

WE ARE TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

There are at least 9 million of us in Asia-Pacific and we face these issues:

My identity papers do not reflect who I am.

I need HIV services, but clinics often refuse me.

My family rejects me. People disrespect me, make fun of me and even beat me up.

I was raped, but the police ignored my complaints and treated me badly.

I have been turned down by schools.

I can't get health insurance or access social benefits.

We are being left behind due to:

- Lack of legal recognition of transgender people's affirmed gender, which prevents them from accessing services in their self-affirmed gender identity
- Lack of laws and policies that protect against discrimination on the grounds of gender identity and expression
- Laws encouraging discrimination and violence towards transgender people, such as bans on cross-dressing
- Inadequate laws, policies and programmes ensuring access to justice for transgender people
- Legal prohibitions on sex reassignment surgery