

Fighting against the virus or human beings?

Case study on human rights violations regarding HIV criminalization in Taiwan

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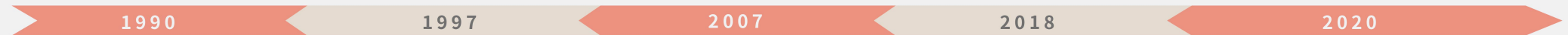


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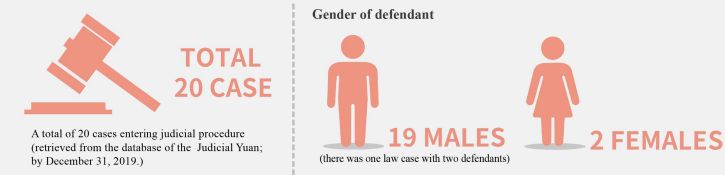


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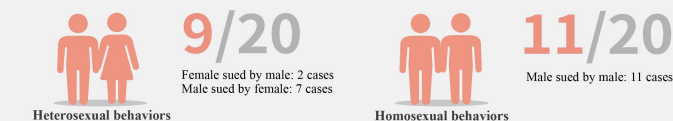
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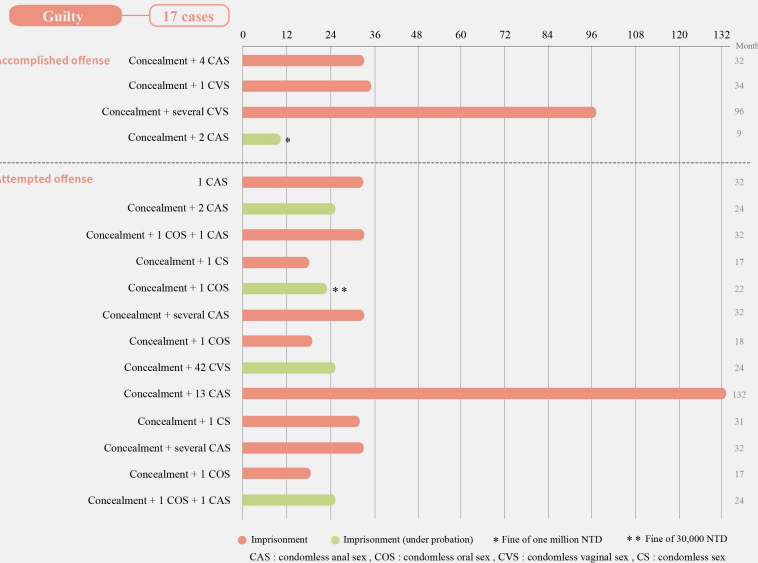
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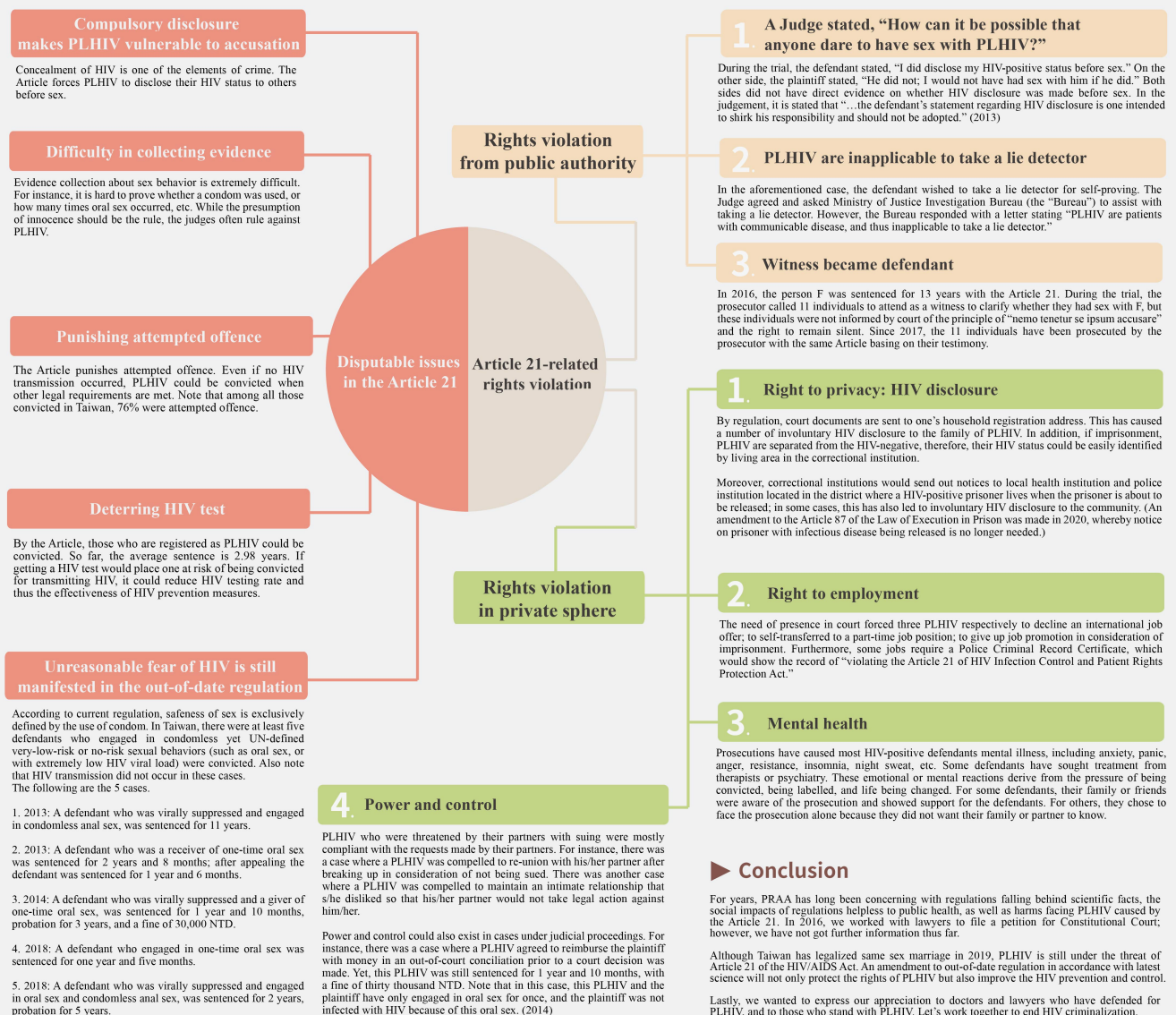
Prosecuted sexual behaviors



Court decisions



Human rights violations caused by the Article 21



Conclusion

For years, PRAA has long been concerned with regulations falling behind scientific facts, the social impacts of regulations helpless to public health, as well as harms facing PLHIV caused by the Article 21. In 2016, we worked with lawyers to file a petition for Constitutional Court; however, we have not got further information thus far.

Although Taiwan has legalized same sex marriage in 2019, PLHIV is still under the threat of Article 21 of the HIV/AIDS Act. An amendment to out-of-date regulation in accordance with latest science will not only protect the rights of PLHIV but also improve the HIV prevention and control.

Lastly, we wanted to express our appreciation to doctors and lawyers who have defended for PLHIV, and to those who stand with PLHIV. Let's work together to end HIV criminalization.