

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



Migrants



Indigenous P.



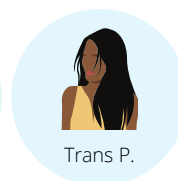
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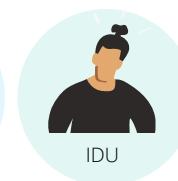
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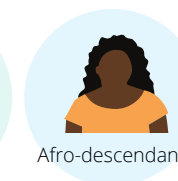
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Trans P.



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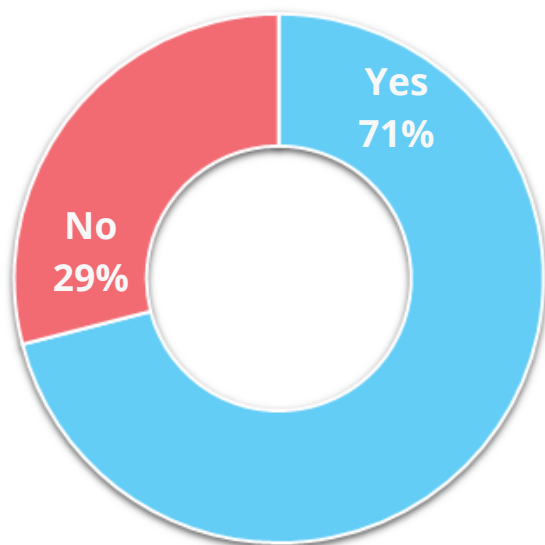


Afro-descendants

Youth



PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

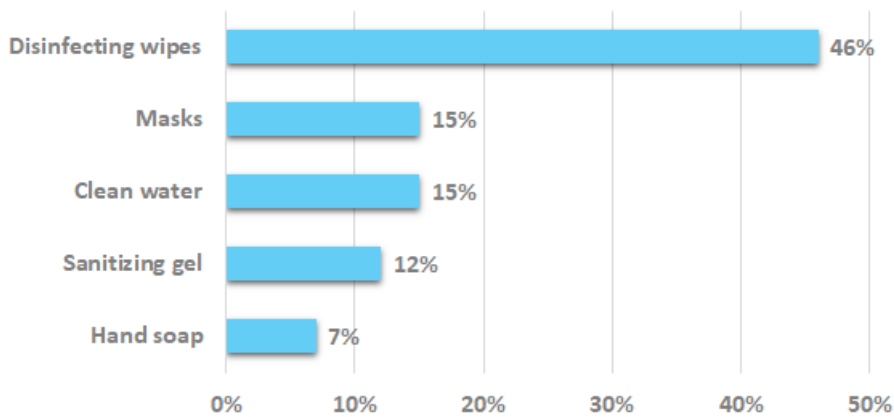


3 in 10 young people did **NOT** have enough **information about COVID-19**.

At the time of responding, **13%** of young people had been **tested for COVID-19**, out of which **33%** had been **positive** for the virus.

The **main sources of COVID-19 information** for young people were the **Health Ministries' official social media accounts** (71%), followed by **television**.

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



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

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



ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

16% of young people stated they had been **denied access to a care service**, including **health services**.

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

59% stated that their **viral load was suppressed**, **25%** stated that it **wasn't** and **16%** did **not know** the state of their **viral load**.

1 in 10 young people who responded to the survey declared that they were **NOT** on **antiretroviral treatment**.



4 in 10

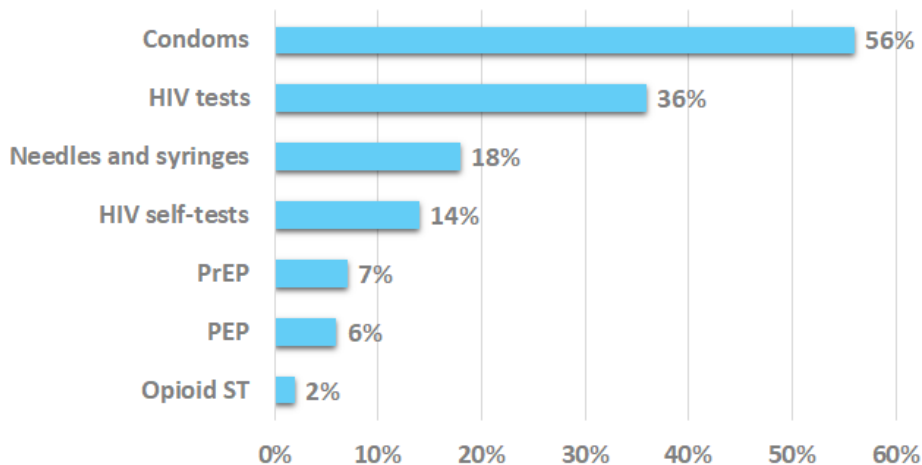
young people received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **one month or less**.

3 in 10

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

3 in 10

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

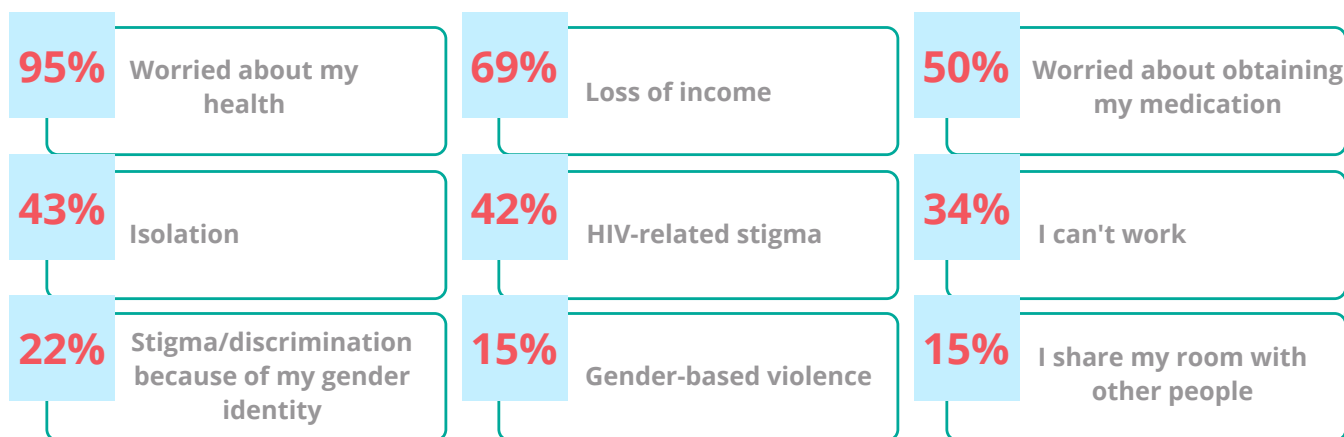
57% of young people expected to receive **HIV testing and counseling** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

66% of young people expected **better ARV delivery mechanisms** from **government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT

Concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

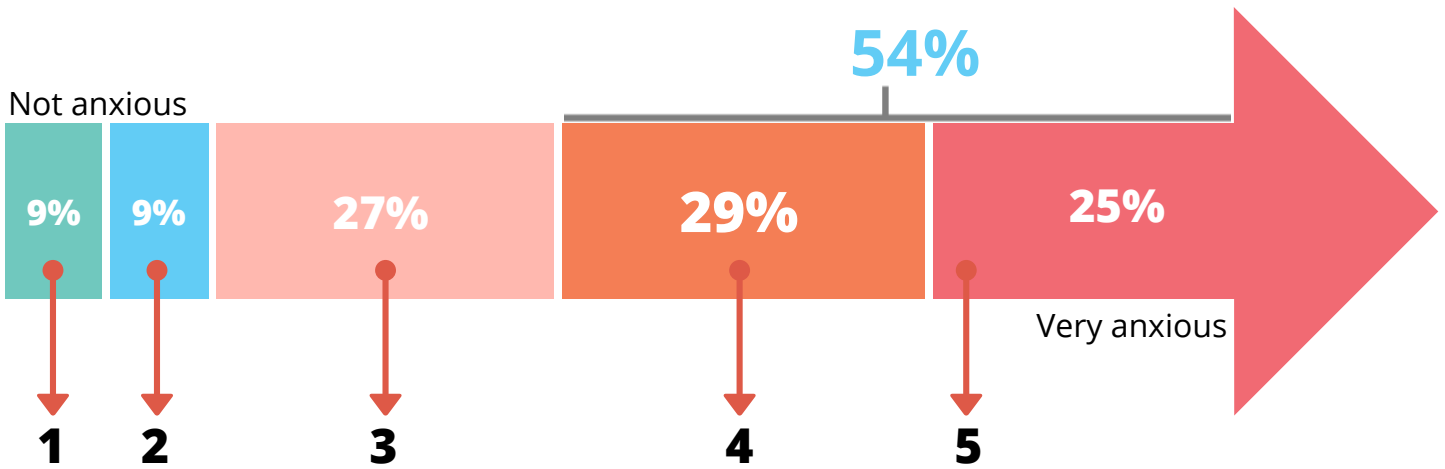


9 in 10 young people were **worried about their health**.

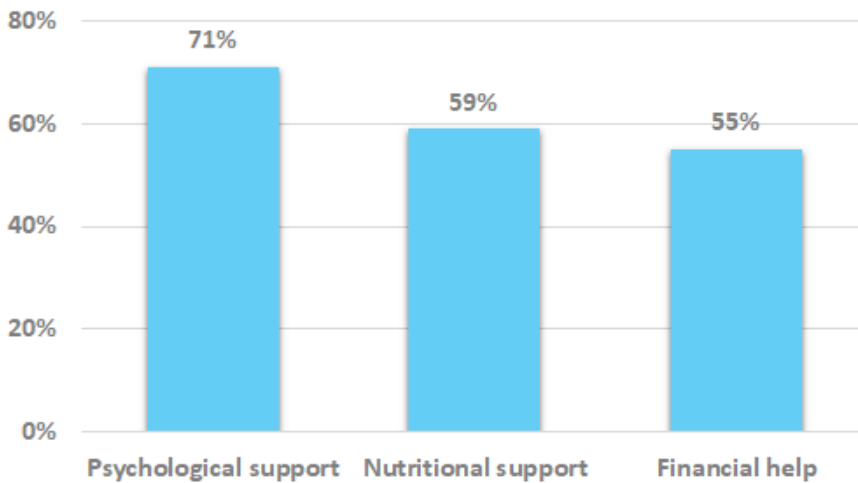
7 in 10 young people were **worried about the loss of their income**.

5 in 10 young people were **worried about obtaining their medication**.

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



Over half of the **young people** who responded to the survey reported the **two highest levels of anxiety**.



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

7 in 10

young people expected to receive **psychological support**.

6 in 10

young people expected to receive **nutritional support**.

6 in 10

young people expected to receive **cash aid and transfers**.



SOCIAL PROTECTION



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

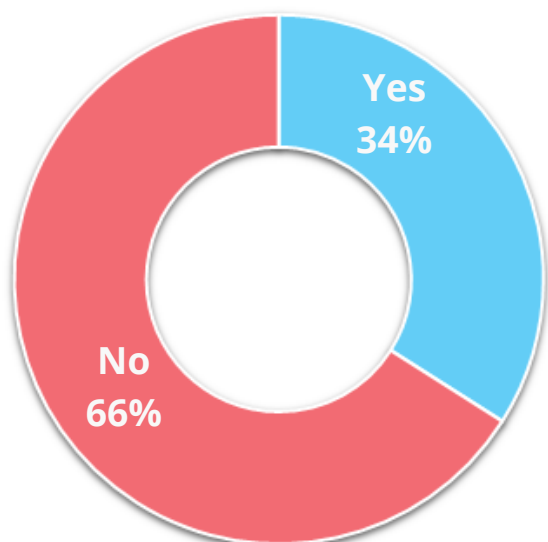


6 in 10 people reported losing **75% or more of their income**.



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

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



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

Of the **young people** who did benefit from some kind of **support offered by their government**, **63%** reported the **financial aid** was **less than 100 USD**.



HUMAN RIGHTS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

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

Causes of stigma and discrimination

32%

Because I am
homosexual

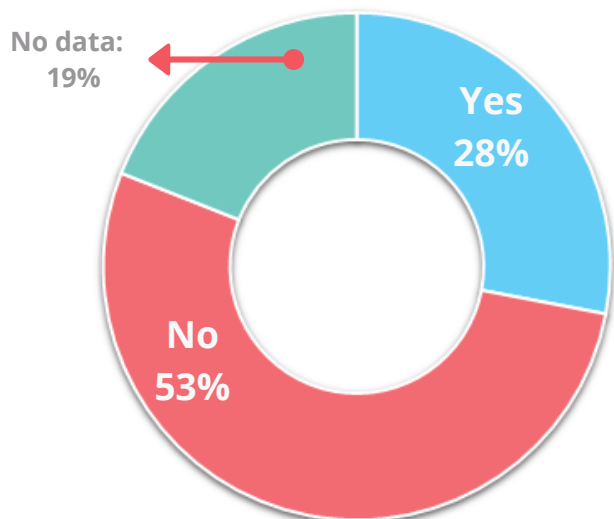
20%

Because I am a
person living with HIV

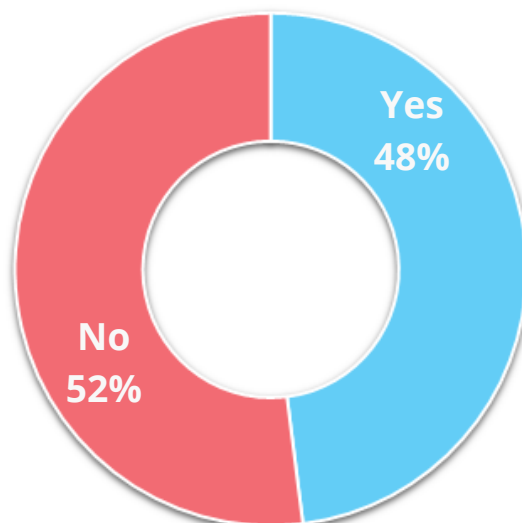
4%

Because I am
transgender

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



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



5 in 10 young 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 640 surveys of people who identified as young people and who were residents of 21 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.