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Andrew Ball is the Senior Adviser on Strategy, Policy and Equity in the World Health Organization (WHO) Department of HIV and Hepatitis. He is a physician with specialist qualifications in addiction medicine. An Australian, he has more than 35 years of clinical and public health experience in HIV, substance dependence and adolescent health, including 25 years of international experience. His work has focused on HIV prevention, treatment and care for most-at-risk populations; national strategic planning; innovative models for service delivery; capacity building in low- and middle-income countries; and HIV and hepatitis policy analysis and development. During the “3 by 5” initiative, he managed the HIV Country Support team, assisting countries to scale up access to HIV treatment. He has coordinated the development of a range of WHO guidelines, including those on the use of ARVs and on comprehensive HIV services for key populations. He coordinated the development of the three linked Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections, 2016-2021. Most recently, his focus has been on integration of HIV and viral hepatitis responses into universal health coverage. He has worked as a consultant to various international organizations, including UNAIDS, the World Bank, UNICEF and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. He has published extensively on HIV, drug policy and sexual and adolescent health and is a member of the editorial boards of a number of scientific journals.