

HIV AND AIDS STIGMA INDEX TOOL

Stigma associated with HIV and AIDS is a major barrier to effectively responding to the pandemic. Stigma stops individuals from getting tested and treated, and it causes needless suffering when people are either known or thought to be HIV positive. Stigma makes the pandemic worse because the disease spreads faster when people don't get tested and when treatment is delayed.

Information from the questionnaire will be used to inform the ELCM on mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in the church workplace and organs. We would like to assure you that your answers are confidential. **It is expected that it will take about 30 minutes to complete the form.**

Name of Interviewer.....

Start (time).....

Date.....

1.	District	
2.	Parish	
3.	Congregation	

4. Demographic information

4.1	Country		
4.2	Province or state		
4.3	City or town		
4.4	Type of area around congregation	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Rural 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Peri-urban 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Mining	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Farming 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other, (specify)
4.5	Number of members of Congregation	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 51-75	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 4 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 75
4.6	Number of preaching points, Prayer zones	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 5 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 8	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 7-8

4.7	How often is the worship service held?	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Less often than weekly 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Several times per week	2 <input type="checkbox"/> once a week
4.8	Your role in the Congregation	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual leader 3 <input type="checkbox"/> HIV&AIDS Coordinator	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Organ leader 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Member
4.9	Distance to nearest clinic for those in your Congregation	1 <input type="checkbox"/> less than 5 kilometres 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 kilometres 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 20km and above	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 kilometres 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 15- 19 kilometres
4.10	Distance to nearest hospital for those in your Congregation	1 <input type="checkbox"/> less than 10 kilometres 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 20-29 kilometres 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 40- 49kilometres	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-19 kilometres 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-39kilometres 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 50 and above
4.11	When was your Congregation established	1 <input type="checkbox"/> less than 5 years ago 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 50 years ago	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 20 years ago 4 <input type="checkbox"/> more than 50 years ago

5.	Estimate how many members of your Congregation you know or suspect...	Don't know	0-10	11-25	26-50	51-100	More than 100
5.1	...have died from AIDS-related diseases in the last year						
5.2	...have been tested and know their HIV status						
5.3	...are HIV positive						
5.4	...are HIV positive and have disclosed their status publicly						
5.5	...are HIV positive and participate in support groups						
5.6	...are openly living with HIV and participate in worship and all other church activities.						

6	How important are HIV and AIDS issues...	Not important	One of top 10	One of top 3	Top Issue
6.1	...to the members of your Congregation?				
6.2	...to the leaders of your Congregation?				
6.3	...to the members of the community at large?				

7. Services to support and Assist people living with HIV

	Does your Congregation	Yes	No
7.1	...offer confidential counselling services for people living with HIV or AIDS?		
7.2	...have an organised program to provide care to people living with HIV or AIDS, such as a home-based care program?		
7.3	...have an organised program to provide care to orphans and other vulnerable children?		
7.4	...provide informational material about living positively with HIV?		
7.5	...conduct educational sessions about living positively with HIV?		
7.6	...provide coordination or logistical support for people who must go to clinics for monitoring and medication?		
7.7	Other services (Please describe).....		

8. Cultural and factual understanding by members of the Congregation

	Consider what the members of your Congregation know or believe about HIV and AIDS today. To the best of your understanding, how many members of your Congregation would agree with each of the following statements.	Very few (0-10%)	Some (11-25%)	Many (26-50%)	Most (51-75%)	Almost ALL (76-100%)
8.1	HIV and AIDS are divine punishment for immoral behaviour					
8.2	HIV and AIDS are caused by witchcraft					
8.3	It is wrong to associate with people who are HIV positive					
8.4	It is a bad idea to talk about sex during worship activities					
8.5	AIDS is a medical condition caused by a virus (HIV)					
8.6	AIDS is an advanced stage of infection by HIV					
8.7	HIV cannot be transmitted through casual social contact					
8.8	A person with HIV may not show any symptoms					
8.9	Medical treatment enables a person with HIV to lead a long, productive life					
8.10	HIV is transmitted primarily through sexual activity					
8.11	HIV can be transmitted from a mother to her child					
8.12	HIV transmission from a mother to a child can be prevented through medical treatment					
8.13	HIV can be transmitted by blood exchanges					
8.14	HIV can be transmitted through shared injection needles					

8.15	Consistent, correct use of condoms can prevent HIV transmission during sexual intercourse					
8.16	It is possible for HIV to be transmitted through sexual intercourse that is considered moral					
8.17	It is possible to engage in sexual intercourse that is considered immoral in a way that prevents HIV transmission					
8.18	Every person has the responsibility to know their own HIV status					
8.19	Every person has the responsibility to refrain from behaviours that risk transmission of HIV					
8.20	They have been tested for HIV and I know their HIV status					

9. Activities related to HIV and AIDS in worship services of your Congregation

During the past year, please indicate how often the following activities occurred in worship service of your Congregation		Never	1-3 Times	4-6 Times	7-12 Times	More than 12
9.1	HIV and AIDS were a central focus of worship service					
9.2	HIV and AIDS were a part of the worship service, but not the central focus					
9.3	Worship services included messages that HIV and AIDS were not punishment from God					
9.4	Worship services include message about compassionate attitude toward people who are infected and affected by HIV or have AIDS					
9.5	Worship services included messages encouraging members living with HIV to participate in all activities of the Congregation					
9.6	Worship service included messages about sexual behaviour					
9.7	Worship services included messages encouraging people to make wise health choices with respect to sexual activities					
9.8	Worship services included testimonies by people living with HIV					
9.9	Worship service included education activities related to HIV and AIDS, TB and gender					
9.10	Worship services included message that all members have a responsibility to know their HIV status					
9.11	Worship services include messages encouraging all members to be tested for HIV					
9.12	Our Congregation provides convenient access to public HIV testing at the same time as worship					
9.13	Church leaders were tested for HIV during worship services					

9.14	Our congregation celebrated World AIDS Day					
9.15	Our congregation has HIV and AIDS liturgy					
9.16	Our congregation conducts candle lighting healing services					
9.17	Other activities (Please describe).....					

10. Other activities related to HIV and AIDS in your Congregation

	During the past year, please indicate how often the following activities occurred in your Congregation. Please base your opinion on activities you observed	Never	1-3 Times	4-6 Times	7-12 Times	More than 12
10.1	HIV and AIDS activities were held separately from the normal worship service					
10.2	Other activities of our Congregation encouraged members living with HIV to participate					
10.3	People living with HIV told their stories during small group activities or events of our Congregation					
10.4	Discussions of sexual behaviour were included in activities of our Congregation					
10.5	Discussions of issues related to gender were included in other activities of our congregation					
10.6	Our Congregation provided convenient access to public HIV testing at a different time than worship					
10.7	Church leaders were publicly tested for HIV					
10.8	Some of our HIV and AIDS activities were focused specifically on men					
10.9	Some of our HIV and AIDS activities were focused specifically on women					
10.10	Some of our HIV and AIDS activities were focused specifically on youth					
10.11	Our church leaders attended workshops or training activities related to HIV and AIDS					
10.12	HIV and AIDS activities were done in collaboration with other organisations in the wide community					
10.13	Other activities (Please describe)					

Ending Time.....

Thank-you for participating.