

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



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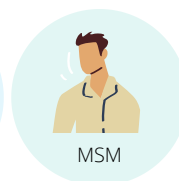
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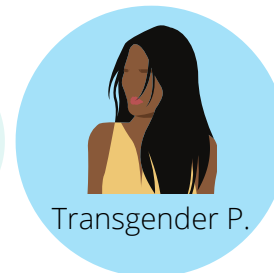
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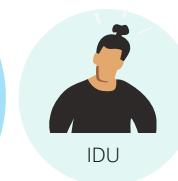
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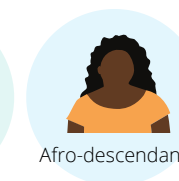
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Transgender P.



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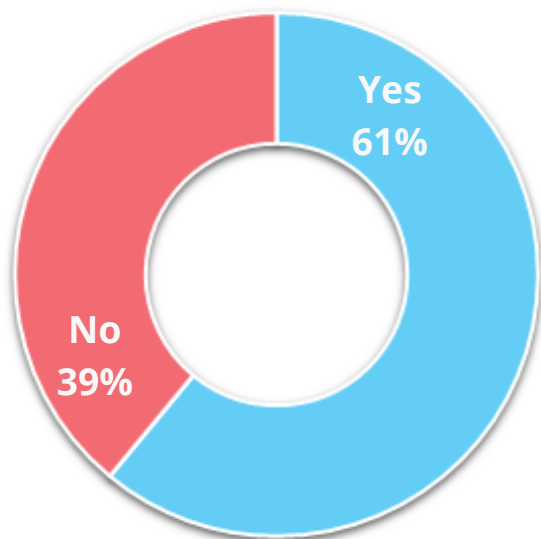


Afro-descendants

Transgender People



PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

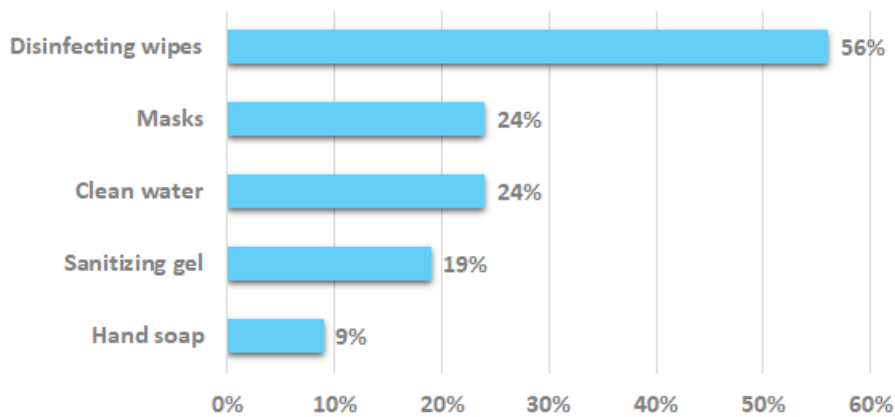


4 in 10 transgender people did **NOT** have enough **information** about **COVID-19**.

At the time of responding, **10%** of transgender people had been **tested for COVID-19**, out of which **64%** had been **positive** for the virus.

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

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



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

2 in 10 transgender people did **NOT** have access to masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.



ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

4 in 10 transgender people stated they had been **denied access to a care service**, including **health services**.

5 in 10 transgender people who responded to the survey stated they were a **person living with HIV**.

55% stated that their **viral load was suppressed**, **22%** stated that it **wasn't** and **23%** did **not know** the state of their **viral load**.

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



5 in 10

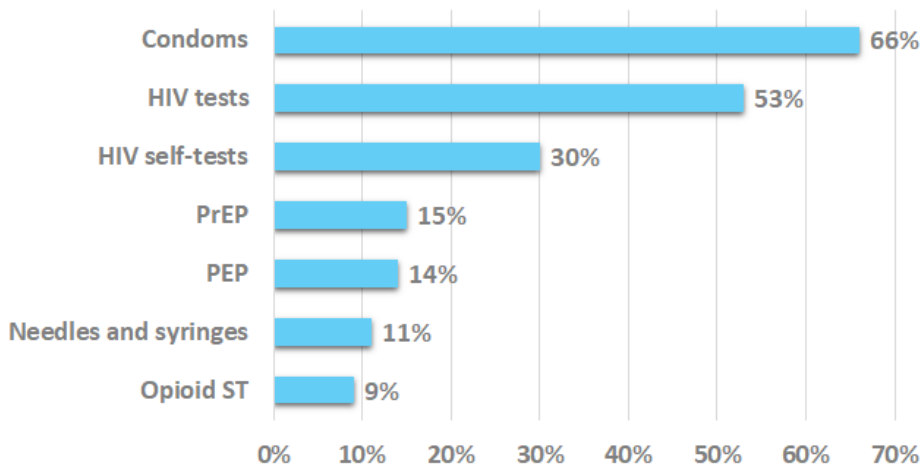
transgender people received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **one month or less**.

3 in 10

transgender people received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **two months**.

2 in 10

transgender people 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 transgender people needed **condoms as a preventive measure against HIV** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

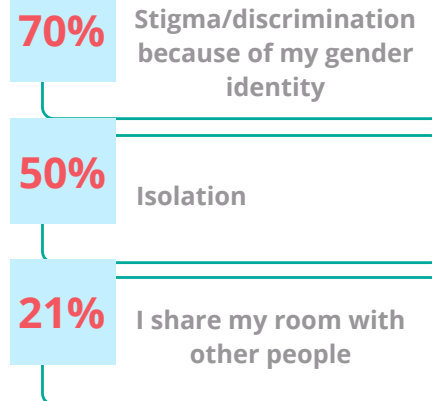
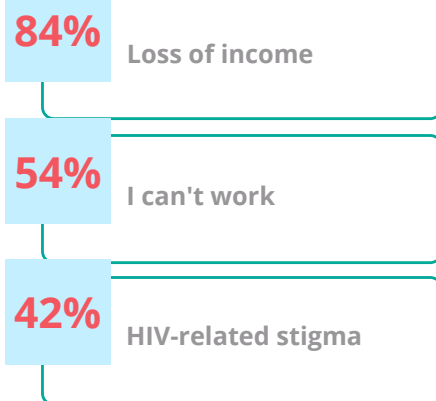
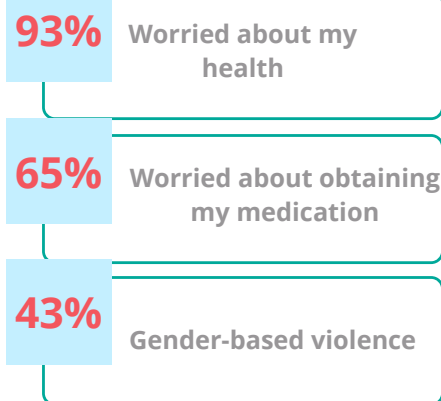
55% of transgender people expected to receive **HIV testing and counseling from government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

65% of transgender people expected **better ARV delivery mechanisms from government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT

Concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

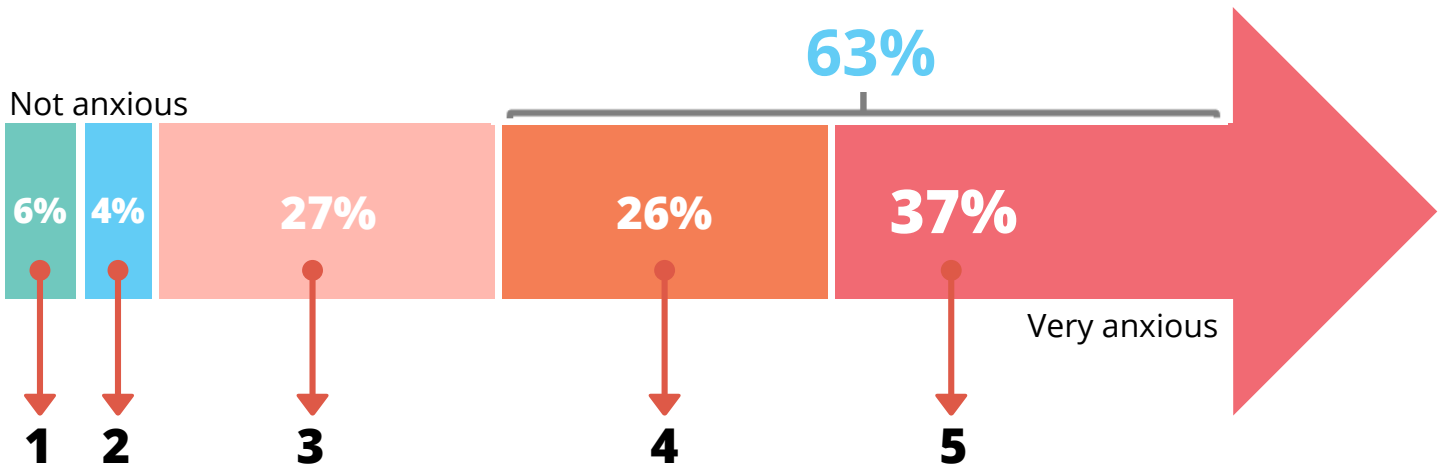


9 in 10 transgender people were **worried about their health**.

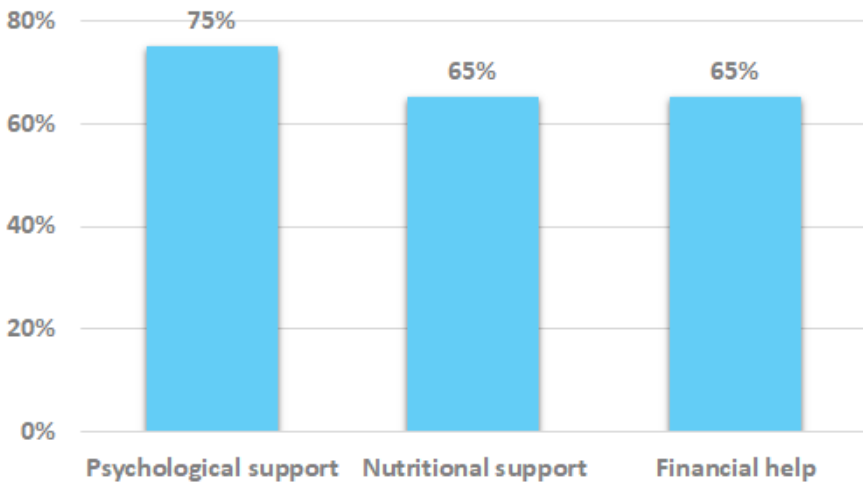
8 in 10 transgender people were **worried about the loss of their income**.

7 in 10 transgender people were **worried about the stigma and discrimination because of their gender identity**.

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



63% of the transgender people who responded to the survey reported the two highest levels of anxiety.



Services that transgender people expected to receive from government organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8 in 10 transgender people expected to receive **psychological support**.

7 in 10 transgender people expected to receive **nutritional support**.

7 in 10 transgender people expected to receive **cash aid and transfers**.



SOCIAL PROTECTION



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

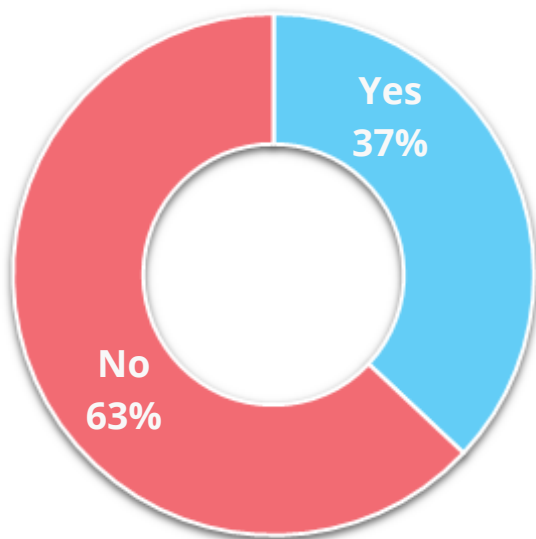


6 in 10 people reported losing **75% or more of their income**.



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

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



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

Of the **transgender people** who did benefit from some kind of **support offered by their government**, **79%** reported the **financial aid** was **less than 100 USD**.



HUMAN RIGHTS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

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

Causes of stigma and discrimination

68%

Because I am transgender

31%

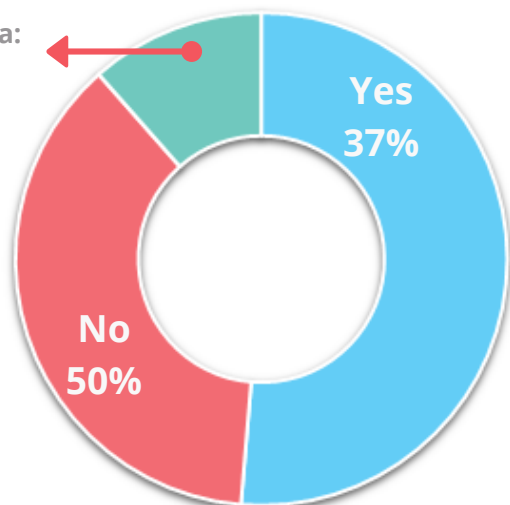
Because I am a sex worker

20%

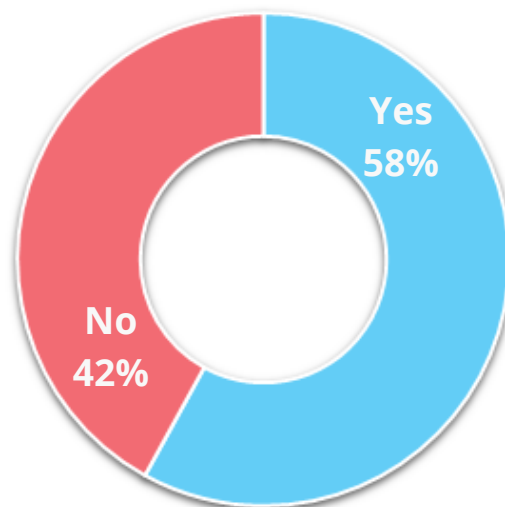
Because I am a person living with HIV

7 in 10 transgender people have **suffered discrimination** because their **gender identity and expression** do **NOT** match their **official country IDs**.

No data:
13%



5 in 10 transgender people do **NOT** know of any **reliable mechanisms to report situations of stigma and discrimination**.



4 in 10 transgender people 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 108 surveys of people who identified as transgender 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.