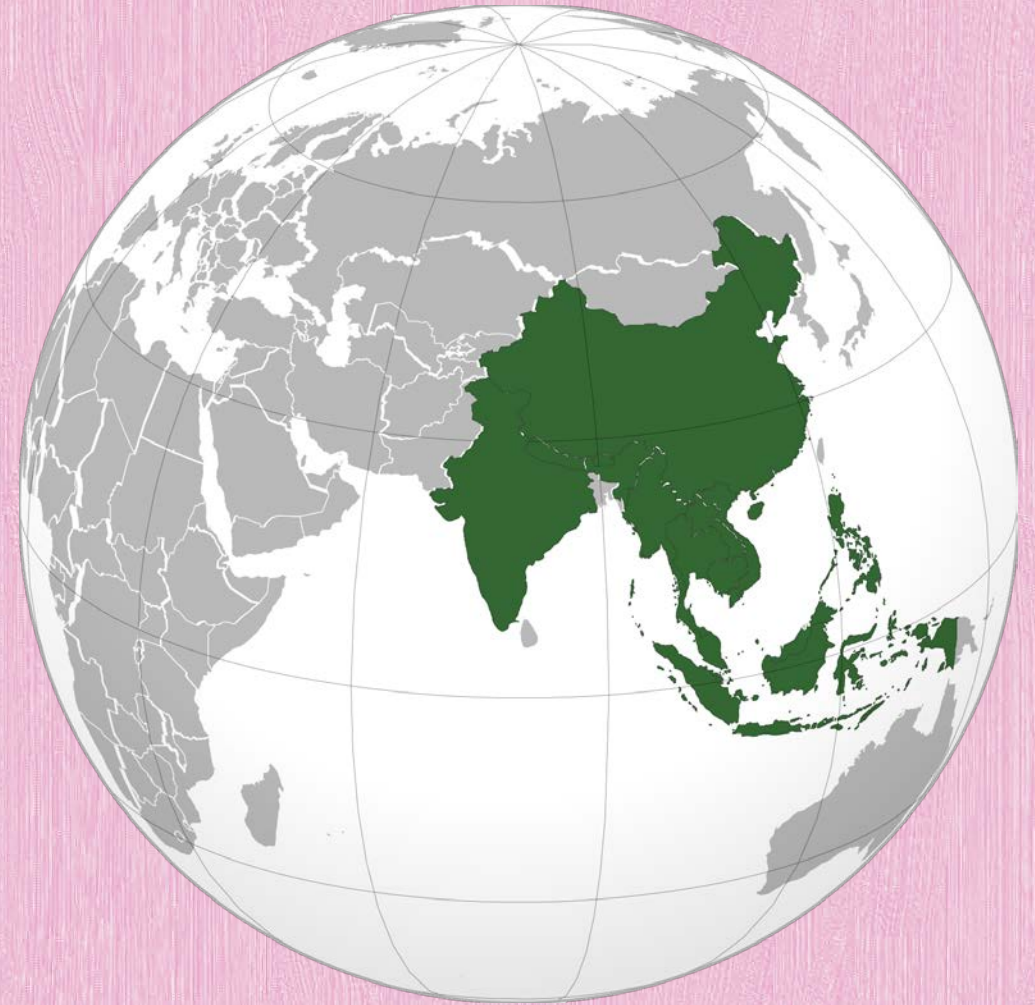


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Q2 2025 Report



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Semi-Annual Results

Q1-Q2, 2025

Asia Bureau: Snapshot, Q1-Q2 2025



Annual Condom Target

8,600,076

Condoms Distributed

3,515,052

(40.9%)



Annual HIV Testing Target

828,964

People tested

458,718 (55.3%)

with a positivity rate of **3.1%**



Annual HIV Positives Target

30,718

Positives identified

14,316 (46.6%)

% positives linked **87.5%**

HIV Care and Treatment



Annual Treatment
Census Target

393,266



364,412 (92.7%)

PLHIVs in care

NUMBER OF FACILITIES

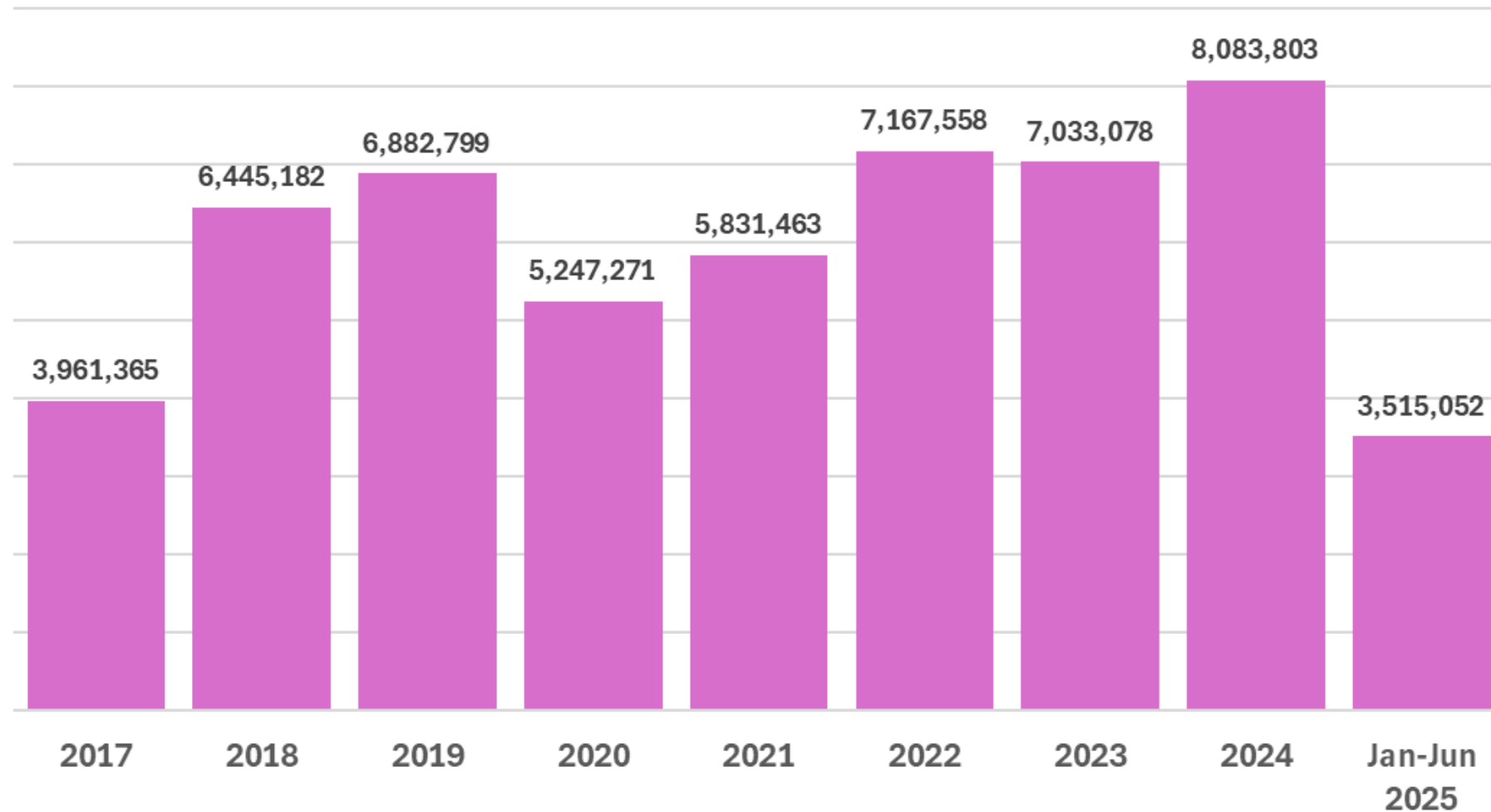


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HIV Care & Treatment
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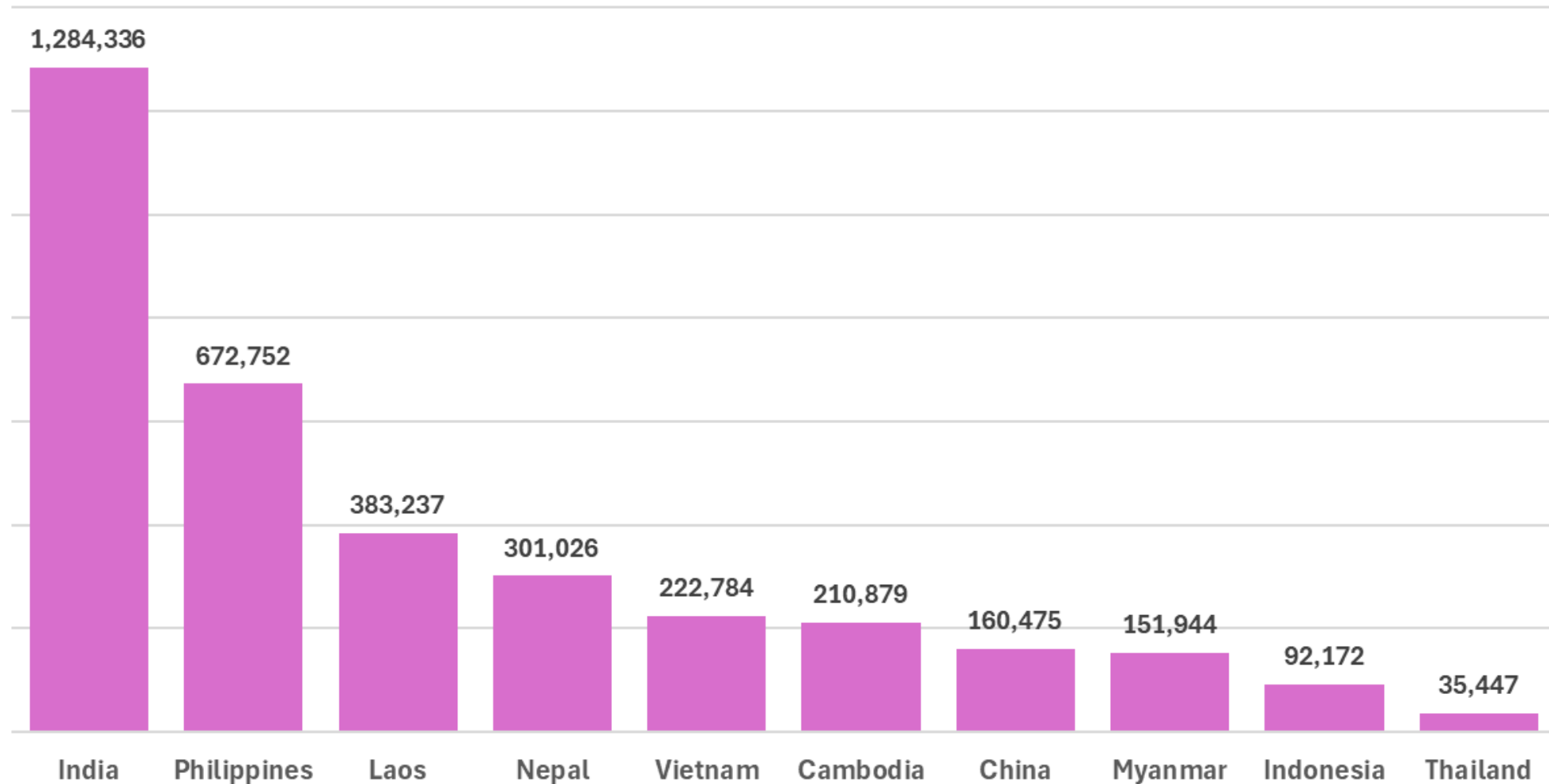
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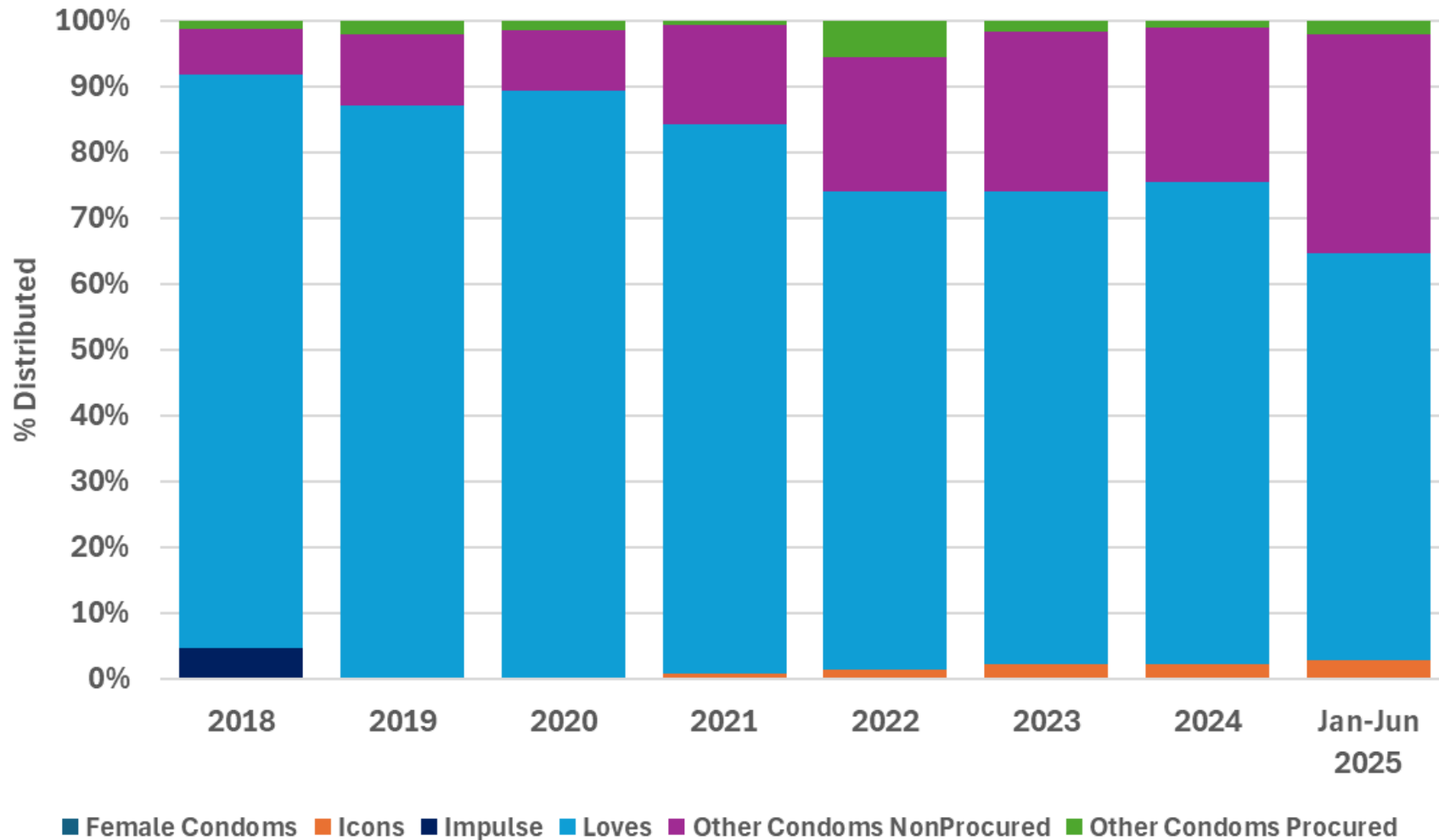
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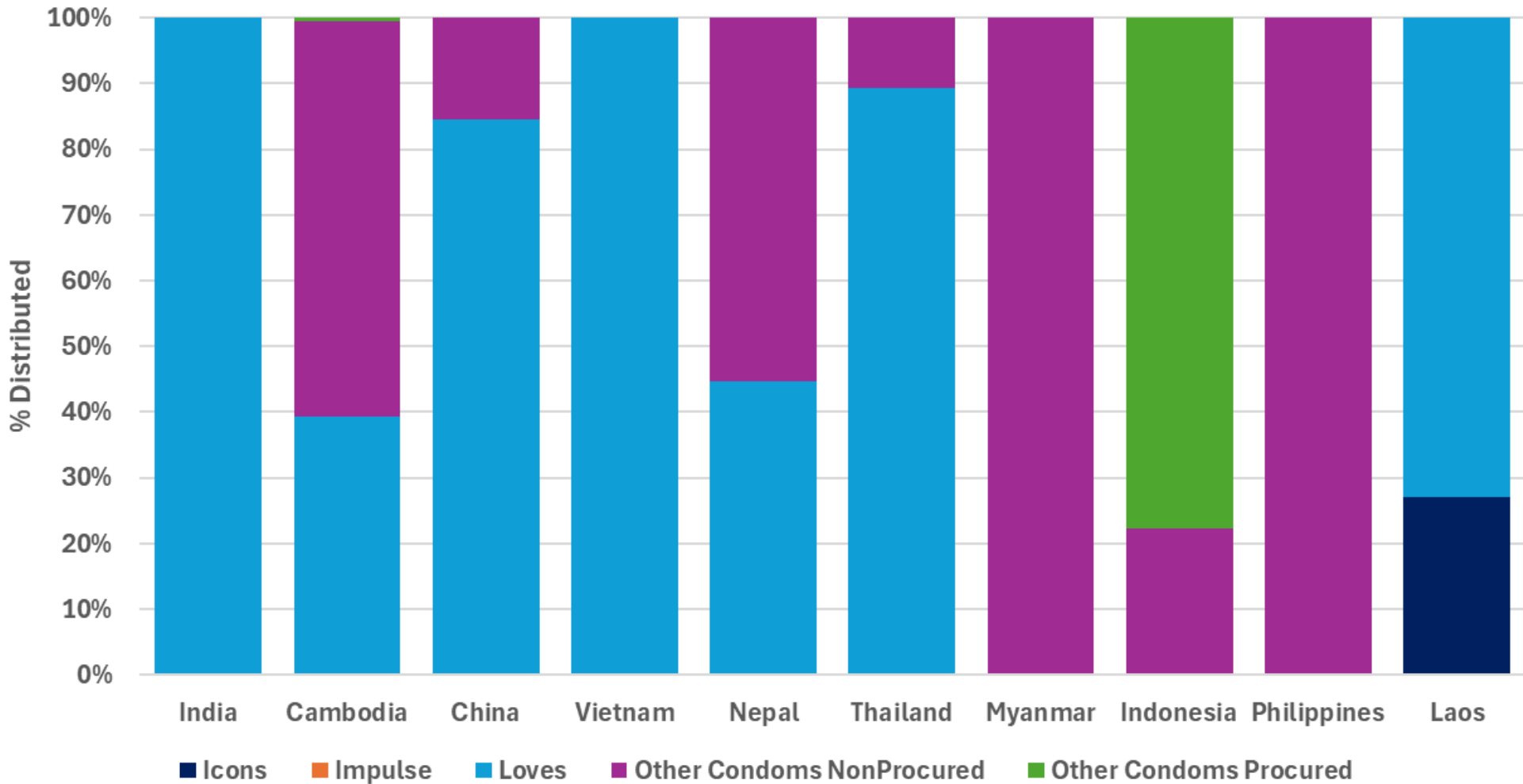
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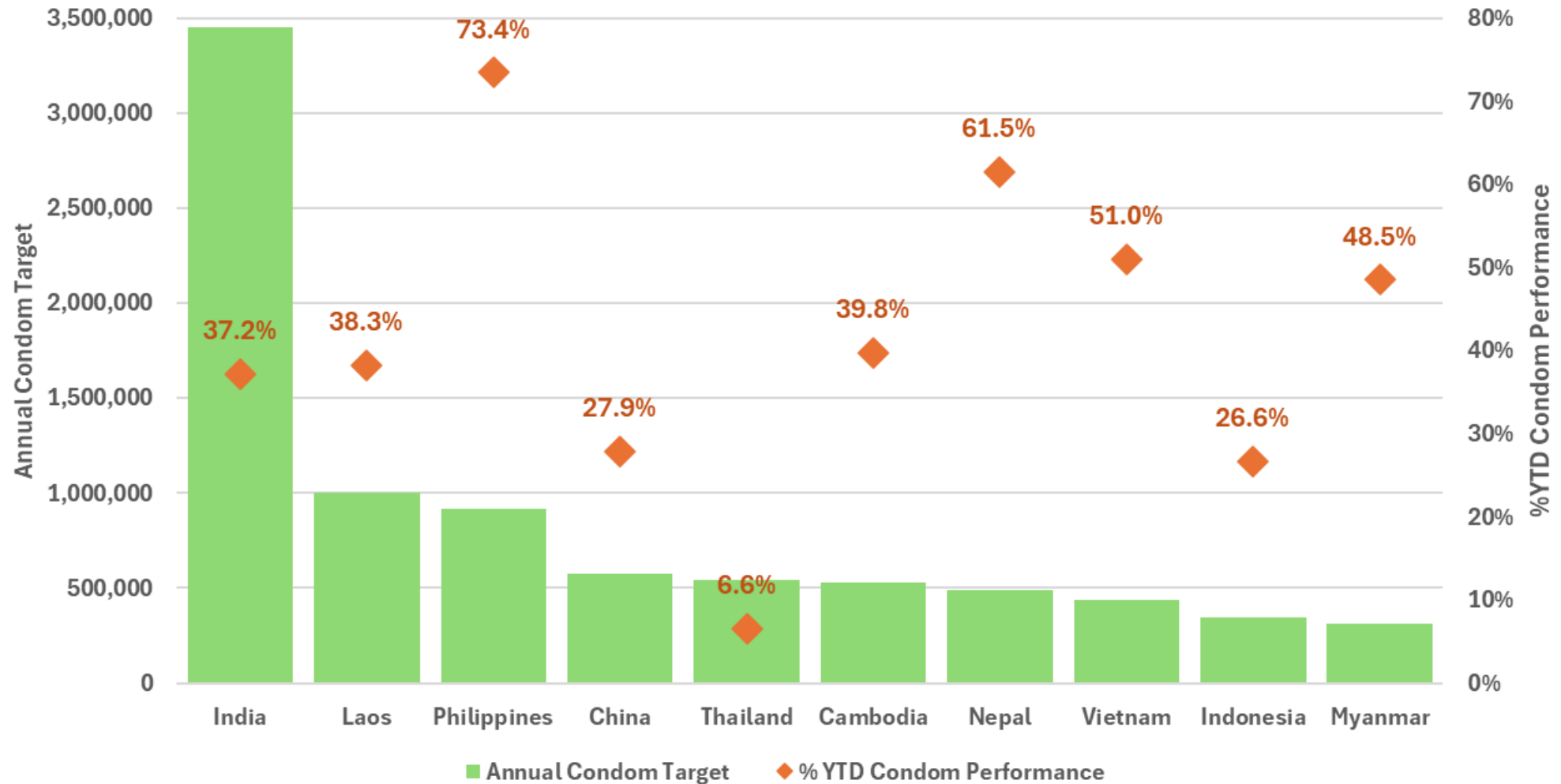
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Condoms Distribution

Performance against 2025 condom distribution target by country, Jan-Jun 2025



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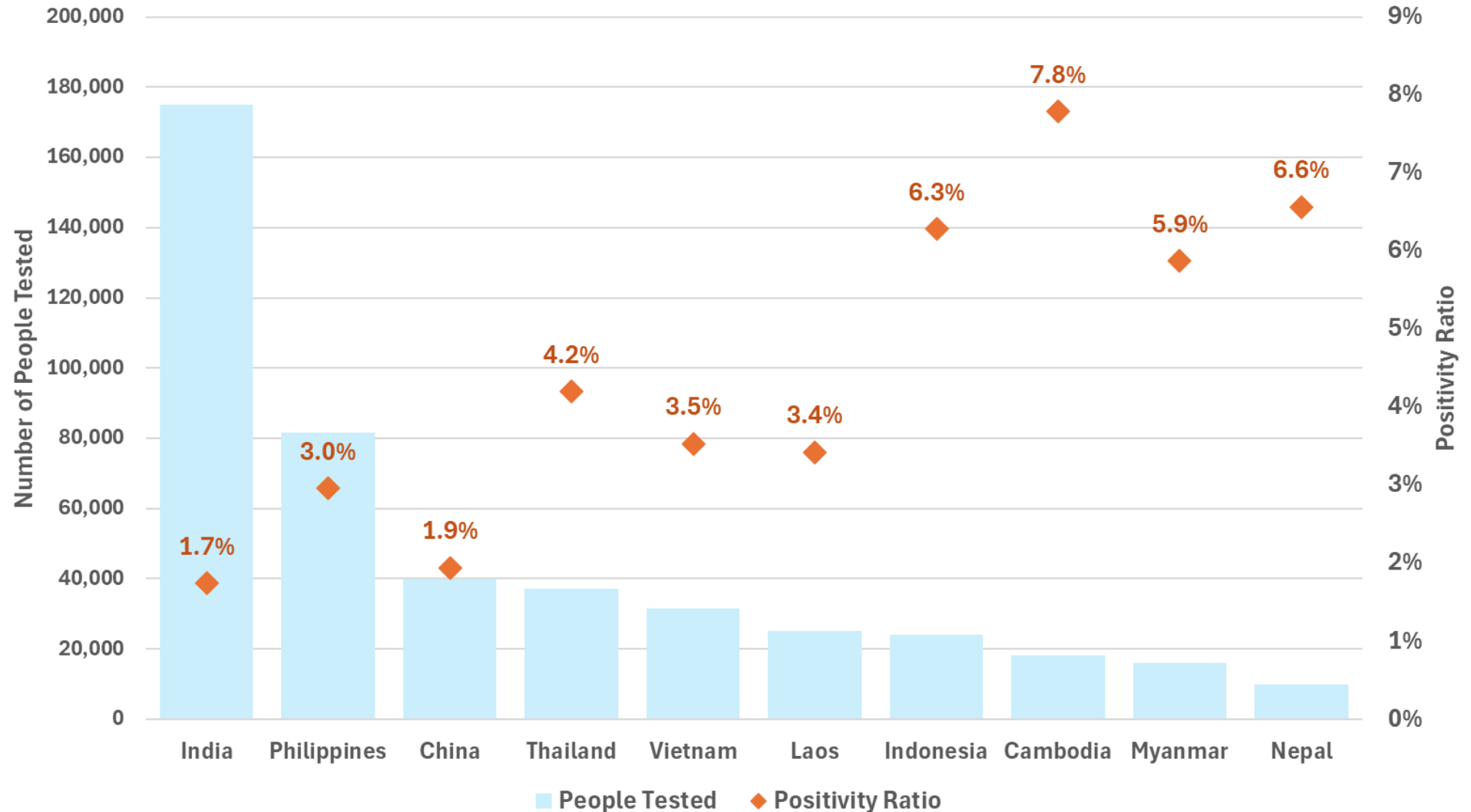
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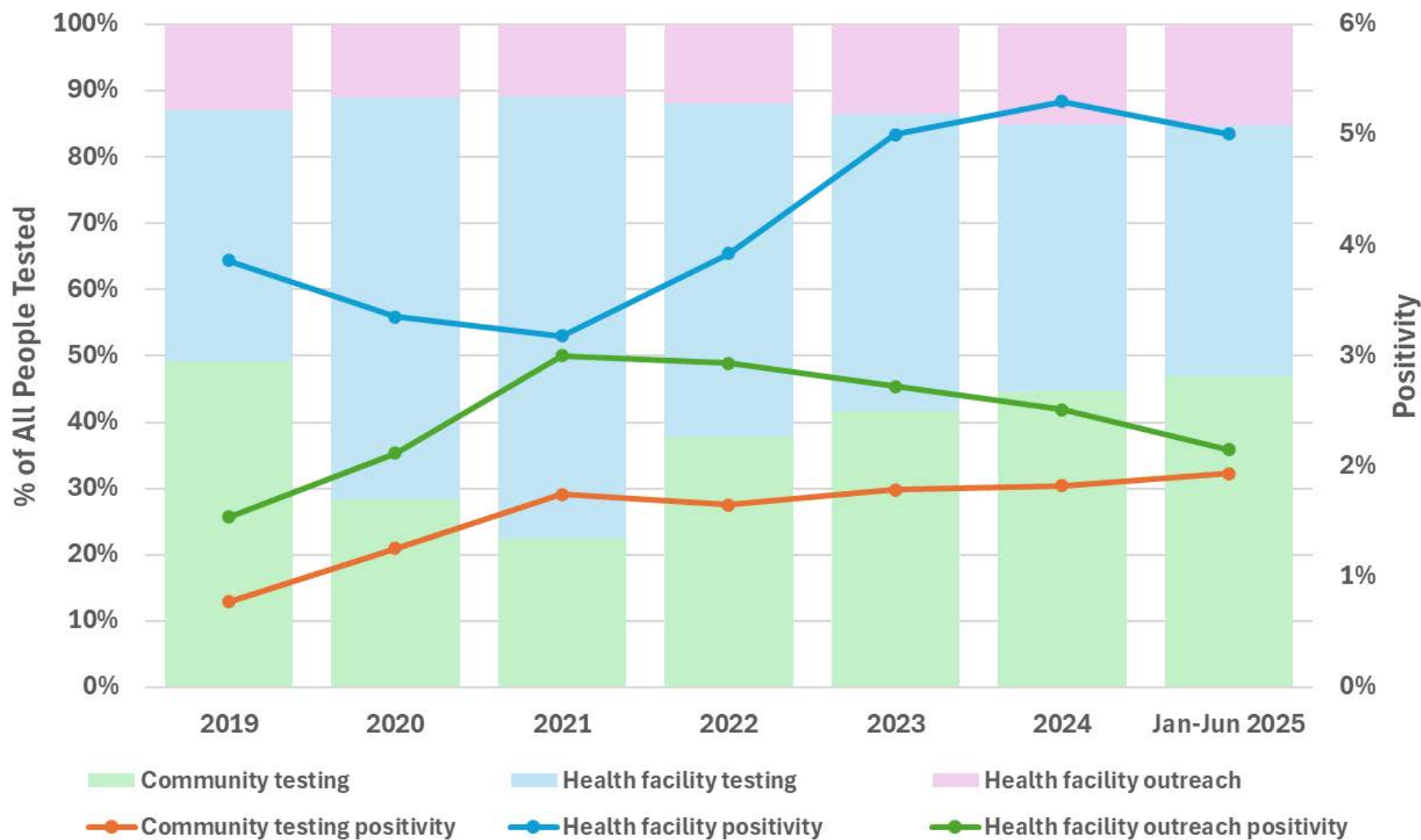
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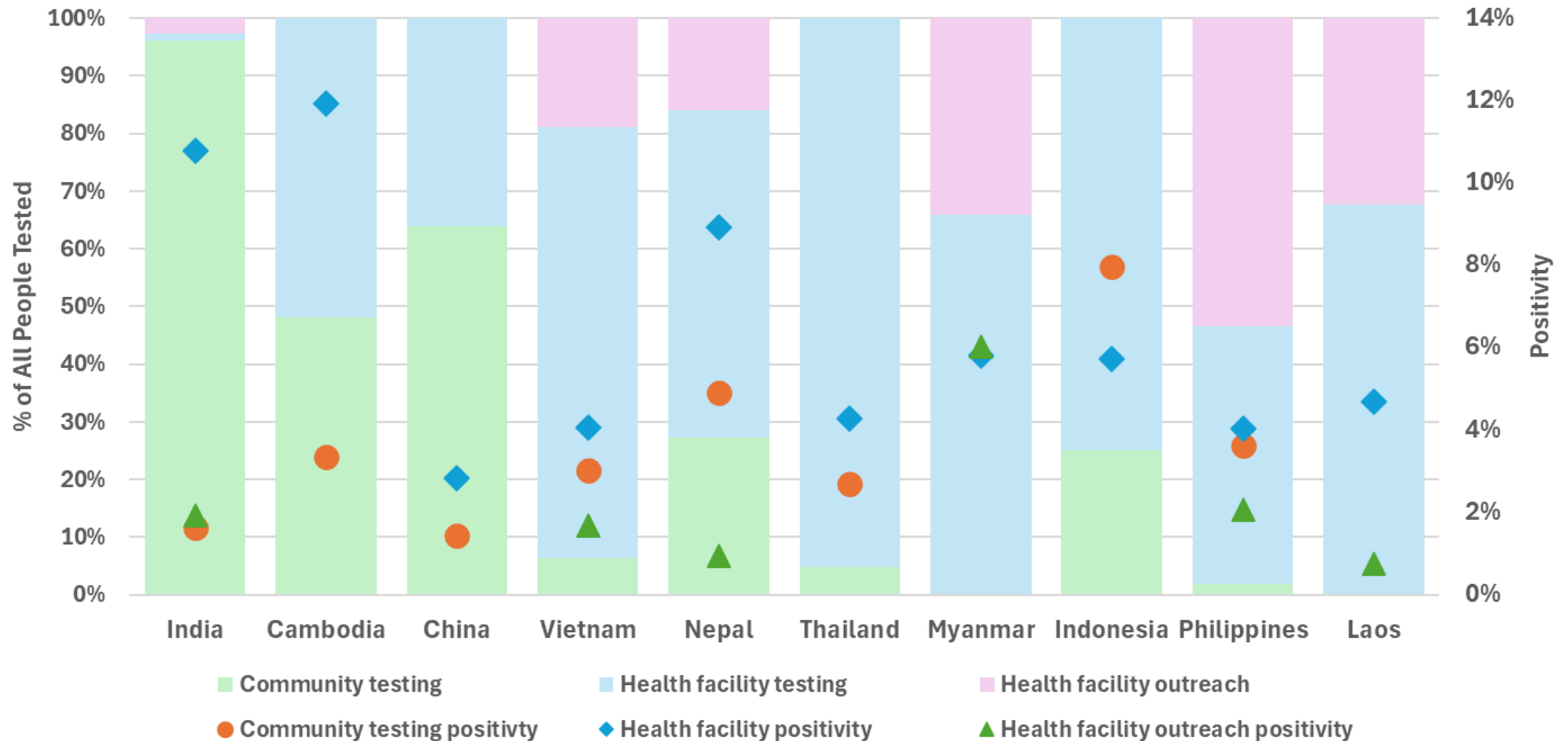
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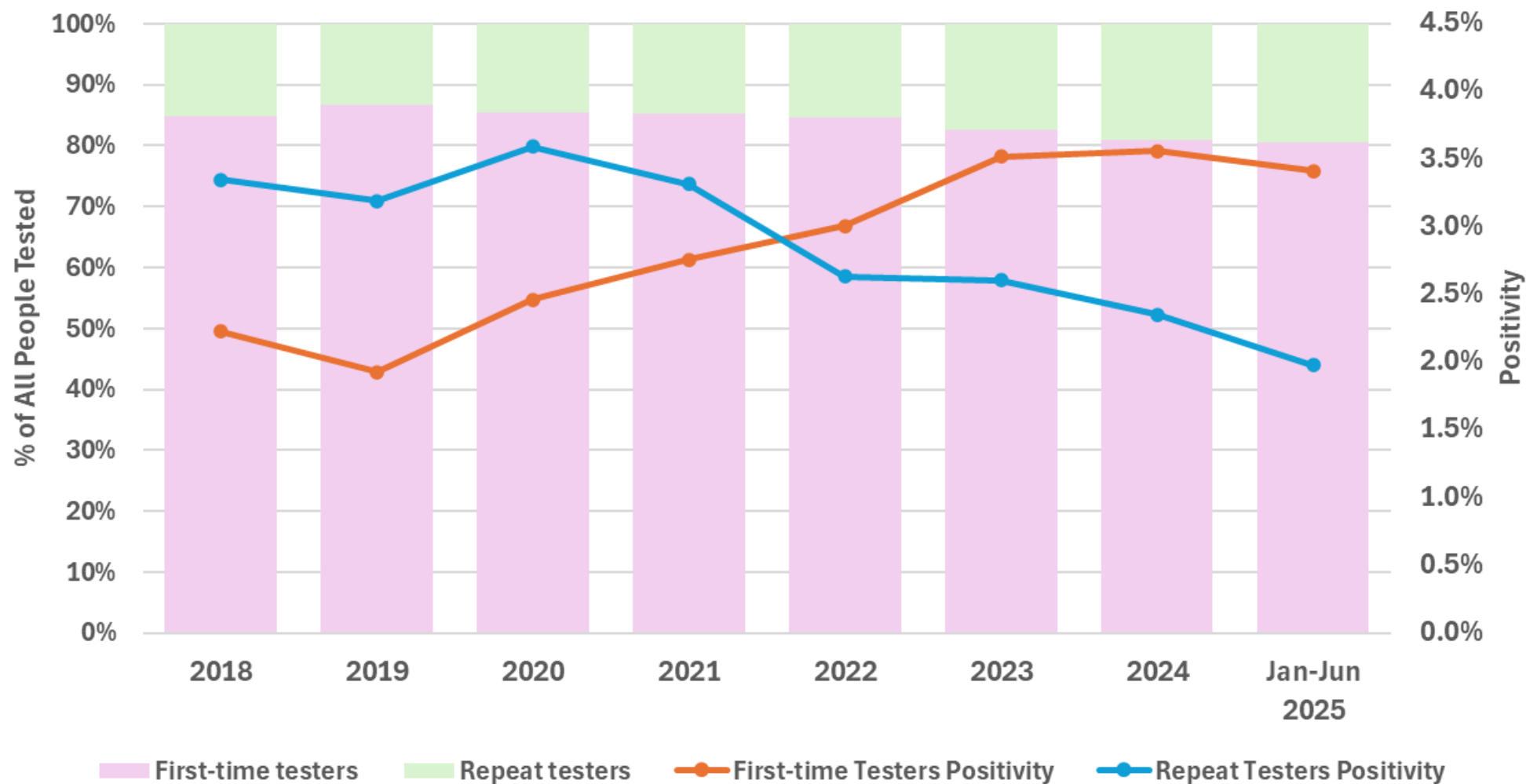
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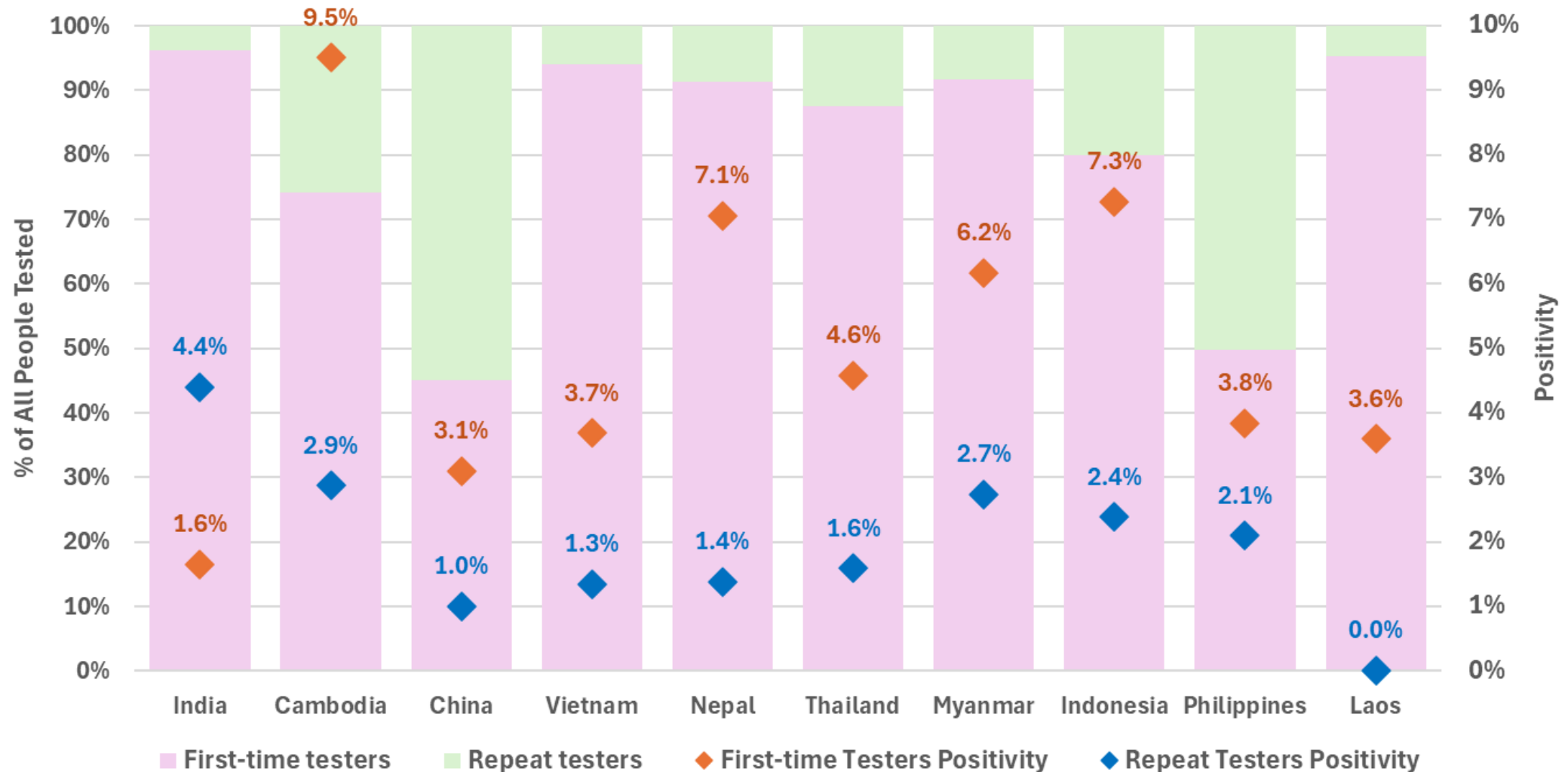
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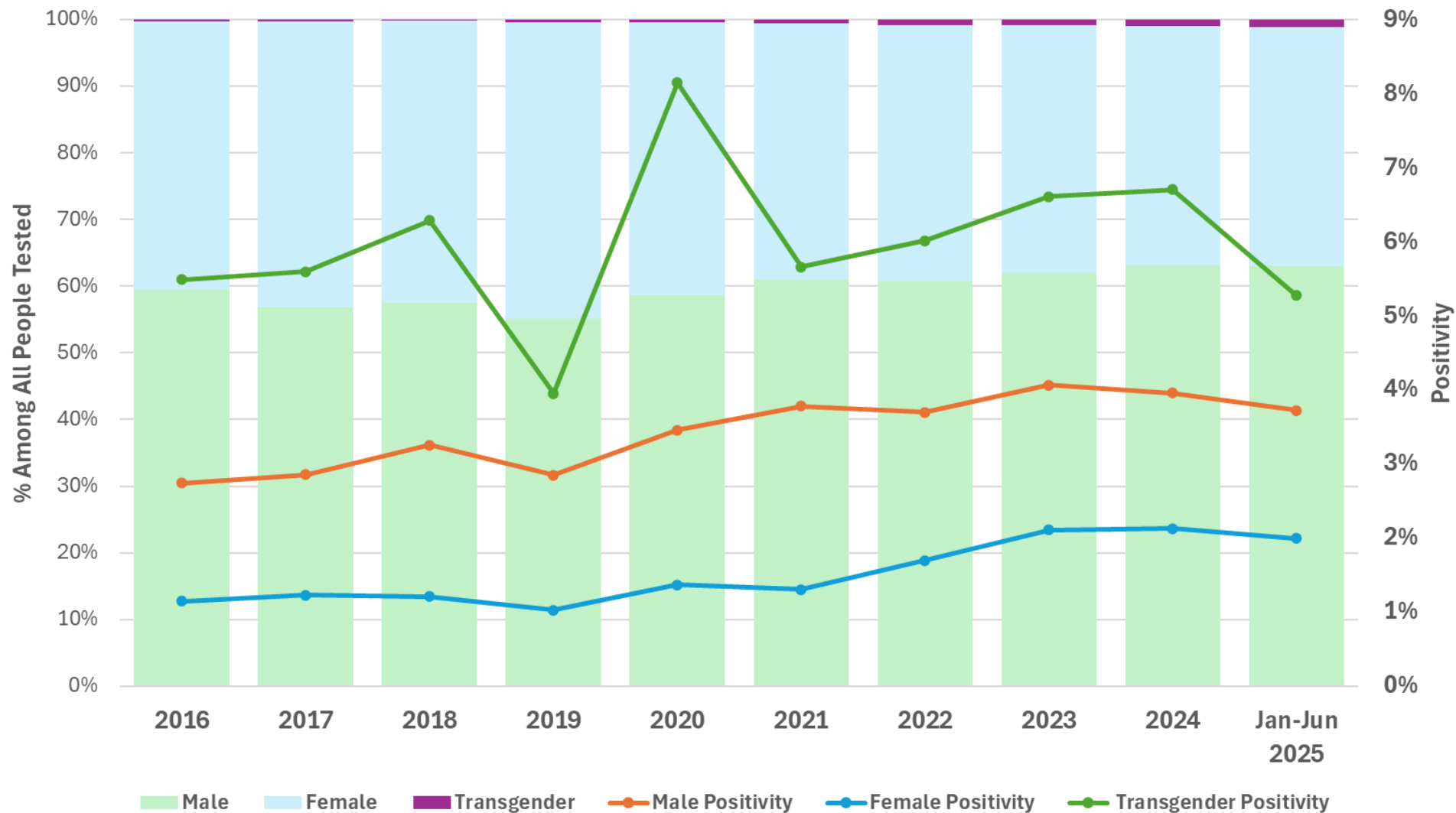
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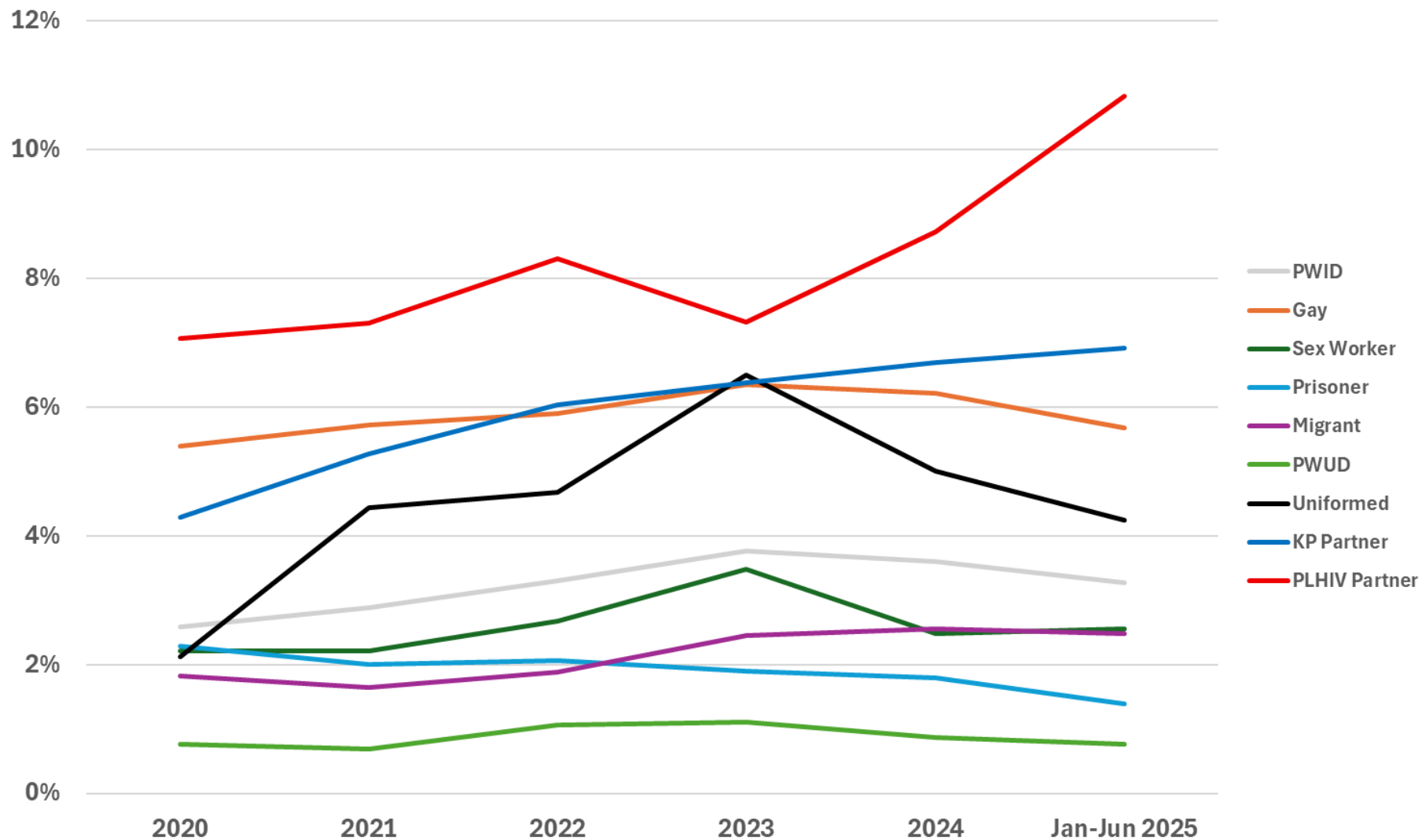
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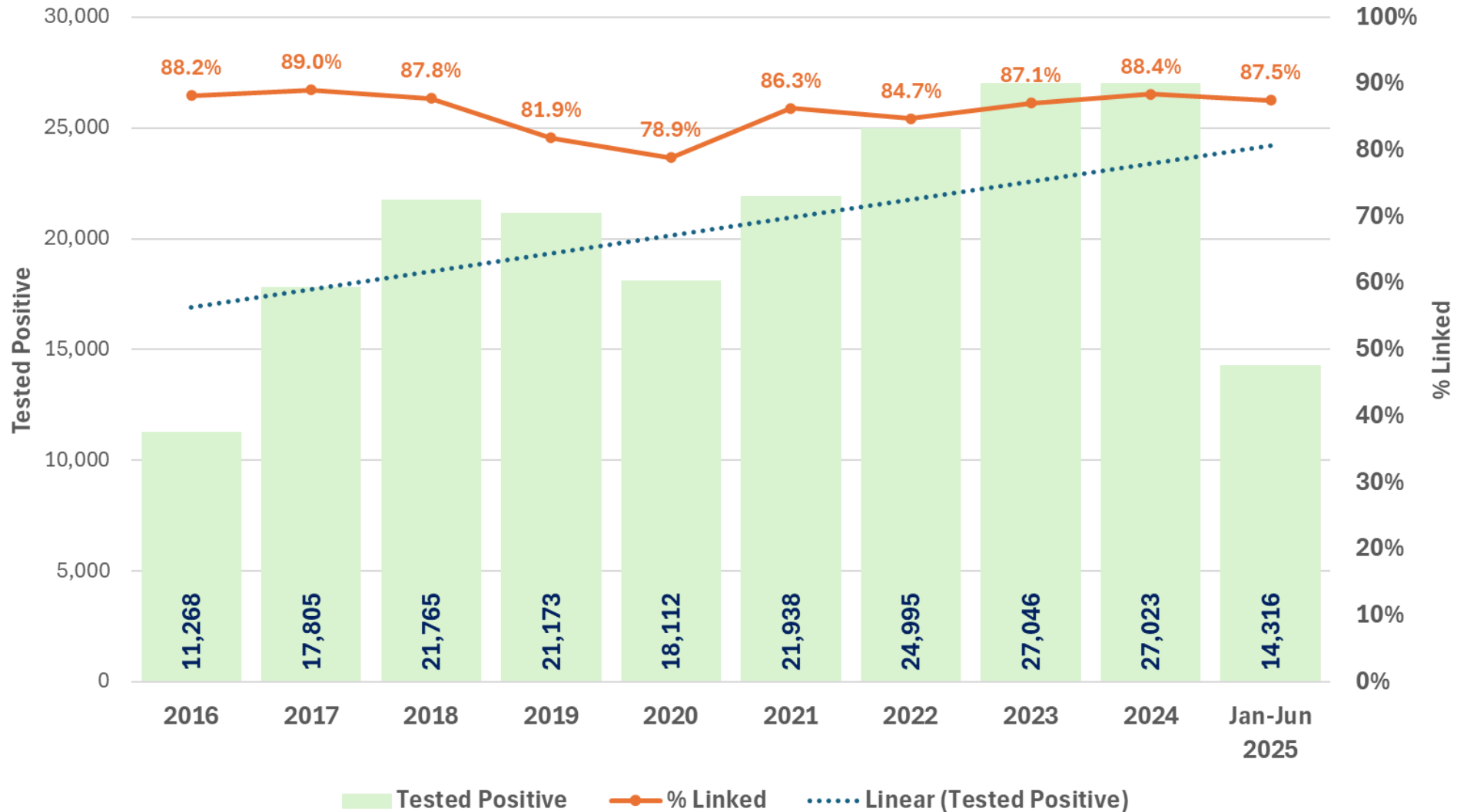
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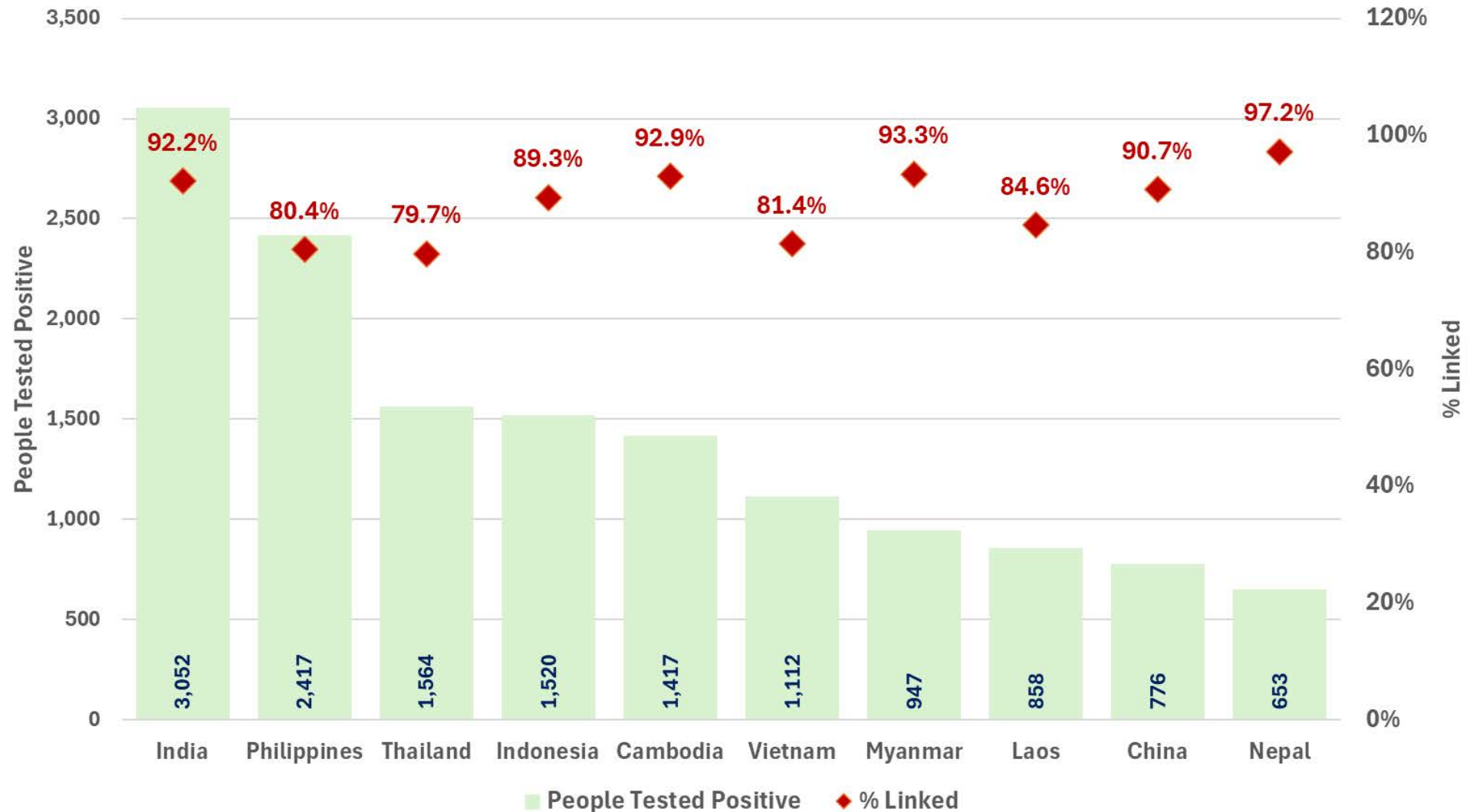
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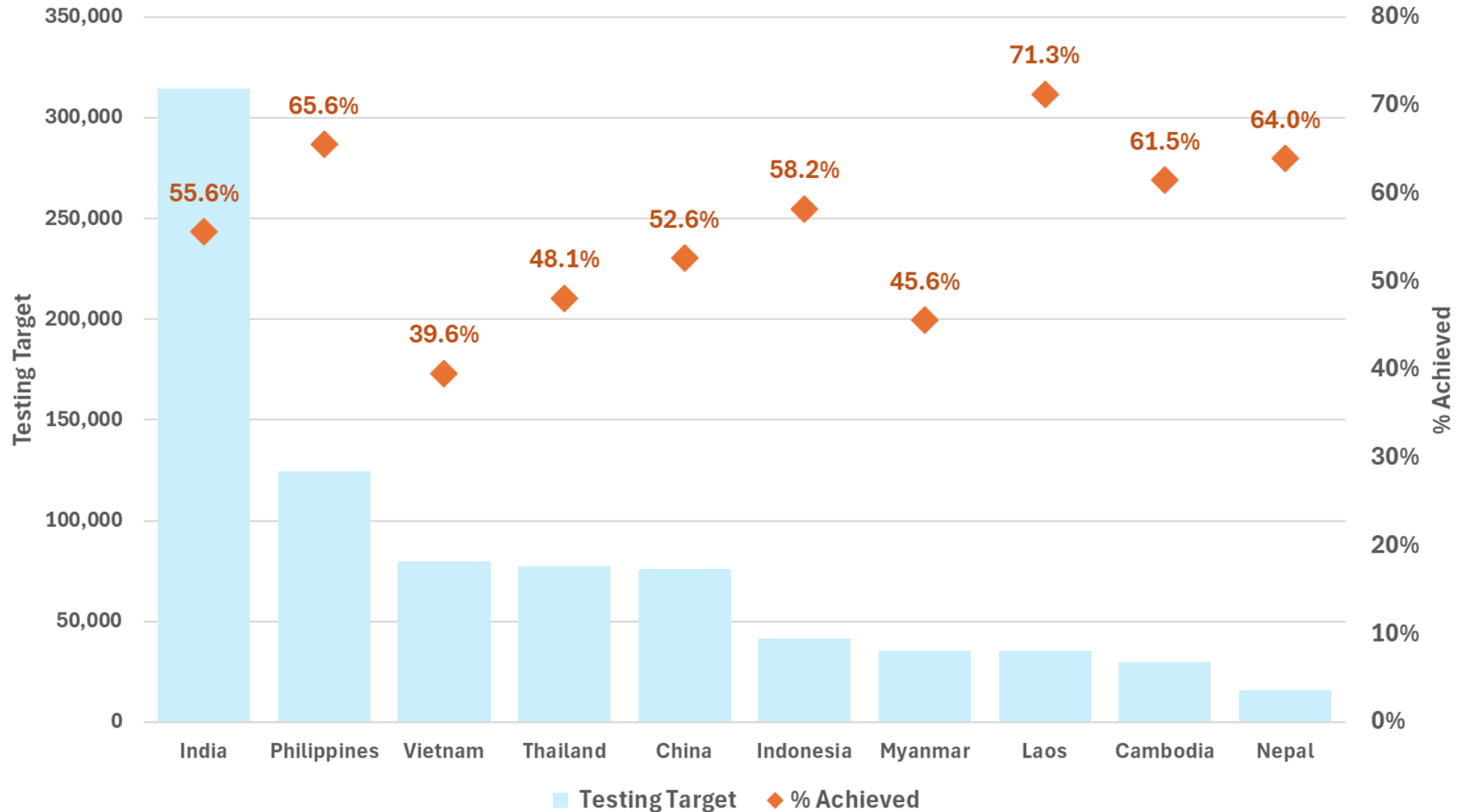
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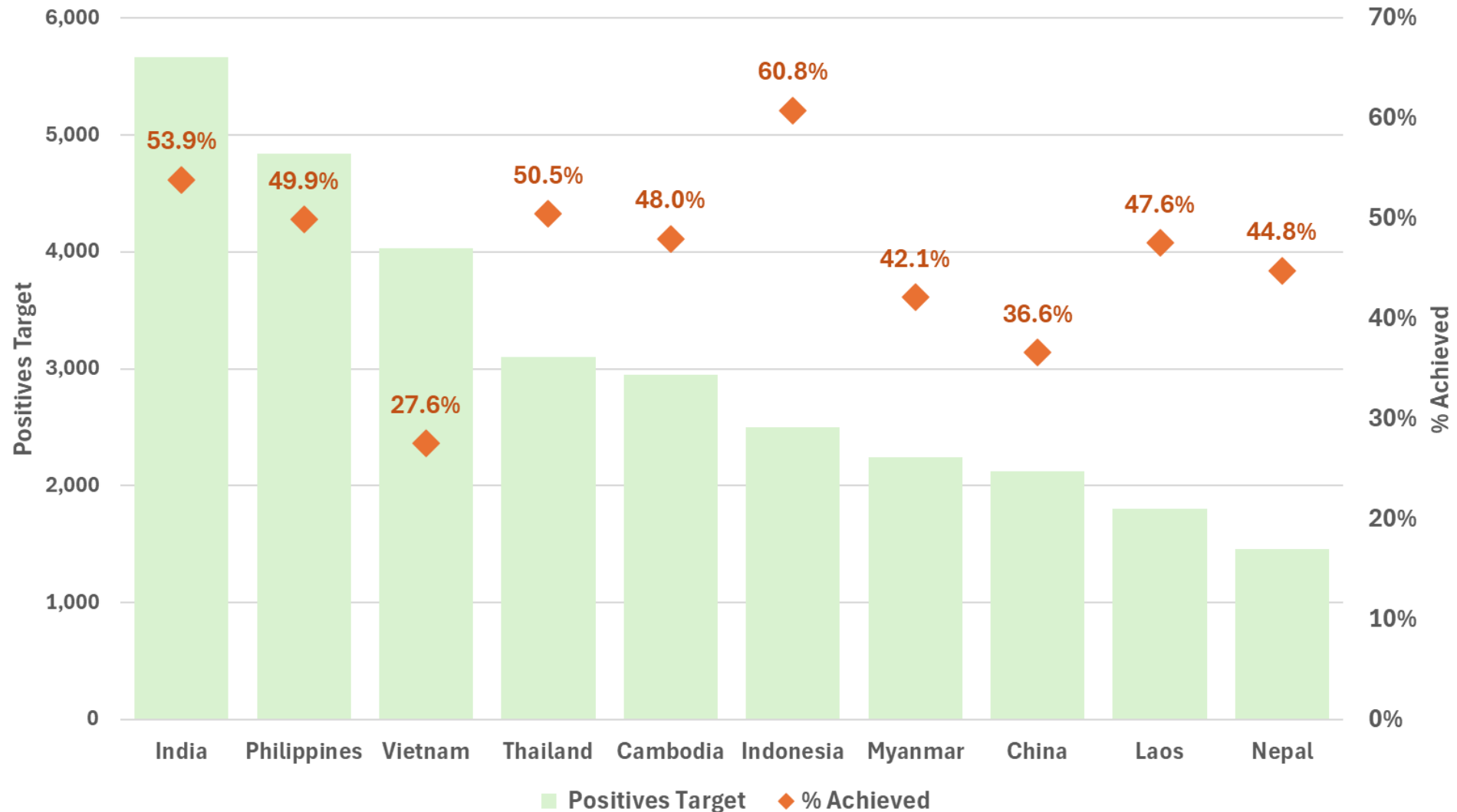
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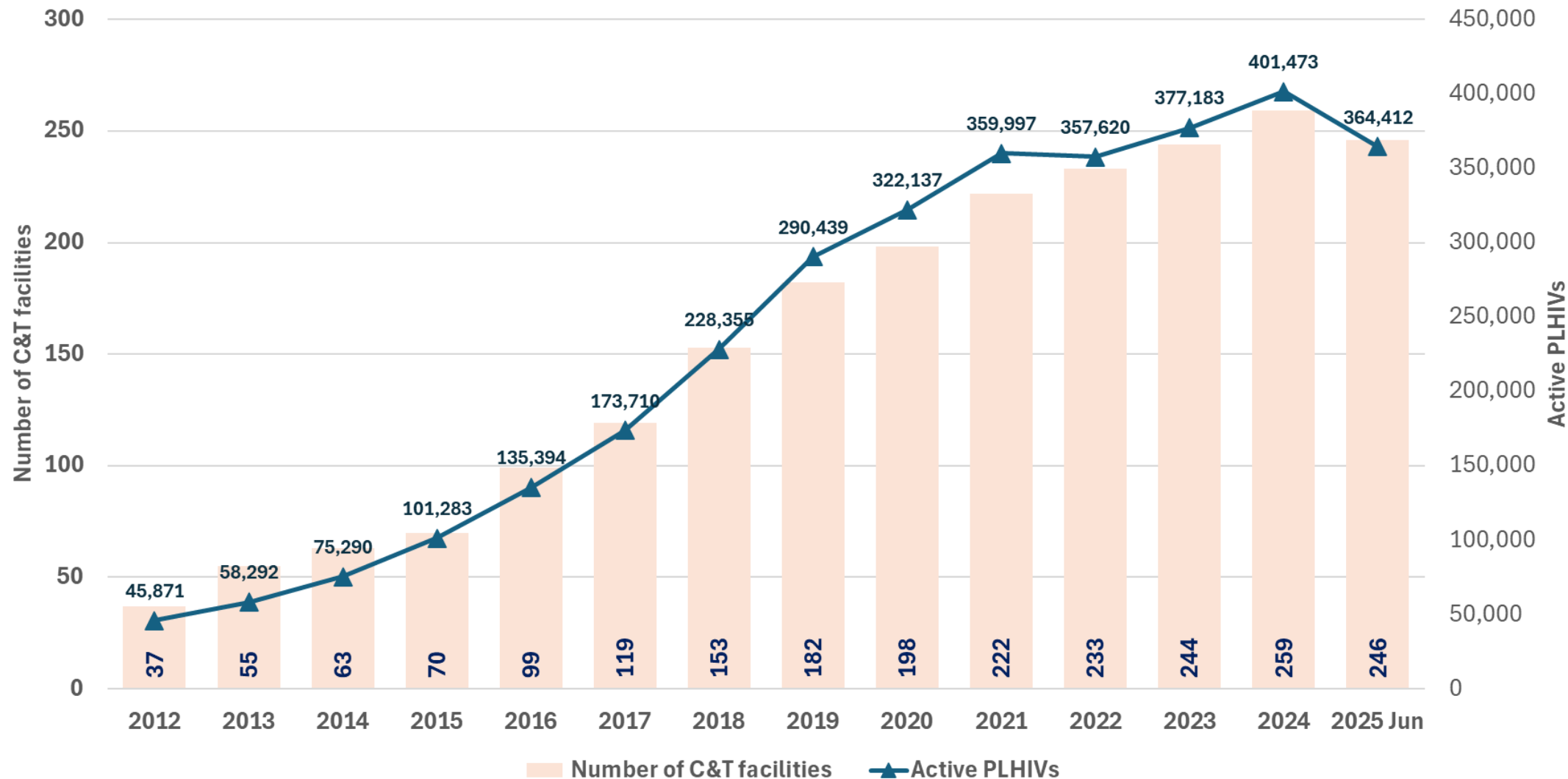
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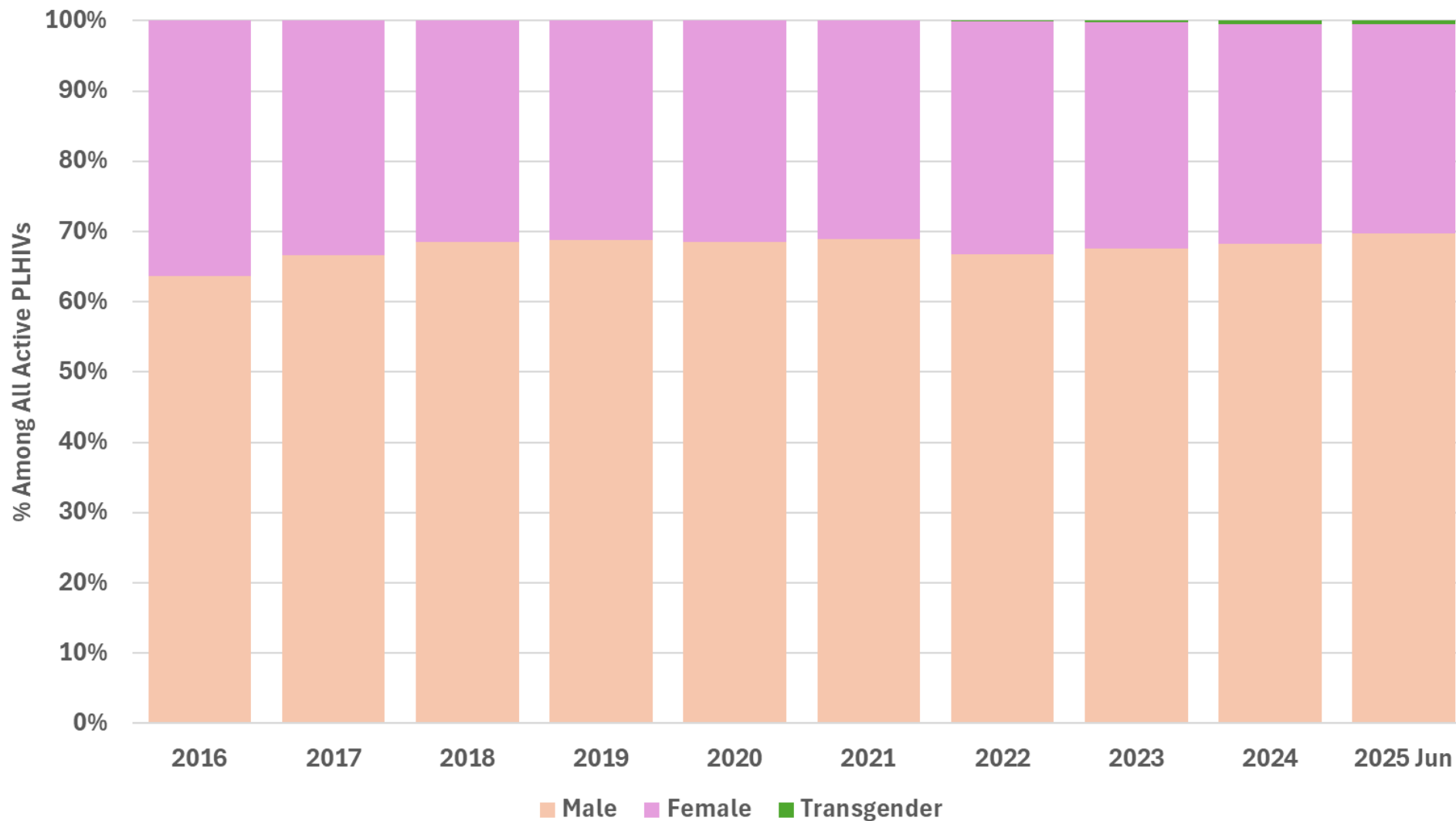
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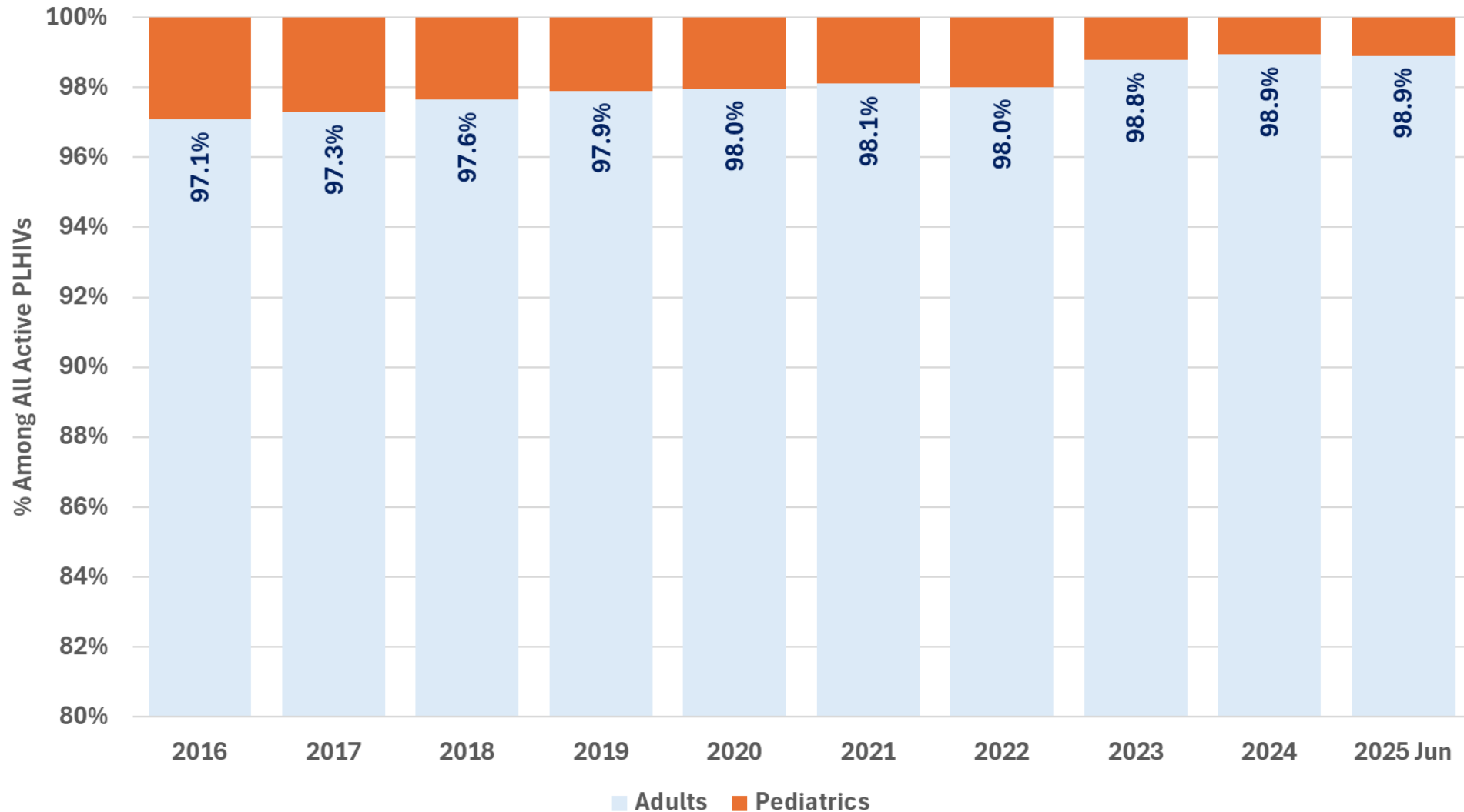
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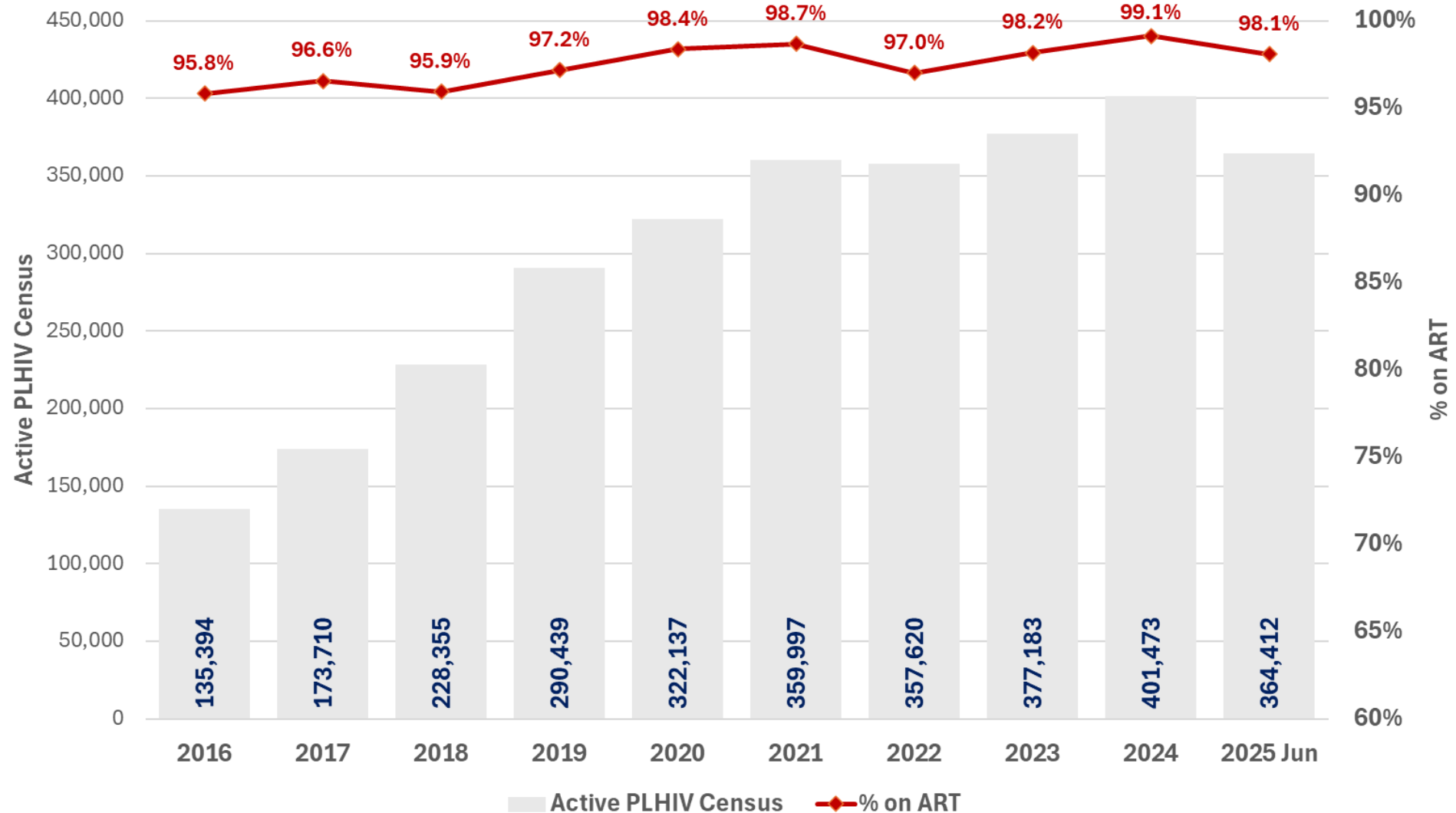
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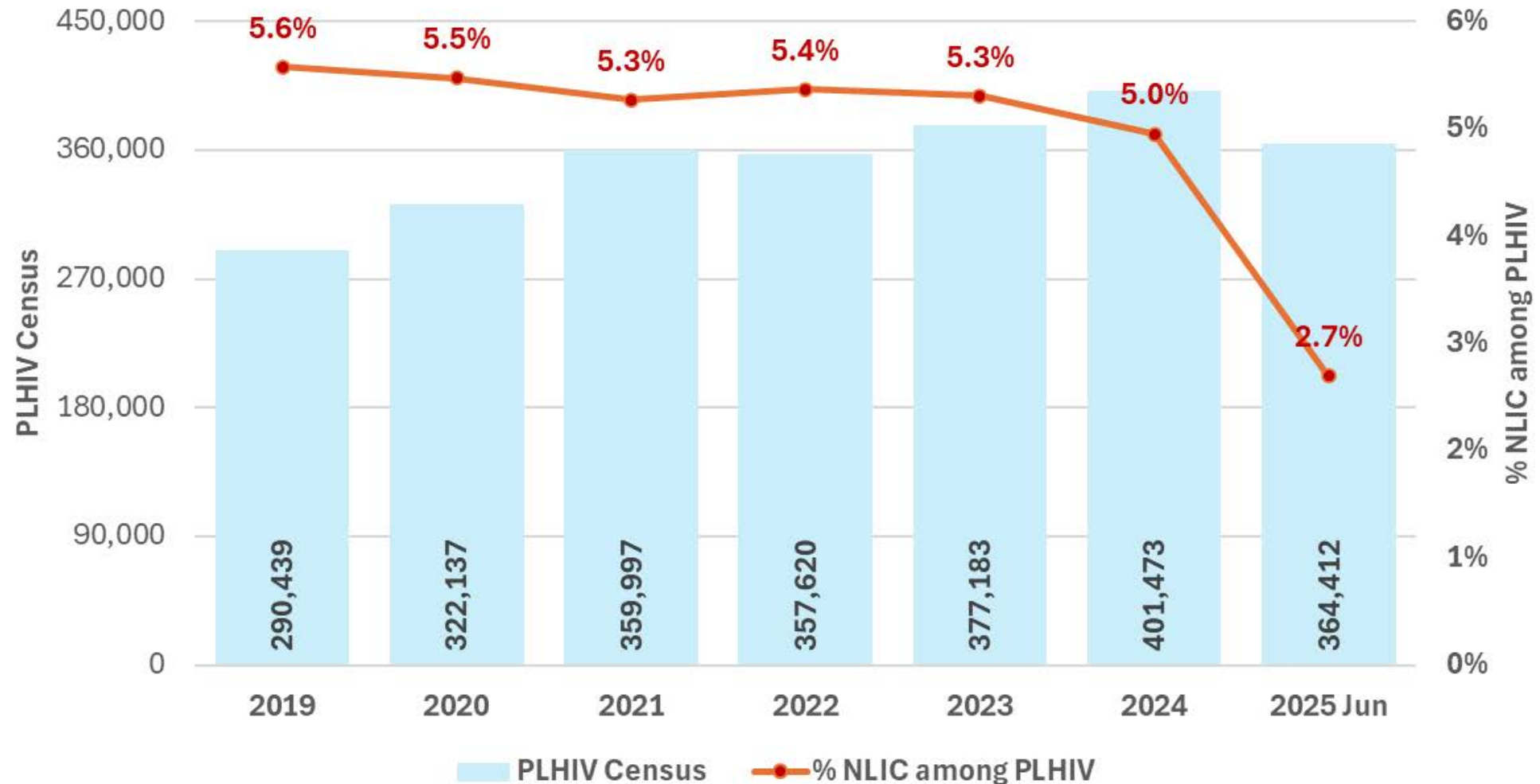
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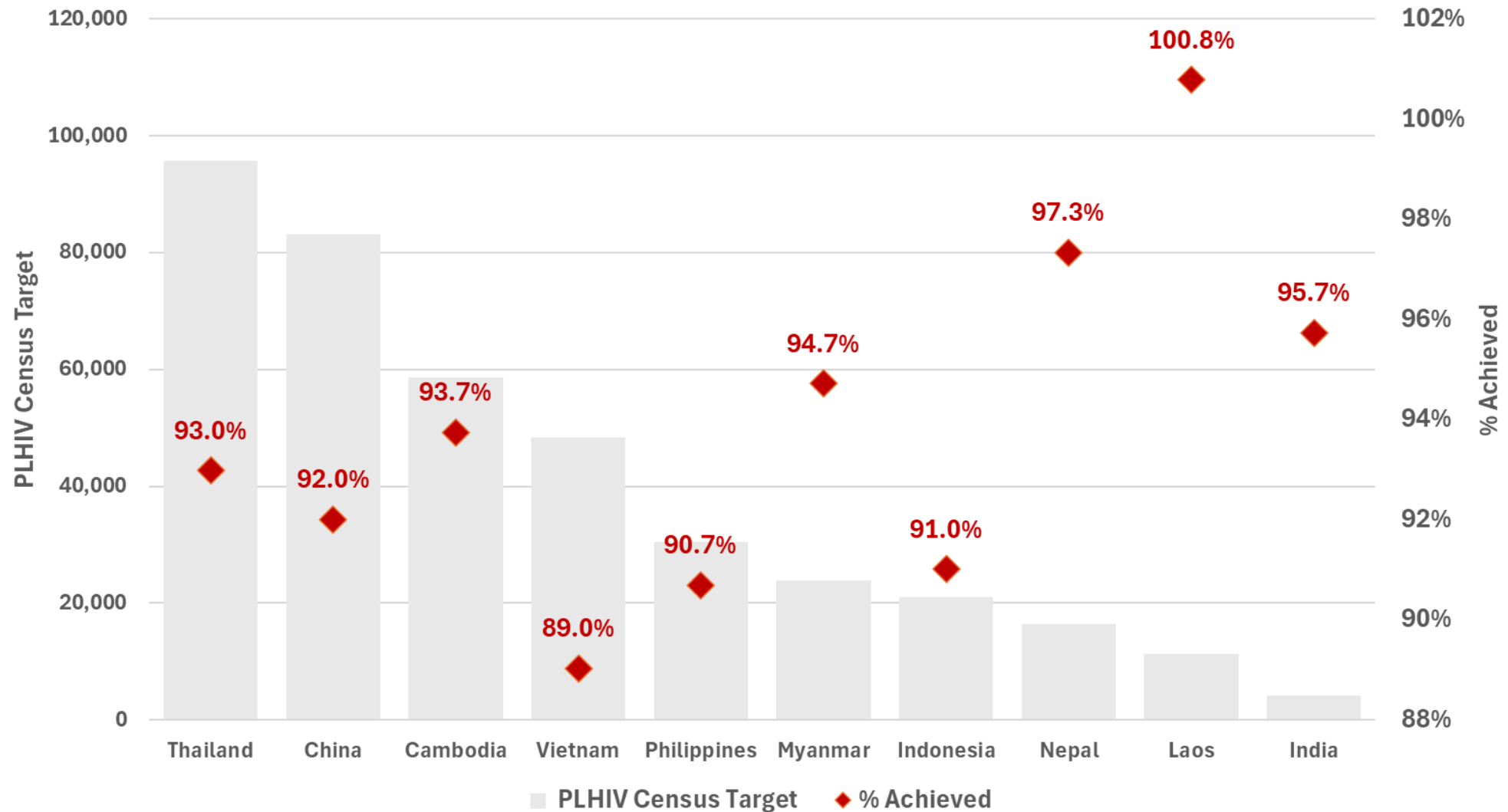
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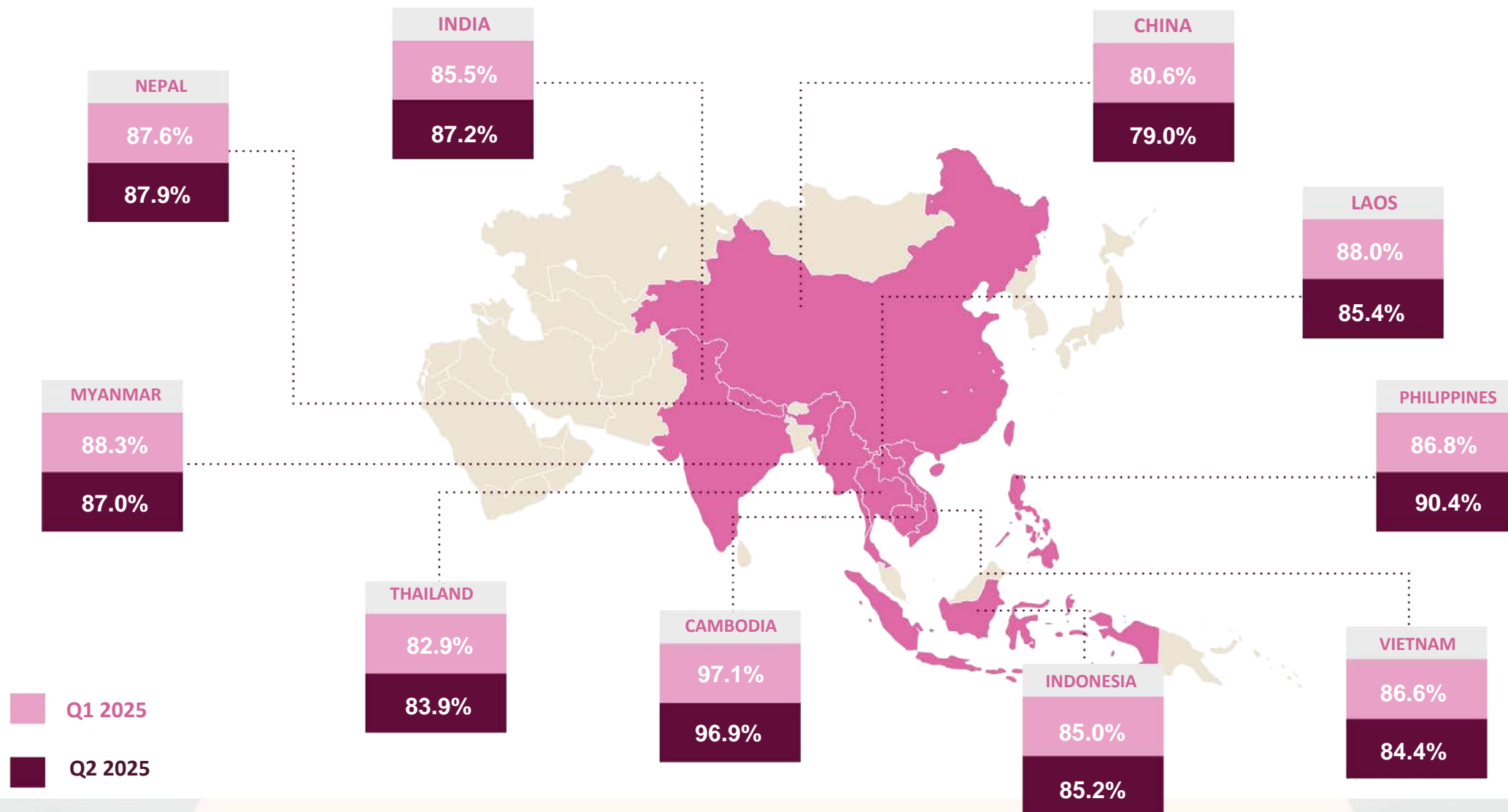
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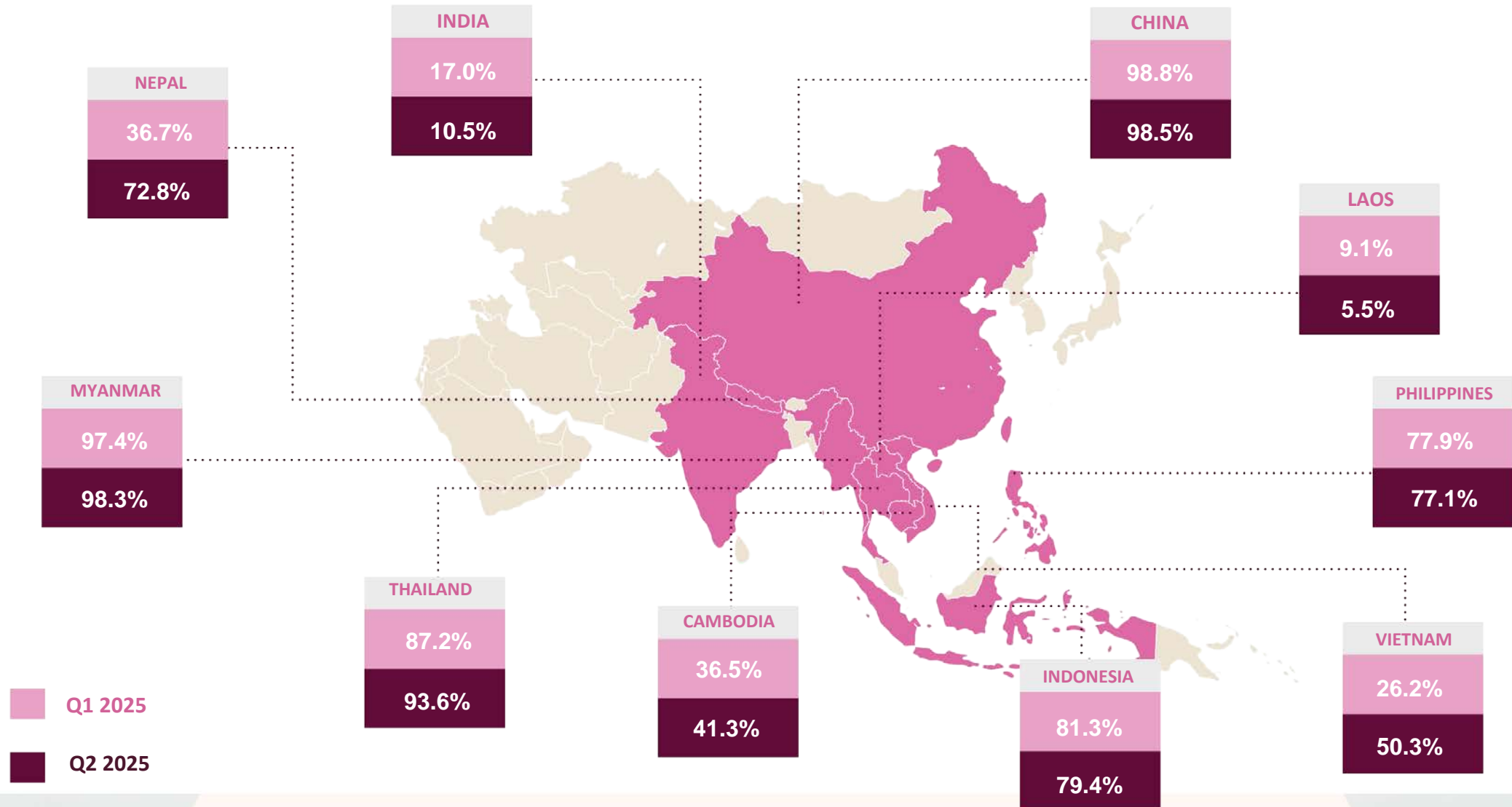
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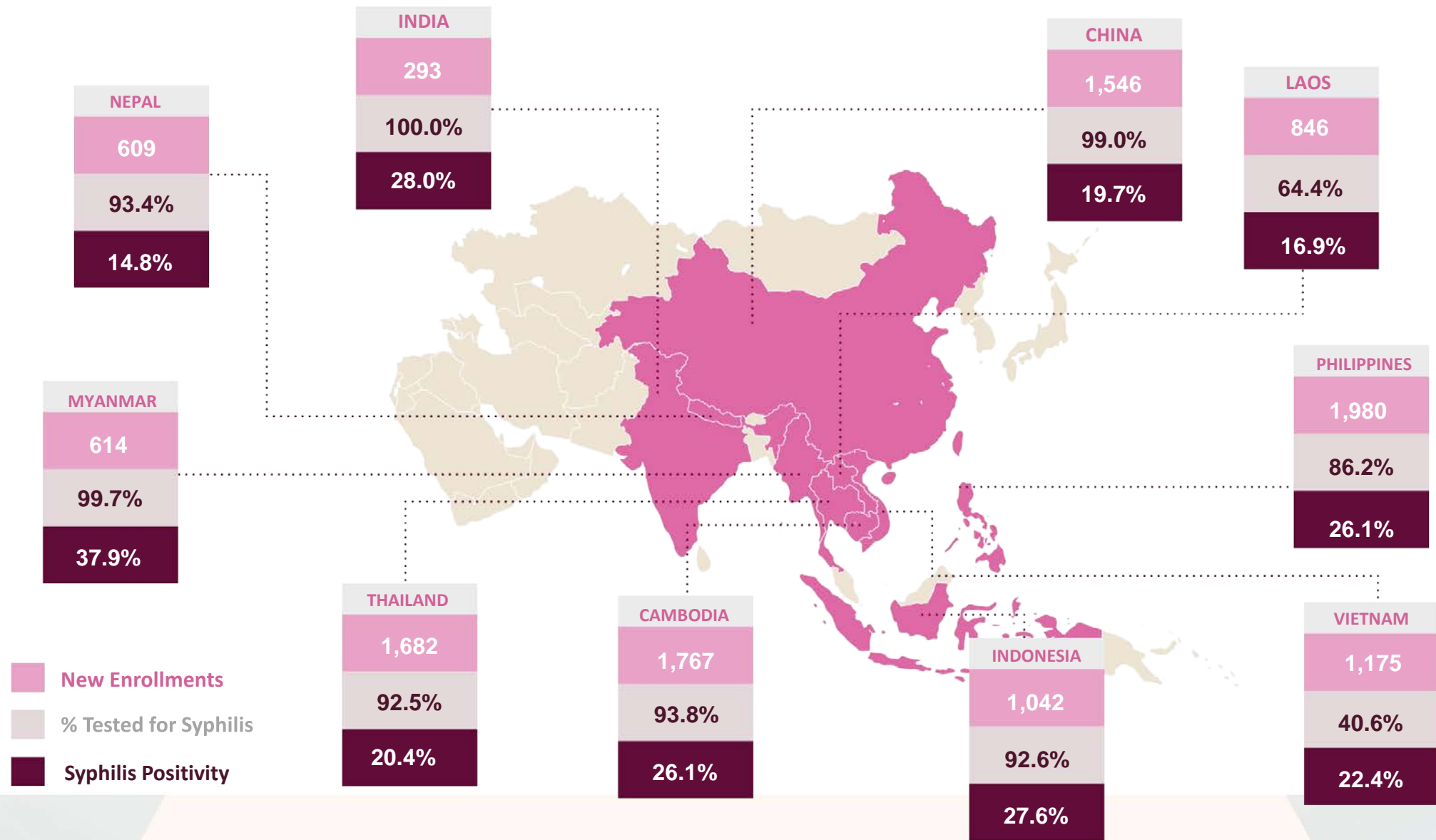
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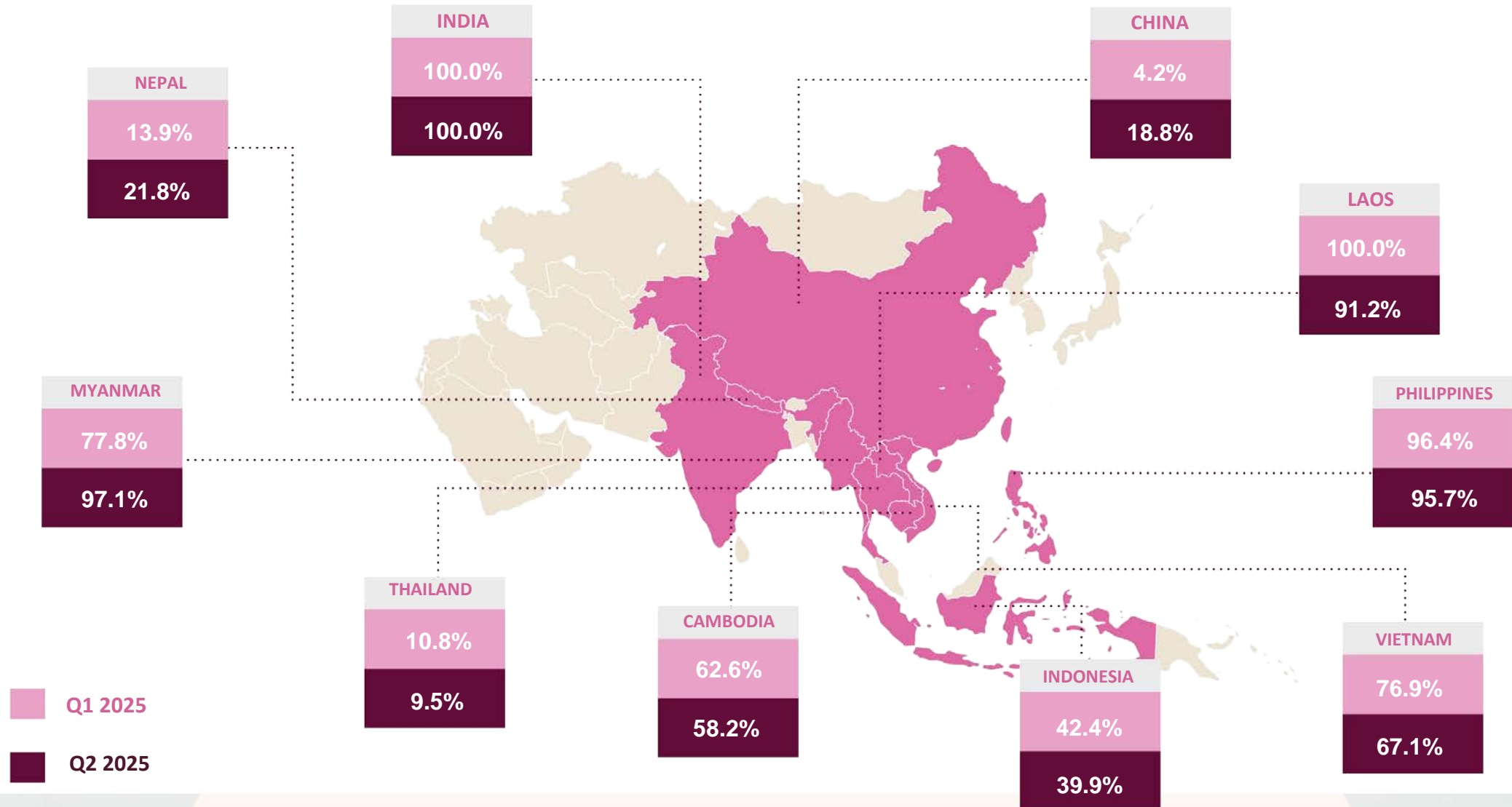
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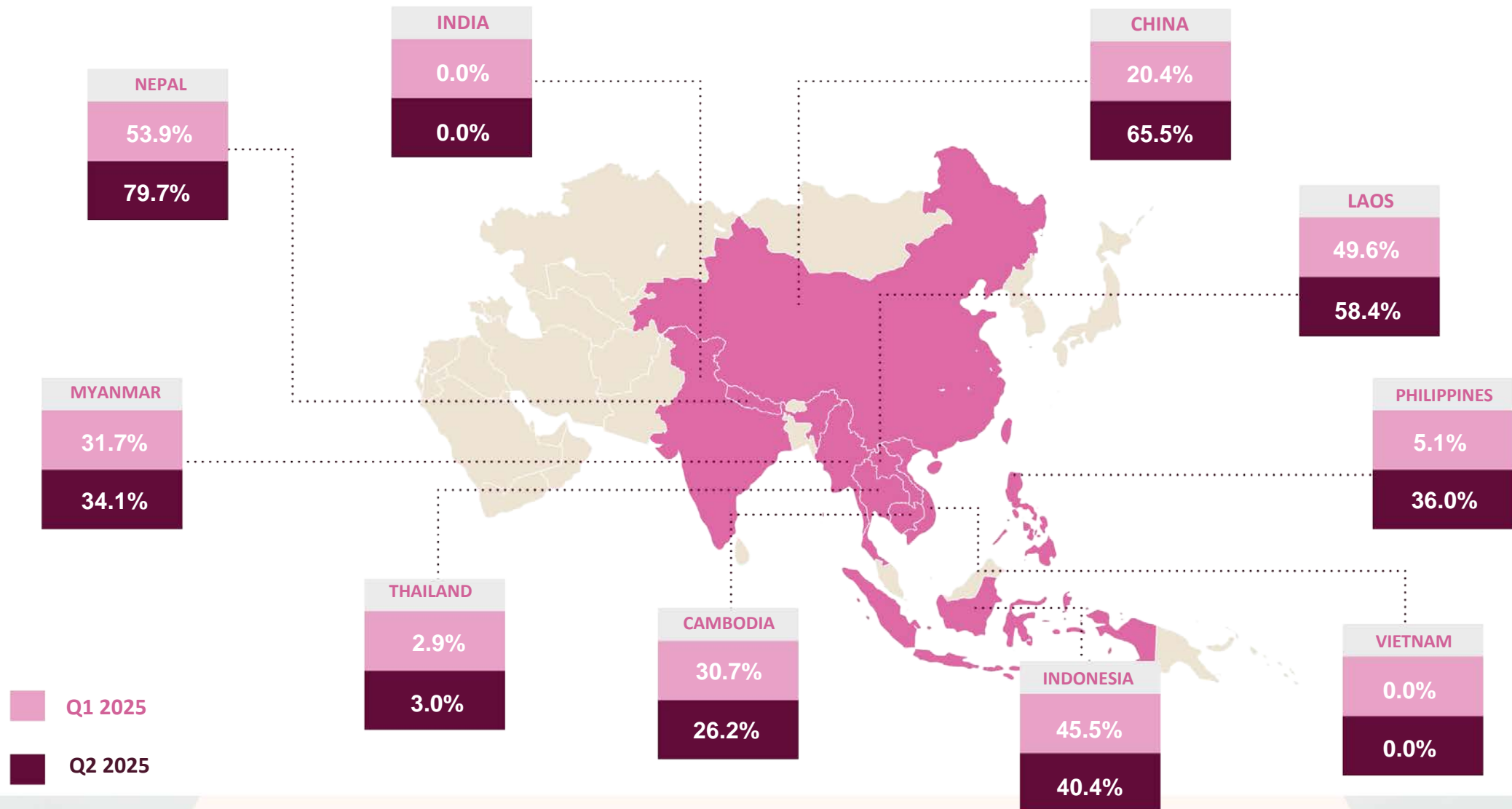
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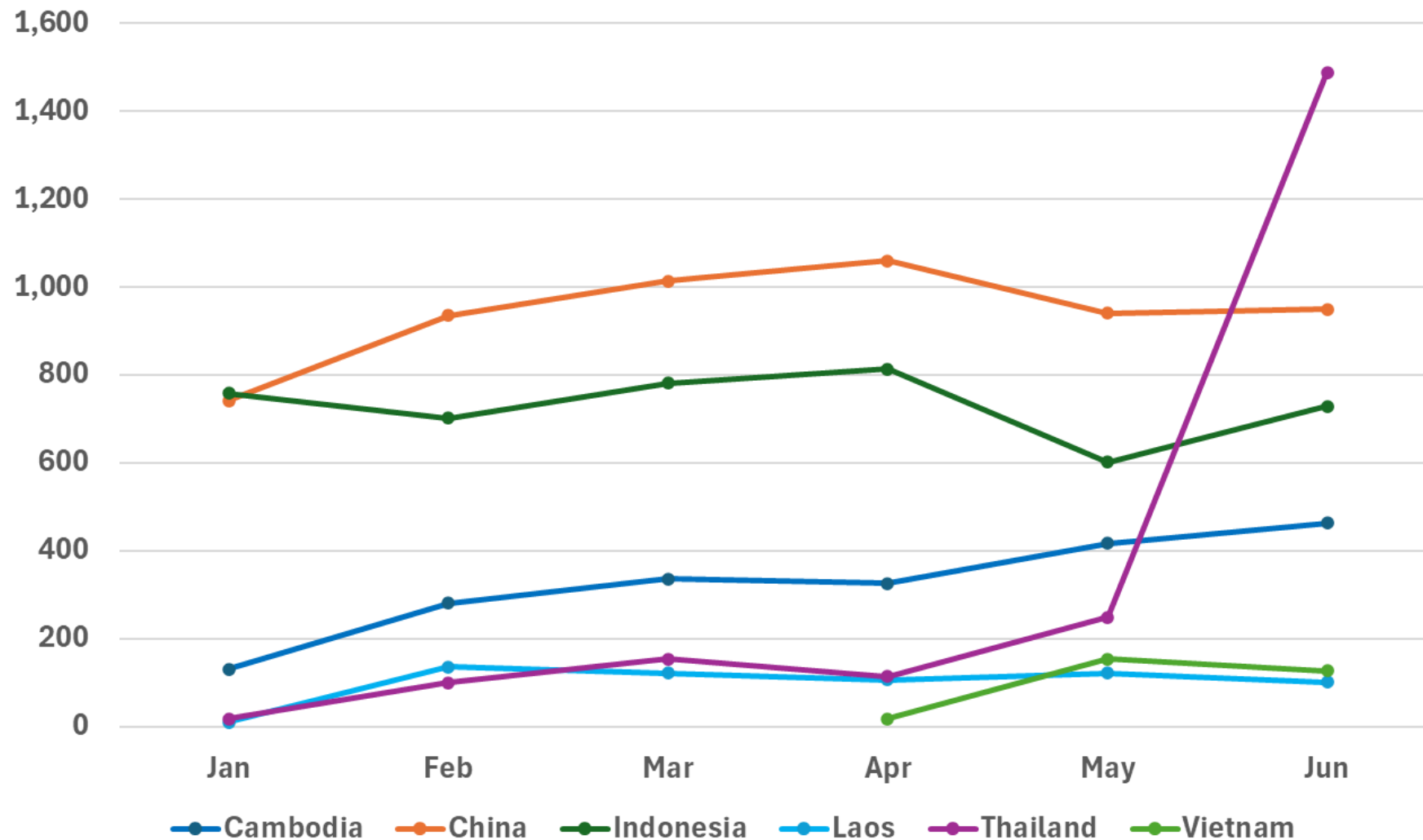
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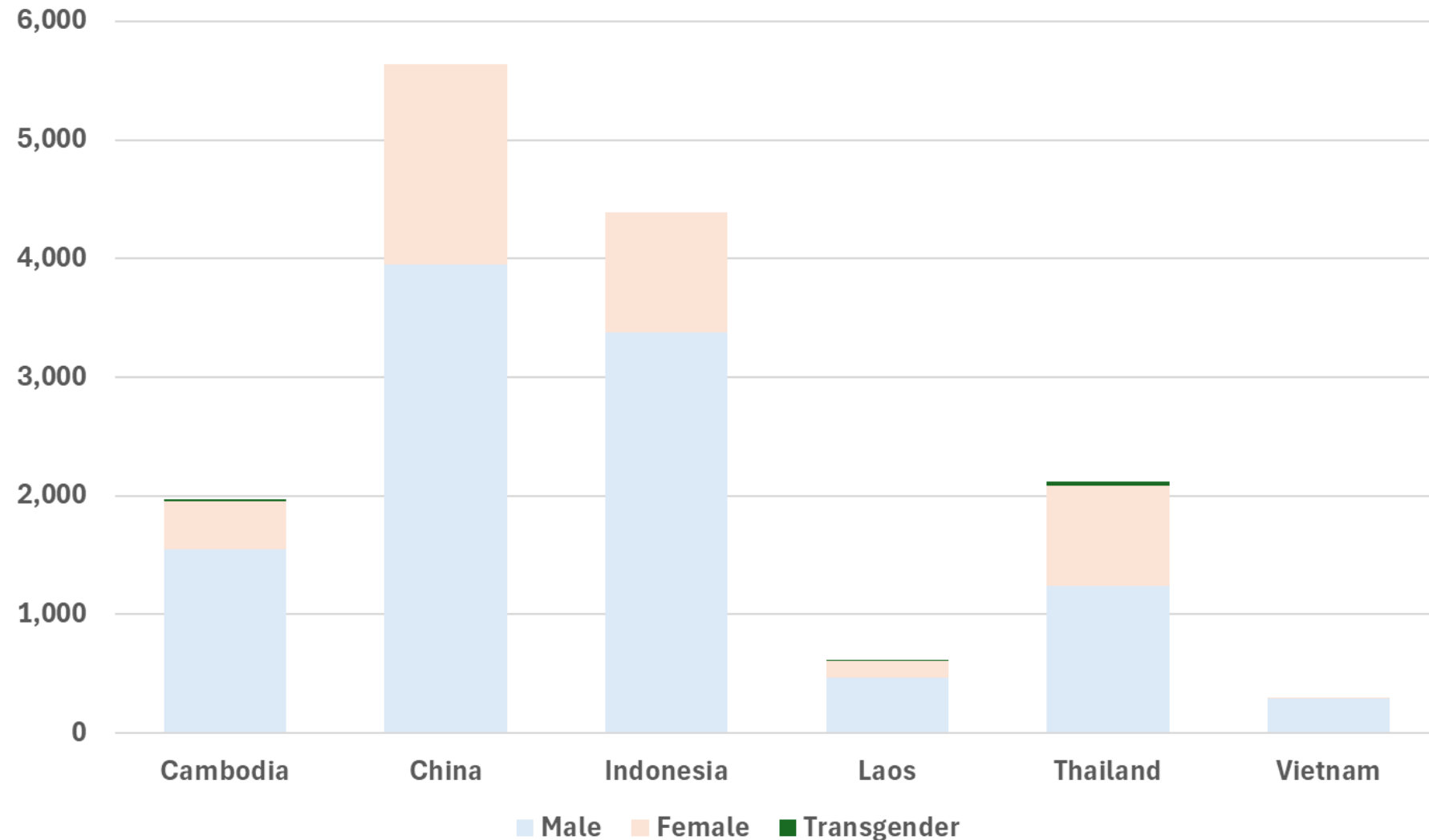
Wellness Centers Client Attendance

Total WC client attendance by country and month, Jan-Jun 2025



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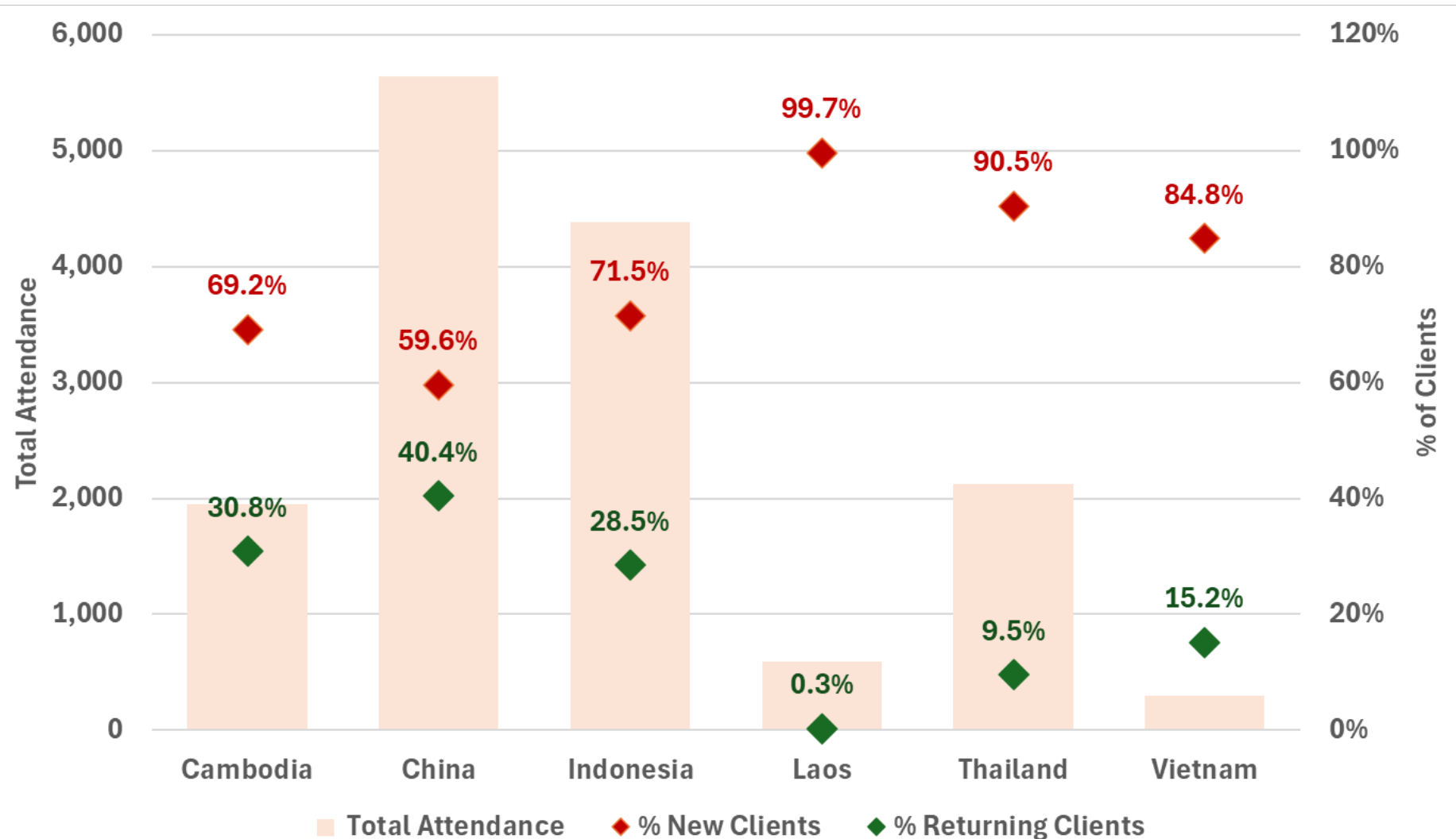
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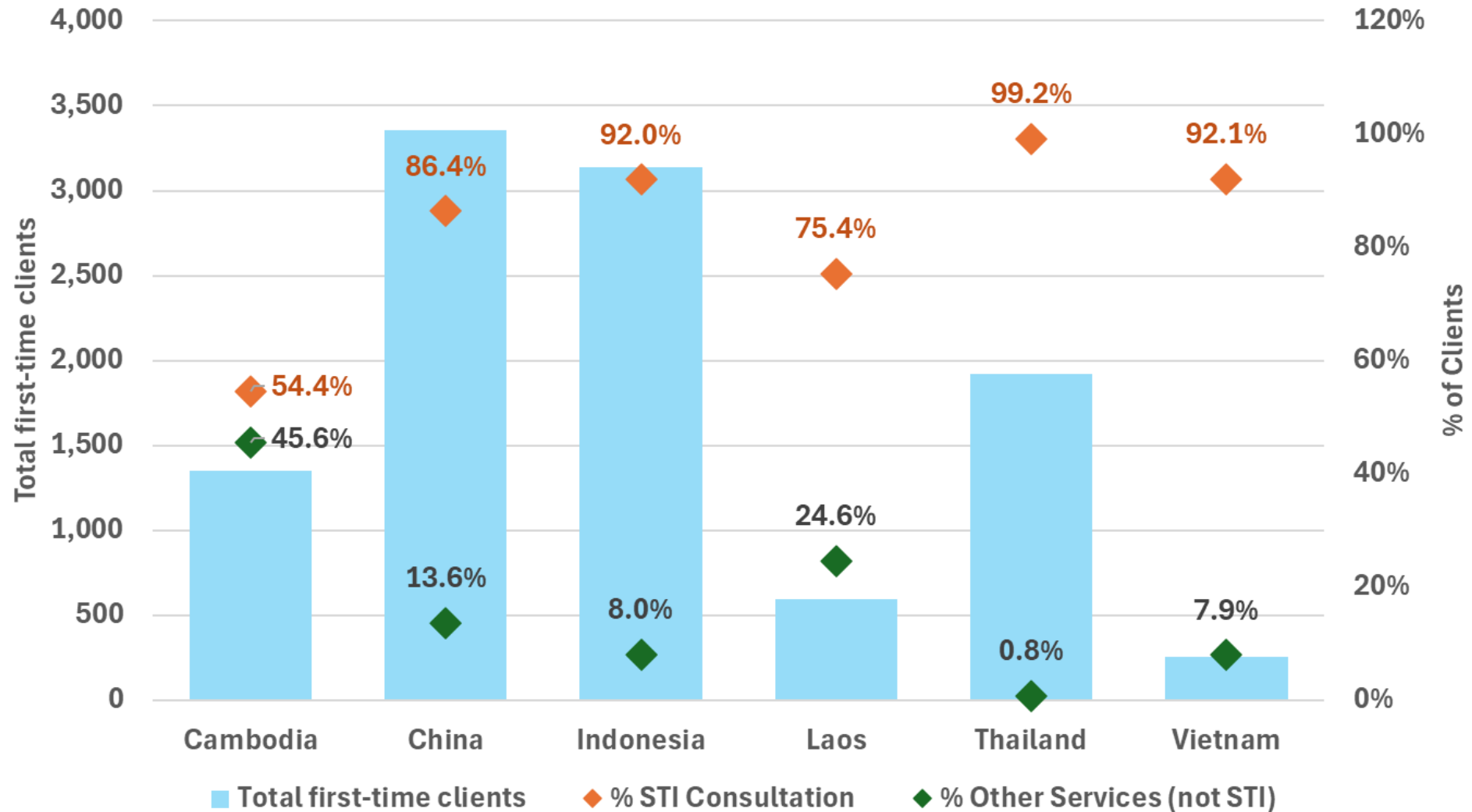
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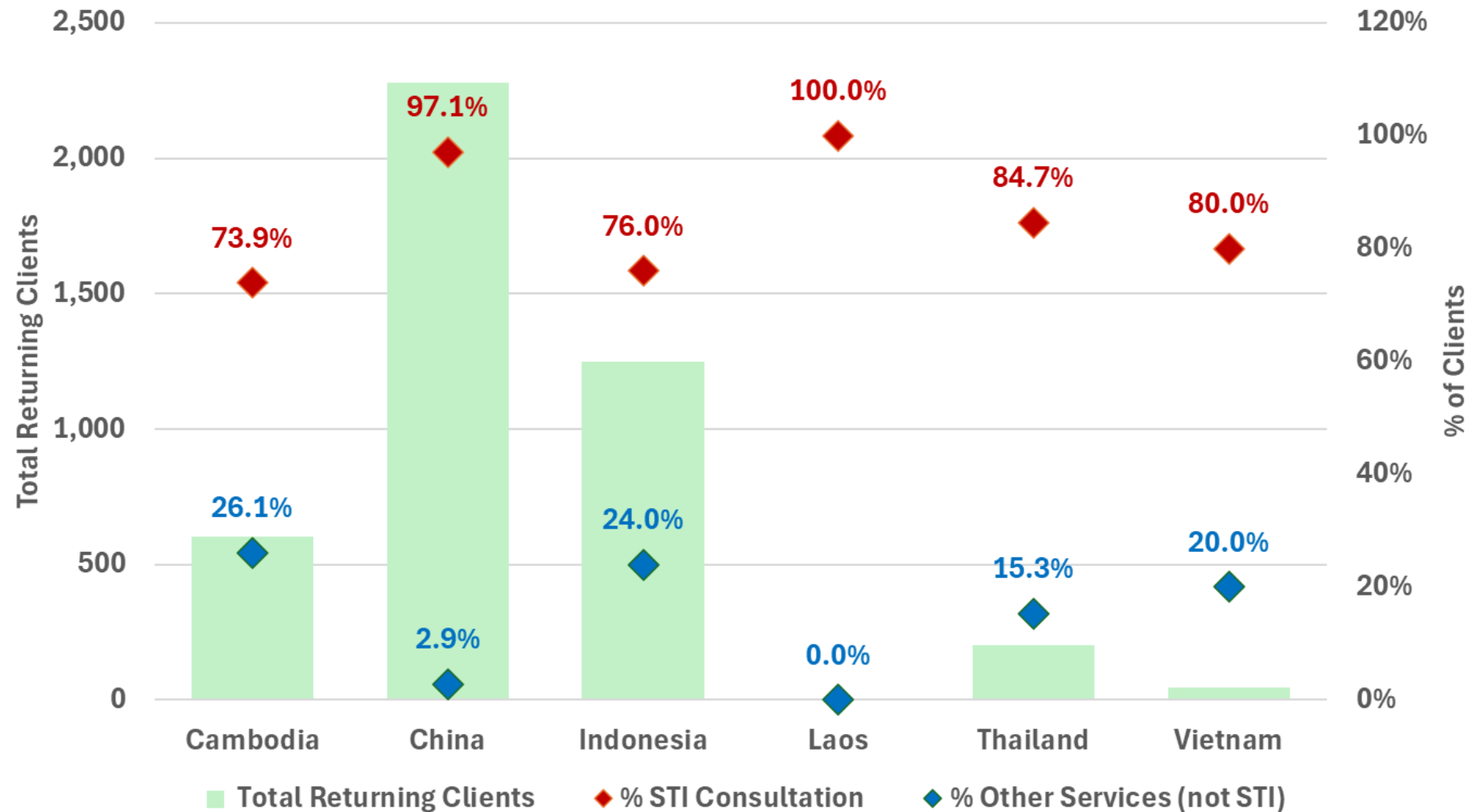
First-time Clients for STI Consultation & for Other Services, as proportion of all first attendance, Jan-Jun 2025



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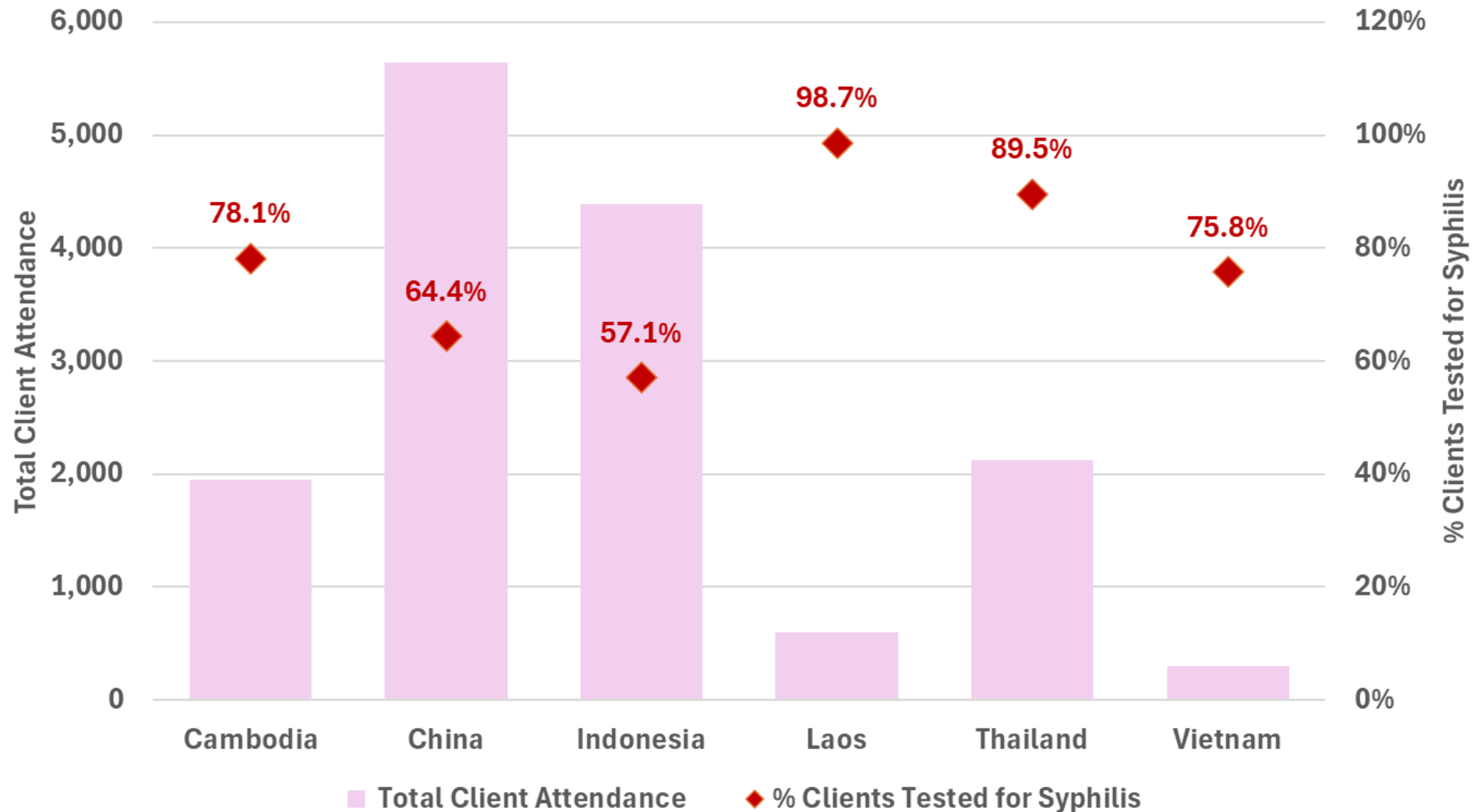
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Wellness Centers Syphilis Testing Coverage

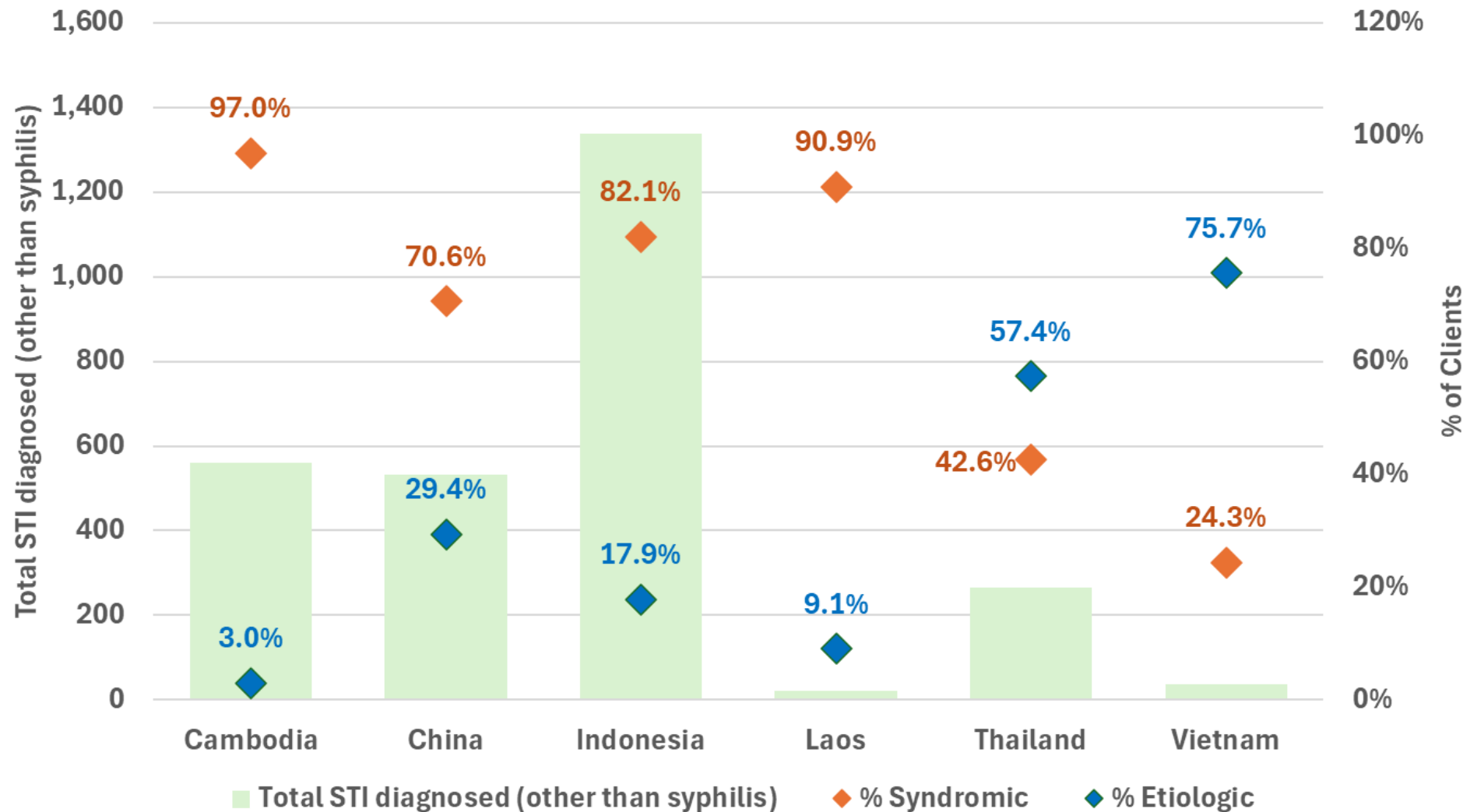
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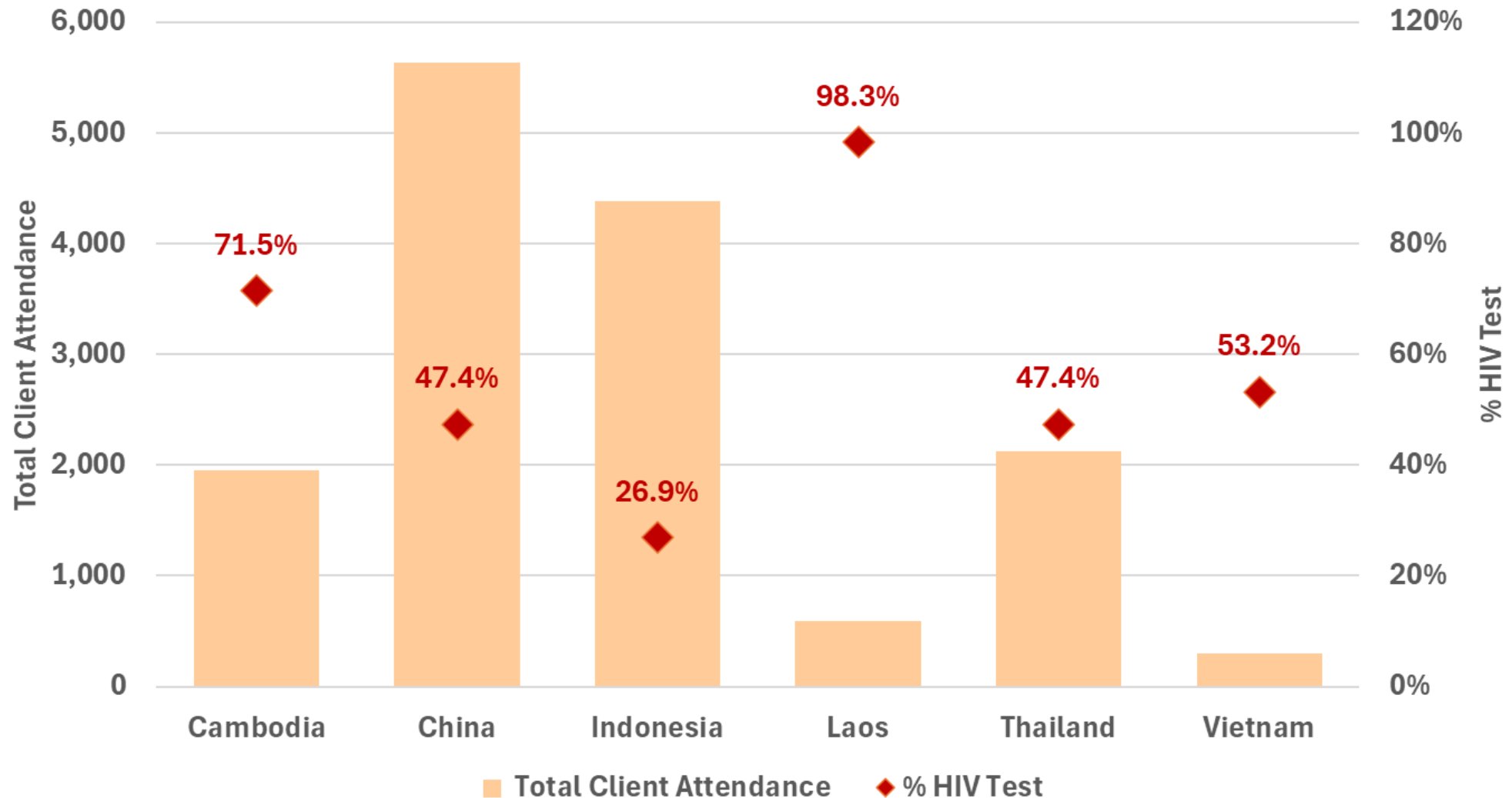
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Wellness Centers HIV Test Coverage

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AHF Cambodia Highlights

Q2-2025



- Participation of AHF Cambodia CO staff in a progress review workshop on HIV eMTCT focusing on HEI Diagnosis and Linkage to Care, organized by the NCHADS on April 08-09th 2025, with the support from US CDC.
- Site-level ORI meetings were conducted on 08 April at Siem Reap, on 09 April and 10 Jun at Kampong Cham, and on 17 Jun at Sihanouk Ville site.
- Group of Champion (GoC) on HIV response meeting was conducted on April 10 and Jun 13 at Preah Sihanouk site, on April 11 and Jun 13 at Siem Reap site, and on Jun 17 at Phnom Penh MHD.
- On April 19th, 2025, AHF site coordinator based in Siem Reap site participated in a quarterly review meeting of the Siem Reap Referral Hospital to present and discuss the achievements and challenges of HIV services in the hospital.
- AHF staff in Siem Reap attended the National AIDS Authority (NAA) coordination meeting with owners and managers of entertainment services and related institutions in province to improve HIV/ AIDS response in 2025, organized on Jun 17, 2025, with a total of 52 participants.



Celebration of the Menstrual Health Day (MHD).

AHF Cambodia, together with its local CBOs & government partners organized two separate events, one at the AHF Wellness Center Tuol Kok on May 23 and the other at Russey Keo High School on May 24, 2025, to reduce the stigma and cultural taboos related to menstruation, and the neglect and lack of menstrual hygiene supplies. The event at the Wellness clinic also helped to promote services of the clinic.

Mr. Saing Sophal, representative of the Municipal Department of Education, Youth, and Sport, provided his valuable speech to encourage everyone to take meaningful action to address the issues girls face regarding their menstrual health while attending school.



- Participation of AHF staff from ART Clinics in a training on Long-Acting Injectable Cabotegravir Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (CAB-PrEP) which was organized by the NCHADS on April 29-30, 2025, with the support from UNAIDS.
- Participation of HIV physician based at Siem Reap site in the training on Comprehensive ART Management for new and existing clinicians for adult and pediatric HIV care organized by NCHADS on May 26-30th 2025.
- Participation of AHF ART clinic staff based at NCHADS-AHF ART Clinic-3 in a Refresher Training on Viral Load Literacy and incorporating U=U message into Counselling and Disseminate IEC materials to health care Providers, organized by the NCHADS and Phnom Penh MHD on Jun 26-27, 2025.
- Participation of AHF ART clinic staff based at NCHADS-AHF ART clinic-3 in a Review Workshop on Results of Response to New HIV Infection organized by the NCHADS and Phnom Penh MHD on June 24, 2025.
- Participation of AHF staff based at Siem Reap ART clinic in a workshop organized by the Siem Reap Provincial Health Department on June 19, 2025, to discuss the challenges of low performance of viral load testing and low quality of EID, CD4, and viral load samples.
- Patient chart audit and health facility assessment were conducted as part of the quality activities of the year and will be completed before the end of September 2025.



- AHF Cambodia team led by Dr. Chan Phanna, Country Program Manager, conducted a business trip to meet, visit, share, and discuss program implementation with AHF Vietnam team on Jun 14-16, 2025, before participating in the regional training workshop on targeted online outreach for HIV testing and on advocacy & marketing.
- The Targeted Online Outreach Training was organized on Jun 17-18, 2025, facilitated by the AHF Thailand team in collaboration with the Asia Bureau Prevention and Advocacy Team. Key AHF staff from Vietnam, China, Myanmar, Philippines, and Cambodia participated in the two days training and learned on how to use social media platforms in a cost-effective way to reach target populations while achieving a good return of investment.
- The Advocacy & Marketing training was organized on Jun 19th to strengthen the capacity of AHF country teams across Asia in developing effective advocacy campaigns and strategic communication plans. The training provided a valuable opportunity for cross-country learning and collaboration, enabling country teams to gain insights into innovative approaches, digital engagement techniques, and impactful messaging strategies. Action points include the continued use of marketing materials in all programs (prevention, ART clinics, Wellness Center) prepared in Khmer language and agreed to have country specific marketing strategy by next quarter.



- Community HIV Education and Testing and condom distribution were conducted targeted at key populations such as gay men, transgenders, female entertainment workers and migrants.
- Girls Act educational group session on life skills organized on April 6 and April 20, 2025. A session on menstrual health was conducted on June 8, 2025, for girls group living in slum areas. A session on ART adherence was organized on Jun 18, 2025, for the group of girls living with HIV.



AHF China Highlights

Q2-2025



- Wellness Center Monitoring and Health Facility Assessment in China.** On April 7-11, 2025, Dr. Jan Vandenhombergh, Director of Global Quality, Dr. Men Pagnaroat, Regional Medical Director, and China team conducted Wellness Center Monitoring and Health Facility Assessment at Tianjin 2nd People's Hospital and Nanjing 2nd Hospital of China. The team met and briefed the directors of the clinics and comprehensively evaluated the patient flow, visited the waiting areas, the consultation rooms, the pharmacies, and the laboratories within the hospitals, and had in-dept interviews with staff from various departments using questionnaires from the tools. The team also joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Nanjing Wellness Clinic. The hospital emphasized that they have strong technical capabilities and will offers free, non-judgmental medical care for those in need with the establishment of new Wellness Center. Dr. Jan introduced background and objectives of the Wellness Center and emphasized that reducing the prevalence of STIs also contributes to lowering HIV rates. Dr. Bao highlighted the significance of establishing Wellness Centers in these two cities.
- Workshop with National partners-April 11, 2025, in Beijing.** Dr. Jan and Dr. Pagnaroat visited Beijing Service Center for Overseas Non-governmental Organizations (BSCONGO), which is a national partner of AHF China. The team had a face-to-face communication with Director- Liu Yang and Vice Director- Song Hang of BSCONGO. The participants discussed the concerns of the Chinese government regarding personal privacy data and the issue of data security. And Mr. Liu put forward two suggestions, hoping that AHF could reduce the types of data collected and the frequency of data reporting. Dr. Jan emphasized the purpose of data collection of AHF and stated that AHF has always adhered to the laws of the local country and will not collect personal privacy data. Dr. Jan will consider and discuss these two suggestions.



Menstrual Health Day (MHD) events.

To celebrate MHD, our Changsha partner and Guangxi partner conducted events at community level and Guangxi vocational and technical College of Economics and Trade in Nanning on May 26th and 28th respectively. The events aimed to eliminate menstrual stigma and promote accurate knowledge about menstruation, empowering women to better understand and care for their bodies. By engaging both women and men across age groups, including those experiencing menopause, the activities encouraged respectful awareness of women's natural health needs. These efforts also helped create a more open and inclusive environment for discussing sensitive issues like sexual health and HIV prevention, directly supporting AHF's mission to reduce stigma, improve health literacy, and expand access to HIV-related services.





- **International HIV/AIDS anti-discrimination lunch day celebration.** "The International AIDS Anti discrimination Lunch Day" was jointly initiated and launched by Linfen Red Ribbon School and AIDS Health Foundation (AHF) on May 26, 2012, aiming to arouse the correct understanding of AIDS in the whole society through the purpose of "having a lunch together and reducing discrimination". Nowadays, this event has become one of the most influential global events in the field of HIV/AIDS anti discrimination. May 26, 2025, is the 14th "International AIDS Anti discrimination Lunch Day". The theme of this year is to keep growing with love. All AHF partners involved local key stakeholders, government officials, health providers, patients and community people etc. to celebrate this event.



- **International Children's Day.** On the eve of the June 1 International Children's Day, a research activity themed "Exploring the mysteries of life and igniting the scientific dream" for children living with HIV (CLWHs), sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, supported by the AIDS Health Foundation (AHF) and co organized by the AIDS Children's Management Agency, was held in Nanning ASEAN International Cell Bank. At nine o'clock in the morning, in the joyful ice breaking game, children break the sense of unfamiliarity between each other through fun interactions. At the event, the children not only received carefully prepared Children's Day gifts from medical staff but also received a special growth gift package - a study manual and scientific experiment set designed by professionals. At the Stem Cell Science Popularization Base Laboratory, children observe the mysteries of the microscopic world through a microscope, visit models of the origin of life, cell models, and the production of DNA double helix structures, making abstract life science within reach. Through this research activity jointly participated by healthy children and CLWHs, it not only provides AIDS children with opportunities to broaden their horizons but also calls for society to eliminate discrimination and replace misunderstanding with scientific cognition through practical activities.



- Field visit to Zhejiang partner.** On May 13-14, 2025, AHF China team led by Xiu Xiangfei, CPM, visited and conducted research on the Zhejiang project work. The survey focused on AIDS sexual partner testing and social organizations' participation in AIDS rapid testing practices, providing guidance and help for further promoting and improving the project work in Zhejiang. Pan Xiaohong, Executive Vice President and Secretary General of the Provincial AIDS Association, Chai Chengliang, Director of the Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ma Kanqin, Deputy Secretary General of the Provincial AIDS Association, and relevant experts from the Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Hangzhou Center for Disease Control and Prevention participated in the research.
- Visit of Asia Bureau Chief** on June 06-09, 2025, to explore collaboration progress and Program Development Review. Dr. Sarath and AHF China team with Dr. Liu, Secretary-General of the China Foundation for HIV/STI Prevention, met and discussed opportunities for future collaboration to support the clients who needs services from AHF. In addition, he also visited AHF China office, met the country team and discussed the progress and challenges of the program implementation in China office. Dr. Sarath impressed wit program displays materials for Food for Health, Girls Act, and Impulse, along with related promotional materials. He showed particular interest in the handmade crafts produced by clients in the Food for Health charity workshop and offered constructive suggestions. He also provided thoughtful feedback on marketing and outreach strategies.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Theme Event.** Beijing You'an Love Home and Tianyuan Studio followed the Yuquanying Sub district Federation of Trade Unions, together with Shao Ying's HIV positive home care studio and Aizhi Ark, under the guidance of the Infection Center of You'an Hospital, went to Yuquanying Industrial Park at noon on June 18, 2025, to carry out propaganda activities for enterprise employees on drug control and HIV prevention and the elimination of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B mother to child transmission. At the activity site, through hanging banners, placing display boards, distributing publicity materials and other ways, we popularized the transmission routes, prevention methods and relevant policies of AIDS, syphilis and viral hepatitis to the masses, emphasized the harm and blocking measures of mother to child transmission, and made enterprise employees deeply realize the importance of eliminating mother to child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B.



AHF India Cares Highlights

Q2-2025



- Visit by the FLUX united team to India on April 8th – 18th.** Queen Victoria Ortega: FLUX international Director, Commander Scottie Jeanette Madden: Int. Director of Advocacy and Christina: New York Chapter President visited India to conduct Community Consultations with the Transgender Community in Delhi and Mumbai with an intention to start FLUX Chapters in India. Community consultations were conducted in Delhi on April 10th and in Mumbai on 15th with an overall participation of over 50 members from the Transgender Community. The global team during the process identified key leaders who have the potential to lead FLUX in India. Apart from Community consultations the team also met with key leaders of the community for soliciting their support and understand the need of the community in India. They also visited Government supported Shelter for the transgender community; Trans led Café and a privately supported Training Centre for the trans community.
- Visit from Mizoram State AIDS control Society – 27th May 2025.** The Project Director of Mizoram SACS, accompanied by the Joint Director Care & Support and Deputy Director Finance visited our Clinic. The following day the team visited the MOONLIGHT testing as they are intending to start the testing in Aizawl.



- World Health Summit – Regional, April 25th – 27th.** AHF participated in the World Health Summit – Regional meeting held from 25th – 27th April at New Delhi, India. Deepak Dhungel, Advocacy Manager of Asia bureau along with the members of the AHF India team participated. AHF had a booth that highlighted the global achievements which included, Patients in Care, Individuals tested and linked, condoms distributed etc. It included a wall promoting the Girls Act program and the recent creative for ICD – Just Use It! A mannequin decked up in a condom dress was one the key highlights in the booth and condoms were distributed. Few items made by the girls from the Girls ACT program was also exhibited which got much attention and orders for procurement. AHF India was invited to speak in a panel – “Women led Development for Health Equity: A multistakeholder dialogue”. We were asked to highlight the issues of the transwomen and the stigma around creating a gap for health equity in India. Apart from this, the team participated in many sessions especially those on the pandemic agreement, regional development and emergency preparedness for pandemic and disasters etc.
- Training of Medical Practitioners on STI/HIV - 11th June 2025.** Medical Practitioners /Nurse and Clinic Assistants were trained on Sexual Wellness & was given orientation on STI/ HIV testing and treatment. The training was held in Vasai Virar geographically adjacent to the India Cares Clinic in Mumbai. These doctors are registered and a what's app group is formed to share technical updates on STI HIV and for ease of referrals of clients to our Satellite clinic & JCC Clinics too. A total of 103 people participated in the training of which 79 were doctors and the rest were Nurses and Clinic Assistants. The participants opined that this is first time they have been exposed to sexual wellness of people with different gender and sexuality and the need for differentiated approaches required for eliciting sexual information and appropriately referring them to the clinic.



- **6th Anniversary of Impulse Mumbai.** 280 people attended the Bollywood themed event celebration. 2 Test for Ticket Campaign for this event- 143 tests were done.
- **Meeting with Director – Alliance Francaise (AF) – 26th May 2025.** Prince Manavendra facilitated a meeting with the new Director Ms Patricia Loison who took charge recently. Dr Sam presented the various activities of India Cares while Bismaya also presented IMPULSE activities. AF proposed to have joint events with Impulse in June being the Pride month. The Director was also keen to collaborate with India Cares to do an event of Girls Act event.
- **Meeting with Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and Mission Director, Government of Punjab – 18th June 2025.** We were invited by the Additional Project Director, Punjab State AIDS Control Society (PSACS) to meet with the Ghanshyam Thori, IAS Project Director of Punjab SACS and holds the position Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and Mission Director, Government of Punjab to initiate the Community based screening program in three Districts of Punjab. The HIV prevalence of Punjab is on a rise as drug use has substantially increased in the state. PSACS team expressed their interest to initiate MOONLIGHT testing, Assisted Self Screening and Assessment Program (ASAP+) and other innovative programs in partnership with India Cares.
- **Meeting with Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Society – 8th May 2025.** A team from India Cares consisting of Mohnish Kumar (M&E Manager) and Shivam Dwivedi (Prevention Program Manager) went to meet the Additional Project Director of CSACS to discuss the role out of Community based HIV screening in two districts – Raipur and Durg. The activities of India Cares were presented, and the SACS team appreciated the work. India Cares will be invited along with Palladium to present before the Health Commissioner of Chhattisgarh.

Menstrual Health Day – 25th May 2025

The Menstrual Health Day was celebrated with the following activities:

- Nukkat Naatak (Street Play): The Girls Act leaders presented a powerful Nukkat Naatak (street play) that shed light on the taboos surrounding menstrual periods.
- Distribution of Sanitary Napkins.
- Inauguration of Girls Act-Kanya Kranti podcast:
- Action Song: The Girls Act leaders presented an engaging action song that effectively educated the audience about the menstrual cycle.
- Session on Menstrual Hygiene: The chief guest Smt Poonam Gugnani delivered an inspiring speech on menstrual health and hygiene, emphasizing its significance in the lives of girls and women.



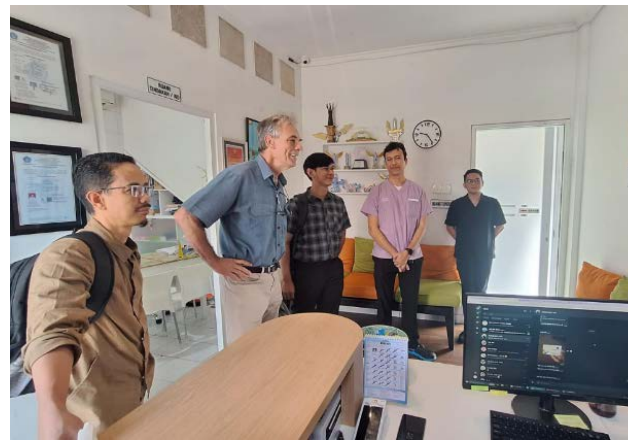
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- Wellness Center Assessment.** On 14-15 April 2025, Dr. Jan Van Denhomberg, Director of AHF Global Quality Management, together with the AHF Indonesia country team, conducted a site visit to the Wellness Center Globalindo and Melania. The purpose of the visit was to carry out a comprehensive health facility assessment to evaluate the readiness, quality of services, and overall operational capacity of both centers. The team engaged with clinic staff, reviewed infrastructure and service flow, and gathered important insights to support the future development of the wellness centers. As a part of wellness center strategy, the marketing and branding items will be maximized to attract more clients in the clinic in the next quarter/6 month.
- The AHF Wellness Center Melania Grand Opening.** Last year, AHF Indonesia launched the first wellness center with Globalindo Clinics in Kemang, South Jakarta. This year, AHF supported a second wellness center at Melania Clinics in Pademangan, North Jakarta. The grand opening of Melania wellness center was held on 15 April 2025. Dr. Jan Vandenhomberg, the Director of AHF Global Quality Management, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside the Melania Foundation board and doctors. Around 50 guests attended, including representatives from the North Jakarta Health Office, Jakarta Provincial AIDS Commission, NGOs, and HIV peer educators. The event marked the clinic's readiness to provide STI wellness services and was covered by six online media outlets.

- **Site Visit to Carolus Hospital.** As part of Dr. Jan van den Homberg's visit to Indonesia, the AHF Indonesia team accompanied him on a site visit to Carolus Hospital. Carolus Hospital holds the highest patient census among AHF-supported sites and serves as a national role model for HIV care and treatment programs. During the visit, the team discussed strategies to further improve the quality of services provided to clients, particularly in the face of ongoing challenges such as the discontinuation of the USAID program. The discussions focused on sustaining and enhancing service delivery to ensure continued access to high-quality HIV care.
- **STI Screening and Sexual Health Education at Pablo Pub.** One of the key program activities of the Wellness Center Melania is providing mobile STI testing in hotspot areas. During Dr. Jan's visit to Indonesia, the Melania team, in collaboration with the AHF Indonesia team, conducted an outreach activity on 17 April 2025 at Pablo Pub in North Jakarta. The aim of the visit was to conduct STI screening for all female staff members at the venue and provide comprehensive sexual health education to raise awareness and promote safer sexual practices. This initiative reflects the center's commitment to reaching high-risk populations with essential health services and information.
- **Health Facility Assessment and Patient Chart Audit, Bali Site.** On 19-22 April 2025, the AHF Indonesia country team, together with Dr. Jan, conducted a Health Facility Assessment (HFA) and Patient Chart Audit (PCA) at three treatment sites in Bali: YKP Clinic, Ubud 2 Public Health Center, and Bali Medika Clinic. During this visit, Dr. Jan also observed the implementation of Indonesia's national electronic information systems, including SIHA 2.1 for HIV and STI data, SITB for tuberculosis, and the Indonesia Sehat system used in public health centers.



- **Capacity Building for Girls Act Members.** A capacity building session took place on 5 April 2025, with full participation from all active members of Girls Act Indonesia. This session was designed to equip members with essential public speaking skills that become an important competency for young leaders and peer educators. Participants appeared highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the session, attentively listening and actively trying out the techniques introduced. The session successfully boosted their confidence and ability to speak in front of an audience, which will be beneficial for their future roles in advocacy, education, and leadership activities within and beyond Girls Act.
- **HIV Socialization in 3 Schools in Denpasar Bali.** During April 2025, Girls Act had conducted HIV program awareness sessions targeting three junior high schools: SMP PGRI 2 Denpasar, SMP PGRI 3 Denpasar, and SMP Negeri 9 Denpasar, reaching a total of 152 students. The aim of these sessions was to enhance students' understanding and knowledge about HIV AIDS, including its modes of transmission, prevention strategies, and the importance of awareness regarding its risks. Girls Act members played an active role as peer educators, delivering education to their fellow students.
- **Educational Support for Girls Act Members.** Girls Act Indonesia members received educational support amounting to one million rupiah each for 20 selected individuals, based on a needs assessment survey conducted by AHF Indonesia and partner, YKP Foundation, to ensure the assistance reaches those who need it most. This support was aimed at members from underprivileged economic backgrounds, facing challenges such as being unable to pay school tuition fees or having parents struggling financially. All members expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the support from AHF, with one member moved to tears, sharing that she had been unable to pay her school fees for the past three months despite already being in the eighth grade.
- **Monthly Meeting of The Girls Act Members.** At the Girls Act Indonesia Regular Meeting on April 2025, members engaged in a participatory discussion reflecting on previous programs, including capacity building, HIV awareness sessions in schools, collaboration with Yayasan Plan International Indonesia, and the provision of educational scholarships. The discussion continued with an evaluation of achievements and challenges, as well as plans for digital campaigns to commemorate Kartini Day and Earth Day, focusing on women's empowerment and environmental awareness. Members also proposed future capacity-building topics such as scientific essay writing, personal branding, traditional dance, and financial literacy for youth. Additionally, the importance of preparation meetings for school outreach speakers and strategies for digital content production were highlighted, encouraging members to be involved in live reporting and content creation for social media.





- **HIV Awareness Socialization in Schools by Girls Act.** HIV socialization sessions were conducted across four schools in Denpasar: SMPN 14 Denpasar, SMK Harapan, SMPN 15 Denpasar, and SMA PGRI 4 in the month of May 2025. A total of 183 students participated in these sessions, which were designed to enhance knowledge and awareness of HIV and reproductive health among adolescents. The sessions employed interactive discussions and educational materials to provide students with accurate information on HIV prevention and reproductive health. Participants were introduced to key concepts related to HIV transmission, prevention strategies, and the importance of understanding their own reproductive well-being.
- **Girls Act Indonesia Monthly Meeting – May-June 2025:** Strengthening Youth Advocacy and Program Innovation. Girls Act Indonesia held its monthly meeting on May 17 and June 7, 2025, with 34 members participating. Key agendas included project updates, social media strategy, and a simulation of the upcoming HIV/AIDS outreach, led by Alisha and Dita. Members provided feedback to enhance presentation techniques and message clarity. Discussions also addressed organizational branding, member rotation for public speaking, and program innovations such as booth activities, podcast creation, and English class output. The team finalized the June content calendar and assigned advocacy tasks related to global health issues. The meeting reflected strong member engagement, collaborative spirit, and commitment to youth-led health advocacy.
- **Girls Act Indonesia Joins UNFPA National Workshop on Reproductive Health, Gender, and Media Advocacy.** On 19–20 June 2025, Luh Gede Dinda Ayu Kartika who is Girls Act Indonesia member participated in a national workshop in Yogyakarta for journalists and content creators focused on reproductive health, gender, and humanitarian issues, organized by UNFPA and BKKBN. The event brought together experts, government officials, and civil society actors to strengthen evidence-based, gender-sensitive media advocacy on critical topics such as child marriage, adolescent reproductive health, gender-based violence, and HIV. Through a combination of keynote sessions and practical trainings, participants were equipped with ethical storytelling tools and data driven strategies to address pressing challenges like early marriage and adolescent pregnancy factors known to increase HIV vulnerability among youth. The workshop emphasized the role of digital media in shifting narratives, reducing stigma, and promoting youth empowerment in health advocacy.
- **Empowering Young Women through Skill Development: Girls Act Indonesia's June 2025 Workshops.** In June 2025, Girls Act Indonesia held three capacity-building workshops to strengthen members' skills, confidence, and economic independence. The first session (June 1st) focused on social media content creation, teaching participants how to craft bilingual advocacy messages and use digital platforms responsibly. The second workshop (June 15) introduced crochet as a creative skill with income-generating potential, while also highlighting its mental health benefits. The final session (June 23) covered entrepreneurship and financial literacy, including budgeting, branding, and basic business English to support product promotion. Together, these workshops equipped members with practical tools to grow as empowered, skilled young women.
- **Peer-Led HIV Education Campaign in Denpasar Junior High Schools.** In June 2025, Girls Act Indonesia conducted a series of HIV/AIDS awareness sessions targeting junior high school students across Denpasar. These activities served not only as a means of expanding adolescent knowledge on HIV prevention, transmission, and stigma reduction, but also as a platform to empower Girls Act members as peer educators, allowing them to take active roles in youth-centered health advocacy. The campaign reached a total of 138 students through three school-based sessions, all designed to be interactive, youth-friendly. Girls Act members, trained as peer facilitators, led the sessions with guidance from senior mentors and health educators. The first session was conducted on June 6 at SMP Negeri 3 Denpasar, engaging 48 students. The second session took place on June 7 at SMP PGRI 7 Denpasar, also involving 48 students. The third and final session was held on June 12 at SMP Negeri 6 Denpasar, with 42 students in attendance.



Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD) Event

- AHF Indonesia and Junior High School (SMPN) 141 Jakarta celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day on 27 May 2025. Dr. Yugang Bao, MOSA representatives, the school headmaster and a representative from the city education office were among the key attendees at this special occasion. A total of 125 female students and 50 performers participated in both indoor and outdoor activities.
- The MHD event featured a warm welcome with traditional cultural performances, a fashion show, modern dance, singing performances, and an engaging combination of traditional and contemporary dances under the theme “Girls’ Activities.” The school’s theater group also performed a play depicting daily family life, with menstruation included as part of the storyline.



Condom Advocacy in Bali, Indonesia.

- In response to the persistently high rates of STIs and HIV in Bali, and as part of Indonesia's national advocacy priorities, particularly around condom access, AHF Indonesia conducted targeted advocacy activities in Denpasar and Badung. The aim was to generate evidence-based recommendations and follow-up actions to be proposed to local governments, especially regarding regulatory improvements for condom provision and promotion. On May 15, 2025, a multi-stakeholder meeting was held at the Kerti Praja Foundation office in Denpasar. Participants included representatives from local health services, NGOs, the Denpasar AIDS Commission, the media, community leaders, and Girls Act members. Discussions focused on enhancing education, availability, and distribution of condoms for key populations, and collecting feedback for the upcoming revision of Denpasar's Regional HIV Control Regulation (Perda), slated for June 2025.
- On the same day, AHF Indonesia and YKP conducted outreach at a hotspot in Denpasar, engaging with female sex workers. A condom dispenser was installed, and free condoms were distributed to increase access to protection in high-risk settings.
- To advance the initiative, on May 16, 2025, the AHF Indonesia team met with the Denpasar AIDS Commission at the city government office. The team advocated for an official support letter for installing condom dispensers in nightlife venues. The Commission responded positively and committed to issuing the letter promptly.



- CT/NG GeneXpert Machine Training at The Wellness Center Melania.** As part of the preparation to implement an etiological approach to STI diagnosis, Wellness Center Melania has introduced the use of a PCR GeneXpert machine for the first time. With support from Medquest, the authorized distributor, a hands-on training session was conducted on 22 April 2025 to familiarize the staff with the machine and provide guidance on its proper operation and maintenance. Following this training, Wellness Center Melania is now equipped to initiate online outreach through dating apps targeting female sex workers (FSWs). The goal is to test at least 50 clients for Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG) using the PCR GeneXpert method.
- National Coordination Meeting.** On June 25, 2025, AHF Indonesia hosted a National Coordination Meeting on HIV/AIDS in Jakarta, bringing together 24 participants, including key stakeholders from North Sumatra and East Kalimantan. The meeting focused on evaluating the progress of HIV/AIDS programs and identifying best practices, challenges, and strategies for accelerating the achievement of the AHF targets, as well as 3-Zero Goals. Through collaborative sessions, partners shared innovative solutions and lessons learned, while also developing action plans to overcome barriers and drive forward national HIV targets. Notably, a learning session on HIV care and support in prisons was held in collaboration with Angsamerah Clinic, showcasing the importance of integrated healthcare for PLHIV in correctional facilities. A key outcome of the meeting was the joint commitment from both provinces to optimize collaboration between health and social sectors to enhance support for PLHIV. The action plans include scaling up condom distribution through the installation of dispensers in health facilities and high-risk hotspots, marking a crucial step in strengthening HIV & STI prevention.
- Radio Talkshow 2025.** The first radio talk show of 2025 aired on June 11, 2025, with the theme "Menstrual Inclusiveness: Toward a Better, Progressive Life." The one-hour program featured three speakers: a representative from AHF, Archi (a Girls Act member), and Dr. Sumarjati Arjoso, a lecturer and public health practitioner. The discussion focused on menstruation as a natural phase in a woman's life cycle, ways to manage it, related challenges, and the roles of government and stakeholders. AHF also shared its perspective on the issue. This talk show was held in conjunction with the International Menstrual Hygiene Day, celebrated on May 27, 2025.



- Coordination Meeting with the Ministry of Social Affair (MOSA).** On May 28, 2025, AHF Indonesia held a coordination meeting with the MOSA to discuss planned activities and strengthen collaboration for the second half of the year. Key agendas included HFA and PCA activities in early June, preparations for the upcoming National Meeting and joint monitoring with the National Foreign Mass Organization Licensing Team. MOSA expressed support and emphasized the need for strong social strategies, especially in anticipation of a potential MoU extension. The meeting also discussed opportunities to strengthen the role of social workers and peer support groups in HIV counseling, and advocate for broader condom access and HIV education. Plans to expand the Girls Act program in Jakarta were welcomed, and feedback was provided on a proposed wellness center research initiative to ensure compliance with ethical and institutional requirements.
- Health Facility Assessment (HFA) and Patient Chart Audit (PCA).** In May 2025, as part of the Quality Improvement agenda, HFA and PCA were conducted at multiple sites across Indonesia, including hospitals and public health centers (PHC) in East Java, Bali, and South Sulawesi. These activities involved local health and social office representatives. The Assessments continued in Medan City, Jakarta City and Badung Regency in June. The newly assessed sites included RS Dr. Pirngadi, Helvetia PHC, Angsamerah Clinic Jakarta, and Teladan PHC in Medan, along with a baseline assessment at Kuta 2 PHC in Badung Regency, marking AHF's new partnership. These assessments build on our ongoing efforts to evaluate HIV care and treatment services, assess available resources, and identify areas for improvement in HIV-related healthcare delivery. During the site visit, technical assistance was provided to strengthen the capacity of R/R staff on M&E-related issues, enhancing their understanding of program indicators and AHF's reporting requirements. Key departments were engaged, such as labs, pharmacies, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and TB clinics. Most sites use electronic systems for registration and reporting, either national or internal, though some still keep paper backups. While many partners have completed accreditation for HIV services, common gaps include outdated SOPs, limited counseling tools, and a shortage of educational materials and TPT drugs. Electronic reporting integration remains partial, particularly for viral load and CD4 results. ARV storage practices need improvement, though no ARV or reagent stock-outs were reported in the past three months. Findings were shared with CST and will be followed up with hospital leadership. Challenges such as high referral-out rates and rising syphilis cases among PLHIV were flagged for further discussion with local authorities and stakeholders.
- Coordination Meeting with the Partner M&E Team for Program Reporting Feedback and Evaluation.** On June 16, 2025, the second partner coordination meeting of 2025 brought together 33 participants from all treatment partners to provide essential feedback on AHF's reporting processes and ensure compliance with required quality standards. The session featured in-depth discussions on the challenges faced during the ORI reporting implementation and submission, as well as index testing. Key barriers included the recent policy changes by the Ministry of Health (MOH) regarding the LFU (Lost to Follow-Up) definition, technical issues with the national HIV system, which make it difficult for health facilities to update client data accurately and on time, and the misalignment of national indicators with AHF's specific reporting requirements. AHF emphasized the importance of optimizing data to drive program improvement and encouraged partners to make full use of available data to enhance reporting quality.

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- HIV Awareness Raising and condom distribution during the Lao New Year Festival.** AHF Laos was the only international non-governmental organization (INGO) invited to set up a project booth during the Lao New Year Festival from 14-16 April 2025, alongside booths from various public and private sectors. HIV education and awareness-raising activities were provided on-site to participants. Over 1,000 people visited the AHF booth during the festival. A total of 13,290 condoms were distributed, together with 200 key holders, 5 coffee pots, 5 hot water pots branded with the AHF logo, and HIV prevention brochures. The event provided a valuable opportunity to introduce AHF's activities in Laos, helping participants better understand the organization's efforts in supporting HIV/AIDS control since its establishment in the country in 2018.
- Girls Act.** GA volunteers continued their proactive engagement in conducting peer-to-peer knowledge-sharing sessions within their respective communities. This approach remains a key strategy for expanding outreach and ensuring vital health information reaches a broader audience, especially among youth and vulnerable groups. The primary focus of the sessions during this period was on substance use disorder, reproductive health, and effective management of the menstrual cycle. These topics were selected based on community needs and their relevance to everyday health and well-being.
- Comprehensive Sexual Education project with MOES.** In June, AHF Laos closely coordinated with the Technical and Vocational Education Department (TVED) under the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) to organize a ministerial-level workshop aimed at reviewing and approving the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curriculum. This workshop brought together key stakeholders from both ministerial and provincial levels to provide inputs, discuss necessary revisions, and ensure alignment with national education standards and priorities. Following the workshop, we conducted a Training of Trainers (TOT) session for representatives from the four target provinces, which took place from June 16 to 22. The TOT was designed to equip provincial education officers, teachers, and key facilitators with the knowledge, skills, and teaching methodologies needed to effectively deliver the updated CSE curriculum in schools. AHF Laos team will prepare a document that highlights current situation of CSE and planned activities together with expected deliverables from this project.



- **Food for Health Project:** In April, the project consistently received approximately 100 kg of dried fish, which were distributed to over 70 patients at both OPD and IPD levels who visited AHF-supported ART sites for treatment refills or hospital admissions. Additionally, some portions were delivered during home visits by project volunteers to ensure support for patients with limited mobility or access. In May, 100 kg of dried fish were distributed to more than 100 outpatients and inpatients at ART sites in Vientiane Capital, Khammouane, Savannakhet, and Champasak provinces. In June, approximately 300 package of dried fish were distributed to more than 55 outpatients and inpatients at ART sites in Vientiane Capital. In addition, some of the dried fish were delivered during home visits by APL+ volunteers to support patients with limited mobility or access to healthcare facilities. This effort ensures continued nutritional support for people living with HIV (PLHIV) who face barriers to regular clinic visits.



- **Support group meeting.** Across seven ARV sites in five provinces, 355 people living with HIV (PLHIV) participated in patient group discussions during their visits for ARV refills.

- **Nutrition and transportation support for poor clients.** In April, a total of 279 PLHIVs received transportation support to access healthcare services, while 282 food coupons were distributed. In addition, 602 laboratory tests were conducted, 187 PLHIVs received support for opportunistic infection (OI) treatment, and two individuals received oxygen treatment support. In June, AHF Laos continued its commitment to supporting people living with HIV (PLHIV) by providing essential services aimed at improving treatment adherence. Approximately 400 instances of transportation support were provided to patients to facilitate their travel to antiretroviral therapy (ARV) sites for ARV medication refills. there were 446 instances of nutritional support delivered at ARV sites across the country. This included the distribution of food packages and nutritional supplements designed to enhance the health and immunity of PLHIV, particularly those who are economically vulnerable or at risk of malnutrition.



- **Home visit.** In May, a total of 11 home visits were conducted, reaching 23 individuals (including 12 women and 6 children). Among them, 15 individuals were from poor families. The visits identified 8 cases of loss to follow-up (LTFU) and 2 deaths. In June, a total of 13 home visits were conducted out of the planned 21, reaching 20 individuals, including 10 women and 4 children. Among those visited, 15 individuals were identified as coming from economically disadvantaged households. During the visits, 6 cases of loss to follow-up (LTFU) were documented, while 2 individuals were found to have returned to treatment. These home visits played a critical role in monitoring patient adherence, re-engaging clients in care, and providing tailored support to vulnerable families within the community.



- M&E training in Laos.** On 21–22 May 2025, in collaboration with the Center for HIV/AIDS and STIs (CHAS), AHF Laos organized a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) training for data managers and peer educators working at Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) sites and Wellness Clinics. Approximately 39 participants (24 female) attended the training. The event was co-chaired by the Deputy Director of CHAS and the Country Program Manager (CPM) of AHF Laos. Over the course of two days, participants enhanced their knowledge and skills in using key reporting tools, including the RTP reporting form, positive case tracking, quarterly benchmark, weekly and monthly PPR, ORI forms, as well as data forms specific to Drop-In Centers (DICs) and Wellness Clinics. Additionally, the training introduced and strengthened understanding of the national DHIS2 system, supporting improved data tracking and reporting at the site level.
- Capacity building.** During April 2025, treatment and PCCA partners conducted in-service training for 109 healthcare staff. The training covered key topics including the management of opportunistic infections (OI), patient service records, pre- and post-test counseling, referral systems, and service documentation. Additionally, in Khammouane province, the Provincial Health Office (PHO) organized a dissemination workshop on HIV and STI care and treatment, which was attended by 33 medical students.
- Media panel discussions.** AHF Laos has actively promoted HIV prevention knowledge through a series of media panel discussions. These discussions focused on key topics such as the availability and quality of treatment services at ART sites, challenges faced by healthcare providers and patients, and the significant role that AHF plays in supporting the national HIV prevention program. By collaborating with ART site of Setthathirath hospital, these panel sessions were broadcast on national health channels, ensuring wide public access and raising awareness on early testing, treatment adherence, and the importance of community-based HIV education.
- Field visit.** From 12–16 May 2025, the Country Program Manager (CPM) and Program Officer (PO) conducted a field visit to Khammouane and Savannakhet provinces to meet with the Provincial Committee for the Control of AIDS (PCCA) and work closely with the ARV sites and Drop-In Centers (DICs). The purpose of the visit was to monitor and supervise the management of patient data, condom distribution, HIV test kit usage, the referral system, and to provide technical support.



- On 6 June, a targeted training session on data management and case reporting was organized for volunteers working at the Wellness Clinic. The training aimed to strengthen the participants' capacity in managing health data effectively and ensure accurate and timely reporting in alignment with both the national health information system and AHF's internal reporting requirements.
- From 9 to 11 June, a comprehensive training workshop on HIV/Syphilis testing, treatment services, and counseling was conducted in Vangvieng City. The training was co-chaired by the Director of the Vientiane Municipality Health Office and AHF Laos. The primary aim was to strengthen the capacity of volunteers to deliver high-quality services related to HIV and STI prevention, diagnosis, and care. More than 20 participants attended the training, including nurses and community volunteers of WC and Youth Clinic. During the sessions, participants received in-depth instruction on the syndromic approach to diagnosing sexually transmitted infections (STIs), as well as practical training on the use of rapid test kits for HIV and syphilis. In addition to clinical aspects, the training also emphasized proper documentation, including how to accurately record patient information, maintain confidentiality, and report cases in alignment with national health information systems and AHF reporting system.
- From 22 to 24 June, the Regional Data Manager conducted a mission to Mittaphab Hospital and Wellness Clinic to advise about planning chart audit and health facility survey alongside the AHF Laos team. The primary objective of this mission was to provide technical support in reviewing patient records, evaluating service delivery data, and identifying gaps in documentation and data quality. The visit also aimed to strengthen the capacity of the local team in implementing standardized monitoring tools and ensure alignment with AHF's reporting requirements.
- Semi-Annual Workshop with all partners under the MoH: AHF Laos organized a semi-annual workshop for all partners under the Ministry of Health (MOH) who are supported by AHF. This workshop aims to provide a platform for discussing key updates, reviewing pending activities, and sharing progress among stakeholders. One of the main agenda items will be the discussion of the draft for the renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the period 2026–2030. The draft includes a proposal to expand the scope of collaboration by extending support to five additional provinces, ensuring broader coverage and impact of the program.



Menstrual Health Day Event:

On 28 May 2025, AHF Laos, in close collaboration with the Technical and Vocational Education Department (TVED) under the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) and the Technical and Vocational Training School, organized a Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD) celebration at the college. The event was co-chaired by the Director of the Provincial Education Department, the Director of the College, and the Country Program Manager (CPM) of AHF Laos. More than 400 students participated in the event, which featured various student-led activities such as singing performances and a Q&A session. There was also a dedicated segment for interactive questions and answers on HIV prevention and reproductive health, aimed at enhancing students' knowledge and awareness. During the event, 49 students received HIV testing, with no positive cases detected, and 6 participants donated blood as a contribution to the local health services.

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- Earthquake Response by AHF Myanmar team.** A major earthquake hit central parts of Myanmar with the magnitude of 7.7 Richter Scale on 28 of March 2025. Immediate after earthquake AHF Asia Bureau Chief called for a meeting with Senior- Vice President, Global Security Director, Finance and HR Directors to plan and provide necessary assistance to those affected people. AHF Asia Bureau Chief arrived at Myanmar on 4 April 2025 and led the earthquake response team of Myanmar by collecting information, planning for provision of assistance. AHF organized a coordination meeting with partner local organizations on the ground to deliver relief items directly to the poor and most needed affected families. MPG, MSM &TG network, SEG, Women Positive Group, SWING, Lotus. Golden Lotus, Myanmar Medical Association (Pyinmana Branch) are cooperating with AHF team in collection information, planning and distribution of relief items. AHF Asia Bureau Chief and the Myanmar team visited Pyinmana town which was severely damaged by the earthquake on 7-8 April 2025. Collapsed and severely damaged houses were not completely removed or cleaned yet. There were many injured patients admitting in the hospitals. AHF donated surgical and trauma medicine and materials to Pyinmana Hospital. For the update to wider audience, 2 e-Blasts were prepared and submitted to AHF HQ.
- Providing support at Mandalay and Sagaing regions severely impacted by earthquake.** AHF Myanmar team travelled to Mandalay and Sagaing Region on 22 April 2025 to provide emergency relief assistance. Humanitarian assistance is still needed especially for food, non-food items and the prevention of communicable diseases at temporary camps. AHF Myanmar team visited 2 camps in Mandalay and 2 camps in sagaing and supplied 110 nos of (50 KG) rice bags, 200 mosquito nets, 200 blankets, 200 Parpaulin sheet and 200 family kits. More the team conducted health education talks on prevention of diarrheal diseases and heat stroke at each camp visited.



Menstrual Health Day Event.

- 28 May of every year is recognized as Menstrual Health Day to raise awareness of importance of good menstrual health among adolescent girls and women of reproductive age. Menstrual health is not only about health issue but also it is related with women's rights, dignity and equality.
- AHF Myanmar organized an event commemorating MHD at girls' training school , Malikha Street in Yangon in collaboration with Girls Act team members from other schools and chapter. There were 150 girls participating in the event. Education talks about menstruation and importance of menstrual health for young girls and how it is link with the risk of HIV/STI infections. After that, girls act team members shared their experience of social taboos, discrimination and myths regarding menstruation in Myanmar society. Then, girls entertained the participants with dances and singing songs. Sanitary pads and dignity kits were distributed to the girls.



- **Interpersonal Development training for Girls Act members.** On 23 of April 2025, AHF Myanmar provided training on “Communication skill” to “Girls Act” member at RIMA and Htauk Kyant Girls training centers. Then sanitary materials were supplied to Girls Act members. Such kind of training course will be provided monthly. AHF Myanmar also supported school fees and tutoring fees for girls who were going to sit final high school leaving exam in April 2025.
- **Vocational training for Girls Act members.** On 14 of May 2025, AHF Myanmar provided vocational training on “Hand woven Plastic baskets” to “Girls Act” member at Vocational Training Center for Women in Yangon. AHF hired professional trainers, and 25 girls joined the training course which lasted for 5 days. At the end of the training course, all trainees are able to produce hand-woven hand baskets by themselves. AHF discussed with the school authorities to manufacture the baskets and look for the markets to sell these baskets and make a revolving fund for those girls.
- **Monthly life skill training for Girls Act members.** On 13 of June 2025, AHF Myanmar provided training on “Communication skill” to “Girls Act” member at RIMA Charity school. 28 girls attended the course and participated in group activities and presentations. On 22 of June 2025, “Health and Nutrition” training was provided to “Girls Act” team members of Htauk Kyant center. Then sanitary materials were supplied to Girls Act members. Such kind of training course will be provided monthly. AHF Myanmar also supported school fees and tutoring fees for high school “GA members”.





- **Distribution of rice bags to poor clients at partner ART clinic.** According to the work plan of country program, AHF Myanmar regularly supports rice bags to poor clients who are taking ART at partner clinics. It is monthly based support activities and poor clients are chosen among the clients by partner clinics and are regularly supplied when they come to the clinics to take ARV. Every month AHF Myanmar supports 280 clients from partner clinics.
- **Meeting with Yangon Region HIV/STI leader to initiate the targeted online testing at partner sites.** CPD and OM met Yangon HIV/STI Regional Officer on 30 June 2025 to initiate the targeted online testing strategy and recruitment of volunteers at partner sites. There are 2 Hospital and 5 ART centers in AHF Myanmar program and currently 3 ART centers from Yangon and 1 ART center from Bago region were selected for targeted online testing. According to initial meeting it is possible to initiate the targeted online testing at the partner sites, but it will need to advocate the team leaders for initiation of new strategy and recruitment of their staff who are interested in the online activities. It was decided to organize a meeting with HIV/STI team leaders and partner site staff to introduce AHF's targeted online testing model and discuss for implementation of the strategy in next month.

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- Annual Review and Planning Meeting 2025.** The Annual Review Meeting of AHF Nepal on April 17, 2025, gathered 63 participants from 19 sites to assess program progress and plan for the future. Mr. Divya Raj Joshi outlined goals like achieving 95-95-95 targets, improving HIV testing, and enhancing client retention. Mr. Deepak Dhungel praised AHF Nepal's resilience despite financial challenges and the importance of government support for sustainability. Sessions focused on program achievements, strategies to improve HIV testing, and scaling up the Optimized Retention Initiative (ORI). Financial updates and site-specific reporting concerns were also addressed. The meeting concluded with team-building activities and a focus on improving ARV initiation, retention, and reducing mortality. The overall message emphasized strategic planning, teamwork, and dedication to the program's success.
- Stakeholders meeting:** On April 2025, AHF Nepal held a stakeholders' meeting in Doti district to discuss the progress of its HIV/AIDS services, including updates on service coverage and the introduction of the Girls Act Program 2025. The meeting focused on strategies to re-engage Lost to Follow-Up (LFU) clients through coordination with local actors, with the hospital committing to support and collaborate. AHF Nepal also organized a semi-annual stakeholders' meeting at Janakpur ART clinic to strengthen coordination and improve service delivery for PLHIV in Dhanusha District. These meetings involve ART clinic staff and the hospital's TWG to address challenges and enhance accessibility.
- Participated and presented the AHF Nepal's contribution to Nepal's HIV program during the Annual Review Meeting of Provinces.** Program Coordinator Sanjaya Kumar Paudel attended the Karnali Province Annual Review Meeting from April 2–4, 2025, where AHF Nepal provided technical support and presented program accomplishments. Key highlights included updates on HIV testing guidelines and a focus on quality care. Between Shrawan and Falgun 2081, 2,799 HIV tests identified 20 new cases, and PMTCT testing found 30 syphilis cases. Action points focused on improving data quality, CD4 services, and confirmatory testing. Key lessons included addressing lab capacity gaps and ensuring HTC coverage in all districts.
- Combined Technical Working Group (TWG) and Quality Improvement (QI) Meeting.** In May 2025, AHF Nepal conducted THREE Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings at Pokhara ART, Butwal ART Site and Koshi ART site to address technical and operational issues in ART service delivery. In Pokhara, the TWG discussed the proper disposal of expired ARV medicines in coordination with the pharmacy and bid farewell to Dr. Bharat, recognizing his contributions. At Koshi Hospital, updates on AHF Nepal's support programs were shared, and Medical Superintendent Dr. Runa Jha recommended the distribution of PEP-related IEC materials across all hospital wards. She also emphasized the need for regular CME sessions on managing occupational exposure to HIV and ensuring staff are aware of reporting protocols as per national guidelines. These TWG meetings strengthened coordination and reinforced commitments to improving HIV services at both sites.



- Continued Medical Education (CME).** AHF Nepal conducted 71 regular CME sessions across its collaborative ART sites to enhance the technical capacity of healthcare workers. Topics covered included HIV testing algorithms, ART guidelines, CD4 and viral load monitoring, PrEP and PEP, TB and cervical cancer screening, STI and OI management, and mental health. One of the sessions at Bheri ART was facilitated by Clinical Mentor and Medical Advisor Dr. Unnat Shrestha, who presented on the National HIV Scenario, including the HIV epidemic, HTC, ART guidelines, PMTCT, and prophylaxis. Participants included consultants from various departments who found the technical session informative and engaging. Overall, the sessions helped improve knowledge, reduce stigma, and promote early detection and prevention of HIV.
- Monthly Sessions on Treatment Literacy.** A total of 87 treatment literacy sessions were conducted for PLHIV on ART, focusing on adherence, viral load and CD4 monitoring, and prevention of opportunistic infections. Clients learned how ART improves immunity, reduces transmission, and helps manage side effects. The sessions also covered the importance of baseline tests every six months and maintaining overall health. Additionally, clients were informed about the benefits of free government-provided health insurance for HIV patients, which covers treatment, emergencies, and preventive care.
- ToT on STI Case management.** The counselor from the AHF Nepal Doti ART Clinic participated in the "Training of Trainers (ToT) on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Case Management" organized by the Health Directorate, Doti. The training aimed to enhance participants' knowledge and teaching skills on common STIs, including HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, and HPV. Key topics covered were modes of transmission, signs and symptoms, diagnostic methods, treatment options, and prevention strategies. The training also emphasized sensitive and non-judgmental communication. Through group discussions, role-plays, and interactive sessions, participants built confidence to educate their communities. By the end of the program, the counselor was equipped to raise awareness, promote prevention, and support early diagnosis and treatment of STIs.
- Training on Clinical Management of HIV and AIDS (CMT).** AHF Nepal coordinated and provided technical support to organize the ongoing CMT training in coordination with NCASC, to be held in Nepalgunj from 27 April to 2 May 2025. Support efforts included selecting participants from various hospitals across Lumbini Province, communicating with them, and coordinating logistics and the facilitator team from Nepalgunj to ensure smooth training management. The Clinical Mentor and Medical Advisor, Dr. Unnat Shrestha, facilitated the training.



Menstrual Health Day 2025.

- A policy dialogue on Dignified Menstruation was held in Dhangadi, Far-Western Nepal, with 21 provincial parliamentarians participating to discuss the implementation of a resolution passed by the National Assembly on March 21, 2025. Organized by the Radha Paudel Foundation/Global South Coalition for Dignified Menstruation, the event emphasized addressing gaps and challenges in ending menstrual discrimination through legislative reform and awareness. Key parliamentarians, including Hon. Madan Kumari Shah and Hon. Koilidevi Chaudhary, committed to prioritizing Dignified Menstruation in provincial policies, budgets, and legal frameworks. The dialogue highlighted Nepal's leadership in promoting menstruation as a human rights and gender equality issue, setting an example for global advocacy. AHF's involvement was underscored due to the intersection of menstrual health with HIV, SRHR, and its broader mission of promoting health, rights, and dignity.
- AHF Nepal celebrated Menstrual Health Day 2025 in collaboration with the WE For Change team under the theme "SPEAK LOUD," which focused on addressing the discriminatory aspects of menstruation in Nepalese society. The event aimed to disseminate positive messages about menstruation and challenge harmful taboos through songs, comedy, and anonymous confessions from participants. Free sanitary pads, provided by Softy Hygiene Nepal, were also distributed during the event. It was conducted at a popular tea shop in Kathmandu.



- Refresher Training on Effective Counseling and Reporting.** From May 6–9, 2025, AHF Nepal conducted a residential refresher training in Pokhara for 22 participants including ART Clinic Officers, Counsellors, Data Capturers, and Lab staff from AHF-supported sites. The training focused on enhancing client-centered counselling skills, strengthening data management and reporting accuracy, and promoting interdepartmental coordination for quality HIV service delivery. Sessions included interactive role-plays, group work, and presentations on counselling ethics, reporting tools (e.g., PPR, RTP, MDS), and clinical quality improvement. Facilitators from AHF Nepal's Country Office provided technical guidance on common reporting errors, teamwork, and using data for decision-making. Participants left the training motivated and equipped with practical knowledge and committed to applying the learnings at their respective sites.
- CLT Training of HIV and Index Testing.** The three-day residential training from 10 to 12 June 2025, organized by NCASC and NPHL with AHF Nepal's support, aimed to enhance peer educators' knowledge and skills on HIV testing, counseling, and linkage to care. A total of 20 participants from AHF-supported ART sites were trained through interactive sessions, practical demonstrations, and participatory learning methods. Key topics included HIV basics, CLT strategies, verbal consent, active case finding, logistics, finger-pricking, oral testing, waste management, and reporting. Pre- and post-test assessments showed an improvement in participant knowledge, with scores increasing from an average of 80.9% to 88.4%. Overall, the training was well-received and is expected to contribute significantly to scaling up the CLT approach across supported districts.
- Participation in Ethics-Related Trainings by AHF Nepal Team.** AHF Nepal staff participated in two key trainings focused on ethics in health research and HIV care. Program Coordinator Bidhya Koirala joined the NHRC-organized workshop on health research ethics and SOPs, where Mahesh Dikshya Adhikari presented program activities and implementation challenges. Counselors Narayani Subedi and Neesha Bhurtyal attended a Medical Ethics in HIV training conducted by the Provincial Health Directorate.
- Participated in the Advocacy and Marketing Training.** Country Program Manager (CPM) and Program, Program and Marketing Coordinator of AHF Nepal participated in the Advocacy and Marketing Training in Ho Chi Minh city organized by Asia Bureau in this June 2025. The training highlighted the importance of data-driven advocacy and the power of clear, consistent messaging to influence policy and public perception, and learned that integrating advocacy with marketing can significantly boost program visibility and stakeholder engagement. As decided in the training, AHF Nepal will draft a marketing strategy to support ongoing program and advocacy activities highlighting the products in Nepali Language.



- **International Nurses Day 2025:** AHF Nepal Collaborative ART clinics celebrated the International Nurses Day 2025 with the theme 'Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies.' This theme focuses on nurses' health and well-being and highlights the critical role of a healthy nursing workforce in supporting the overall healthcare system and various events were done and participated during the celebrations.
- **Workshop with Editors in Sudurpaschim Province.** On May 22, 2025, a half-day workshop was held in Dhangadhi, Nepal, with 14 media editors to discuss the role of media in addressing menstrual discrimination and promoting Dignified Menstruation. Hon. Madan Kumari Shah emphasized the need for media to hold policymakers accountable and support policy resolutions through responsible reporting. Dr. Radha Paudel highlighted the urgency of addressing menstrual stigma and the media's power in shaping public narratives. The workshop presented a replicable model for integrating policy, media, and activism to eliminate harmful practices like Chhaupadi. This initiative aligns with AHF's rights-based approach, linking menstrual dignity with gender and health justice.
- **Media breakfast and Interaction.** The Media Interaction Program was successfully held on 27 June 2025, with the participation of 64 media personnel from different media houses in Nepal. This collaborative event fostered a deeper understanding of the challenges, gaps, and achievements within Nepal's HIV response amidst limited resources. It highlighted the critical role of journalists in addressing HIV-related stigma and discrimination through accurate, informed reporting and in advocating for sustainable HIV prevention, care, and treatment initiatives. The program's key outcomes including the dissemination of comprehensive information to the media and extensive subsequent coverage are expected to significantly influence public discourse and media narratives on HIV/AIDS in Nepal. Notably, the event was covered by over 28 media outlets, reinforcing its impact and visibility in the national context.
- **Girls Act Activities:** In June 2025, under the Girls Act program in Gorkha, a young mother from a low-income background received a sewing machine and tailoring tools from AHF Nepal, fulfilling her 16-year dream and enabling her to become financially independent. In Surkhet, on June 25, essential items such as stationery, hygiene kits, school bags, and slippers were distributed to girls under the leadership of ART In-Charge Ms. Sabita Yogi. These activities aimed to empower girls by supporting their livelihood and promoting education, hygiene, and self-reliance.



- **Data Quality Assessment (DQA):** The on-site data validation and collection for the DQA process is complete, covering 97.3% of clients in Nepal. The draft DQA report has been prepared, incorporating feedback from NCASC and the AHF Global Quality team. We plan to finalize and release the DQA report by June 2025.
- **AHF Nepal Project's Mid-term Review from Social Welfare Council (SWC).** The mid-term review of AHF Nepal's current project titled "Sustaining the Gain, strengthen HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care services at ART clinics of Nepal" had been started and completed by Social Welfare Council (SWC). The Mid-term review team had consulted with various ART clinic having Government Health facilities like Teku ART clinic, Pokhara ART clinic, Butwal ART clinic and SPARSHA Nepal. The team had also conducted the meeting with AHF Nepal Country Office team.
- **Patient Chart Audit and Health Facility Assessment.** AHF Nepal collaborative all 19 ART clinics had completed the patient chart audit (PDA). The PDA was conducting to know the exact no of active cases by segregate of adult male, adult female, ped male and ped female. As we are reviewing each individual files, this gives idea and timely action to track the missed cases, follow up for required medical checkup as well. The Health Facility Assessment Round IV at AHF Nepal collaborative all ART clinics has also been completed.
- **Monthly QI Call of ASIA Bureau.** On 12 June 2025, AHF Asia Bureau organized a Monthly QI & Data Management call with participation from the Global M&E Team, Asia and India Bureaus, and Country M&E teams. Key discussions included proper categorization of active and inactive Wellness Centre clients, orientation on accessing reports through the AHF HMIS portal, and the need to ensure report access and capacity building for site-level staff. The call concluded with a reminder to review LTFU durations in PDA reports and to submit PDA and HFA reports on time.
- **Monthly Clinical Case Discussion of Asia Bureau.** On June 26, 2025, AHF Nepal participated in a clinical case discussion organized by AHF Asia Bureau. The Vietnam team presented a case of a 7-year-old girl diagnosed with HIV at 9 months and on ART (initially ABC/3TC+LPV/r, later switched to ABC+3TC+DTG). In March 2025, she developed measles with severe symptoms including respiratory failure and septic shock, requiring intensive care (ventilation, antibiotics, renal therapy). The child eventually stabilized and recovered at home. The key lesson learned is the timely, intensive treatment and referral to higher-level facilities can save lives, even in critical conditions. Adherence to national immunization protocols is also crucial.



- **Visit From Social Welfare Council (SWC) at Seti ART Clinic.** On 28 April 2025, the SWC Vice Chairman and Member Secretary visited Seti ART Center. The center serves 1043 clients with ART and viral load services. AHF Nepal has been supporting the clinic since 2016. SWC discussed how they will assist partners in launching programs based on local needs.
- **Visit From Human Rights Commission.** On April 25th, a team from the Human Rights Commission, including representatives from both the Head Office in Kathmandu and the Provincial Office, visited the Birgunj ART Centre. During their monitoring visit, they reviewed the ART services provided to people living with HIV (PLHIV). The team expressed appreciation for the quality of services offered at the ART Centre and acknowledged AHF Nepal's continued support in ensuring effective and accessible HIV treatment and care.
- **Monitoring Visit of NCASC and team at AHF Nepal collaborative ART clinics.** The Director of NCASC and team, visited AHF Nepal collaborative ART clinics on this April 2025. They observed the services delivery at Pokhara ART, Seti ART, Bhadrapur ART and Koshi ART clinic and provided the valuable suggestions to deliver the quality services so that the retention can be maintained and can be achieved suppressed viral load of clients.
- **Joint Monitoring Visit at Koshi ART clinic.** On April 6, 2025, the joint monitoring team, including the Director of NCASC and AHF Nepal, visited Koshi Hospital. They met with hospital staff, including the Director, ART Counselor, and ART Clinic Officer. Koshi Hospital, Nepal's first 130-year-old hospital, now under the Provincial Government, operates in limited space but has a viral load testing facility and manages PMTCT cases effectively. Despite challenges posed by ongoing construction, the administration and staff are committed to improving care for PLHIV patients.
- On 28 May 2025 **USAID team visited Seti ART.** Seti ART shared clinic activities and USAID team mainly focused on the effect of constraint of budget and programs in recent months. Team also shared about the current activities and Seti ART and will continue its support activities to clients as always. As some of the prevention activities not included from USAID in current plan and discussed its impact and possible ways to address the gaps.

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- Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center Honors AIDS Candlelight Memorial, Recognizes AHF Philippines as Exemplary Partner.** To commemorate the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM), Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC), spearheaded by the KAAMBAG Treatment Hub, held a solemn and meaningful program on May 14, 2025, at the VSMMC Auditorium, B. Rodriguez St., Sambag II, Cebu City. Observed globally every third Sunday of May, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is dedicated to remembering those who lost their lives to AIDS, showing support for people living with HIV, and renewing the call to action to end stigma and discrimination. During the program, AHF Philippines was recognized as an exemplary partner in the HIV response. The recognition plaque was awarded by Dr. Helen Madamba, Chair of the VSMMC HIV & AIDS Core Team, in appreciation of AHF's continued support in strengthening HIV services at Kaambag Clinic.
- The AIDS Candlelight Memorial ceremony hosted by the Philippine National AIDS Council and the San Lazaro Hospital, supported by AIDS Healthcare Foundation was held last May 22, 2025, at San Lazaro Hospital.
- Participation of AHF Philippines in a WHO meeting** which was attended by UN joint team on AIDS (UNJTA), Philippines, UNAIDS, The Global Fund HIV primary Recipient – Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI), AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), Philippines. All agreed on the Importance of supporting the enhancement and implementation of the Universal Healthcare Law and expand PhilHealth benefits in prevention and testing as well as packages that addresses the issues on Hepa B, C, syphilis, gonorrhea and other STIs. Tap the government in terms of putting more resources/investment and emphasis to HIV and STI as a national emergency and priority. This is also to prepare for the 8th Global Fund cycle which will be 50% lesser.
- AHF participates in PNAC Meeting.** AHF Program Officer Neoman Roxas participated in the Philippine National AIDS Council 19th Plenary Meeting June 11, 2025, Conference Room, DOH Secretary Office, Building 1m Department of Health Philippines. The Philippine National AIDS Council fully supports Health Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa's declaration of HIV as a national public health emergency. Secretary Herbosa emphasized the need to protect children, citing Department of Health's data showing that most infections occur among individuals aged 15–34. The Department of Health is advocating for a whole-of-government approach to address the crisis. The forthcoming Executive Order from the President is expected to accelerate funding, amend existing regulations, and prompt immediate action from local government implementing partners.
- AHF Philippines Strengthens HIV Care Through Medical Chart Audit at LoveYourself Anglo.** AHF Philippines conducted a Medical Chart Audit (MCA) at LoveYourself Anglo to strengthen HIV data quality and patient care. Led by M&E Officer Cecile Joy Lagas, and joined by Soksan Moeun, Data Management Manager of AHF Asia Bureau, the MCA is part of AHF's commitment to support partner sites through quality improvement initiatives. Through chart reviews, we verify the number of active clients, assess the data systems in place, and help develop action plans to enhance service delivery, because good data means better care.



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Menstrual Health Day Event:

- Girls Act Iloilo celebrating Menstrual Hygiene Day through talks and distribution of menstrual hygiene kits. On May 10, 2025, the Girls Act Philippines Iloilo and FPOP Iloilo in collaboration with AHF Philippines successfully organized a meaningful celebration of Menstrual Health Day in two locations: Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City and Jesus Is Love Church, Jereos, Lapaz, Iloilo City. The event aimed to raise awareness about menstrual health and hygiene, emphasizing the importance of proper menstrual care and breaking the stigma associated with menstruation. For too long, conversations about menstruation have been shrouded in secrecy and shame, leading to misconceptions and health risks. This celebration served as a platform to educate women and young girls about their bodies, encourage open discussions, and promote access to menstrual products as a necessity, not a luxury.
- Girls Act Philippines - Metro Manila, together with Project Pearls, hosted a successful Menstrual Hygiene Day event in Bulacan last May 14, 2025. This event equipped young adolescents with the knowledge and resources they need to manage their periods with confidence. Girls Act Philippines - Metro Manila and Project Pearls broke down stigma, shared vital information, and fostered a supportive community. A total of 98 adolescents attended the said event. The event created a supportive environment where open conversations about menstruation were encouraged.
- Youth Forum Highlights Menstrual Hygiene Day and HIV Awareness in Caloocan City, Philippines — In celebration of Menstrual Hygiene Day, GABAY and AHF Philippines, in partnership with Barangay 176-E Sangguniang Kabataan, and Mu Sigma Phi fraternity, hosted a youth health forum at the Kulet Covered Court in Bagong Silang. The event featured an educational seminar on menstrual health, empowering young women with knowledge on their rights and bodily autonomy.
- Basics on Menstrual Health Webinar co-organized with Philippine Society for Public Health Physicians and speaker was AHF-supported Clinic Head Dr. Helen Madamba. The event gathered more than 1200 views.



AHF Philippines Calls on Local Legislative Secretaries to Strengthen HIV Response



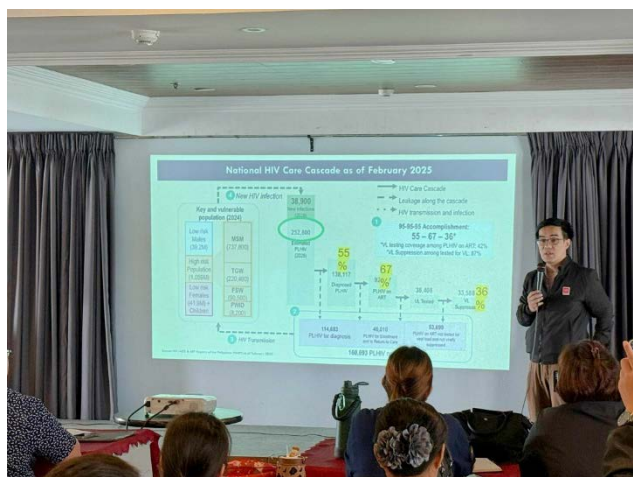
- AHF Philippines Calls on Local Legislative Secretaries to Strengthen HIV Response.** On June 4, 2025, AHF Philippines brought HIV advocacy to the center of local legislative processes at the National Assembly of the Philippine League of Secretaries to the Sanggunian (PLEASES) in Baguio City. More than 1,000 secretaries to the Sanggunian—key administrative officers supporting local lawmaking—gathered for their national assembly. AHF Philippines Country Program Manager Dr. Ryan Guinaran addressed the group in a plenary session, urging stronger local support for HIV programs. *“You may not be elected officials, but your work shapes the laws that shape lives,” Dr. Guinaran said. “We need your leadership to strengthen HIV ordinances and protect our communities.”* AHF Philippines’ participation in the PLEASES assembly marks a bold step in bridging advocacy and governance. By engaging those who help shape the legislative process, AHF is pushing for local systems that don’t just respond to HIV—but are ready to prevent it. From clinics to council offices—HIV advocacy must live everywhere.
- AHF Philippines Convenes Nationwide Partners for 2025 Program Implementation Review.** AHF Philippines gathered its 25 partner sites for the 2025 Program Implementation Review (PIR) held at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel. With the theme grounded in the Appreciative Inquiry approach—Discover, Dream, Design, and Destiny—the three-day event focused on strengthening systems, sharing good practices, and improving client-centered HIV care. In his welcome message, Dr. Ryan Guinaran, AHF Philippines Country Program Manager, reminded partners of their shared role in building systems that work: “We are no longer just implementers. We are builders of hope, systems, and accountability.” The event also welcomed special guests from AHF Asia Bureau: Dr. Yugang Bao, Deputy Bureau Chief, and Sokunthea Phin, Associate Director of Finance. Both leaders engaged directly with partner sites and answered questions about strategy, support, and sustainability. The PIR featured M&E and finance reviews, site presentations of good practices, and a session on advocacy and marketing. A highlight of the event was the Fellowship Night, where all sites were honored as Outstanding Health Partners. The PIR 2025 concluded not just with plans—but with renewed commitment.



- Girls Act Philippines Kicks Off Pride Month at LoveYourself's Pride Night 2025.** Girls Act Philippines joined LoveYourself Inc. in welcoming Pride Month through the annual Pride Night celebration held at the Bridgetowne Open Grounds in Pasig City. The event brought together hundreds of LGBTQ+ individuals, allies, and advocates in a night filled with performances, community booths, and messages of inclusion and visibility. As part of its commitment to HIV prevention and youth empowerment, Girls Act Philippines distributed free condoms packaged in AHF-designed Baybayin-inspired boxes. An AHF initiative connecting local culture with sexual health awareness in a way that's engaging, stigma-free, and empowering. The presence of Girls Act underscored the program's commitment to youth empowerment and leadership—ensuring that girls, young women, and their peers have the tools, confidence, and safe spaces to protect their health, celebrate their identities, and lead change in their communities.
- Girls Act Philippines Iloilo joins the LoveLaban Iloilo Pride Month Celebration** this June 28, 2025, at Joe III Garden Resort, Villa Arevalo, Iloilo. In collaboration with the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP) Iloilo Chapter, they have proudly shown their support for the LGBTQIA+ Community in celebrating this meaningful event.



AHF Supports DOH-CAR's Grand Health Ball, Commends Bold Regional HIV Response



- DOH Ilocos CHD Invites AHF Philippines to Support Barangay HIV Leadership Training.** In its continued push to strengthen local health systems and HIV integration at the community level, the Department of Health - Ilocos Center for Health Development (DOH Ilocos CHD) conducted a Training of Trainers on the Barangay Health Leadership and Management Program (BHLMP) on June 10–11, 2025, at Ritz Legarda Hotel, Baguio City, with Dr. Ryan Guinaran, Country Program Manager of AHF Philippines, serving as one of the key resource speakers. The two-day training gathered provincial health leaders, trainers, and health personnel across the Ilocos Region to strengthen local governance in line with the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law and the DOH 8-Point Action Agenda for Health. A key highlight of the activity was the integration of HIV education and response into barangay-level systems—a critical step in making HIV services more accessible and stigma-free at the grassroots. Dr. Guinaran shared insights on HIV advocacy, community engagement, and the role of barangay health leadership in promoting inclusive, rights-based care. His session emphasized that HIV response should not be confined to clinical settings alone, but must be embedded in everyday governance, where early intervention and stigma reduction are most impactful.
- AHF Philippines Joins North Luzon Youth Congress 2025.** AHF Philippines participated in the North Luzon Youth Congress 2025, held on June 28 at Ion Hotel, Baguio City. Organized by the Dive Into Youth Organization, the event brought together over 200 participants from the Cordillera Administrative Region and Regions I and II. Among the attendees were delegates from various Dive Into Youth chapters, Sangguniang Kabataan officials, and student leaders. The Congress aimed to deepen participants' understanding of human rights, encourage civic engagement, and promote a culture of respect, dignity, and responsibility within their communities. AHF Philippines Country Program Manager Dr. Ryan Guinaran delivered a talk on the crucial role of youth leadership in addressing the HIV epidemic. He emphasized that HIV response must be treated as a “nothing about it without youth” issue, highlighting that the majority of HIV clients in the Philippines are from the youth sector. A sign-up campaign to support the DOH's idea for the declaration of the HIV epidemic as a public health emergency was also started.
- AHF Philippines Supports DOH-CAR's Grand Health Ball, Commends Bold Regional HIV Response.** In a night that celebrated pride, inclusion, and public health, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Philippines joined the Department of Health–Cordillera's first-ever Grand Health Ball on June 28, 2025, held in Baguio City. The event, organized through the region's Health Promotion Unit (HPU) and the National STI, HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Program (NASPCP-CAR), gathered young key populations, HIV advocates, influencers, treatment hubs, and community-based organizations under one roof to celebrate the progress and power of a united HIV response. In his message of support, Dr. Ryan C. Guinaran, Country Program Manager of AHF Philippines, highlighted Cordillera's strong implementation of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and HIV self-testing, stating: *“Cordillera has the highest percentage of clients enrolled among those offered PrEP at 98%. We commend the whole-of-government and whole-of-society response here through Project NAMNAMA. We also thank the national DOH for ensuring that the PrEP needs of the country will be covered in 2026.”* The Grand Health Ball also marked a significant relaunch of HIV self-testing in the region, a key strategy in expanding access to stigma-free and client-centered HIV services. AHF Philippines remains committed to supporting regional and national efforts that move the country closer to ending the HIV epidemic—guided by community engagement, bold leadership, and health equity for all.

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- **Menstrual Health Day:**

- On Menstrual Health Day (May 28, 2025), AHF Thailand, in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand and Thammasat Khlong Luang Withayakhom School, organized an event to raise awareness about menstrual health, tackle stigma, and address the lack of access to menstrual products. Approximately 350 students participated in the event.
- The opening ceremony featured a dance performance by Girls Act Thailand and the To Be Number One team, followed by two main sessions: one on menstrual health and the other on sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. The event ended with a Q&A session and the distribution of souvenirs and sanitary pads to all students.



- Cross-border situation assessment trip:** On 19-20 May, AHF Thailand joined the team from Bureau and Cambodia to visit key stakeholders along the Thai-Cambodian border. These include two NGOs in Poipet Cambodia to learn about their work in relation to migrants and MFUND in Sakaeo of Thailand to learn about their support to undocumented Cambodian migrants. We also took this opportunity to see a mobile testing activity under collaboration with SWING and supported by the AHF Grant Fund as part of our advocacy effort. We also met with the director of the Provincial Public health Office to learn about the migrant's situation in the province. The director expressed his willingness to partner with nonprofit organizations like AHF to improve services for the migrants. He was also keen on having AHF as a signatory to an upcoming MOU for the provincial border health learning center which is a collaboration with the MoPH.
- Partnership with Sakaeo Provincial Public Health Office (PHO) Starts in June:** After a delay from March due to an internal restructuring where the relevant department head was assigned to take care of a new department, we could finally organize an orientation for the PHO and all the participating hospitals on 9 June. Following the orientation, the data captures were submitted.
- Strengthening partnership with provincial HIV network in Mahasarakham province:** On 13 June, our partner organized a training to update on HIV treatment guidelines in Mahasarakham to strengthen treatment capacity for all partners in the province. The event was presided over by the director of the provincial public health office (PHO) and the PHO was very interested in partnering with AHF on other service and capacity strengthening aspects.



- **No HIV Discrimination in the Workplace:** Following the approval of the GAMPO, we immediately conducted the first meeting with the Thai Business Coalition on AIDS (TBCA) to discuss the plan for this year. Apart from the activities, we proposed the development of a Community of Practice (CoP) to support trained employer representatives and help accelerate the process of the ASO-T adoption or renewal. The CoP will be an online platform furnished with regular messages that encourage the adoption/renewal. The TBCA team agreed with the idea, and we will implement the CoP as the project starts this year.
- **Second Targeted Online Outreach Training:** On 17-18 June, AHF Thailand team facilitated the second Asia Bureau training of targeted online outreach organized in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam as part of the effort to scale up the strategy in Asia. This time, the remaining four countries joined the training – China, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam.
- **Border Health Learning Center MOU signed:** On 25 June, AHF Thailand signed an MOU on the border health learning center together with the signatories from the government, academic institutions and other NGOs. The MOU is an initiative by the ministry of public health to promote the knowledge in the area of border health which is unique and specific. AHF's participation is strategic as, apart from positioning AHF as a key partner in the province, it presents opportunities to advance migrant issues in the future. The signing ceremony was presided over by the Permanent Secretary of Health. The center is the third in Thailand after in Maesot and another in the south.
- **Advancing our migrants coverage through potential new partnership:** As part of our efforts to address the needs of migrants, we met virtually on 30 June with Dreamlopmment Foundation, a nonprofit that's dedicated to serving the migrants community in Thailand. Dreamlopmment currently serves more than 4,000 Cambodian migrants in Sakaeo province. After the initial discussion today, Dreamlopmment will discuss internally and discuss more in detail with AHF in the near future.



Food for Health:

- To ensure smooth implementation, AHF Thailand met with the implementing partner in Mahasarakham province on 26 May to clarify the project agreement and concept as well as the implementation plan. We also visited the new site for the mushroom farm which is much closer to our partner hospital, making it more convenient to distribute the mushrooms to the patients. More importantly, we were able to affirm the EVAP system with the landowner / implementer who happens to have engineering / IT expertise required to ensure a functional EVAP system which will maintain optimal sprouting conditions for the mushrooms.
- In conjunction with the participation in the provincial network in Mahasarakham, we took the opportunity to see the progress of the FFH mushroom farming which was almost completed. The farm is equipped with the EVAP system that incorporates temperature and humidity sensors in order to maintain optimal sprouting conditions. While the mushroom greenhouse construction had not been completed, the project already made a very meaningful impact on needy patients. Our implementing partner gave the mushrooms that already started to grow to a lady patient who's so poor that sometimes she had to ask for food from the temple in order to survive. We look forward to many more beneficiaries after the completion of the greenhouse construction!



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AHF Vietnam Highlights

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- Inauguration of AHF Wellness Center in Ho Chi Minh.** On 17 Apr 2025, AHF Vietnam conducted the inauguration of the first Wellness Center (WC) in Ho Chi Minh city in collaboration with a MSM NGO called Galant. The event received the participation of Dr. Chhim Sarath, AHF Asia Bureau Chief, along with leaders from the local health system, district health centers, representatives of several ARV clinics in the city, representatives of self-help groups of MSM, Impulse people and Galant Clinic. Following the inauguration, AHF Vietnam conducted training sessions for WC health staff, focusing on key program indicators, the reporting system, and discussions of clinical case management related to STIs. The AHF Vietnam team also conducted a facility evaluation and expressed high appreciation for the infrastructure and readiness of the center. Additionally, Dr. Binh Kieu provided detailed guidance to ensure effective patient support services and reporting processes at the new WC moving forward.
- VISITECT CD4 Test Training.** On April 13, 2025, AHF Vietnam organized a training session on the VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease test at the Hanoi office. The training welcomed over 20 healthcare staff responsible for testing services from AHF-supported sites in the provinces across Northern Vietnam. Participants were provided with detailed guidance on the significance of the VISITECT CD4 test, hands-on administration techniques, and best practices for accurate result interpretation. This training not only strengthened healthcare staff capacity but also reinforced AHF Vietnam's advocacy efforts to improve early detection and treatment for patients with advanced HIV disease.



Menstrual Health Day Event in Vinh Phuc Province.

- On May 20, 2025, AHF Vietnam, in collaboration with CDC Vinh Phuc and Hai Ba Trung High School, organized the Menstrual Health Day (MHD) event in Phuc Yen City, Vinh Phuc Province.
- The event welcomed approximately 1,200 participants, including students, teachers, and local health representatives.
- The event featured the interactive quiz competition “Ring the Golden Bell” to raise awareness on reproductive health and menstrual hygiene. Alongside the quiz, students took part in various fun and educational activities.
- Meaningful gifts related to menstrual health were distributed, highlighting the importance of hygiene, education, and gender equity. The event promoted open dialogue and empowered youth to take charge of their health.





Asia Regional Training on Targeted Online Outreach and Advocacy:

- AHF Vietnam hosted the second Asia Bureau training of targeted online outreach at Muong Thanh Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City on June 17-18, as part of the effort to scale up the strategy in Asia. The training built upon the successful implementation of this digital outreach model pioneered by AHF Thailand in 2022 and scaled up in 2024 across Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, and Nepal. This time, the remaining four countries joined the training – China, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam. The training aimed to equip participants with skills to effectively engage key populations through social media and dating apps, and to craft country-specific action plans that scale up online testing interventions. Dr. Sarath Chhim, AHF Asia Bureau Chief, delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing the growing regional momentum of this model and welcoming new country teams to the initiative.
- On June 19, the Advocacy Training focused on strengthening participants' capacity in strategic advocacy and marketing. Country representatives shared achievements, best practices, and lessons learned, while engaging in interactive sessions designed to foster evidence-based, fearless, and impactful advocacy. This training equipped national teams with ways to operationalize their approved advocacy plans and address systemic barriers to HIV service access in their respective contexts. To strengthen the marketing initiatives to support regular program and advocacy activities, AHF Vietnam will continue to promote the strategically designed materials in Vietnamese language within the framework of Marketing Strategy (to be finalized in Q3).



Empowering Adolescent Girls in Phu Tho and Thai Nguyen.

- On June 13 and 25, 2025, AHF Vietnam, in collaboration with the Phu Tho and Thai Nguyen Provincial Center for Disease Control, organized a training session on "Adolescent Reproductive Healthcare" and provided regular support for members of Girls Act Phu Tho & Thai Nguyen.
- Girls Act members discussed and debated enthusiastically on topics such as characteristics of puberty, pregnancy & childbirth in adolescence, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies, etc., thereby helping them consolidate the knowledge they had learned from previous training courses.
- This activity is part of the regular programming under the Girls Act initiative implemented by AHF Vietnam, aimed at empowering girls with essential knowledge and life skills, fostering greater confidence and resilience in their personal development.
- In parallel with training, the program continued to provide regular support to Girls Act members. This included transportation assistance to help girls maintain school attendance and access ARV treatment, distribution of sanitary pads to promote menstrual hygiene, and provision of health-promoting nutrition products.
- A highlight of the June 13 training in Phu Tho was the participation of a visiting delegation from AHF Cambodia. This cross-country exchange enabled meaningful experience-sharing between teams and contributed to strengthening the regional Girls Act network across Southeast Asia



- **Food For Health products** distribution to pediatric patients at the National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion in Hanoi, Vietnam. On May 09, 2025, AHF Vietnam distributed thousands of organic, ready-to-eat eggs from the Food For Health program to pediatric patients at the National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion. This activity aims to support improved nutrition for children undergoing treatment, with the hope this small gesture contributes to healthier, more nourishing meals.
- **Exchanged learning and sharing.** On June 12-13, AHF Vietnam welcomed the visit of AHF Cambodia team for experience sharing and learning. We had updated the progress of HIV/AIDS project implementation, Food For Health, and Girls Act programs, and the difficulties/challenges faced. We shared experiences and learned how to implement activities from each other. Also, on this business trip, AHF Cambodia, with the AHF Vietnam team, coordinated with Yen Bai CDC to organize an activity to give duck eggs to poor patients undergoing ART at Nghia Lo District Hospital. We also visited some PLWHA households that AHF Vietnam supported to develop their livelihoods from agriculture in the Food For Health component. We are delighted that many households have successfully implemented and increased their income from this model. On June 16, 2025, AHF Vietnam and AHF Cambodia cooperated with the Center for Disease Control in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Thanh District Health Center to give organic chicken eggs to patients.
- **Patient Chart Audit, HFA and ORI.** During Q2, 2025, AHF Vietnam team collaborated with supported sites to conduct the annual patient chart audit. To optimize time and resources, the Vietnam team combined the audits with Health Facility Assessments (HFA), onsite coaching, and ORI (Optimizing Retention and Intervention) implementation. The HFA & PCA exercises will be completed and uploaded before the end of September.