



Manicaland HIV STD Prevention Project Epidemic Status Report 2010

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INTRODUCTION

The baseline survey for the Manicaland HIV/STD Prevention Project was carried out from July 1998 to January 2000. The first follow up survey was carried out from July 2001 to January 2003, the second follow up survey was carried out from August 2003 to August 2005, whilst the third follow up survey was carried out from August 2006 to November 2008. This sheet compares the main results on local patterns of HIV infection, experience of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), knowledge and awareness of HIV and other STDs, and sexual and health seeking behaviour between the baseline and the follow up surveys. Between the first and second follow-up surveys extra questions were added regarding HIV testing and treatment. See overleaf for more details.

AREAS COVERED

The survey in this area covered the following areas Sheba, HQ, Dunsinane, Lampton, Mapungu, Marriage Section, Mutarazi, New Houses, Nursery, Nyamapungu, Rugare, Zororo, Mountain Home Meikles, Muchena, Nyanzunda, Maguti, Nyamajakata, Nyasukwa, Nyautonga and Village 4. In the baseline, 779 adults participated in the survey. In the first follow-up, 584 adults participated, in the second follow-up, 971 adults participated and, in the third follow-up, 688 adults participated. These numbers fluctuated due to changes in migration and changes in survey eligibility criteria.

KEY RESULTS

- 16% of men and 21% of women are currently infected with HIV.
- HIV prevalence for men and women has declined steadily since the baseline survey. However prevalence is still at a high level.
- Most people know that STDs increase the chance of HIV transmission. However, the proportion of people seeking treatment at hospitals has decreased for males and increased for females in the last follow-up survey.
- Both women and men have reported increased consistent condom use with casual partners in the recent round of the survey.
- The proportion of people thinking that all babies born to HIV+ mothers are infected has fallen but is still more than one third.
- There have been an increased proportion of males and females reporting to have one or more new partner (s) in the last year, in the last survey round.
- Stigma associated with HIV/AIDS is still low and most people are willing to look after a relative who has AIDS.
- The proportion of females who are satisfied with STD services at hospitals and/or clinics has decreased in the last follow-up, whilst more males have reported to be satisfied with STD services at hospitals and/or clinics in the last follow-up.
- There has an increase in the proportion of people having an HIV test.
- Most people were unaware that treatment for HIV/AIDS exists.