

III Survey of the impact of COVID-19 among key populations in Latin America and the Caribbean



Migrants



Indigenous P.



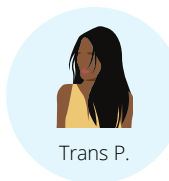
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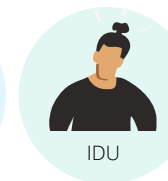
Sex Workers



MSM



Trans P.



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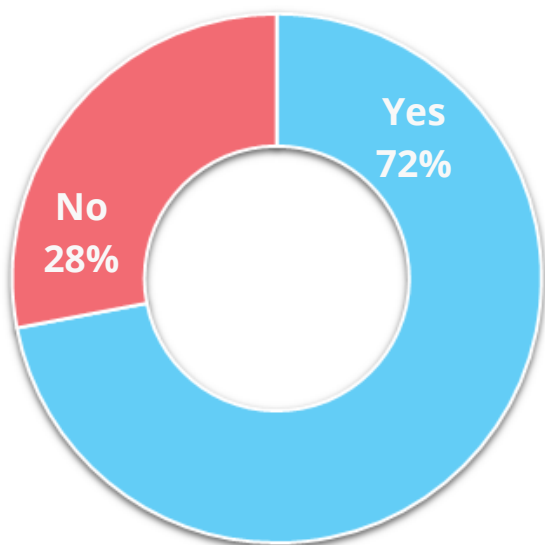


Afro-descendants

Men Who Have Sex with Men



PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

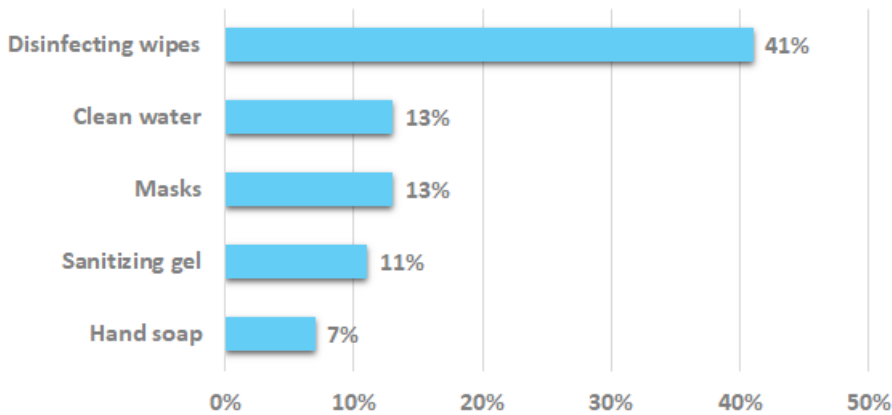


3 in 10 men who have sex with men did **NOT** have enough **information about COVID-19**.

At the time of responding, **15%** of MSM had been **tested for COVID-19**, out of which **27%** had been **positive** for the virus.

The **main sources of COVID-19 information** for MSM were the **Health Ministries' official social media accounts** (69%), followed by **television**.

7 in 10 MSM stated they would like to receive **more information** about the **diagnostic tests and treatment** of COVID-19.



Protection measures against COVID-19 **MSM** did **NOT** have access to

1 in 10 men who have sex with men did **NOT** have access to masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.



ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

15% of men who have sex with men stated they had been **denied access to a care service**, including **health services**.

8 in 10 men who have sex with men who responded to the survey stated they were a **person living with HIV**.

69% stated that their **viral load was suppressed**, **18%** stated that it **wasn't** and **13%** did **not know** the state of their **viral load**.

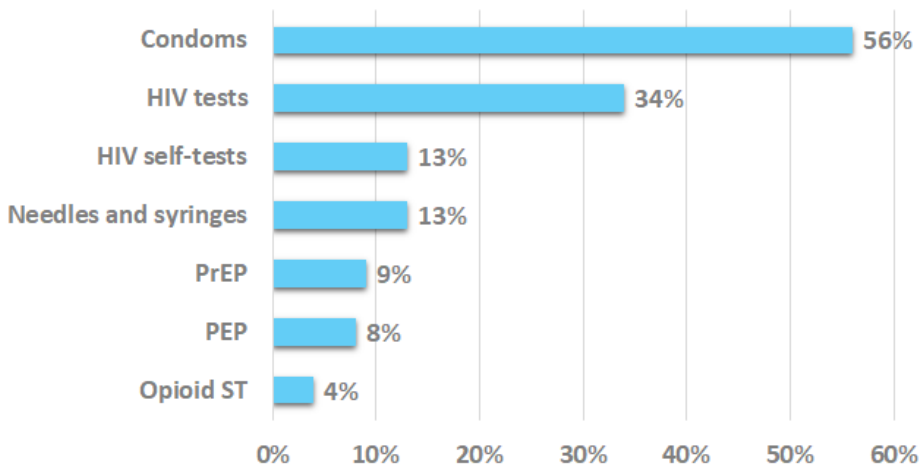
4% of **men who have sex with men** who responded to the survey declared that they were **NOT** on **antiretroviral treatment**.



4 in 10 men who have sex with men received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **one month or less**.

3 in 10 men who have sex with men received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **two months**.

3 in 10 men who have sex with men received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **three months or more**.



Need for **preventive measures against HIV** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 in 10 men who have sex with men needed **condoms as a preventive measure against HIV** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

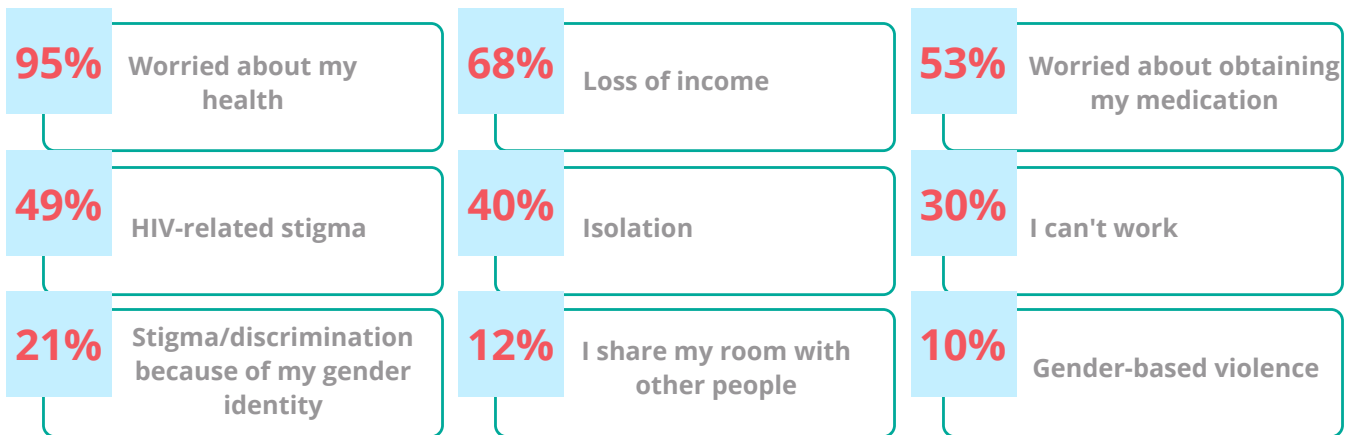
56% of men who have sex with men expected to receive **HIV testing and counseling** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

76% of men who have sex with men expected **better ARV delivery mechanisms** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT

Concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

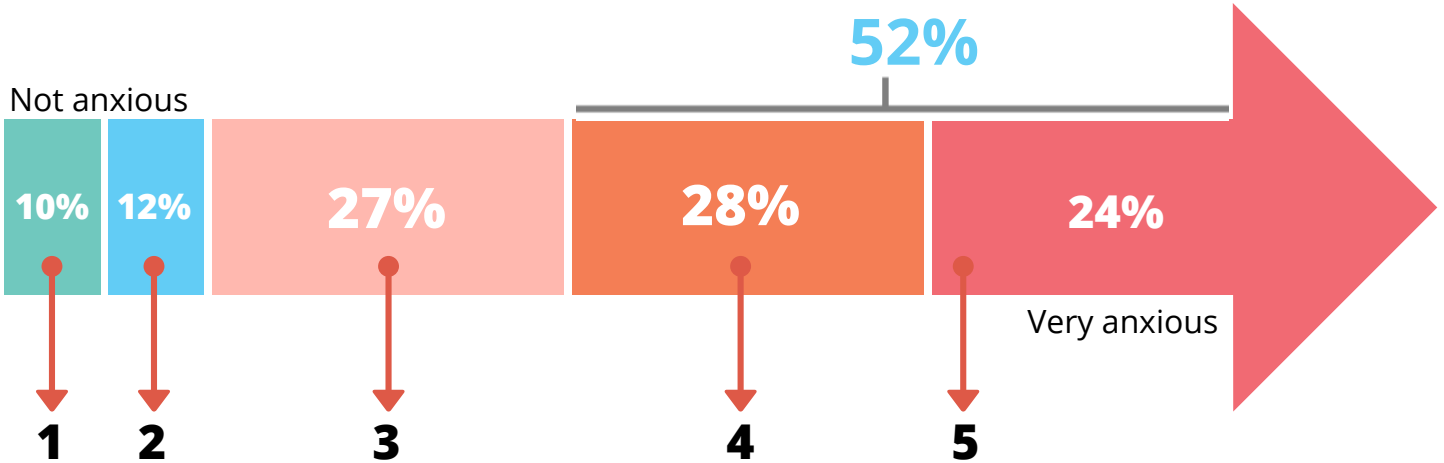


9 in 10 MSM were **worried about their health**.

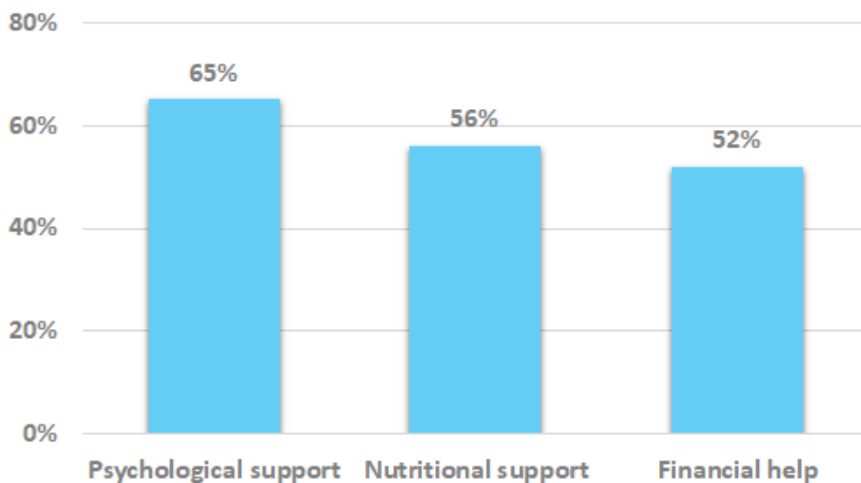
7 in 10 MSM were **worried about the loss of their income**.

5 in 10 MSM were **worried about how to obtain their medication**.

How anxious due to the COVID-19 pandemic are you?



Over half of the men who have sex with men who responded to the survey reported the two highest levels of anxiety.



Services that men who have sex with men expected to receive from government organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 in 10

men who have sex with men expected to receive **psychological support**.

6 in 10

men who have sex with men expected to receive **nutritional support**.

5 in 10

men who have sex with men expected to receive **cash aid and transfers**.



SOCIAL PROTECTION



7 in 10 people reported their **income has decreased** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

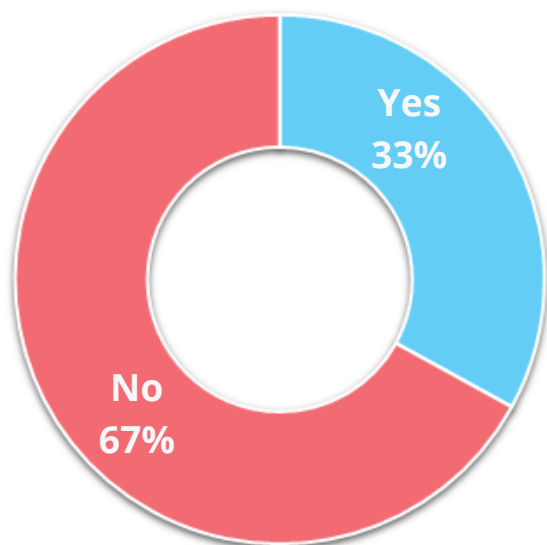


6 in 10 people reported **losing 75% or more of their income**.



3 in 10 people reported **losing 100% of their income**.

Men who have sex with men who reported they had **NOT** benefited from any **social protection or support measures** offered by their government.



7 in 10 men who have sex with men reported they did **NOT** benefit from any **social protection or support measure** offered by their government.

Of the **men who have sex with men** who did benefit from some kind of **support offered by their government**, **61%** reported the **financial aid** was **less than 100 USD**.



HUMAN RIGHTS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

4 in 10 men who have sex with men who responded to the survey stated they had experienced **stigma and discrimination** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Causes of stigma and discrimination

35%

Because I am
homosexual

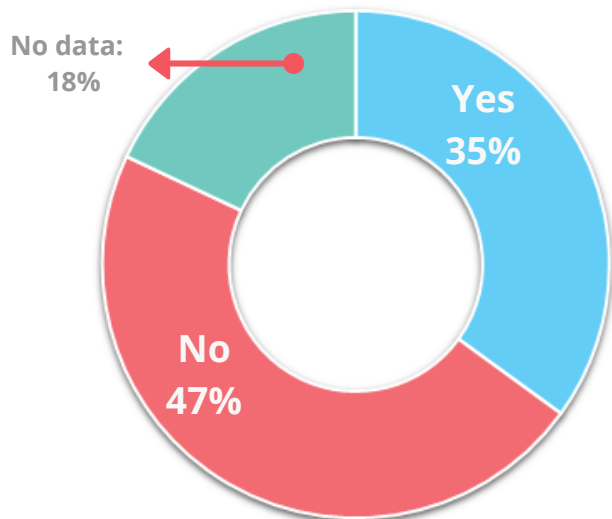
22%

Because I am a
person living with HIV

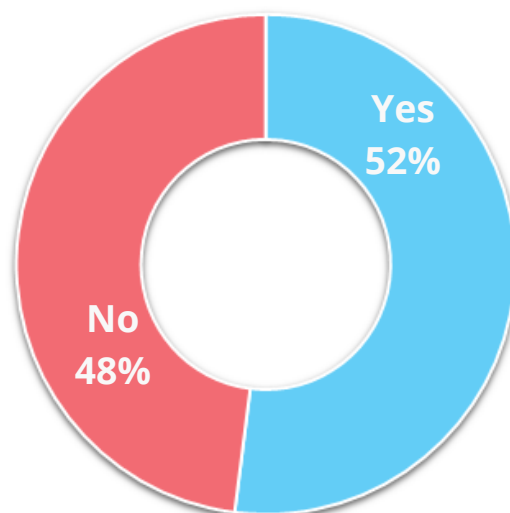
3%

Because I am a
migrant

2 in 10 men who have sex with men have **suffered discrimination** because their **gender identity and expression** do **NOT** match their **official country IDs**.



5 in 10 men who have sex with men do **NOT** know of any **reliable mechanisms to report situations of stigma and discrimination**.



5 in 10 men who have sex with men do **NOT** know of any **support or peer network** where they can get **help or information** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

***METHODOLOGY:** Information based on 1,282 surveys of people who identified as men who have sex with men and who were residents of 27 of the 29 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in which the survey was available. The survey was conducted between July 14th and August 26th, 2020. Some of the responses analysed are not representative of the overall population. Limitations: The survey was conducted online, limiting the participation of people with low connectivity, or those who don't know how to use electronic equipment. This work was carried out thanks to the support of Red Somos.