Sociocultural Context of Health among Kathoey (Transwomen) and Female Sex Workers in Bangkok, Thailand

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SUMMARY
Although prostitution is illegal in Thailand, a number of kathoey (male-to-female transgender women) and women engage in sex work mainly for economic reasons. Both kathoey sex workers (KSW) and female sex workers (FSWs) face health risks, such as sexually transmitted infections (STIs), substance abuse, and violence; however, risk behaviors and surrounding environmental and sociocultural contexts significantly differ.

KEY TERMS
female sex worker; kathoey; sex work; Thailand; transwomen

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