



Who is the EPIC-NSW Program Reaching?

A comparison of EPIC-NSW participants and HIV notifications

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EPIC-NSW

- Commenced March 2016
- Provide free access to PrEP for all high-risk people who would benefit from it
- Partnership: NSW Health, Kirby, ACON, clinical services
- Rapid, high coverage, targeted
- Broad and extensive promotion, information resources

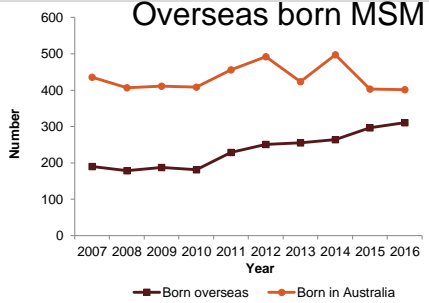
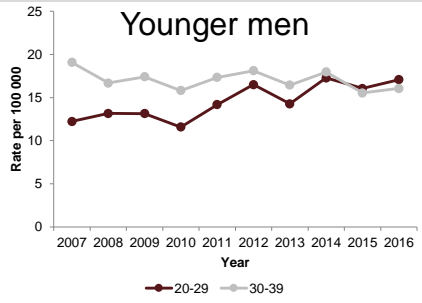
Clinics

- By end September 2017
- 27 sites
 - 8 GP clinics
 - 18 sexual health services
 - aTEST
 - 1 hospital
- Urban, regional, remote



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Divergence in HIV epidemic in Australia



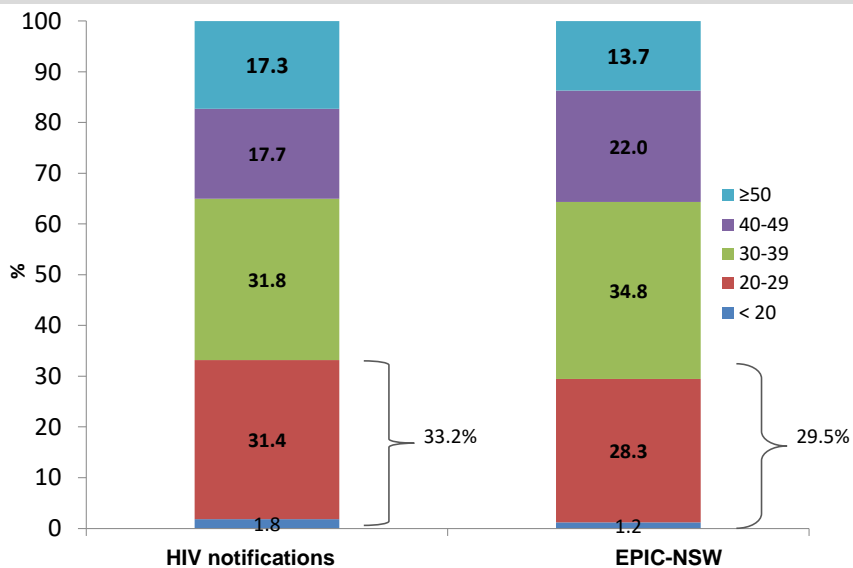
Are EPIC-NSW participants representative of people at high-risk of HIV?

Methods

- Descriptive comparison of EPIC-NSW participants to HIV notifications
- HIV notifications male-to-male sex in 2015 (n=283)
- EPIC-NSW participants to end Sep 2017 (n=7,284)
- Completeness of demographics:
 - Age - 96%
 - Postcode - 98%
 - Indigenous - 89%
 - COB - 81%

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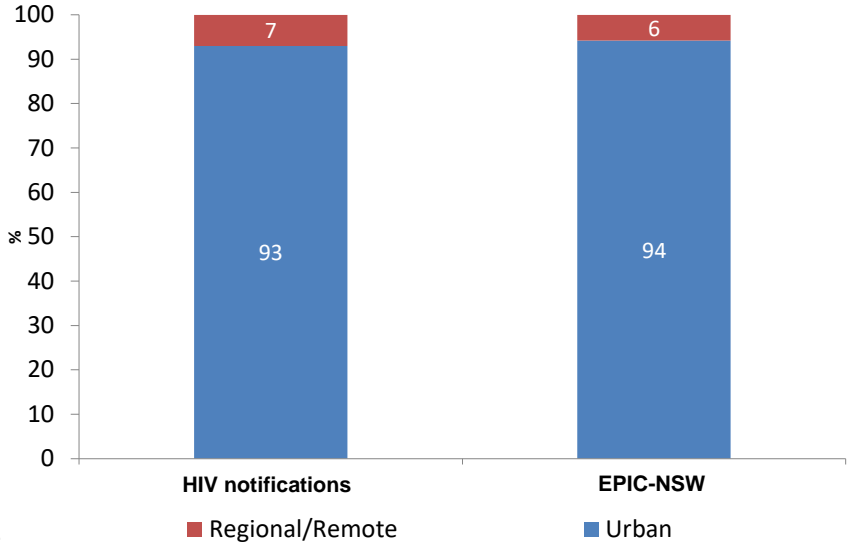
Age Group



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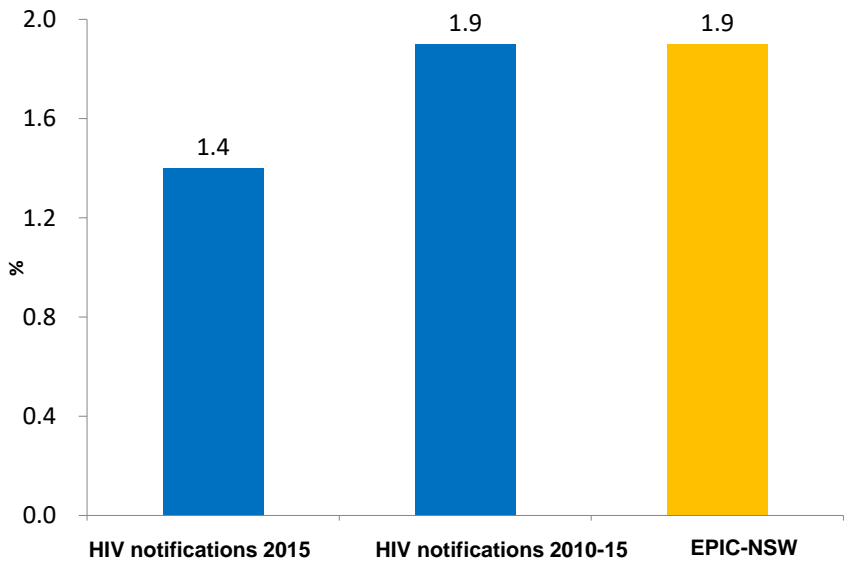
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Area of residence



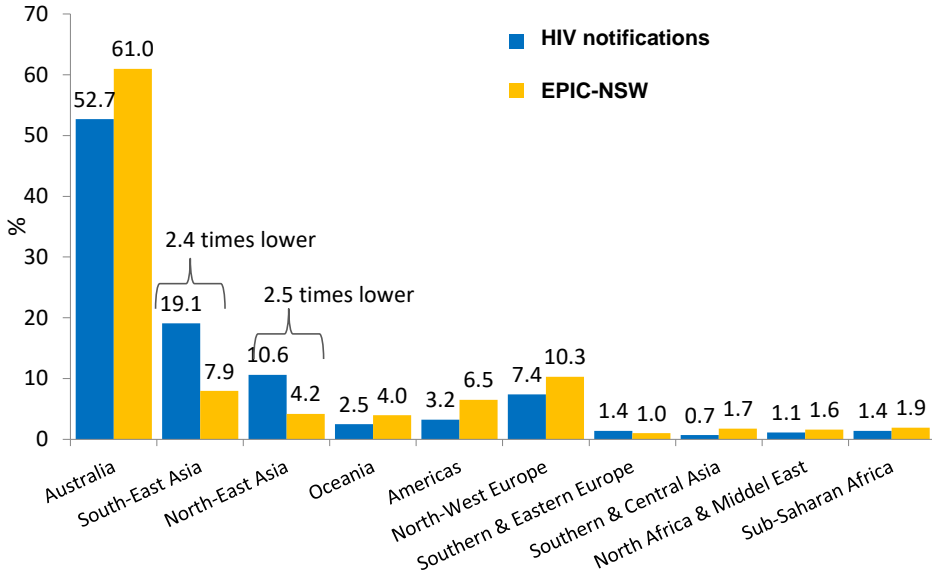
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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

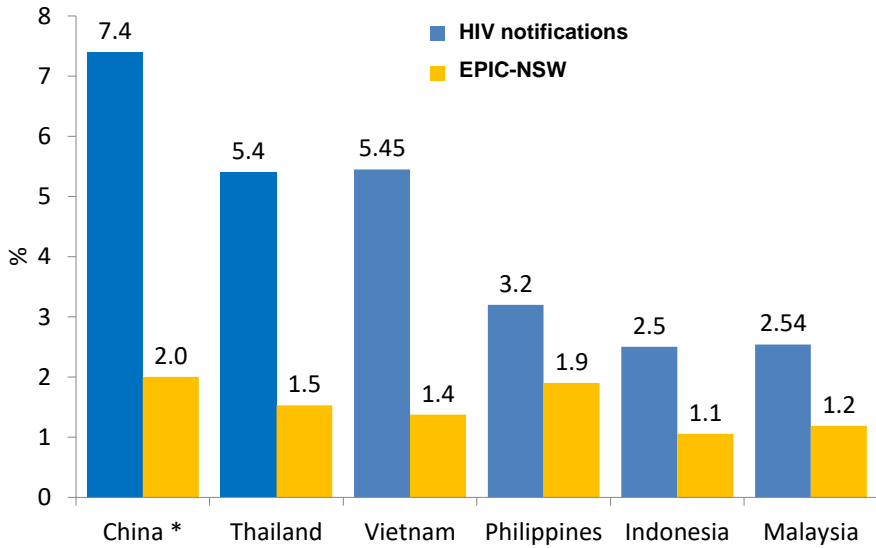




Region of birth



Country of birth – NE and SE Asia



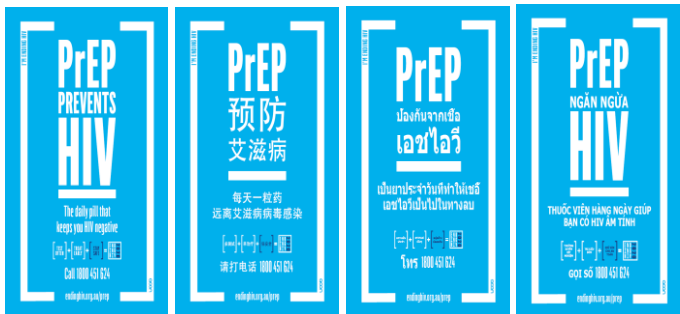
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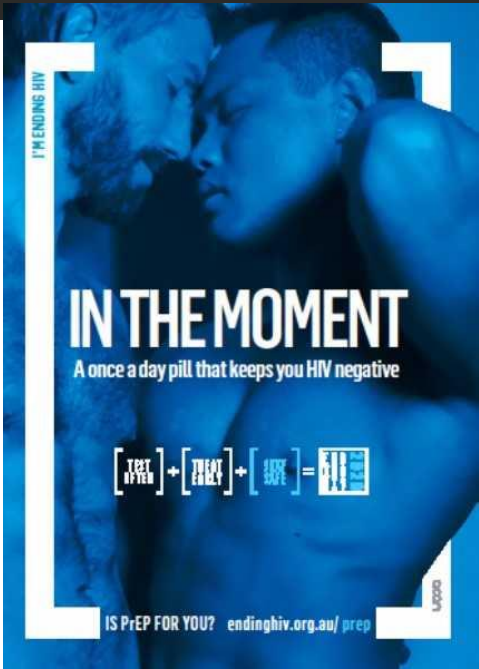
Health Service and Participant information – EPIC-NSW



TRANSLATED IN 6 LANGUAGES
(SIMPLIFIED CHINESE, THAI, ARABIC, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, INDONESIAN)



[TEST OFTEN] + [TREAT EARLY] + [STAY SAFE] = END THE HIV 2020



I'M ENDING HIV

IN THE MOMENT

A once a day pill that keeps you HIV negative

[TEST OFTEN] + [TREAT EARLY] + [STAY SAFE] = [ENDING HIV]

IS PrEP FOR YOU? endinghiv.org.au/prep

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HERE FOR ASIAN GAY MEN

Join writer and journalist Benjamin Law, bestselling author of *Gaysia* and *The Family Law* - now a TV series screening soon on SBS - for **Asian Gay Men's Forum: A discussion about sex, relationships & PrEP.**

PrEP is the latest weapon in the fight against HIV and access to PrEP is about to be expanded in NSW.

This forum will provide a space for Asian gay men to have their questions about PrEP answered and to share their own stories about relationships and sex. Light refreshments will be served.

[TEST OFTEN] + [TREAT EARLY] + [STAY SAFE] = [ENDING HIV 2020]

Date & Time
Wednesday 10 February
6pm - 9pm

Location
Level 2, Columbian Hotel
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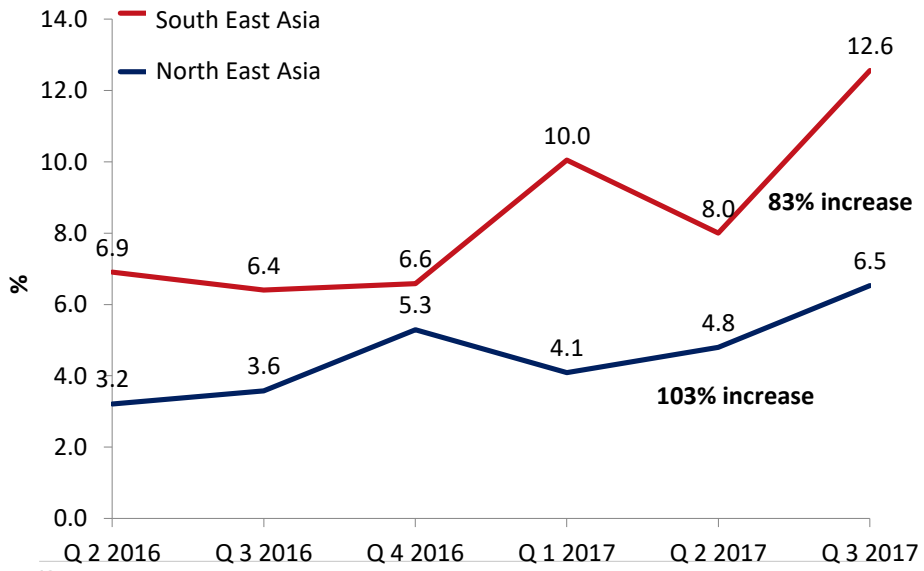
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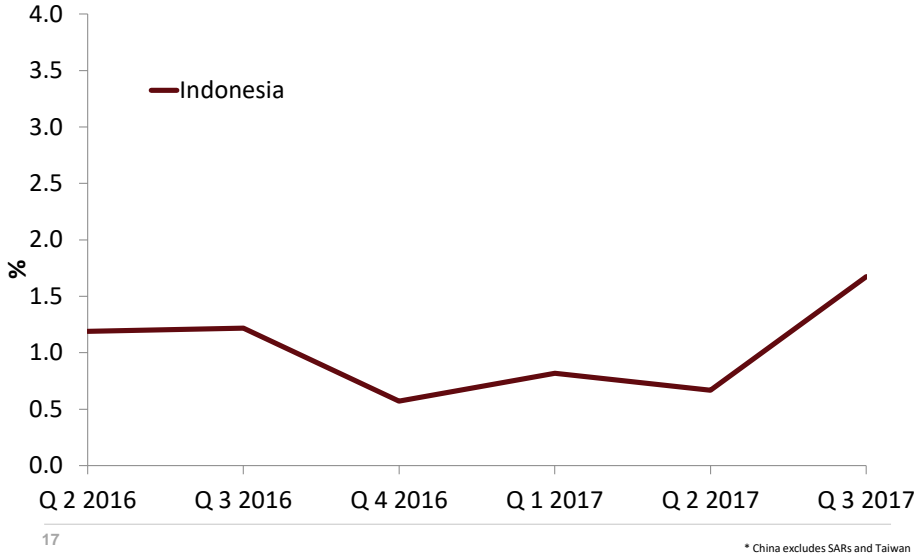


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Monthly peer education workshop
Facebook group and social activities

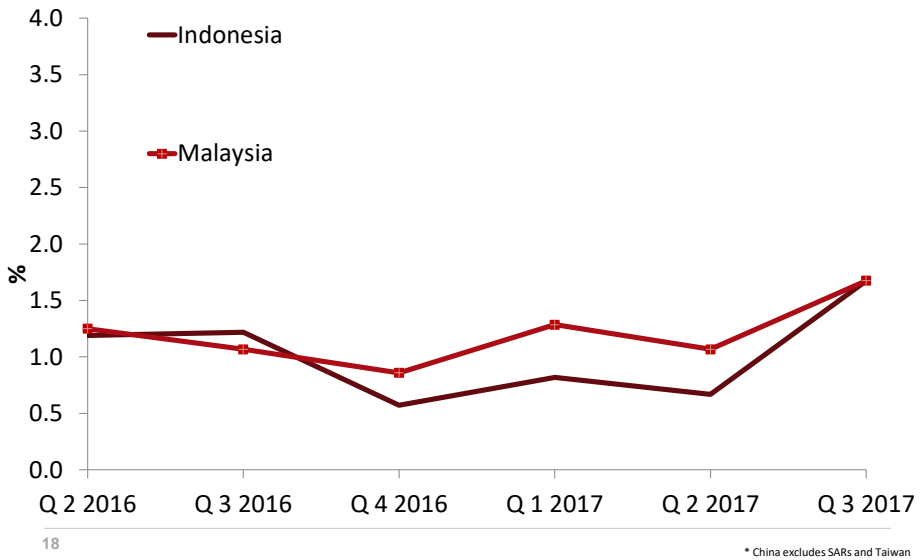
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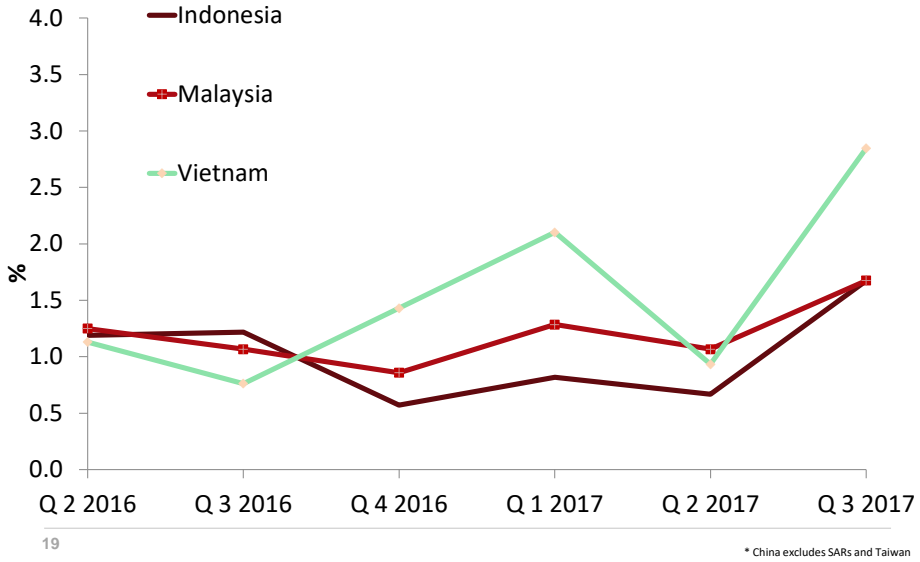
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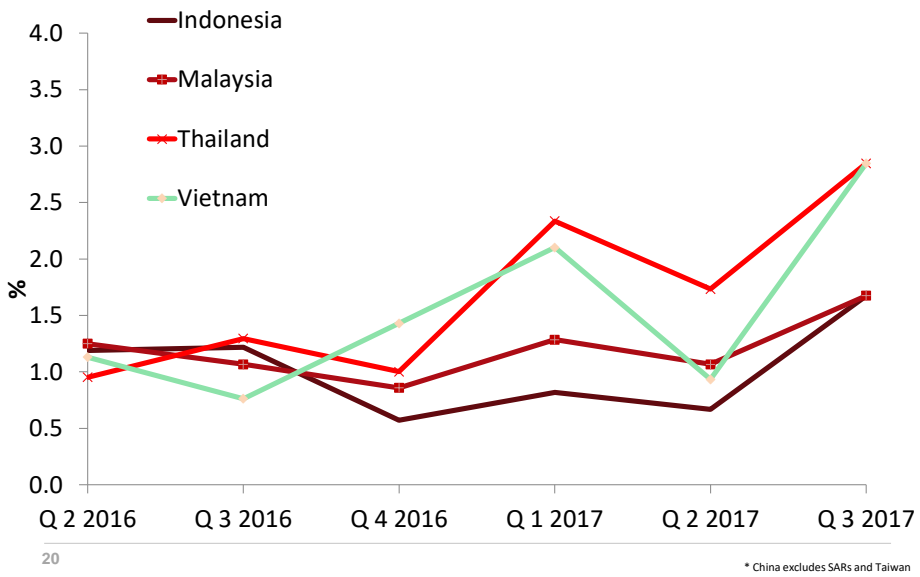
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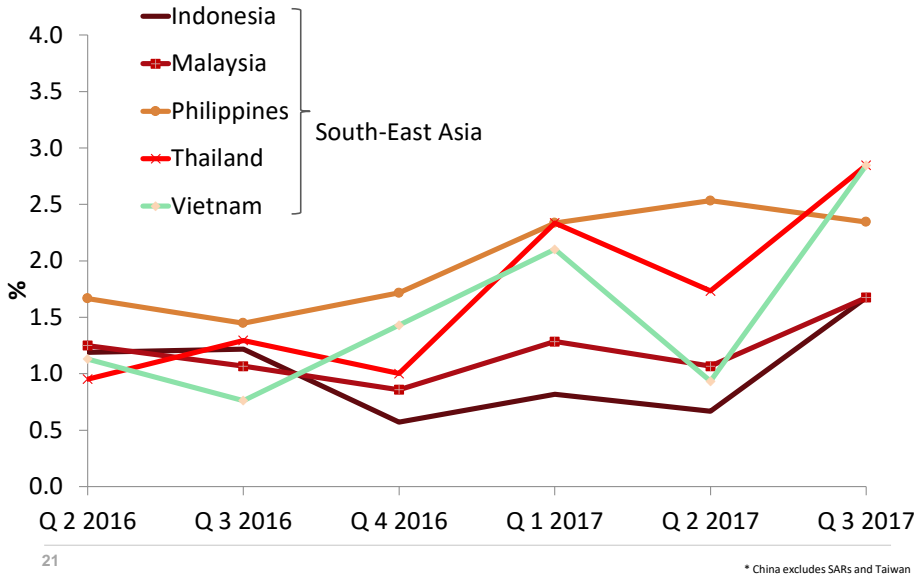


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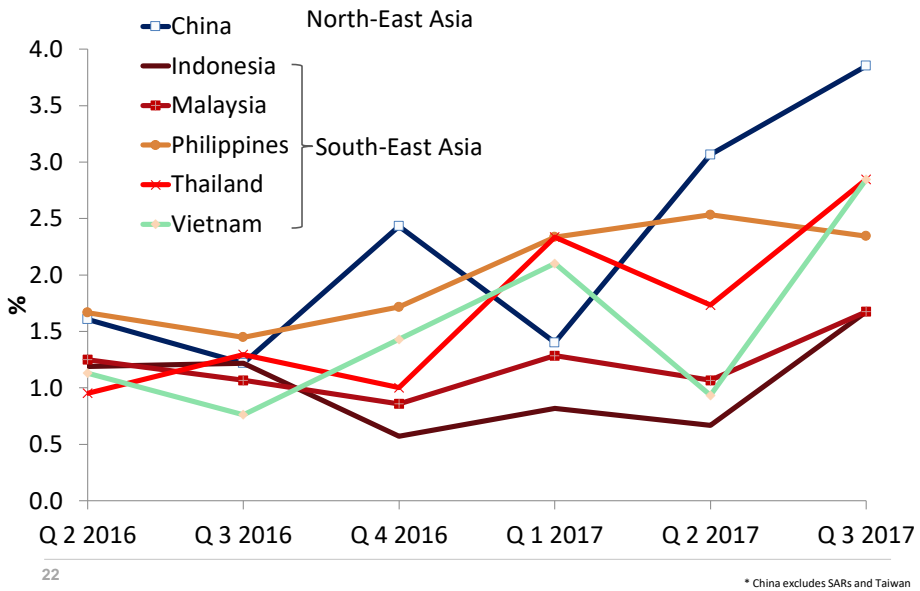
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Conclusion

- EPIC-NSW participants representative according to remoteness and Aboriginal status
- Under-representation of
 - Young men (slightly)
 - Men from SE/NE Asia
- Proportion Asian gay men in EPIC-NSW increased in 2017
- Coincides with increased culturally appropriate community engagement initiatives by ACON
- More work to be done

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