CHANGING THE GAME
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BARRIERS

- Stigma
- Discrimination
- Violence
- Criminalisation
- Mobility
- Drug use
- Self-stigma
- Inadequate service provision
- Anti-trafficking policies/efforts
HIV PREVALENCE AMONG SEX WORKERS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

SWEDEN

Of 979 clients interviewed by the Swedish Prison Project in 2006-2007, 46 reported that they had sold sex of whom 45 were tested for HIV and 1 female (2.2%) was confirmed as HIV positive. Data from Stockholm region only

ECDC, Thematic report on sex workers, 2013
SURVEY – 124 SW

• 82 % of SW had never been in contact with sex work specific services.
• 65 % worry about prejudice from authorities, 55 % worry about STIs
• 68 % had never recieved a condom as part of HIV prevention to sw
• 21% had recievied a condom but not in Sweden
• 43 % has experienced problems getting an HIV-test
MAKING STRATEGIC INFORMATION FIT FOR PURPOSES

• without involving the community it will be next to impossible to get credible data
THE SWEDISH MODEL

”If they make so much money maybe they can buy their own condoms”

*Interview with the National Coordinator Against Trafficking and Prostitution (Levy, 2011)*
GAME CHANGERS

- Investing in EECA
- Better HIV response for SW affected by multiple stigmas
- Not conflating sex work with trafficking
- Addressing stigma and discrimination – especially under ”end demand”-legislations
- Community Involvement