

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



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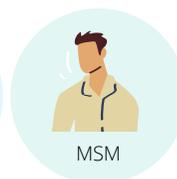
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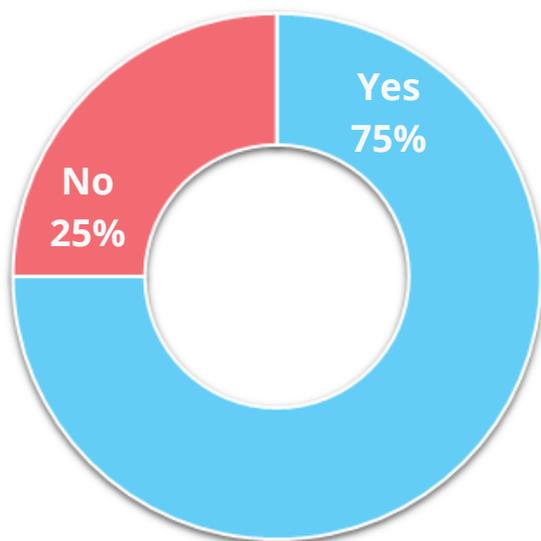


Afro-descendants

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PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

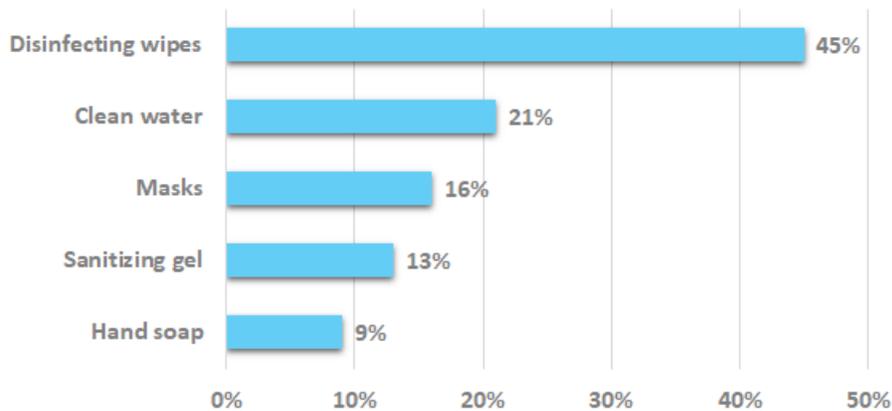


3 in 10 Afro-descendants did **NOT** have enough **information** about **COVID-19**.

At the time of responding, **20%** of Afro-descendants had been **tested for COVID-19**, out of which **13%** had been **positive** for the virus.

The **main sources of COVID-19 information** for Afro-descendants were **television** (67%), followed by the **Health Ministries' official social media accounts**.

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



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

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



ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT

2 in 10 Afro-descendants stated they had been **denied access to a care service**, including **health services**.

5 in 10 Afro-descendants who responded to the survey stated they were a **person living with HIV**.

87% stated that their **viral load was suppressed**, **3%** stated that it **wasn't** and **10%** did **not know** the state of their **viral load**.

2% of **Afro-descendants** who responded to the survey declared that they were **NOT** on **antiretroviral treatment**.



3 in 10

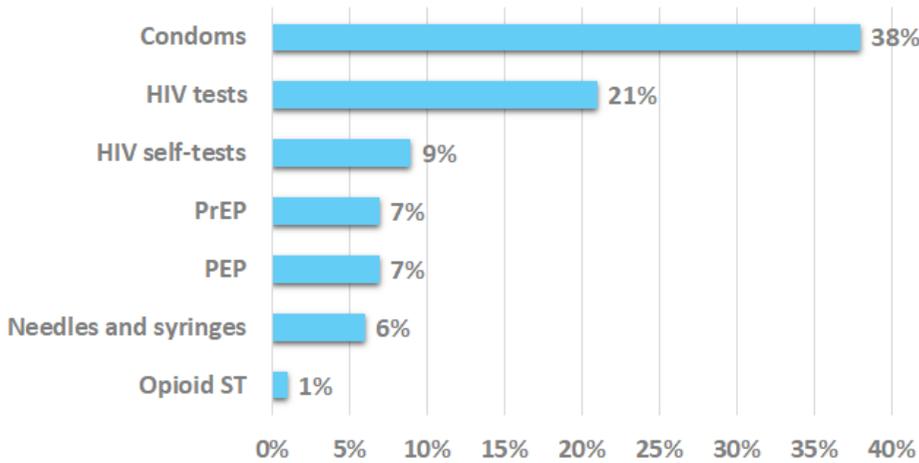
Afro-descendants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **one month or less**.

3 in 10

Afro-descendants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **two months**.

4 in 10

Afro-descendants received enough **antiretroviral treatment (ART)** to last **three months or more**.



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

4 in 10 Afro-descendants needed **condoms as a preventive measure against HIV** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

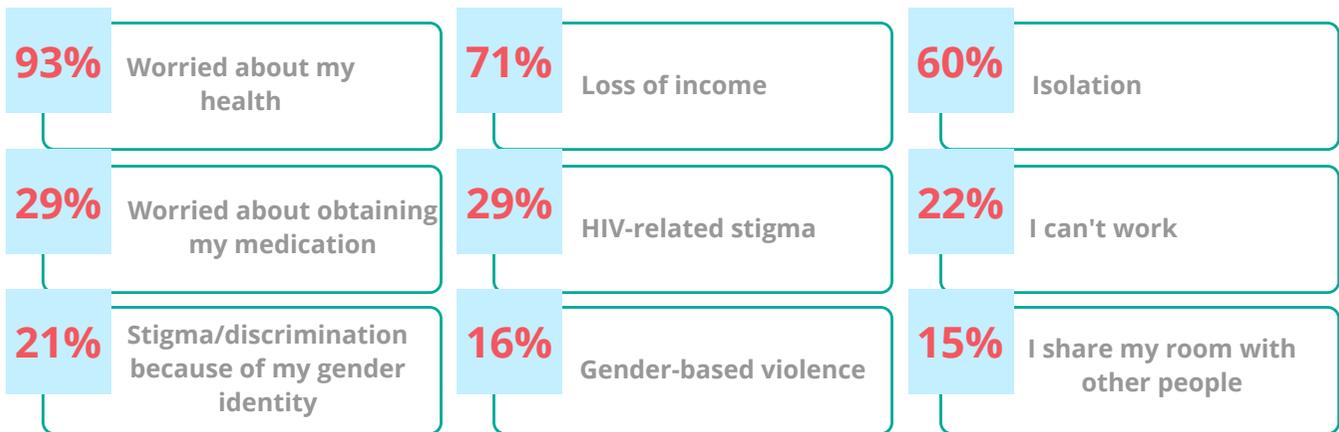
73% of Afro-descendants expected to receive **HIV testing and counseling from government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.

41% of Afro-descendants expected **better ARV delivery mechanisms from government organizations** during the COVID-19 pandemic.



MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT

Concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic

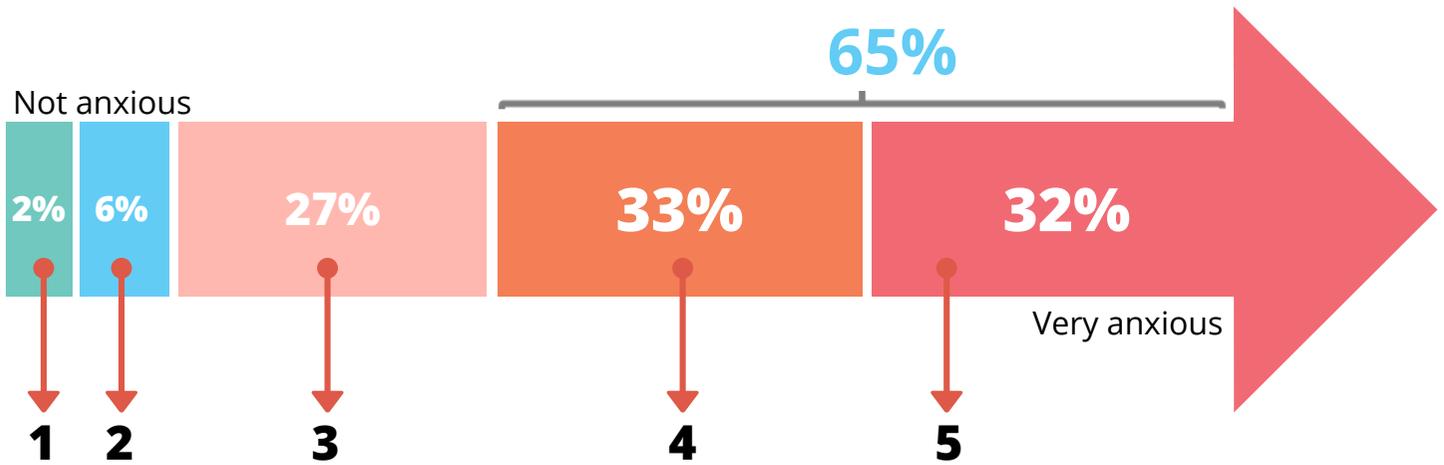


9 in 10 Afro-descendants were **worried about their health**.

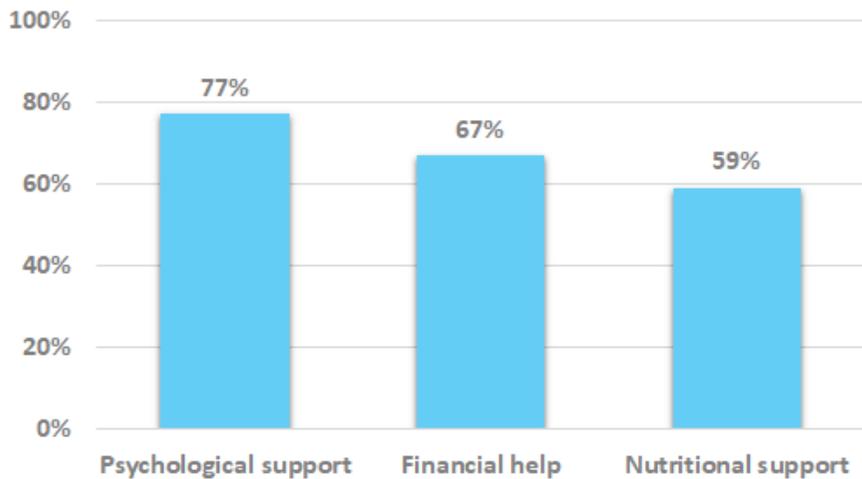
7 in 10 Afro-descendants were **worried about the loss of their income**.

6 in 10 Afro-descendants were **worried about self-isolating**.

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



7 in 10 of the **Afro-descendants** who responded to the survey reported the **two highest levels of anxiety**.



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

8 in 10

Afro-descendants expected to receive **psychological support**.

7 in 10

Afro-descendants expected to receive **cash aid and transfers**.

6 in 10

Afro-descendants expected to receive **nutritional support**.



SOCIAL PROTECTION



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

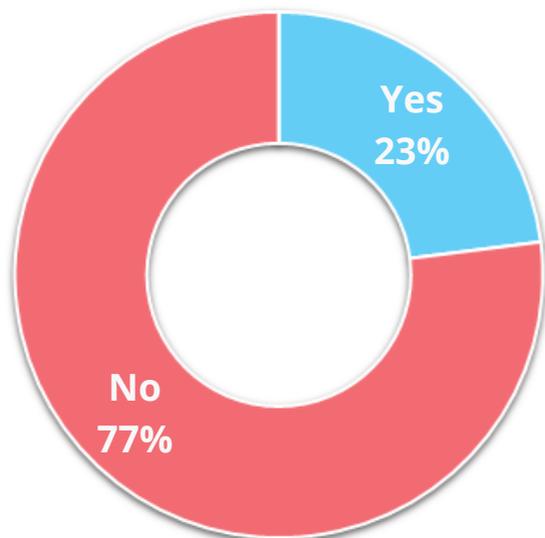


6 in 10 people reported losing **75% or more of their income**.



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

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



8 in 10 Afro-descendants reported they did **NOT** benefit from any **social protection or support measure** offered by their government.

Of the **Afro-descendants** who did benefit from some kind of **support offered by their government**, **53%** reported the **financial aid** was **less than 100 USD**.



HUMAN RIGHTS, STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

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

Causes of stigma and discrimination

18%

Because I am a person living with HIV

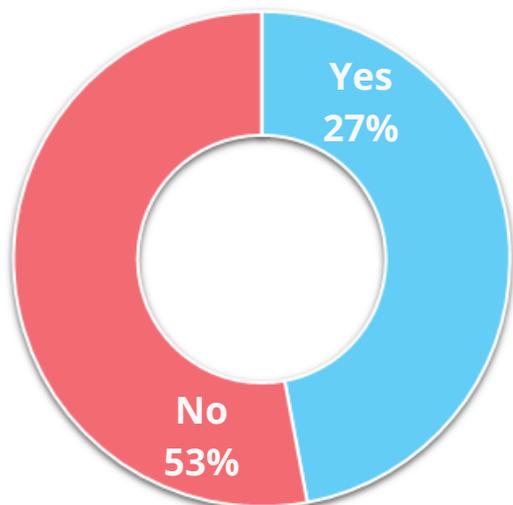
17%

Because I am homosexual

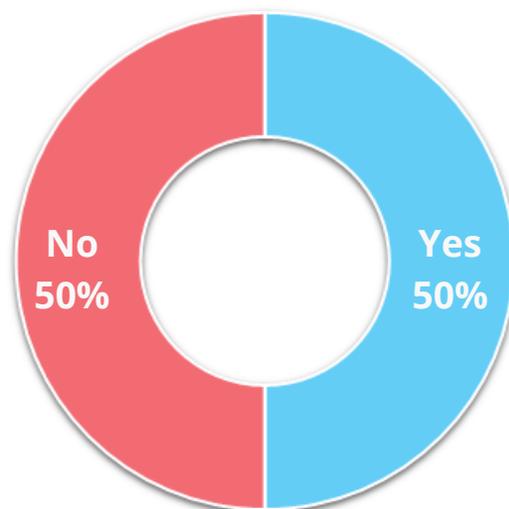
13%

Because I am a sex worker

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



5 in 10 Afro-descendants do **NOT** know of any **reliable mechanisms to report situations of stigma and discrimination**.



5 in 10 Afro-descendants 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 82 surveys of people who identified as Afro-descendants and who were residents of 13 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.