

CHANGING THE GAME

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BARRIERS

- **Stigma**
- **Discrimination**
- **Violence**
- **Criminalisation**
- **Mobility**
- **Drug use**
- **Self-stigma**
- **Inadequate service provision**
- **Anti-trafficking policies/efforts**

HIV PREVALENCE AMONG SEX WORKERS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

SWEDEN

Of 979 clients interviewed by the Swedish Prison Project in 2006-2007, 46 reported that they had sold sex of whom 45 were tested for HIV and 1 female (2.2%) was confirmed as HIV positive. Data from Stockholm region only

ECDC, Thematic report on sex workers, 2013

SURVEY – 124 SW

- **82 % of SW had never been in contact with sex work specific services.**
- **65 % worry about prejudice from authorities, 55 % worry about STIs**
- **68 % had never received a condom as part of HIV prevention to sw**
- **21% had received a condom but not in Sweden**
- **43 % has experienced problems getting an HIV-test**

MAKING STRATEGIC INFORMATION FIT FOR PURPOSES

- **without involving the community it will be next to impossible to get credible data**

THE SWEDISH MODEL

”If they make so much money maybe they can buy their own condoms”

Interview with the National Coordinator Against Trafficking and Prostitution (Levy, 2011)

GAME CHANGERS

- **Investing in EECA**
- **Better HIV response for SW affected by multiple stigmas**
- **Not conflating sex work with trafficking**
- **Addressing stigma and discrimination – especially under “end demand”-legislations**
- **Community Involvement**

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