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Cambodia-Behavioural surveillance and sentinel HIV surveillance demonstrate the impact of 100% condom use programme among sex workers

Cambodia established a "100% condom use" programme for entertainment establishments in 1998. The programme requires that the owners of entertainment establishments enforce condom use as a condition of commercial sex. If establishments are found repeatedly to allow sex to be sold without condom use, then the establishment can be closed. The two key elements of this programme are: (1) the active cooperation of the police, public health officials, the owners of entertainment establishments, and sex workers; and (2) the fact that, when condom use is a requirement

of commercial sex, sex workers, clients, owners and the general public benefit.

Initially piloted in one area, the programme is now in a phase of national expansion. The Prime Minister has approved a national policy requiring implementation of the programme in all entertainment establishments. Epidemiological surveillance provides evidence that the programme is leading to increases in condom use among sex workers (Figure 1), and that this is being reflected in reductions in HIV prevalence among young brothel-based sex workers (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Cambodian female sex workers always using a condom with clients, 1996–1999

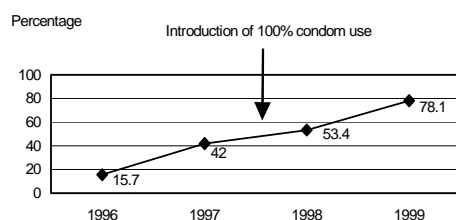
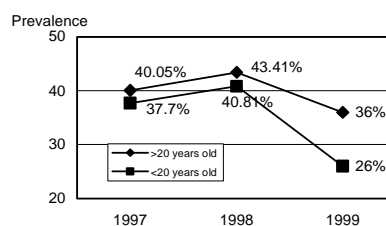


Figure 2. HIV seroprevalence among Cambodian female sex workers by age, 1997–1999



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