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## Element 5: Knowledge and Behaviour

### *Purpose*

This element tracks what information countries have about how much women know about HIV and how to prevent its transmission, and to what extent they have adopted behaviours that reduce their risk of infection. Although it cannot be assessed with any precision, it can be assumed that the percentage of women with correct knowledge about HIV and safe behaviour can at least in part be attributed to the effectiveness of the national programmes that make up the previous element four.

### *Included indicators*

There are ten Knowledge and Behaviour indicators in total, eight of which requests countries to monitor and report sex-disaggregated data. The eight indicators that make up this element are:

UNGASS indicators		Applicability (type of epidemic)
13	Percentage of young women and men aged 15-24 who both correctly identify ways of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV and who reject major misconceptions about HIV transmission	All
14	Percentage of most-at-risk populations who both correctly identify ways of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV and who reject major misconceptions about HIV transmission	Low and concentrated
15	Percentage of young women and men aged 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	All
16	Percentage of women and men aged 15-49 who have had sexual intercourse with more than one partner in the last 12 months	All
17	Percentage of women and men aged 15-49 who had more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months reporting the use of a condom during their last sexual intercourse	All
18	Percentage of female and male sex workers reporting the use of a condom with their most recent client	Low and concentrated
20	Percentage of injecting drug users reporting the use of a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse	Low and concentrated
21	Percentage of injecting drug users reporting the use of sterile injecting equipment the last time they injected	Low and concentrated

The other two Knowledge and Behaviour indicators are *current school attendance among orphans and non-orphans aged 10-14*, and *percentage of men reporting the use of a condom the last time they had anal sex with a male partner*.

### *Data analysis and grading*

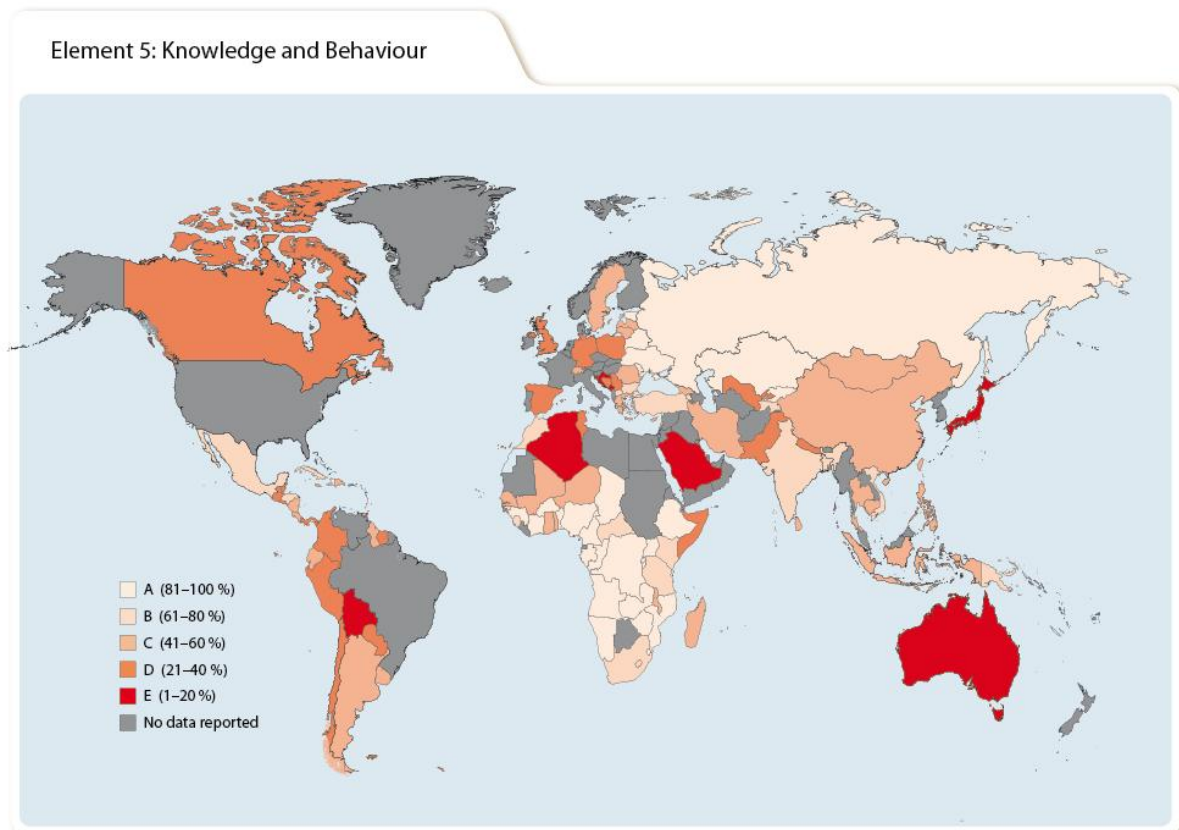
Similar to element 4 above, countries received 1 point for reporting the requested data on women. Countries with generalized epidemics could get a total of 4 points for submitting data on women on indicators 13, 15, 16 and 17.

Countries with low or concentrated epidemics could get a maximum of 9 points. For the same reason as in element four above, apart from a point each for indicators 13, 15-17, 18, 20 and 21, indicator 14 asked for data on both female sex workers and female IDUs.

### Issues

As was the case for element 4 above, the construction of the element and the scoring methodology reduces the possible percentage scores to 25, 50, 75 and 100% for countries with generalized epidemics, scores that translate to D, C, B and A grades. The lack of the grade E among these countries is thus a consequence of the scorecard methodology.

### Results



Only 31% of countries in Western and Central Europe reported any data on women on this element, achieving a very low average score of just 0.75 (out of 5.0). In contrast, 83% of high-burden countries with generalized epidemics reported, with an average score of 3.8. Of the countries with low or concentrated epidemics, only 18% reported data on safe injecting practices and condom use among female intravenous drug users. Just over half (51%) of these countries reported on condom use among female sex workers.



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