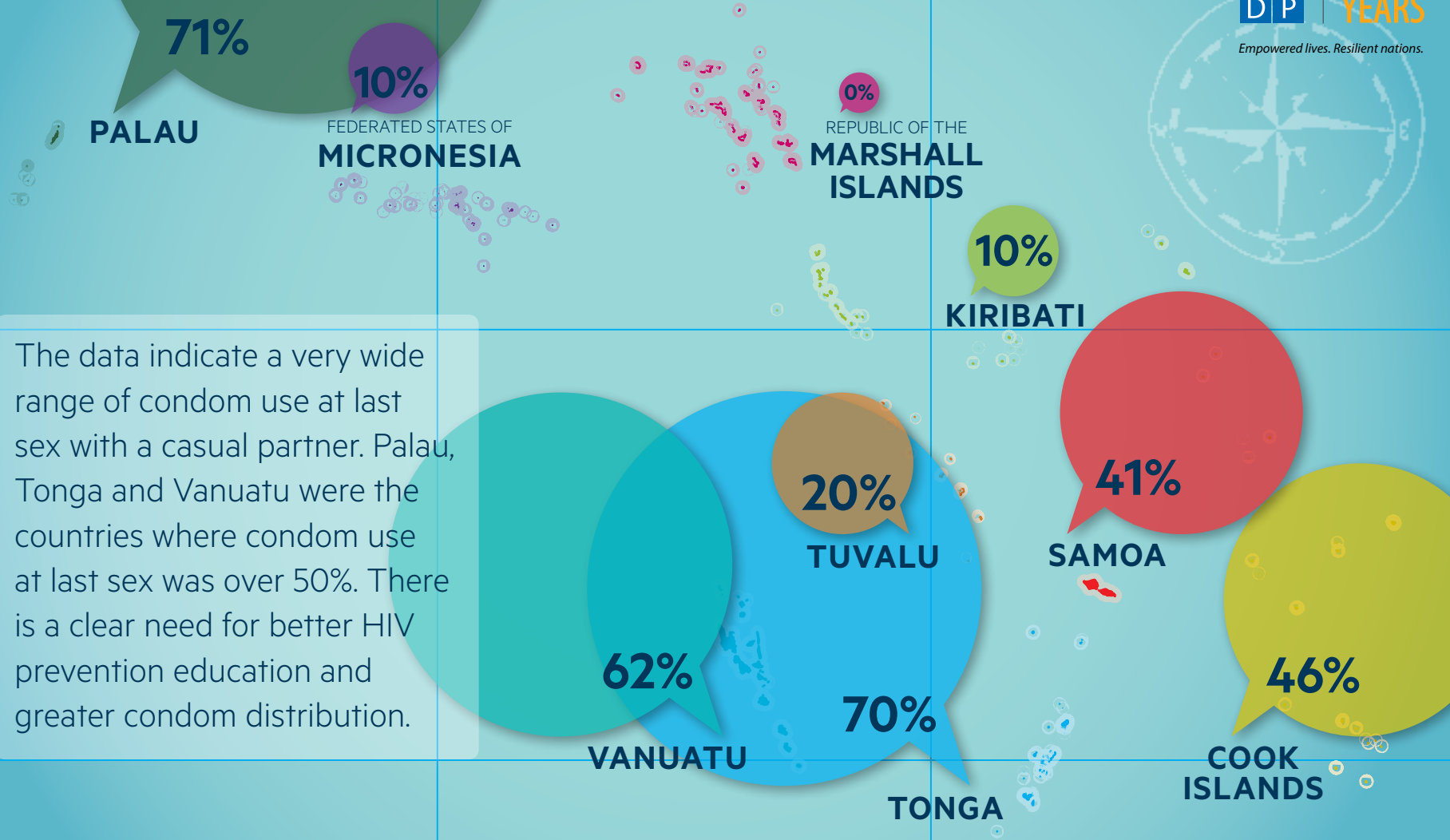
Most MSM and transgender people had small numbers of male partners, but as the data indicates there were some men who had large partner numbers. Given very low condom use and no access to PrEP, these people are at considerable risk.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN CONDOM USE LAST SEX WITH A CASUAL PARTNER:



50
YEARS

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The data indicate a very wide range of condom use at last sex with a casual partner. Palau, Tonga and Vanuatu were the countries where condom use at last sex was over 50%. There is a clear need for better HIV prevention education and greater condom distribution.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN NEVER/SOMETIMES USED A CONDOM IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS WITH A CASUAL PARTNER:



50
YEARS

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43%

PALAU

90%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

100%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

100%

KIRIBATI

100%

TUVALU

75%

SAMOA

82%

VANUATU

72%

TONGA

66%

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ISLANDS

Condom use was inconsistent in a number of countries. Kerry, a transgender person from Kiribati said, “I always ask them- but they decide... Some of my partners are very bad, I want to have sex with them so I have to accept what they want”. In the Cook Islands, an interviewee said, “I use condoms occasionally, not all the time to be honest around half of the time... Depends on what mood I am in”.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN WERE PAID FOR SEX IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

23%

PALAU

47%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

22%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

14%

KIRIBATI

20%

TUVALU

32%

SAMOA

23%

VANUATU

58%

TONGA

8%

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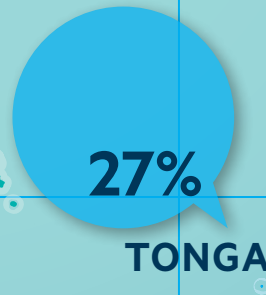
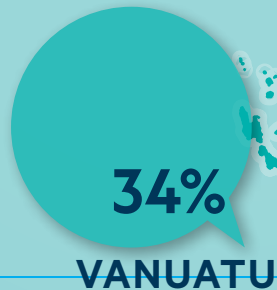
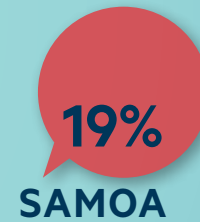
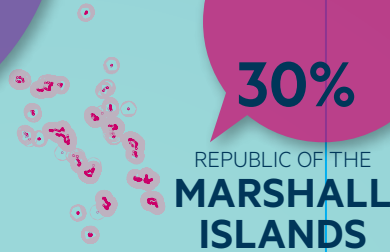
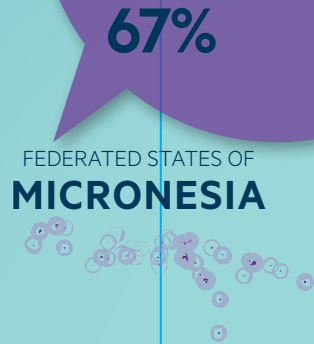
The proportion of transgender people/MSM who sold sex varied from country to country. In Tonga and FSM, over half of those surveyed had been paid for sex in the last 12 months. Stevie, from FSM, said, “Some guys pay me - if they want to - but mostly not. Or they say ‘buy yourself a drink’”. A Cook Islands interviewee told us, “When I was working in Auckland, I decided to go and work the streets. I thought it was fun while it lasted. Here [in Rarotonga] it’s the older ones who pay”.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN FEMALE PARTNERS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

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There was considerable difference between countries. In FSM almost all the MSM/transgender people surveyed also had sexual relationships with women, whereas in Kiribati a small minority had female partners. Allan, an i-Kiribati, has sex with women but, “I don’t feel happy with them”.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN
**NEVER/SOMETIMES USED A CONDOM WITH A FEMALE
CASUAL PARTNER IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:**



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

100%

100%



85%

SAMOA

50%

TUVALU

92%

VANUATU

76%

TONGA

91%

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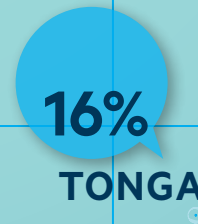
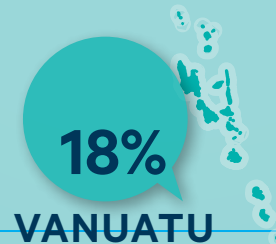
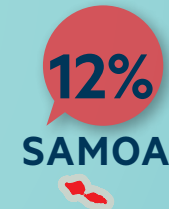
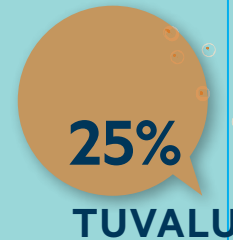
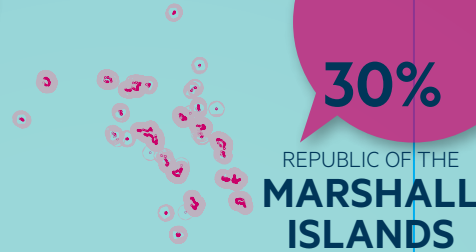
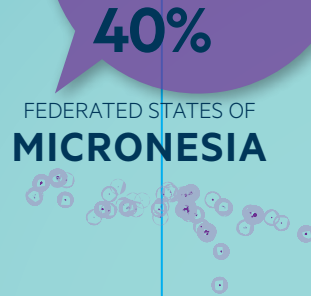
In all countries, apart from FSM, at last half of the MSM/transgender people who had sex with a woman in the last 12 months used condoms erratically with those partners.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN STI SYMPTOMS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



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YEARS

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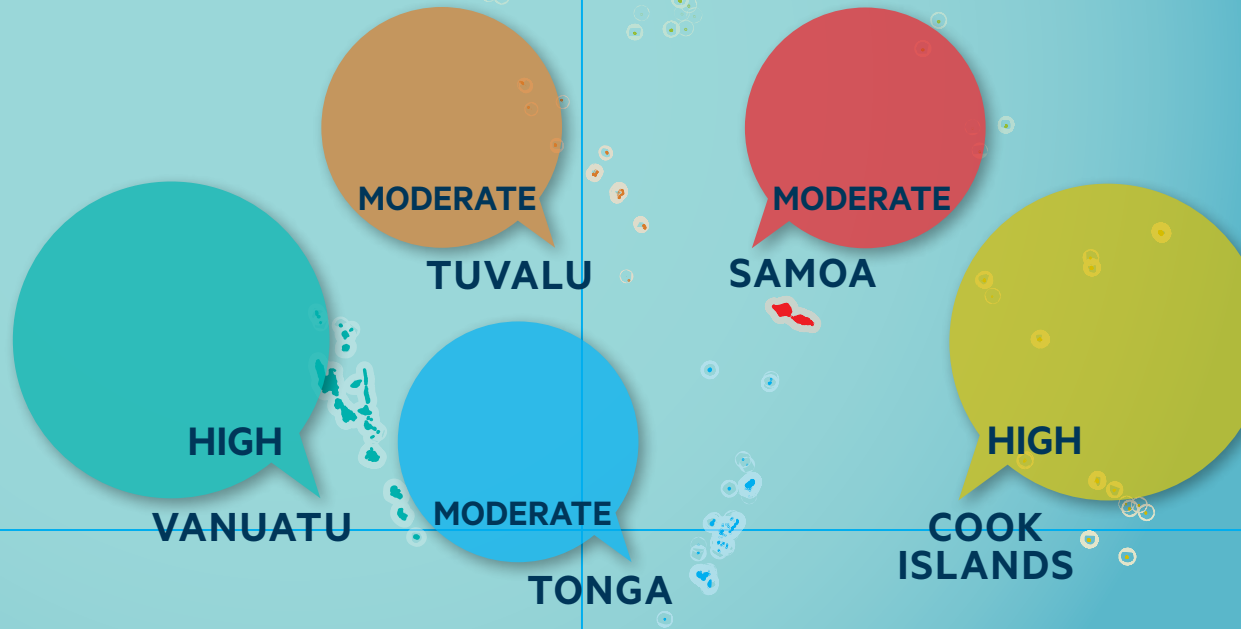
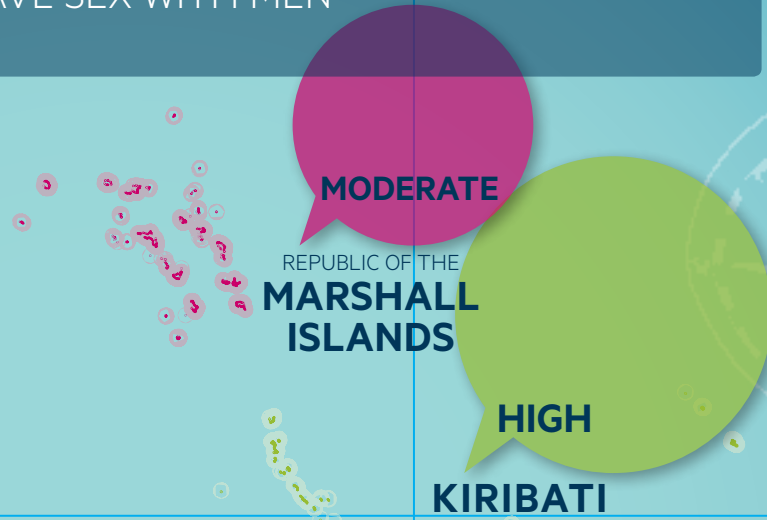
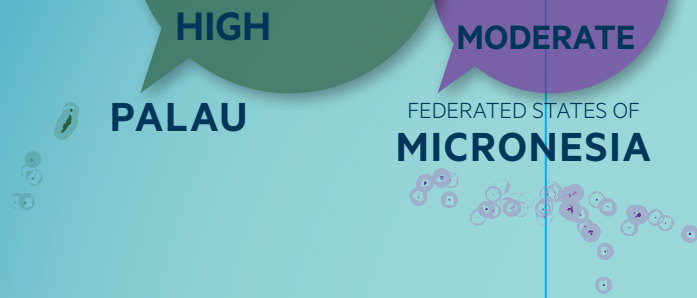
A minority of men/transgender people had had STI symptoms in the last 12 months. In some countries most men did nothing about the symptoms, while in others a majority had sought treatment at a clinic or hospital.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV:



50
YEARS

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Correct knowledge about HIV varied across the countries, however in all countries apart from RMI, more than two-thirds knew that using condoms reduced the risk of HIV.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HIV TESTING:



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

85%

PALAU

79%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

30%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

77%

KIRIBATI

60%

TUVALU

51%

SAMOA

27%

VANUATU

47%

TONGA

79%

COOK
ISLANDS

In RMI and Vanuatu a minority of MSM and transgender people knew where to go to access HIV testing.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN ACCESSED HIV SERVICES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

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36%

PALAU

20%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

50%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

14%

KIRIBATI

50%

TUVALU

33%

SAMOA

66%

VANUATU

59%

TONGA

25%

COOK
ISLANDS

Accessing HIV services across the region ranged from 0% to 59%. The main barrier identified to accessing services was that MSM/transgender people felt uncomfortable and embarrassed. In a number of places interviewees feared that services were not confidential. In RMI one participant told us, “gossiping is part of the culture so its hard to trust [health workers]”.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

GIVEN CONDOMS THROUGH OUTREACH, HEALTH CLINIC OR DROP-IN CENTRE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50 YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

43%

PALAU

27%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

20%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL ISLANDS

5%

KIRIBATI

17%

TUVALU

35%

SAMOA

46%

VANUATU

56%

TONGA

19%

COOK ISLANDS

Condom distribution varied across the countries with the lowest level in Kiribati. In Palau, where 43% of those surveyed had been given condoms one interviewee commented “They are not really focusing on [outreach]. They do outreach about twice a year and I’m not happy about that”.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN TESTED FOR HIV IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

64%

PALAU

7%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

30%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

45%

KIRIBATI

50%

TUVALU

16%

SAMOA

14%

VANUATU

57%

TONGA

23%

COOK
ISLANDS

Testing rates varied greatly across the region. FSM had the lowest rates of HIV testing in the last 12 months. One Samoan respondent said, “No I haven’t and I don’t think that I ever will... because I have never used condoms...and if I was to have HIV I wouldn’t want to know because I have got too much on my mind already and the last thing that I need is for someone to tell me that I have a virus”

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

STIGMA - FEELING SHAME ABOUT SEXUAL/GENDER IDENTITY:



50 YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

33%

PALAU

27%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

40%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL ISLANDS

89%

KIRIBATI

57%

TUVALU

9%

SAMOA

47%

VANUATU

55%

TONGA

40%

COOK ISLANDS

While only 9% of Samoans surveyed felt shame about their sexual or gender, in Kiribati 89% of transgender people/MSM felt shame. Mikey said, "In the Bible it's wrong.. and I feel guilty. I am wrong."

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS' IDENTITY - FAMILY:



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

85%

PALAU

13%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

10%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

59%

KIRIBATI

40%

TUVALU

63%

SAMOA

30%

VANUATU

37%

TONGA

56%

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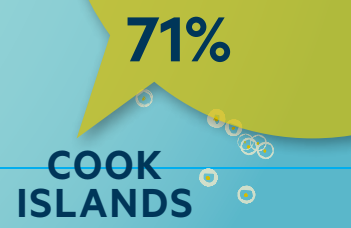
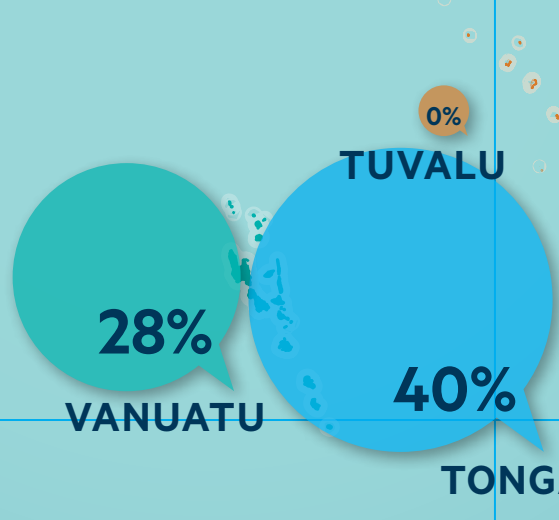
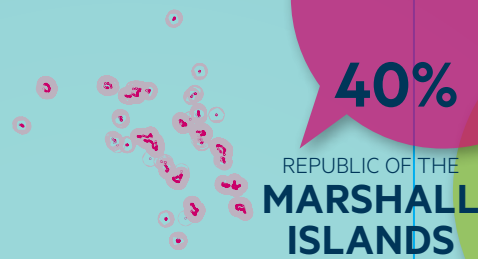
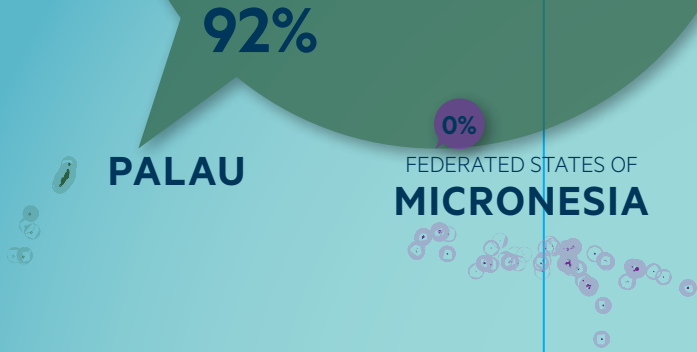
In RMI and FSM there were low levels of support for MSM/transgender people's identity. One Samoan respondent commented, "My family feels ok because at school, I was always good at school, ...they teased me when I am too much... but they always feel happy about it and they didn't feel like stopping me from being a fa'afafine".

SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS' IDENTITY - COMMUNITY:



50
YEARS

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In Tonga many of the leiti (transgender people) had clearly defined feminine roles in the community. “Even in the churches, they use leiti to do the decorations”. Lee, leiti interviewee.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN ALCOHOL IN THE LAST WEEK:



50
YEARS

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50%

PALAU

93%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

90%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

68%

KIRIBATI

55%

TUVALU

36%

SAMOA

32%

VANUATU

50%

TONGA

65%

COOK
ISLANDS

Drinking at least once a week was highest in FSM. A number of MSM/transgender people across the region had sex when drunk and not feeling in control. One Tongan interviewee, Lee, said she slept with multiple partners without condoms when drunk.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN MEDIAN NUMBER OF DRINKS IN THE LAST SESSION:



50
YEARS

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PALAU

5

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

4

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

18

KIRIBATI

5

TUVALU

8

SAMOA

4

VANUATU

12

TONGA

8

COOK
ISLANDS

In many countries binge drinking sessions were common with dangerously high quantities of alcohol consumed.

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN FORCED SEX IN LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

7%

PALAU

47%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

20%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

36%

KIRIBATI

45%

TUVALU

12%

SAMOA

10%

VANUATU

17%

TONGA

11%

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Forced sex in the last 12 months ranged from 7% in Palau to 47% in FSM. Many participants told us in the interviews that they had been sexually assaulted as young children, usually by a male relative.



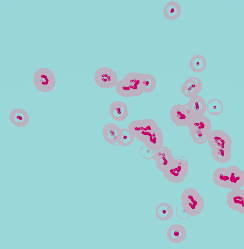
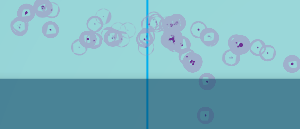
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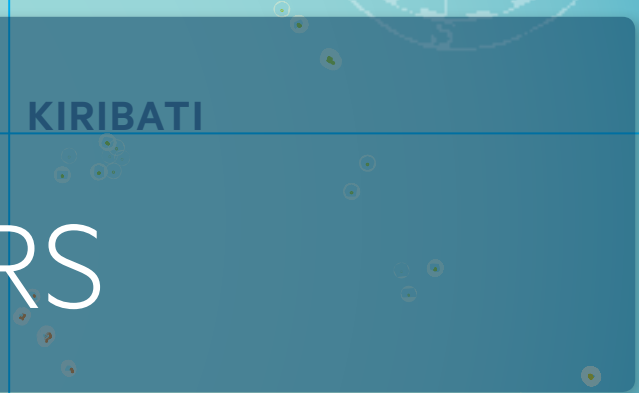
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FEMALE SEX WORKERS

KIRIBATI



TUVALU

SAMOA



VANUATU

TONGA

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POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATE:



40

PALAU

290

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

200-250

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

114

KIRIBATI

2000

10

TUVALU

200-400

SAMOA

1000

VANUATU

TONGA

50

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Population size estimates were calculated through stakeholder meetings and individual discussions with members of key populations, NGOs working with these groups and Ministries of Health.

AGE RANGE OF SEXUAL DEBUT:



N/A

PALAU

12-30

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

14-21

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

12-20

KIRIBATI

14-17

TUVALU

12-20

SAMOA

13-26

VANUATU

13-24

TONGA

11-15

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Age at first sexual debut ranged across the region from 11-30. Survey data and interviews show that first sex work occurred soon after first sexual debut.

FEMALE SEX WORKERS

NUMBER OF PAYING PARTNERS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (MEAN):



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

4

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

39

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

4

KIRIBATI

5

TUVALU

9

SAMOA

4

VANUATU

6

TONGA

9

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Apart from the Marshall Islands, FSW across the region had low numbers of clients. The data indicate that these are mainly regular clients. For example, in Kiribati, Marta a 16 year old boards boats to sell sex to Korean seafarers and she stays on board for several days, with one client.

CONDOM USE WITH LAST CLIENT:

N/A

PALAU

10%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

83%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

29%

KIRIBATI

25%

TUVALU

33%

SAMOA

31%

VANUATU

18%

TONGA

50%

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Apart from Kiribati, condom use at last sex with a client was at 50% or lower. One interviewee from Vanuatu said, “sometimes I don’t have condoms with me but if I don’t go ahead and have sex then I don’t get paid”. Daisy, from RMI commented, “The times they want sex without a condom - if I refuse they force me”.

FEMALE SEX WORKERS

NEVER/SOMETIMES USE A CONDOM WITH A CLIENT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



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N/A

PALAU

95%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

25%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

85%

KIRIBATI

100%

TUVALU

33%

SAMOA

76%

VANUATU

83%

TONGA

50%

COOK
ISLANDS

Condom use was generally inconsistent. In FSM, sex workers occasionally used condoms. Often they had good intentions to use them, but sometimes got too drunk to remember or their clients did not want to use them. A Tuvaluan sex worker said, “Yeah [I use a condom with] some clients. Some of my partners want me to use a condom, then we use a condom but not other partners.”

FEMALE SEX WORKERS

NEVER/SOMETIMES USE A CONDOM WITH A CASUAL NON-PAYING PARTNER IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

95%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

50%

71%

KIRIBATI

100%

TUVALU

75%

SAMOA

82%

VANUATU

88%

TONGA

75%

COOK
ISLANDS

Condom use was low with casual non-paying partners. Tania, a Tongan sex worker, said “If that guy wants to try it, yes I can try. But they just want it normal”.

FEMALE SEX WORKERS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV:



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

MODERATE

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

MODERATE

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

HIGH

KIRIBATI

MODERATE

TUVALU

MODERATE

SAMOA

MODERATE

VANUATU

POOR

TONGA

HIGH

COOK
ISLANDS

HIV knowledge was mostly moderate across the region. In most countries the basic question about condoms reducing the risk of HIV was answered correctly by about three quarters of respondents. However, in RMI only 27% of FSW answered correctly.

FORCED SEX IN LAST 12 MONTHS:



50 YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

65%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

19%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL ISLANDS

14%

KIRIBATI

75%

TUVALU

38%

SAMOA

41%

VANUATU

21%

TONGA

50%

COOK ISLANDS

Sexual assault was common in most countries apart from Kiribati and RMI. In FSM, Heather had been assaulted by men who had previously paid her for sex. The men had asked her to go with them for sex and she said no, so they dragged her along the ground to the beach. Heather was fearful that she would be gang raped, "I wasn't really drunk, and I fought them hard. I screamed and yelled and fought. They tore my skirt off and ripped my top but I got away from them".

FEMALE SEX WORKERS ALCOHOL USE LAST WEEK:



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

48%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

44%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

59%

KIRIBATI

91%

TUVALU

18%

SAMOA

23%

VANUATU

43%

TONGA

75%

COOK
ISLANDS

There was a range of drinking habits amongst FSW across the region, from very low rates in Samoa to 91% of FSW in Tuvalu drinking at least once a week. Sex work often takes place in the context of bars and clubs. One Tuvaluan sex worker said, “We take a motorbike ride to the end [of the island], after we have sex we go back to the nightclub and he will buy me some [drinks]”.

LACK OF CONTROL DURING SEX AFTER DRINKING/TAKING DRUGS IN THE LAST MONTH:

N/A

PALAU

69%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

25%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

24%

KIRIBATI

100%

TUVALU

40%

SAMOA

47%

VANUATU

50%

TONGA

75%

COOK
ISLANDS

Feeling out of control during sex when drunk or high was commonplace in most countries. Suzie, a Tongan sex worker said, "If they want to have sex with me sometimes when I am really, really high I cant control myself, I cant say no."

FEMALE SEX WORKERS STI SYMPTOMS (LAST 12 MONTHS):



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

81%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

38%

REPUBLIC OF THE
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ISLANDS

38%

KIRIBATI

50%

TUVALU

17%

SAMOA

44%

VANUATU

27%

TONGA

0%

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ISLANDS

A minority of sex workers had had STI symptoms in the last year. One Tuvaluan sex worker told us, “We went out [selling sex] on Friday or Saturday and by Monday or Thursday we felt sick when we go to the toilet. I go to my relative [who is a health worker] who tells me ‘oh you have Gonorrhoea’... I want to cry”.

TESTED FOR HIV IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



N/A

PALAU

19%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

69%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

50%

KIRIBATI

25%

TUVALU

0%

SAMOA

14%

VANUATU

11%

TONGA

75%

COOK
ISLANDS

There was very low take-up of HIV testing across the region, apart from in Kiribati, the Cook Islands and RMI. In Samoa, no sex workers had been tested for HIV in past 12 months. One Tongan interviewee, Hone, said she was too shy to attend the hospital for an HIV test because she was worried about what people may think, "I'm scared of seeing people. They think I go and...do this."

FEMALE SEX WORKERS KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR HIV TESTING:



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

38%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

7%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

30%

KIRIBATI

60%

SAMOA

100%

COOK
ISLANDS

0%

TUVALU

42%

VANUATU

17%

TONGA

Apart from the Cook Islands, a minority of sex workers knew where to go to access HIV testing.

FEMALE SEX WORKERS

GIVEN CONDOMS THROUGH OUTREACH, HEALTH CLINIC OR DROP-IN CENTRE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:



50
YEARS

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N/A

PALAU

12%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

6%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

27%

KIRIBATI

75%

TUVALU

60%

SAMOA

27%

VANUATU

71%

TONGA

0%

COOK
ISLANDS

Condom distribution varied considerably from country to country. In the Cook Islands, no sex worker had been reached with condom distribution. In Vanuatu, one interviewee mentioned that they did not see peer educators any more. This is due to the end of program funding.

USED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES IN LAST 12 MONTHS:



N/A

PALAU

24%

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

19%

REPUBLIC OF THE
MARSHALL
ISLANDS

27%

KIRIBATI

75%

TUVALU

0%

SAMOA

34%

VANUATU

79%

TONGA

0%

COOK
ISLANDS

In the Cook Islands and Samoa no FSW accessed sexual health services in the last 12 months.



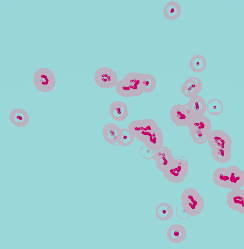
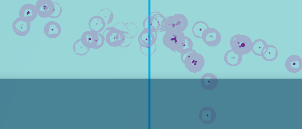
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YEARS

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SEAFARERS

KIRIBATI



TUVALU

SAMOA



VANUATU

TONGA

COOK ISLANDS



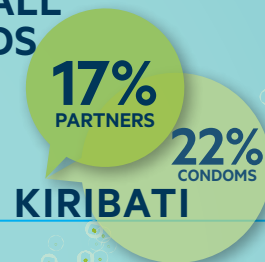
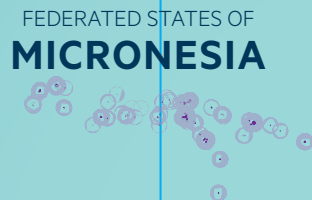
SEAFARERS

PERCENTAGE WHO HAD CASUAL SEXUAL FEMALE PARTNERS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: CONDOM USE AT LAST SEX WITH CASUAL FEMALE PARTNER:

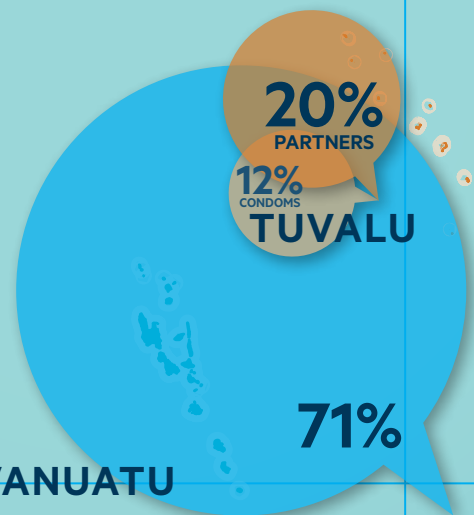


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A minority of men in both Tuvalu and Kiribati had casual female partners (usually one or two). Many of these partners were off-shore. Condom use on the last occasion of sex with a casual female partner was low.



SEAFARERS

PAID FOR SEX (FSW) IN LAST 12 MONTHS: CONDOM USE AT LAST PAID SEX (FSW):

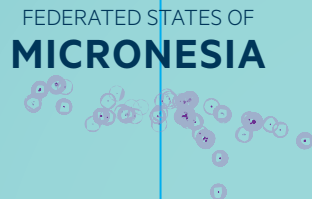


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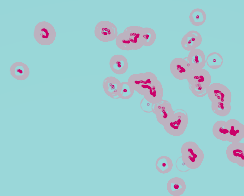
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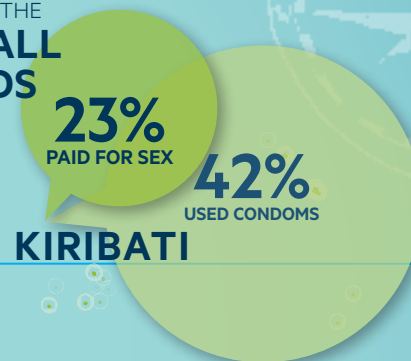
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SAMOA



VANUATU



TONGA



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ISLANDS

A minority of men in both Tuvalu and Kiribati had paid for sex in the last 12 months. Condom use on the last occasion of paid sex was considerably higher in Kiribati than Tuvalu.

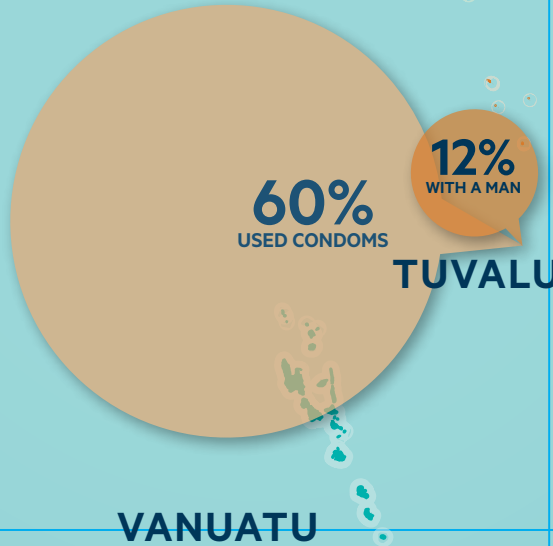
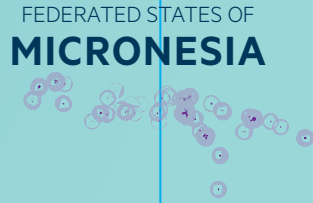
SEAFARERS

SEX WITH A MAN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:
CONDOM USE AT LAST CASUAL SEX WITH A MAN:



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YEARS

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A small minority of men in both countries had had sex with a man in the last 12 months. Condom use was 100% in Kiribati and 60% in Tuvalu.

SEAFARERS HIV KNOWLEDGE

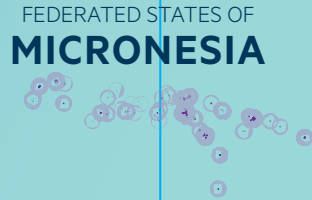


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YEARS

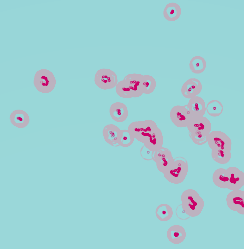
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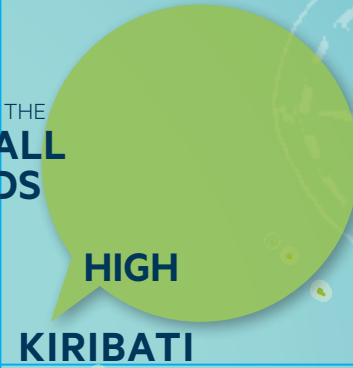
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MODERATE

TUVALU

SAMOA

VANUATU

TONGA

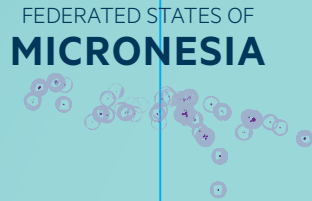
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HIV knowledge was high in Kiribati and moderate in Tuvalu. 92% of men in Kiribati and 67% in Tuvalu could answer correctly that using a condom every time they had sex prevents HIV.

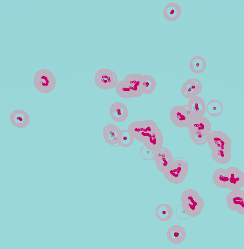
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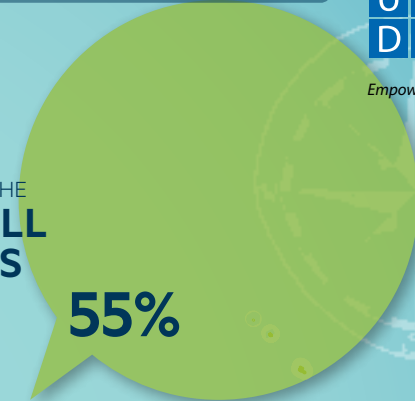
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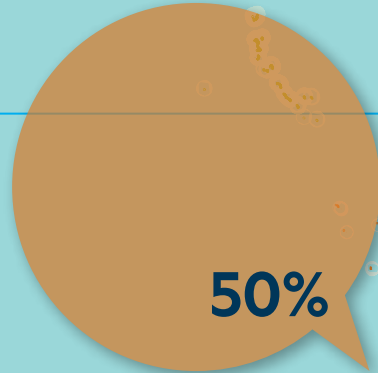
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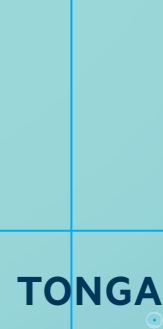


SAMOA

About half the men in both countries accessed a sexual health service in the past 12 months. The majority of men who used a service were happy with it and would use it again.



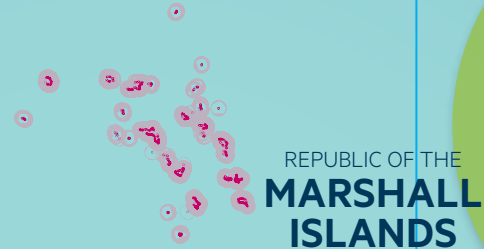
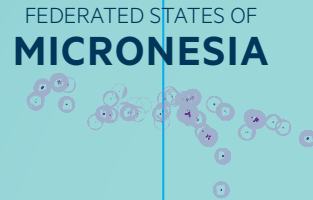
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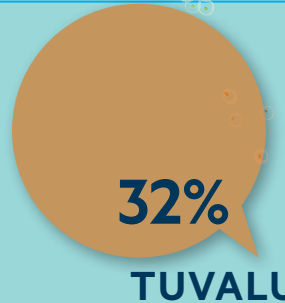


COOK ISLANDS



 69%
KIRIBATI

There were much higher rates of HIV testing in Kiribati than Tuvalu. This may be due to whether or not they worked as seafarers in that period. In both places almost all the men had been tested at an NGO clinic.


 32%
TUVALU



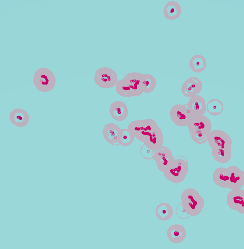
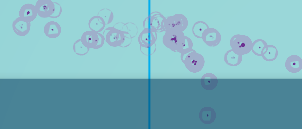

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YEARS

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CAPACITY ASSESSMENT DATA

KIRIBATI

TUVALU

SAMOA

VANUATU

TONGA

COOK
ISLANDS

NO REACH OR ENGAGEMENT

of key population in HIV prevention

No HIV prevention activities in the country are believed to reach key populations and/or no or little engagement of key populations in planning, programs and services and/or no or little advocacy undertaken to support the rights of key populations. There may have been some unsuccessful attempts to engage key populations, as well as inclusion in national plans but no current or planned activities for key populations.

SOME KEY POPULATION REPORTEDLY REACHED

by or engaged in HIV prevention for the general population

There are no HIV prevention programs or services specifically for key populations however key populations are believed to be reached through services and programs for the general population. There may also be some engagement of key populations in HIV prevention planning, programs and services and some advocacy undertaken to support the rights of key populations.

LIMITED REACH AND ENGAGEMENT

with key population through targeted HIV prevention services and programs

As well as some key populations believed to be reached through HIV prevention services and programs for the general population, there are some nascent services and programs for key populations or a strong desire has been expressed by organisations to reach key populations further. This maybe evident for example in funding proposals or future plans. There may also be some engagement of key populations in planning, programs and services and some advocacy undertaken to support the rights of key populations.

MODERATE REACH AND ENGAGEMENT

of key population through targeted HIV prevention services and programs

There are established HIV prevention services and/or programs for key populations which report having a good reach and key populations are engaged in HIV prevention planning, programs and services and/or advocacy is undertaken to support the rights of key populations.

OPTIMAL REACH AND ENGAGEMENT

of key population in HIV prevention

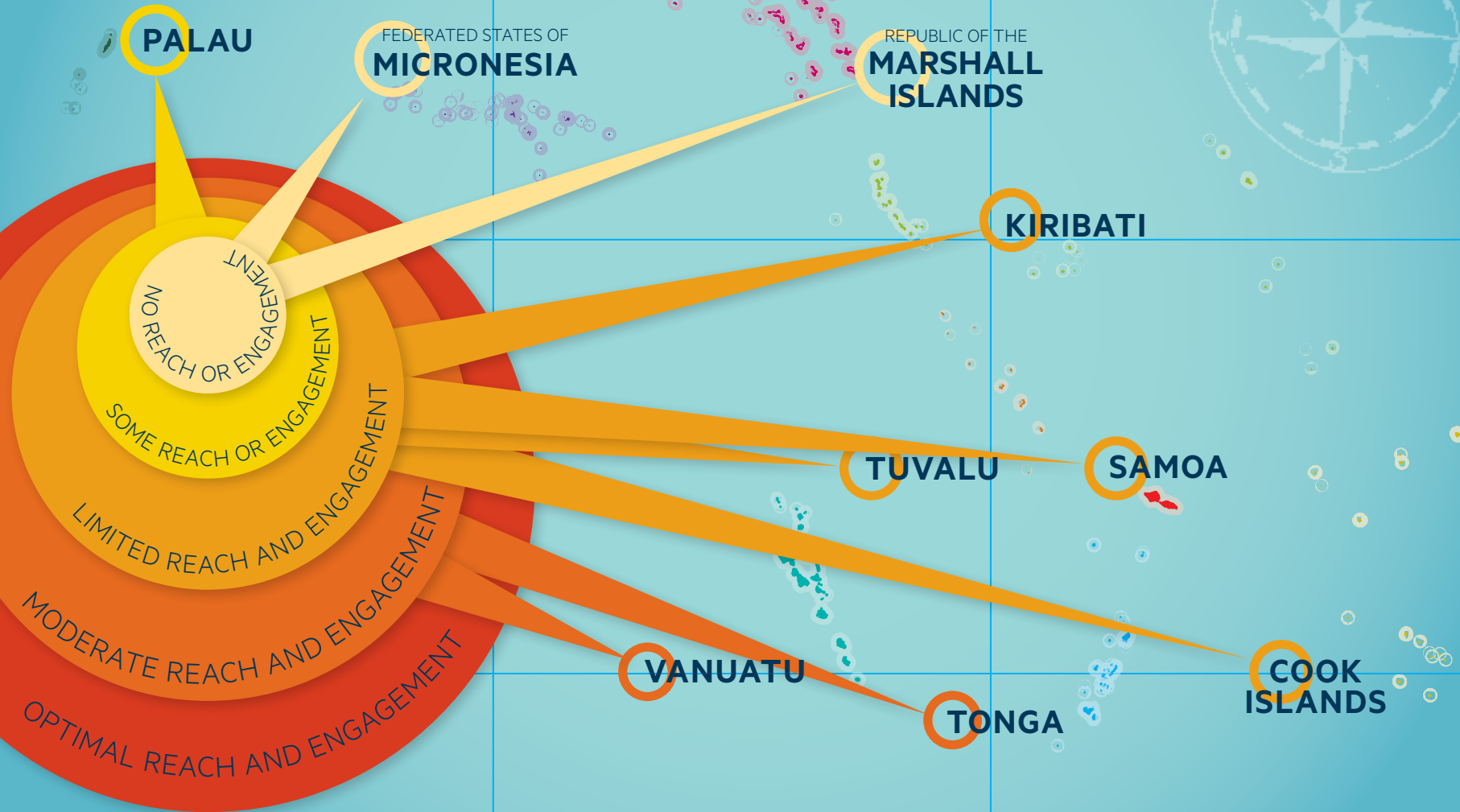
There are optimal HIV prevention services and programs for key populations which have a wide reach, even amongst sub-populations generally considered more hidden. Key populations have a strong involvement in HIV planning, programs and services. There is strong advocacy to support the rights of key populations and the legislative and policy environment is supportive.

RATING OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS PER KEY POPULATION AND PER COUNTRY TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN:



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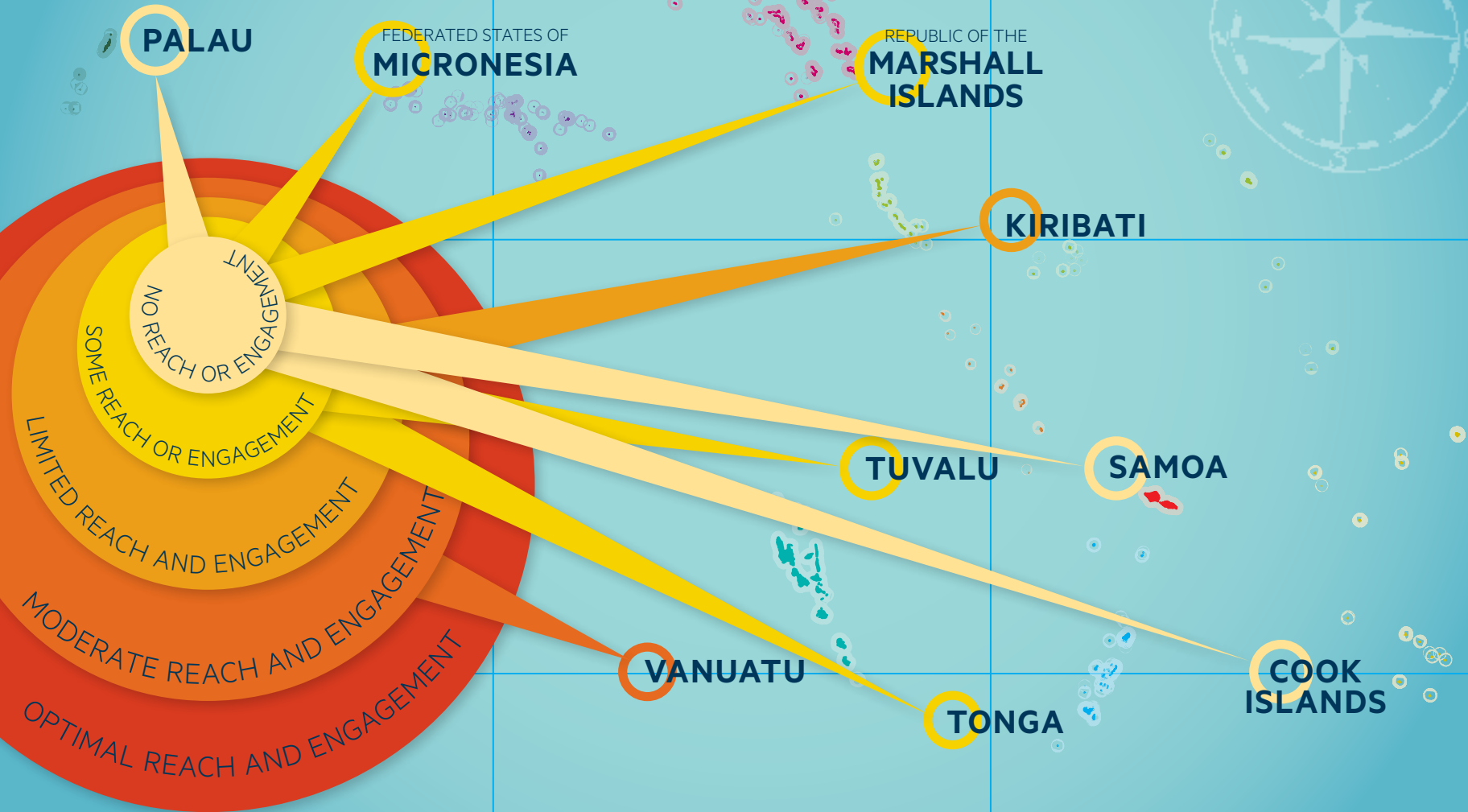
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FEMALE SEX WORKERS:



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YEARS

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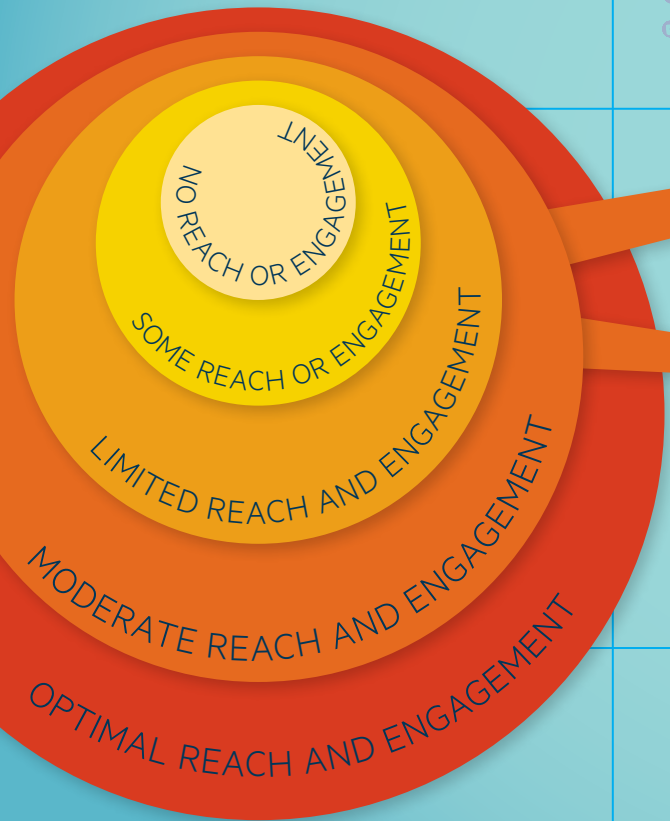
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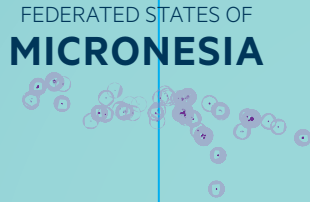


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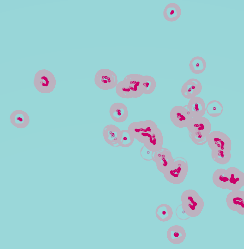
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SAMOA



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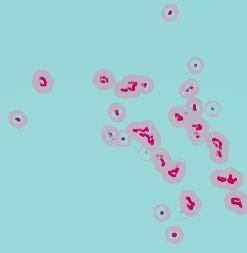


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