

# EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BULLETIN

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## Equalize-World Aids Day ,December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

The inequalities which perpetuate the AIDS pandemic are not inevitable; we can tackle them. This World AIDS Day, 1 December, UNAIDS is urging each of us to address the inequalities which are holding back progress in ending AIDS.

The “Equalize” slogan is a call to action. It is a prompt for all of us to work for the proven practical actions needed to address inequalities and help end AIDS. These include:

Increase availability, quality and suitability of services, for HIV treatment, testing and prevention, so that everyone is well-served. Reform laws, policies and practices to tackle the stigma and exclusion faced by people living with HIV and by key and marginalized populations, so that everyone is shown respect and is welcomed. Ensure the sharing of technology to enable equal access to the best HIV science, between communities and between the Global South and North.

Communities will be able to make use of and adapt the “Equalize” message to highlight the particular inequalities they face and to press for the actions needed to address them.

Data from UNAIDS on the global HIV response reveals that during the last two years of COVID-19 and other global crises, progress against the HIV pandemic has faltered, resources have shrunk, and millions of lives are at risk as a result.

Four decades into the HIV response, inequalities still persist for the most basic services like testing and treatment.

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, MOPH Teams up with UNAIDS and WHO to Raise Awareness About Ending HIV/AIDS and to seize the opportunity of World AIDS Day to call on people from all walks of life to learn more about HIV and AIDS and how it can be stopped.



## Tell a friend

Test for HIV. It's free, confidential & easy



World AIDS Day 2022



## EQUALIZE



Unite to end the inequalities holding back the end of AIDS

# HIV/AIDS Communicable Disease Center Stats

Number of HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed from 2000 to 2022 in Qatar



## 2022

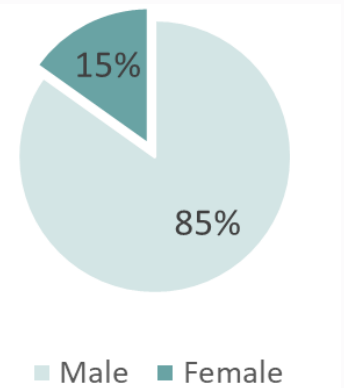
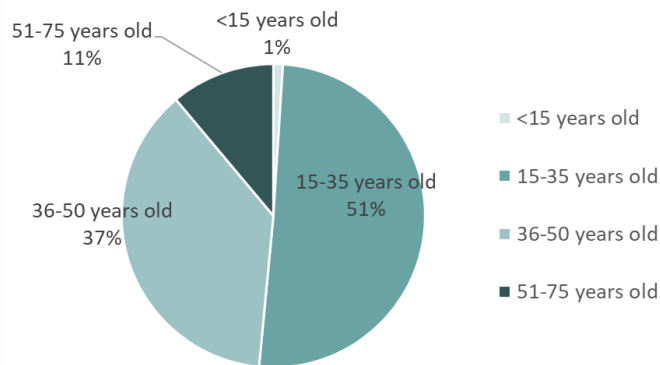
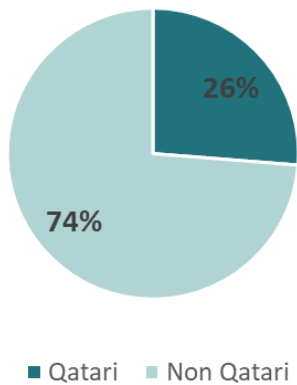
There were 101 new diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases in 2022. This rise in number is most probably due to National AIDS Program and the awareness campaigns, inviting people to get tested as we had many self-referred patients. The rise of number might also be related to people seeking care in Qatar and not traveling abroad due to COVID19 pandemic.

51% of the cases had an age range between 15 to 35 years old, followed by 36 to 50 years old (37%).

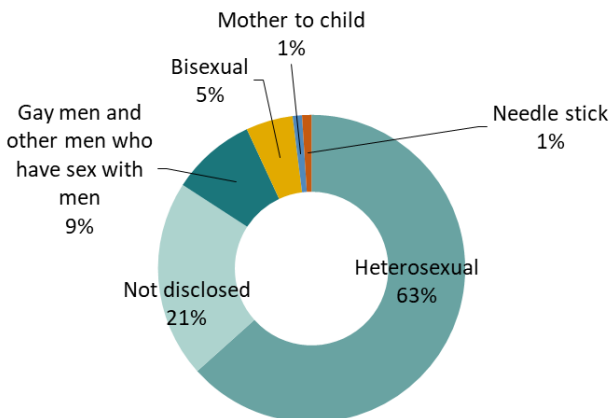
74% of the cases were non-nationals, from 23 different nationalities. Their median age was 34 years, min 16 months and 67 years max.

Male cases were more dominant (85%), with heterosexuality (63%) as main mode of transfer.

99% were diagnosed as HIV cases, 1% as AIDS case.



Distribution of new HIV infections by population 2022



Disease classification

