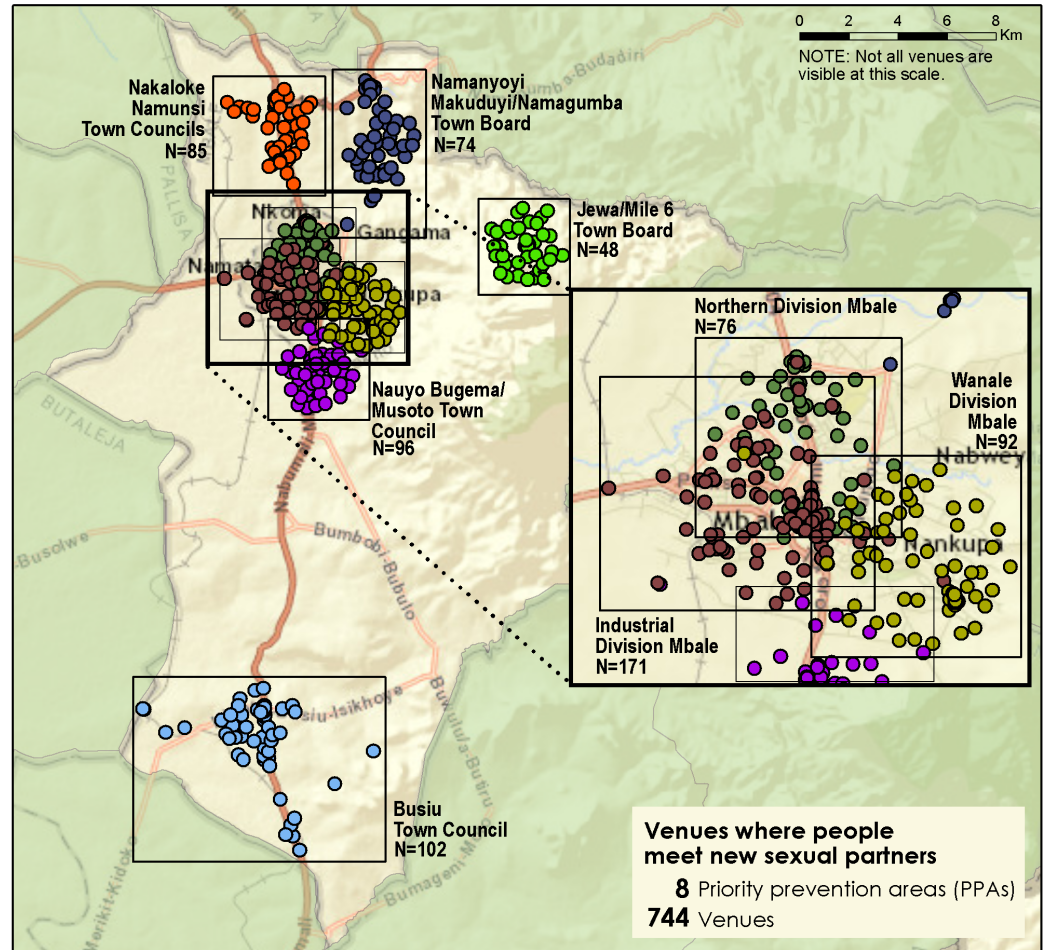
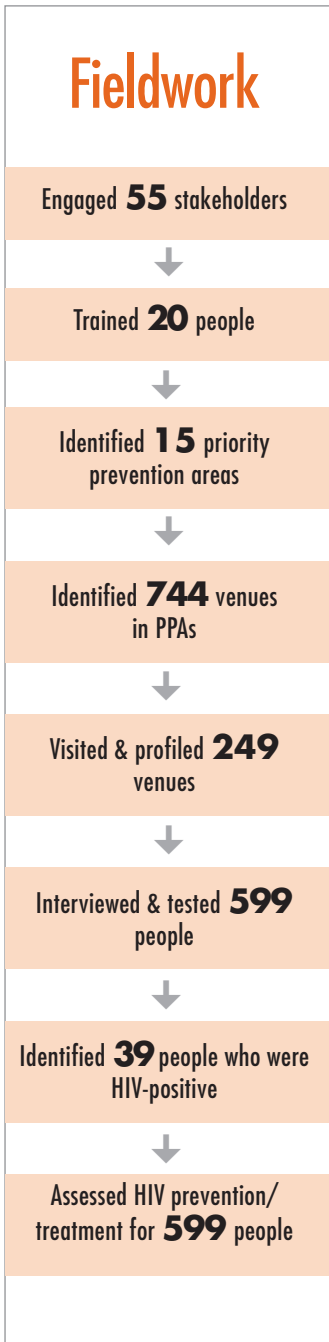
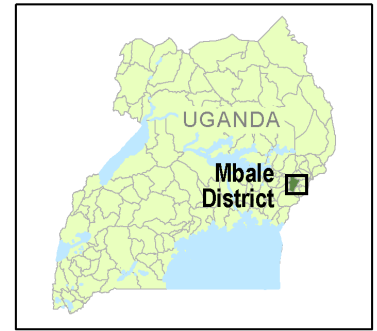


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Objectives

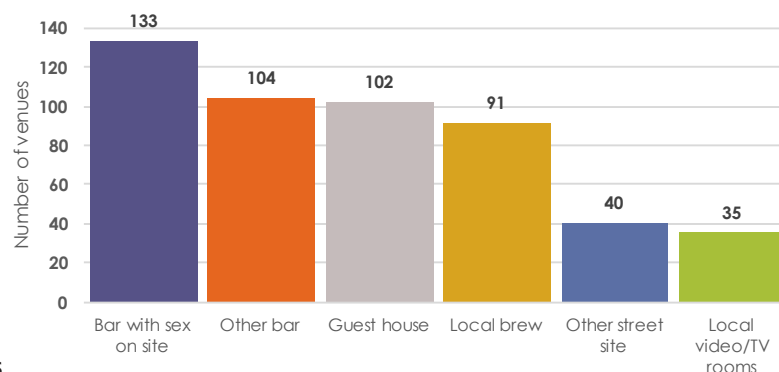
- Know the local epidemic
- Assess the local response
- Prioritize gaps for follow-up



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Priority prevention areas (PPA) are areas identified by district stakeholders where the risk of HIV transmission is likely to be higher. The map shows the location of venues where people go to meet new sexual partners in each PPA. The location of venues was identified by geographic positioning system (GPS) or, if the venue was not visited, based on a description of its location.

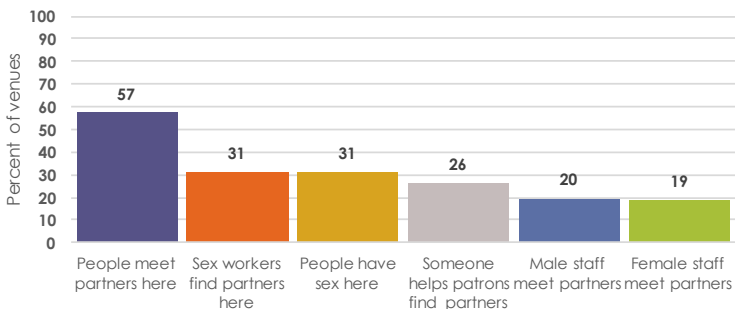
Most common types of venues



The number and type of venues varied by district. The graph shows the number of venues in the district for each of the six types of venues that were the most common there.

People meet new sexual partners at venues

Meeting sexual partners at sites: Perceptions of venue informants

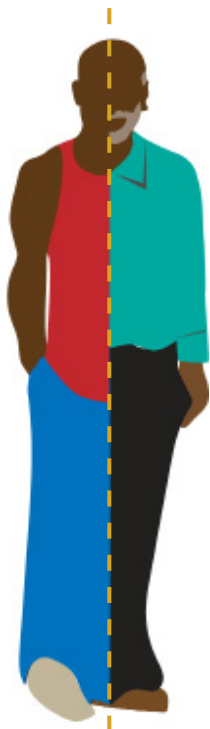


A venue informant is a person knowledgeable about the venue, such as a bar manager. At each venue, a venue informant was asked about the types of people who come to the venue to meet sexual partners and about activities related to meeting sexual partners there, such as whether someone helps facilitate these sexual partnerships and whether staff meet sexual partners at the venue. The graph shows the percentage of venues, among the approximately 300 venues that were visited, where the venue informant reported that each activity occurs.

The PLACE team interviewed and tested approximately 600 people in each district. The surveys showed differences between older and younger men and between women who work at the venues and women who come to the venues as patrons. See below. HIV prevalence among these four groups is shown on the next page.

Younger men at venues (< age 35)

Demographics	%
Mean age (in years)	26.5
Has children	26.5
Married/living with partner	36.7
Did not complete primary school	25.1
Unemployed	48.7
Sexual Network	
2+ sexual partners, past 4 weeks	26.0
With 2 or more sexual partners in the past year	52.4
New partner in past year	59.0
Believes main partner has other partners	22.6
Ever had anal sex	4.4
Condom Use	
No condom, last vaginal sex	72.1
2+ partners past 4 weeks, no condom last sex	48.1
Reports that condoms are easy to get	79.5
Vulnerabilities	
< 15 at first sex	7.3
Living at venue	11.9
Ever spent night in jail	27.5
Ever raped	1.0
Exchanged sex for money in past 3 months	7.4
Ever paid cash for sex	30.2
Daily alcohol consumption	33.0
Visits venue 4+ times per week	67.4



Older men at venues (> age 35)

Demographics	%
Mean age (in years)	49.7
Has children	37.1
Married/living with partner	90.4
Did not complete primary school	53.6
Unemployed	77.5
Sexual Network	
2+ sexual partners, past 4 weeks	22.2
With 2 or more sexual partners in the past year	24.8
New partner in past year	51.3
Believes main partner has other partners	33.8
Ever had anal sex	2.2
Condom Use	
No condom, last vaginal sex	77.0
2+ partners past 4 weeks, no condom last sex	76.2
Reports that condoms are easy to get	72.9
Vulnerabilities	
< 15 at first sex	3.2
Living at venue	30.8
Ever spent night in jail	20.1
Ever raped	0.0
Exchanged sex for money in past 3 months	0.5
Ever paid cash for sex	27.1
Daily alcohol consumption	60.1
Visits venue 4+ times per week	89.1

Women who work at venues

Demographics	%
Mean age (in years)	31.9
Has children	35.3
Married/living with partner	52.2
Did not complete primary school	48.2
Unemployed	47.6
Sexual Network	
2+ sexual partners, past 4 weeks	18.2
With 2 or more sexual partners in the past year	34.4
New partner in past year	51.2
Believes main partner has other partners	52.8
Ever had anal sex	10.3
Condom Use	
No condom, last vaginal sex	72.4
2+ partners past 4 weeks, no condom last sex	59.5
Reports that condoms are easy to get	66.2
Vulnerabilities	
< 15 at first sex	7.9
Living at venue	50.4
Ever spent night in jail	5.5
Ever raped	6.7
Exchanged sex for money in past 3 months	18.1
Ever paid cash for sex	13.1
Daily alcohol consumption	39.2
Visits venue 4+ times per week	92.0

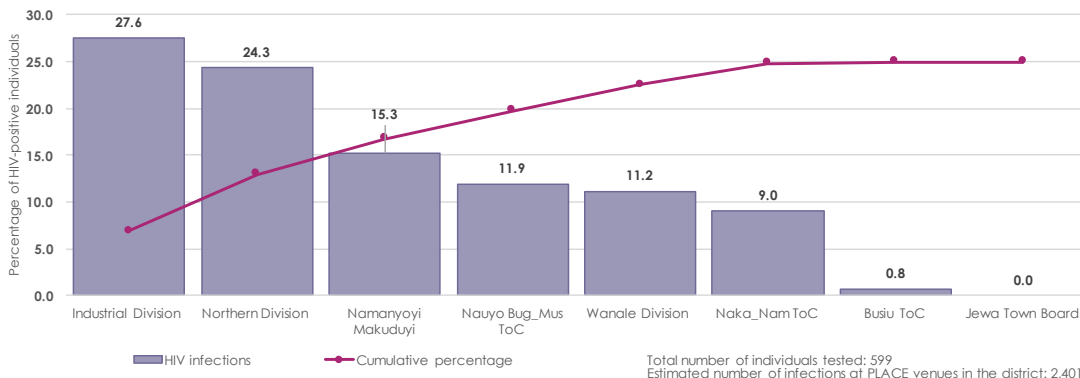


Female patrons at venues

Demographics	%
Mean age (in years)	30.3
Has children	32.2
Married/living with partner	71.2
Did not complete primary school	43.4
Unemployed	74.8
Sexual Network	
2+ sexual partners, past 4 weeks	8.7
With 2 or more sexual partners in the past year	24.4
New partner in past year	41.2
Believes main partner has other partners	52.7
Ever had anal sex	0.0
Condom Use	
No condom, last vaginal sex	78.7
2+ partners past 4 weeks, no condom last sex	63.8
Reports that condoms are easy to get	83.3
Vulnerabilities	
< 15 at first sex	25.4
Living at venue	4.8
Ever spent night in jail	4.9
Ever raped	1.3
Exchanged sex for money in past 3 months	13.8
Ever paid cash for sex	1.8
Daily alcohol consumption	40.7
Visits venue 4+ times per week	49.7

HIV prevalence and condom cascades

Distributions of HIV infections across PPAs



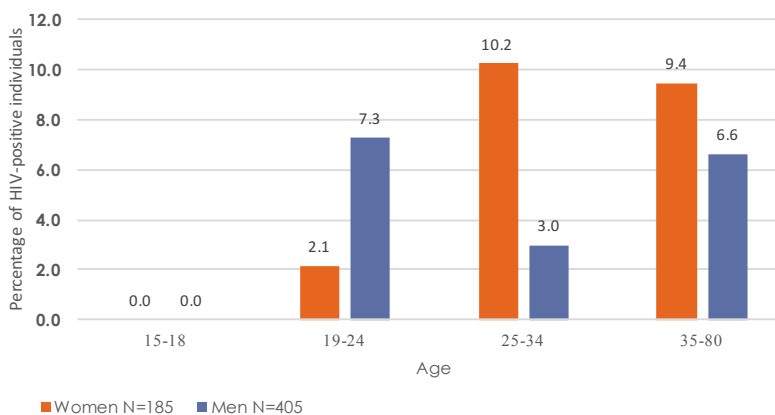
This graph shows the advantage of a strategy to focus on the PPAs where the number of infections is greatest. The PPAs with the largest number of persons with HIV who could be reached at venues is shown first in the graph, with the remaining PPAs sorted by number of persons infected.

HIV prevalence, by group



This graph shows the prevalence of HIV among younger versus older men and among women who work at the venue versus those who visit as patrons. The graph illustrates the high risk among women who work at the venue.

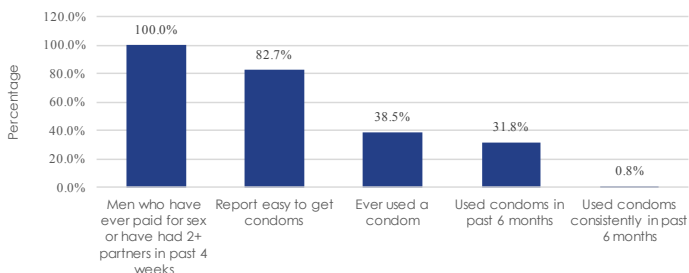
HIV prevalence, by sex and age



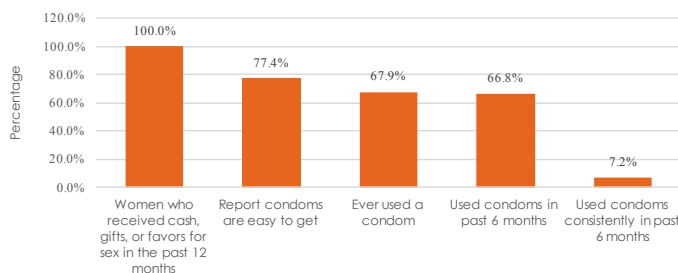
This graph shows the prevalence of HIV infection among the approximately 600 men and women tested during visits to the venues at busy times. The estimates are weighted to reflect sampling probabilities. The graph highlights differences in HIV prevalence by age for men and women. Confidence intervals are provided below the graph.

95% confidence limits adjusted for sampling weights:
Men: 15-18 (0.00-0.00), 19-24 (0.00-19.13), 25-34 (0.00-7.19); 35-80 (0.89-12.33)
Women: 15-18 (0.00-0.00), 19-24 (0.00-5.35), 25-34 (1.10-19.36), 35-80 (1.44-17.45)

Prevention cascade: Condom availability and use among men who paid for sex or who reported two or more partners in the past 4 weeks



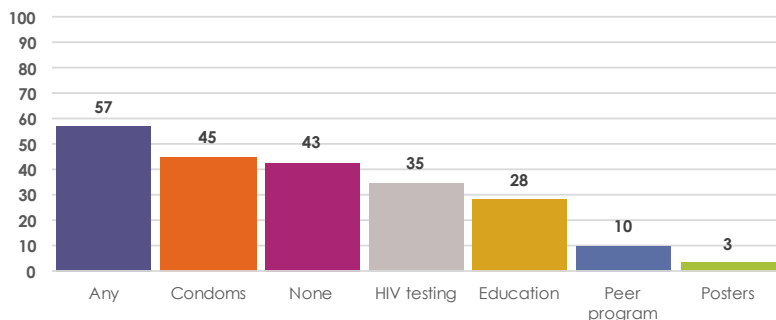
Prevention cascade: Condom availability and use among women who received cash, gifts, or favors for sex in the past 12 months



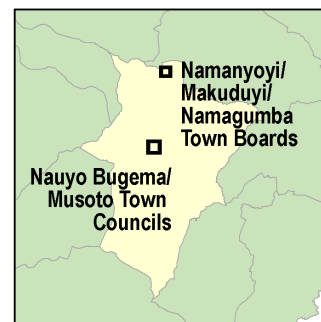
The condom cascades above demonstrate the gap in the availability of condoms and—among people who say that it is easy to get condoms—the gap in consistent use. The graph showing the condom cascade for men is for those who have ever paid for sex or who have had more than two sexual partners in the past four weeks. The risk of infection and onward transmission is likely to be higher for these men than for other men. The graph showing the condom cascade for women is for those who have received cash, gifts, or favors in return for sex in the past 12 months. These women are also at increased risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV. Men and women who are living with HIV are included in these figures.

Gaps in prevention services

Percentage of venues with on-site prevention services in the past 3 months



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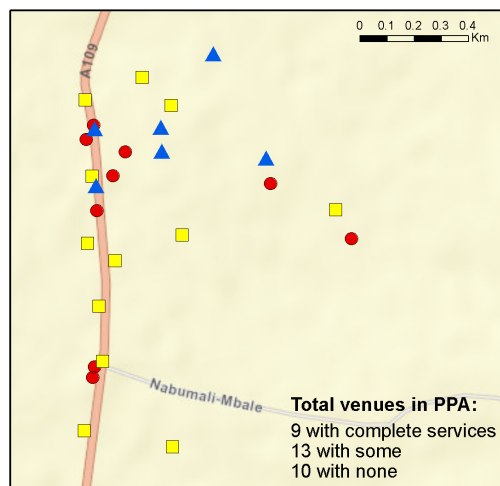


Prevention services at venue

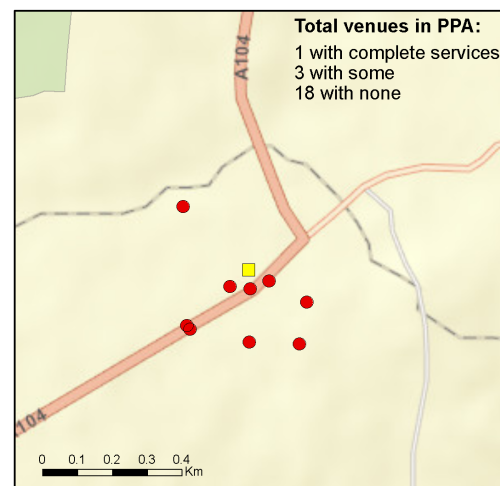
- ▲ Complete
- Some
- None

These maps zoom in on a PPA or part of a PPA to illustrate the differences in availability of prevention at venues. The map on the left shows the PPA with a higher proportion of coverage. The map on the right shows the PPA with a lower proportion of coverage. "Complete" coverage was defined as condoms being available (either for sale or for free), HIV testing on site in the past three months, and education (either posters or peer education or other educational outreach) in the past three months. "Some" coverage indicates that the venue has education, testing, or condoms. Venues without education, testing, or condoms are categorized as "None."

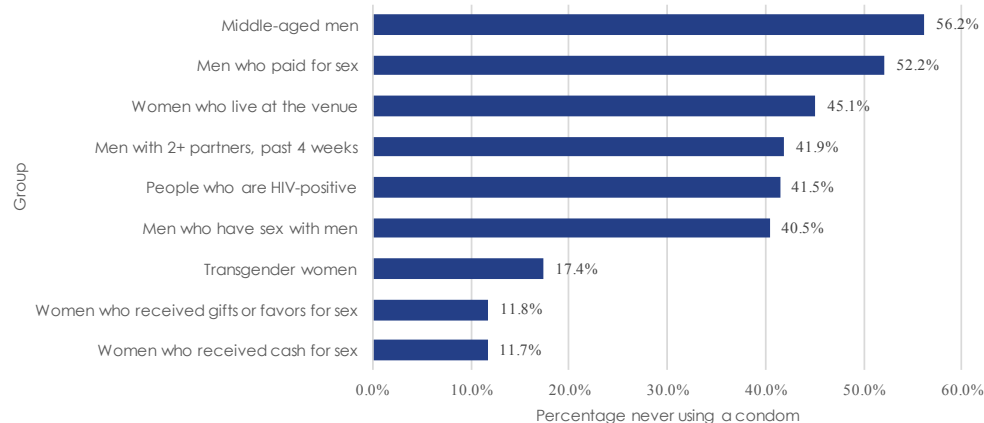
Higher coverage: Nauyo Bugema/Musoto Town Councils



Lower coverage: Namanyoyi/Makuduyi/Namagumba Town Boards



Percentage never using a condom during the past 3 months



Many people use condoms inconsistently; some people do not use them at all. The graph on the left shows the percentage of each risk group that reported never using a condom in the past three months.

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