

# Refugee & Migrant HIV Prevention & Support Programme Development

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# What is this program about?

## Providing

Providing HIV prevention and support services for refugees and migrants from countries with high HIV prevalence

## Developing

Developing professional and tailored/ culturally appropriate resources and information for the refugee and migrant communities, organisations and service providers



# Partnership

- By Māori for Māori, living with HIV
- Working with Maori, with the input of refugee and migrant communities to put together a working model that best serves these two communities

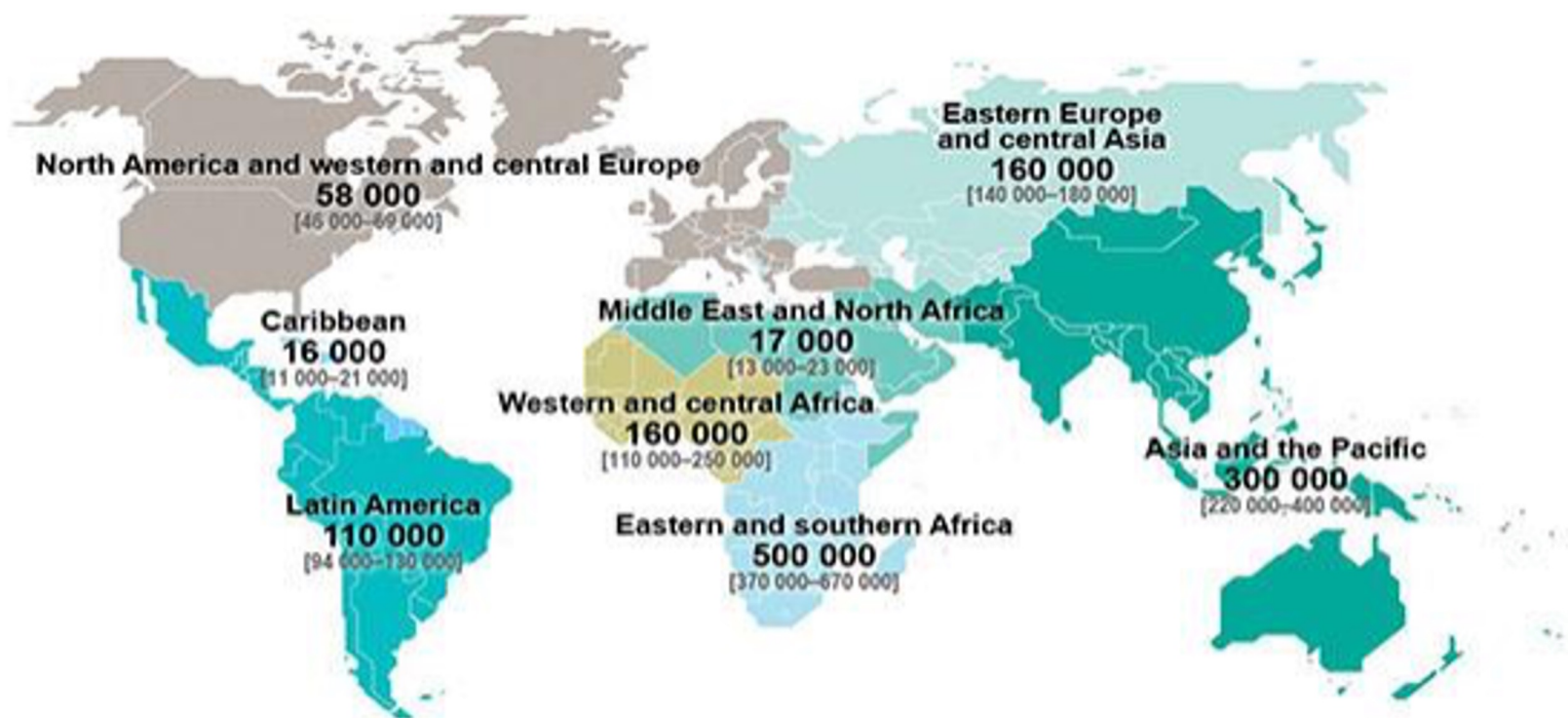


# Ministry of Health's National HIV Action Plan for Aotearoa New Zealand 2023-2030

The Action Plan aims to eliminate local transmission of HIV and ensure people living with HIV have healthy lives free from stigma and discrimination.

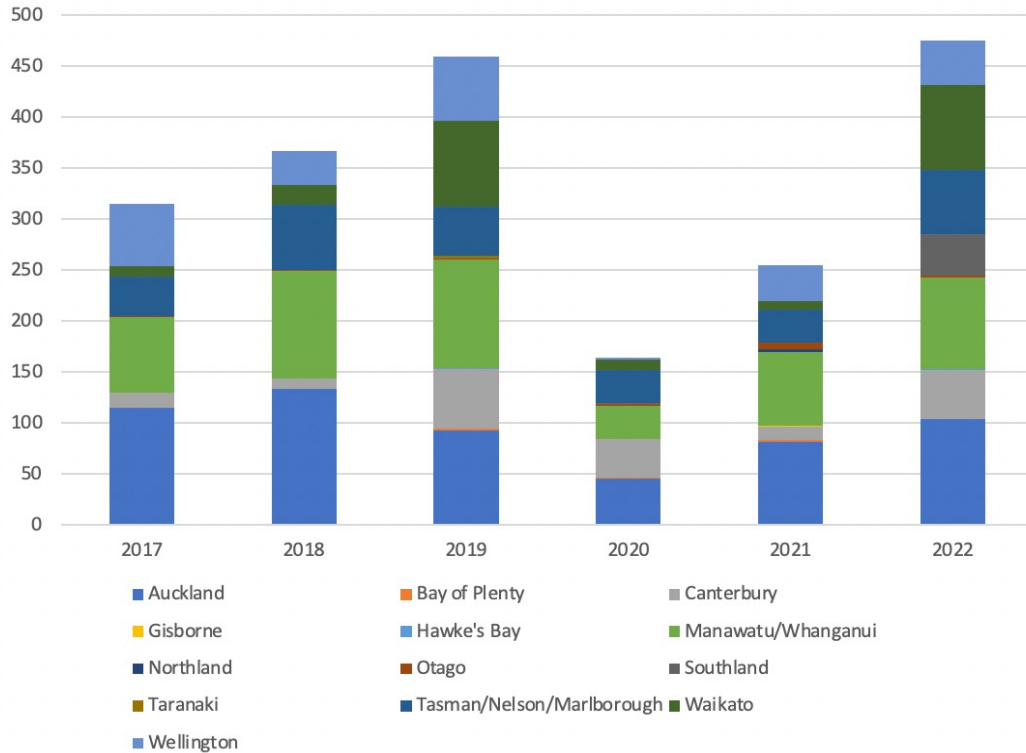
- Priority groups:
  - People living with HIV
  - Gay people
  - Bisexual and other men who have sex with men;
  - Māori at risk of and living with HIV;
  - Sex workers;
  - People who inject drugs,
  - Transgender and non-binary people
  - People who have migrated from high HIV prevalence countries

# Estimated number of adults and children newly infected with HIV | 2022



**Total: 1.3 million** [1.0 million–1.7 million]

Regional distribution of refugees/refugee protected/refugee family





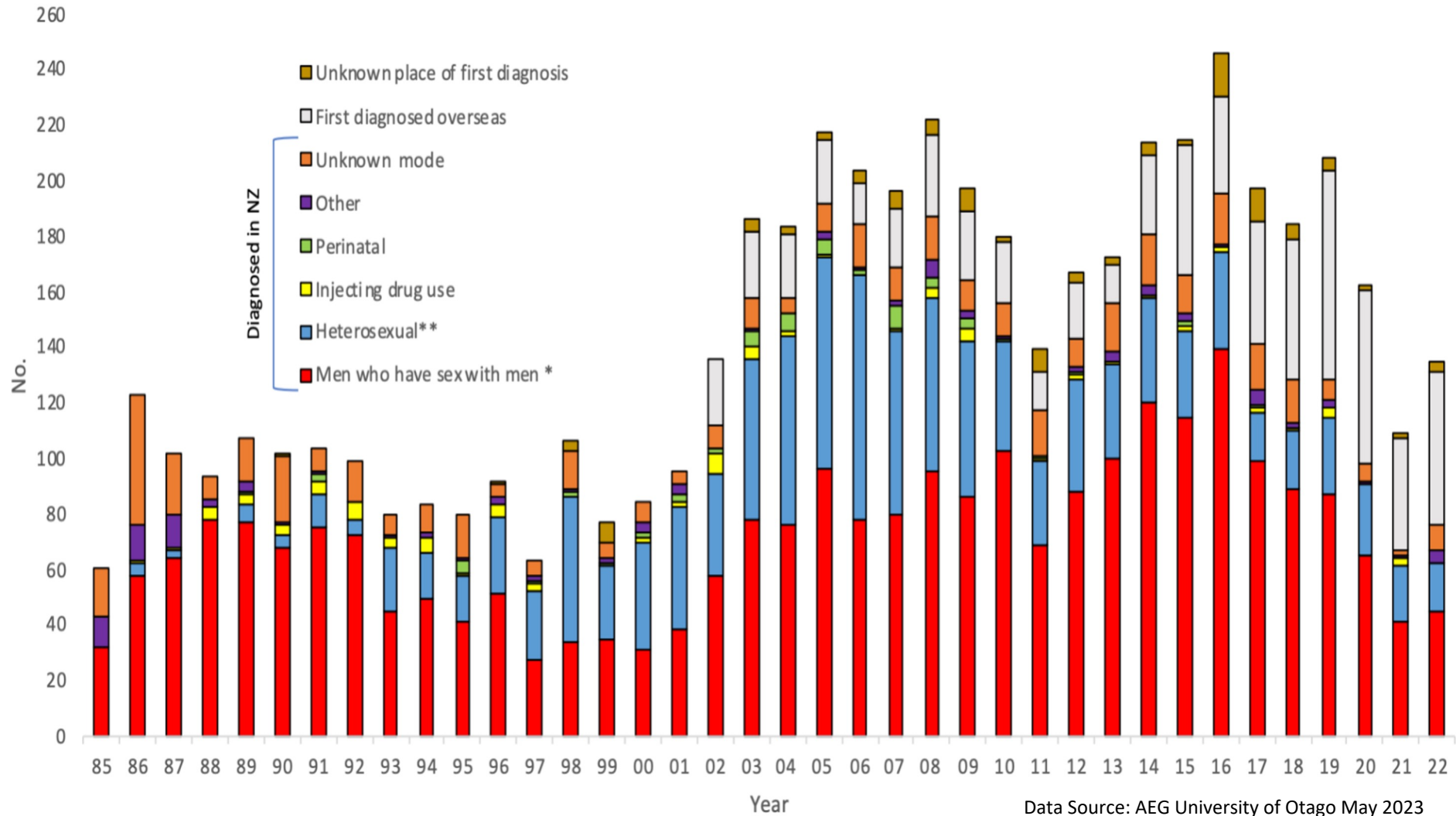












# Why is the programme needed

- There is lack of awareness and understanding of HIV within the refugee and migrant communities
- There are misconceptions, stigma, and discrimination towards refugee and migrants living with HIV
- They may be reluctant to disclose the needs and support required - or may not know where to get assistance and guidance.
- There is also a lack of awareness and understanding about how to prevent HIV among refugee and migrant organisations, leaders and service providers

# Community Shaped Programme

## Role of Community Leaders, Organisations and Service Providers

- Access and outreach
- Trusted messengers and role models
- Cultural relevance and community ownership

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## Key Challenges

- Religion and cultural factors are barriers
- Lack of awareness about HIV
- Misconceptions and doubts about its existence and relevance
- Stigma surrounding HIV
- Taboo and discomfort hindering discussions
- Lack of education on transmission methods
- Fear of deportation and therefore reluctant to test and seek treatment



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## Strategies for HIV Awareness and Prevention

- Culturally appropriate sexual health education
- Engaging influential community figures to break barriers
- Train-the-trainer model for community involvement
- Utilising workshops, playgroups, and online platforms

# Action Plan

- We are working with Maori, with the input of refugee and migrant communities to put together a working model that best serves these two communities
- Continue consulting communities across the nation
- Generate a report with the community feedback
- Finalise the official name, a logo and a working model
- Develop a website and digital content for all social platforms - culturally sensitive and informative
- Develop resources specifically for the refugee and migrant communities

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Thank You