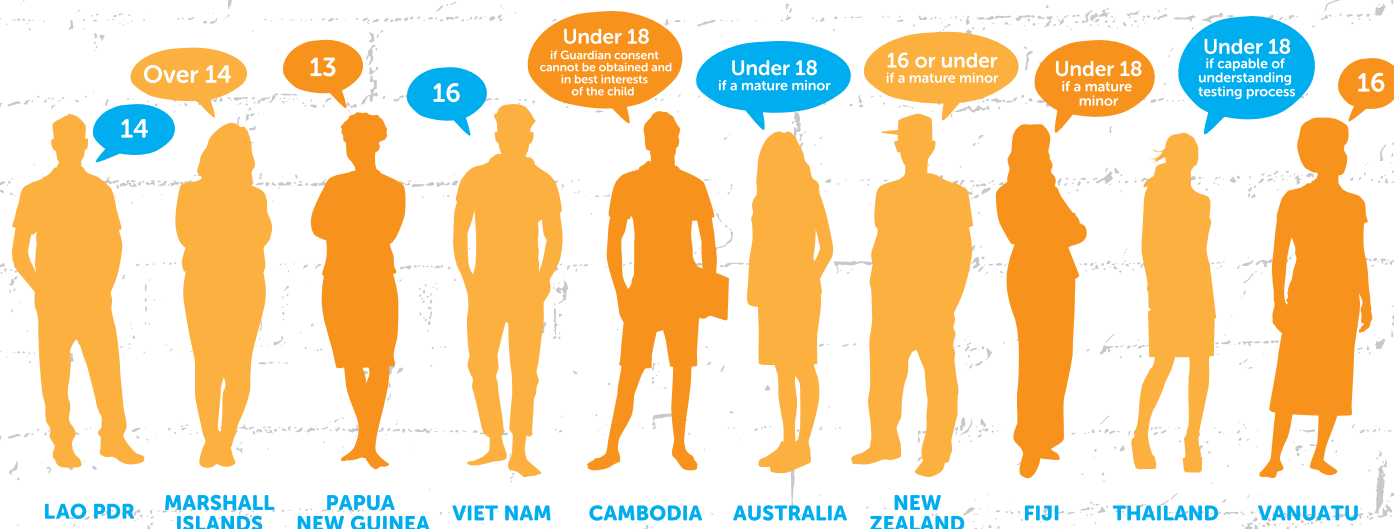


# CREATING AN ENABLING LEGAL AND POLICY ENVIRONMENT IN ASIA-PACIFIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS HIV TESTING AND SERVICES



10 countries are known to have laws and policies enabling independent consent for young people to access HIV testing and related services.



All other countries in the Asia-Pacific region either have no provision for independent consent, unclear or conflicting laws/policies, or no information is available.

## GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REMOVE PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENTS THAT IMPEDE YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO HIV TESTING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES.

They can do so by establishing and enforcing national laws and policies that:

- recognize the evolving capacity of adolescents to make decisions about their well-being
- promote access to services based on need
- establish and disseminate clear guidance for health workers to understand their legal and professional obligations

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This poster is based on information contained in the 2013 publication *Young People and the Law in Asia and the Pacific: A review of laws and policies affecting young people's access to sexual and reproductive health and HIV services*, and additional information available at the time of printing (January 2015). Reasonable steps have been taken to validate this information.