

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



Migrants



Indigenous P.



Youth



Sex Workers



MSM



Trans P.



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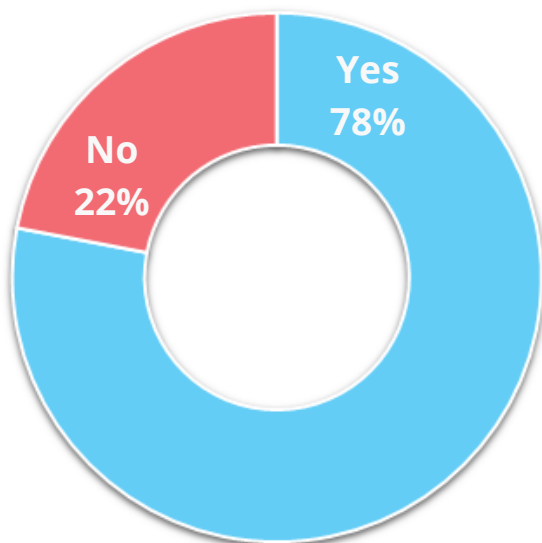


Afro-descendants

## Migrants



### PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

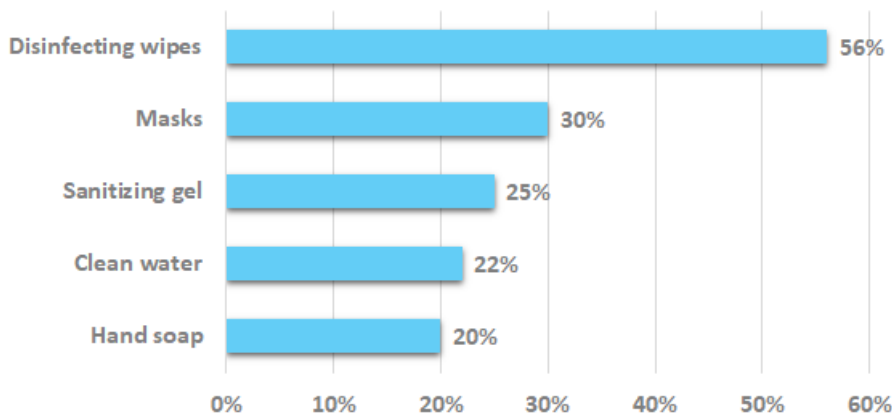


**2 in 10** migrants did **NOT** have enough **information about COVID-19**.

At the time of responding, **12%** of migrants had been **tested for COVID-19**, out of which **21%** had been **positive** for the virus.

The **main sources of COVID-19 information** for migrants were the **Health Ministries' official social media accounts** (76%), followed by **television**.

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



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

**3 in 10** migrants did **NOT** have access to masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

**3 in 10** migrants stated they had been **denied access to a care service**, including **health services**.

**7 in 10 migrants** who responded to the survey stated they were a **person living with HIV**.

**52%** stated that their **viral load was suppressed**, **22%** stated that it **wasn't** and **26%** did **not know** the state of their **viral load**.

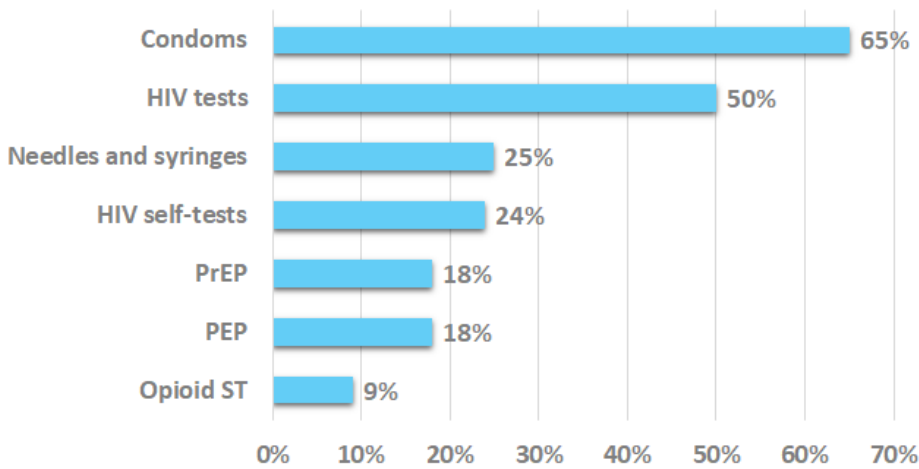
**10%** of **migrants** who responded to the survey declared that they were **NOT** on **antiretroviral treatment**.



**6 in 10** migrants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **one month or less**.

**3 in 10** migrants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **two months**.

**1 in 10** migrants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **three months or more**.



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

**7 in 10** migrants needed **condoms as a preventive measure against HIV** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

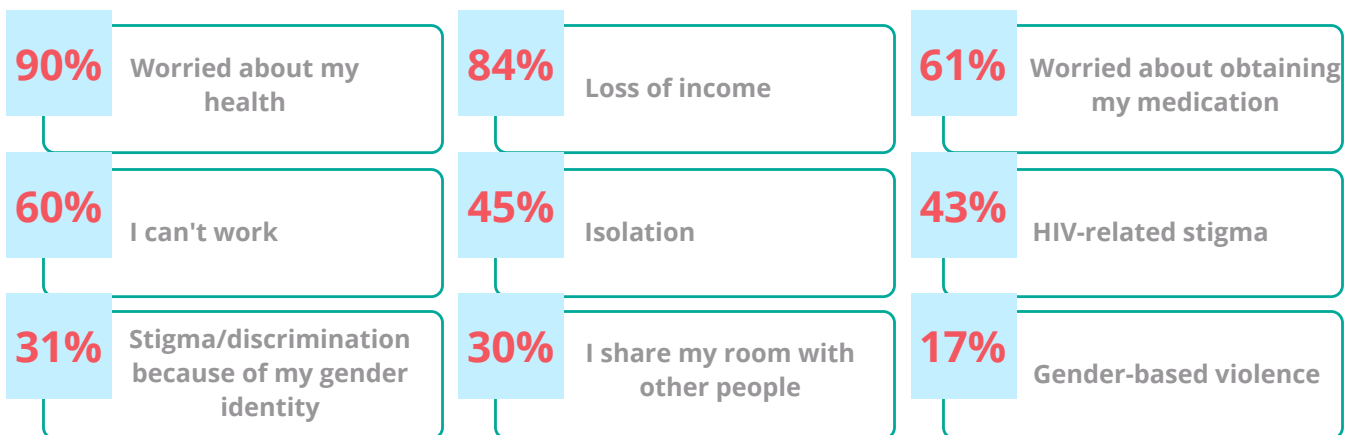
**45%** of migrants expected to receive **HIV testing and counseling** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**60%** of migrants expected **better ARV delivery mechanisms** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT

### Concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

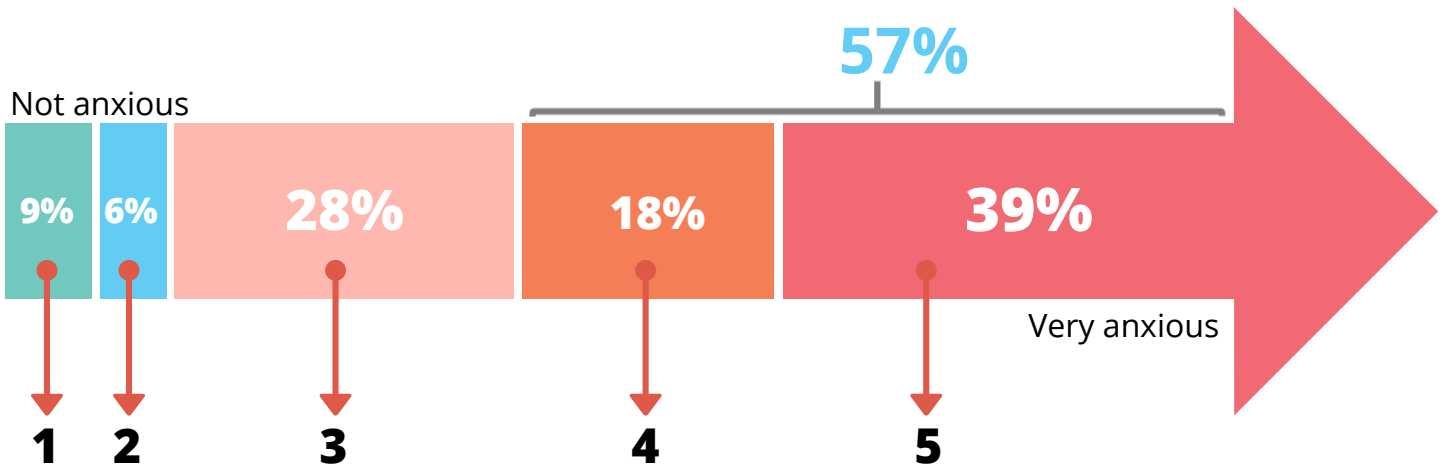


**9 in 10** migrants were **worried about their health**.

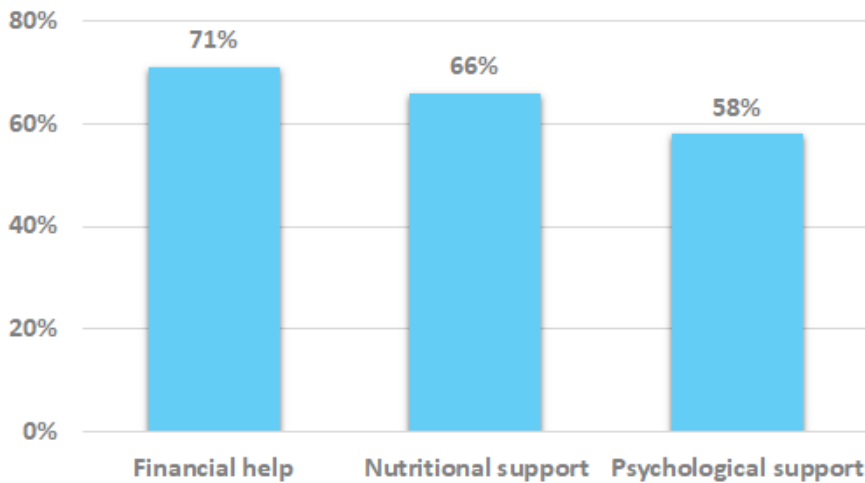
**8 in 10** migrants were **worried about the loss of their income**.

**6 in 10** migrants were **worried about how to obtain their medication**.

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



**6 in 10** of the **migrants** who responded to the survey reported the **two highest levels of anxiety**.



Services that **migrants** expected to receive from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**7 in 10**

migrants expected to receive **cash aid and transfers**.

**7 in 10**

migrants expected to receive **nutritional support**.

**6 in 10**

migrants expected to receive **psychological support**.



## SOCIAL PROTECTION



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

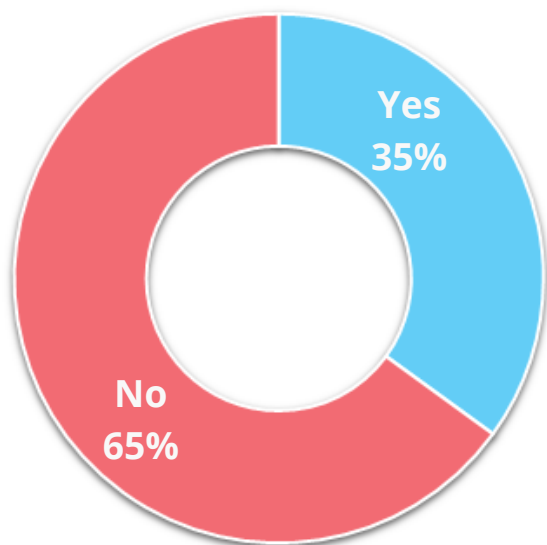


**8 in 10** people reported losing **75% or more of their income**.



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

Migrants who reported they had **NOT** benefited from any **social protection or support measures** offered by their government.



**7 in 10** migrants reported they did **NOT** benefit from any **social protection or support measure** offered by their government.

Of the **migrants** who did benefit from some kind of **support offered by their government**, **69%** reported the **financial aid** was **less than 100 USD**.



# HUMAN RIGHTS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

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

## Causes of stigma and discrimination

**28%**

Because I am  
homosexual

**25%**

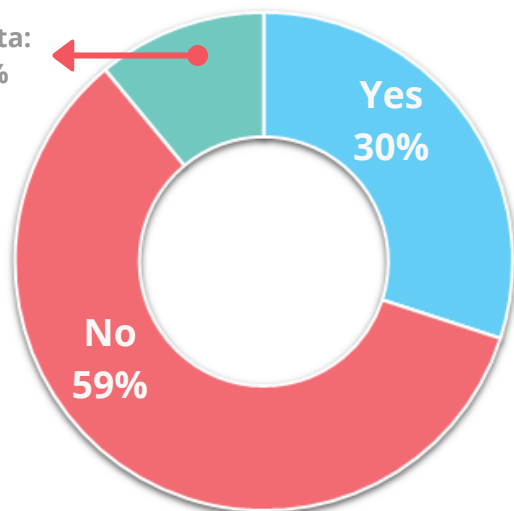
Because I am a  
person living with HIV

**12%**

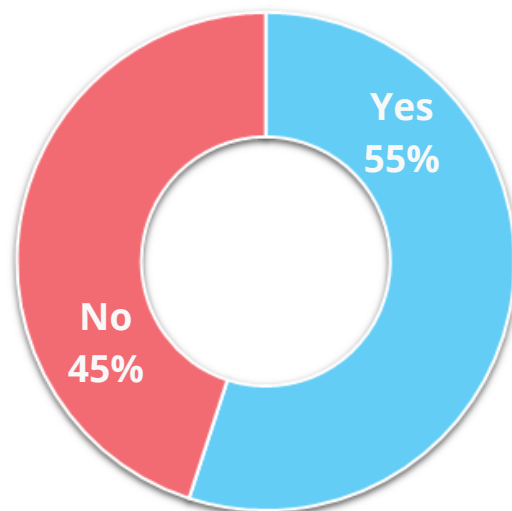
Because I am a sex  
worker

**3 in 10** migrants have **suffered discrimination** because their **gender identity and expression** do **NOT** match their **official country IDs**.

No data:  
11%



**6 in 10** migrants do **NOT** know of any **reliable mechanisms to report situations of stigma and discrimination**.



**5 in 10** migrants 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 161 surveys of people who identified as migrants and who were residents of 18 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.