

**ASSESSING HEALTH FACILITY HIV-RELATED
STIGMA IN THE CITY OF LAGOS:
DOCUMENTING FINDINGS FROM HEALTH
FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS' STIGMA
ELIMINATION WORKSHOP**

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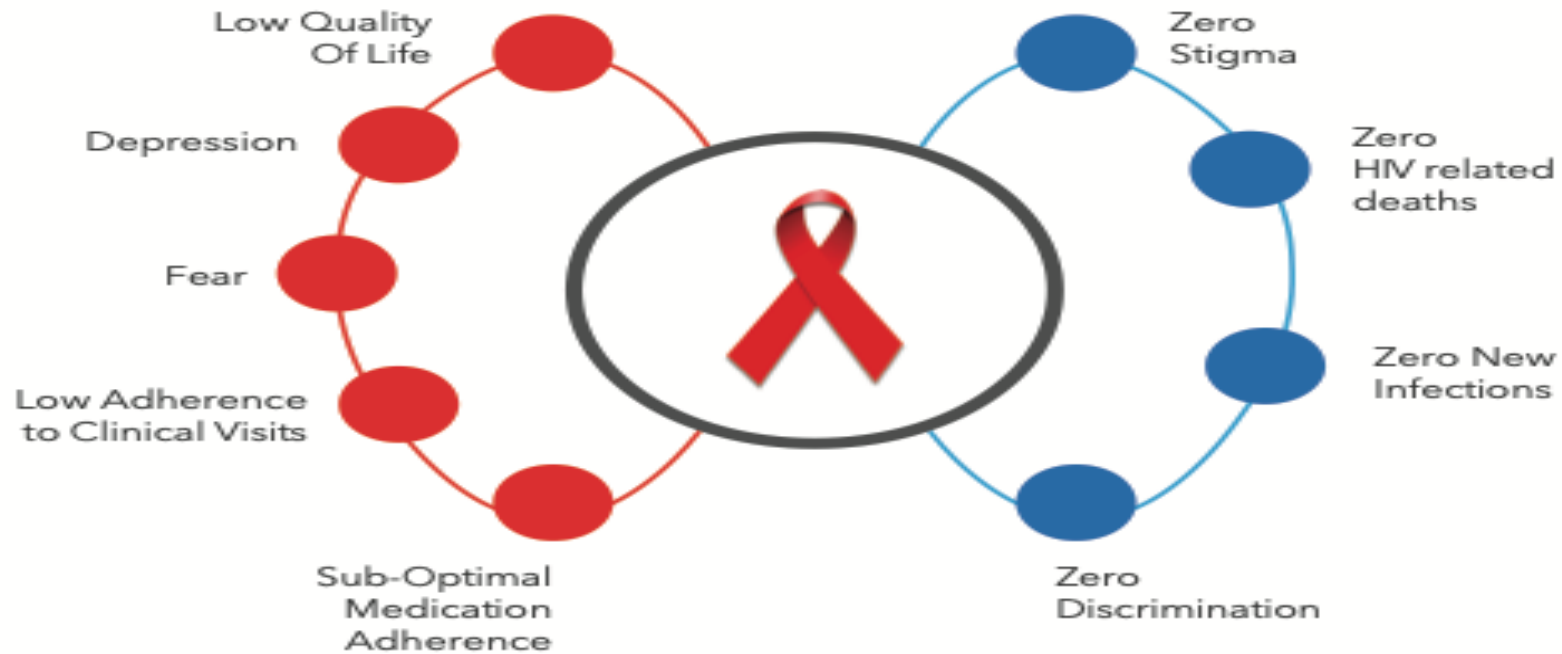
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The logo for the Fast-Track Cities Institute. It features a stylized graphic on the left consisting of a pink ribbon shape with a colorful city skyline (yellow, blue, green, red) integrated into it. To the right of the graphic, the words "FAST-TRACK CITIES" are written in bold black capital letters, and "INSTITUTE" is written in white capital letters inside a red rectangular box below it.

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Background



WHERE WE ARE TODAY WHERE WE WANT TO BE

**HIV Stigma Elimination
in Healthcare Settings
Starts with me**

Background

- Fast-Track Cities around the world are working towards achieving the Zero Stigma and Discrimination goal outlined in the Paris Declaration to End AIDS in Fast-Track Cities.
- As part of these efforts, IAPAC has been working with select Fast-Track Cities, including Lagos, to implement a stigma assessment tool in health facilities which informs an autogenerated action plan to address gaps.
- This involved a workshop for administrators and managers in each city of the 15 fast track cities to coordinate a process for health facilities to assess stigma and develop and implement a code of conduct and action plan to eliminate HIV specific and related stigma.

Methodology

- 74 healthcare facilities (75 providers) in Lagos, Nigeria
- A 10-question stigma index scorecard was rolled out as part of the training
- The scorecard included questions on
 - Staff training
 - Labelling of HIV service locations in the facility,
 - Essential supplies for safety and infection control,
 - Existing relevant procedural guidance/policies,
 - Community engagement in promoting stigma free HIV prevention and care services.

Tool 4: Stigma Elimination Checklist Scoring Matrix

		Format: Facility visits for observation, Facilitator-administered questionnaire					
		Respondents: Health facility head, Departmental heads					
		Please fill One form per facility					
		Number					
1	Total number of staff assigned to the facility						
2	Total number of staff engaged in delivery of HIV services at the facility		≤ 50% of HIV service staff	≥ 50% of HIV service staff	≤ 50-70% of all staff	≥ 50-70% of all staff	Maximum Score
3	Number of staff trained in universal precautions		1	2	1	3	5
4	Number of staff at facility who have received training in principles of HCT		1	2	1	3	5
5	Number of staff trained in stigma and discrimination reduction in health care settings		1	2	1	3	5
		Observed	None Observed				
6	Identifiable labelling of HIV service locations in the facility						
7	Essential supplies for safety and infection control	1	0				1
	Sanitary staff and public wash areas	1	0				1
	Instrument sterilization equipment	1	0				1
	Protective wear (e.g. gloves)	1	0				1
	Disposable needles & syringes	1	0				1
	Sharps disposal bins	1	0				1
		Observed	None observed				
8	Guidance on confidentiality of patient HIV status at the facility	2	0				2
9	Guidance on universal precautions at the facility	2	0				2
10	Up to date and operational institutional PEP policy	2	0				2
11	Policy/procedure for registering & addressing complaints & grievances related to stigma and discrimination	2	0				2
12	Evidence of community engagement in promoting stigma free HIV prevention and care services	2	0				2
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Results

- 19% (14/74) of health facilities (all PEPFAR-funded) achieved near stigma-free status (score of 22/31)
- 45% of the facilities reported that more than 50% of **core HIV staff** were trained on the delivery of HIV services at the facility.
- Only 21% of the facilities had more than 50% of **all staff** trained on the delivery of HIV services.
- 92% reported having access to essential supplies for safety and infection control.

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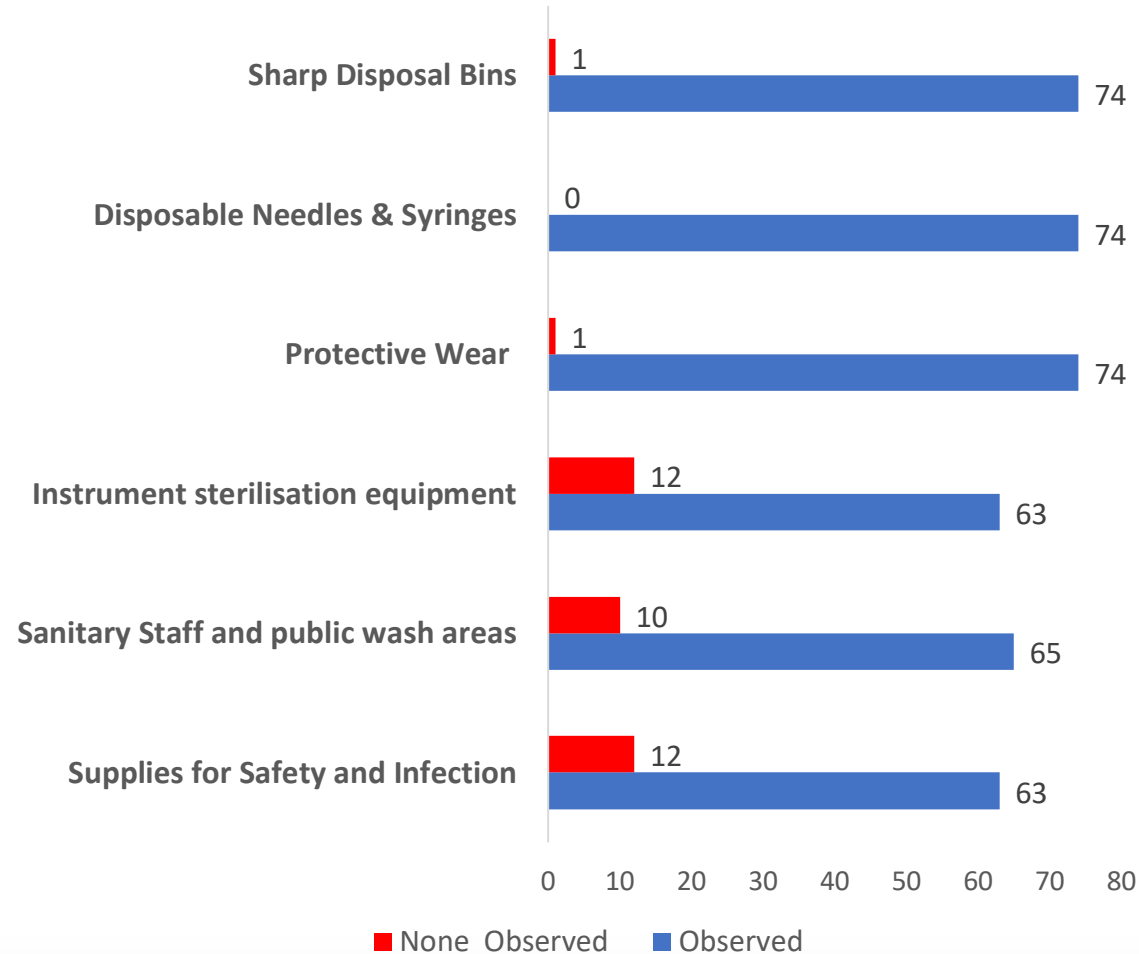
INDICATORS	No of facilities where $\leq 50\%$ of <u>HIV service staff</u>	No of facilities where $\geq 50\%$ of <u>HIV service staff</u>	No of facilities where $\leq 50-70\%$ of <u>ALL staff</u>	No of facilities where $\geq 50-70\%$ of <u>ALL staff</u>
Number Staff trained in Universal precautions	9	37	54	21
Number of staff who have received training in principles of HCT	20	34	50	16
Number of staff trained in stigma and discrimination reduction in HC Settings	24	70	65	10

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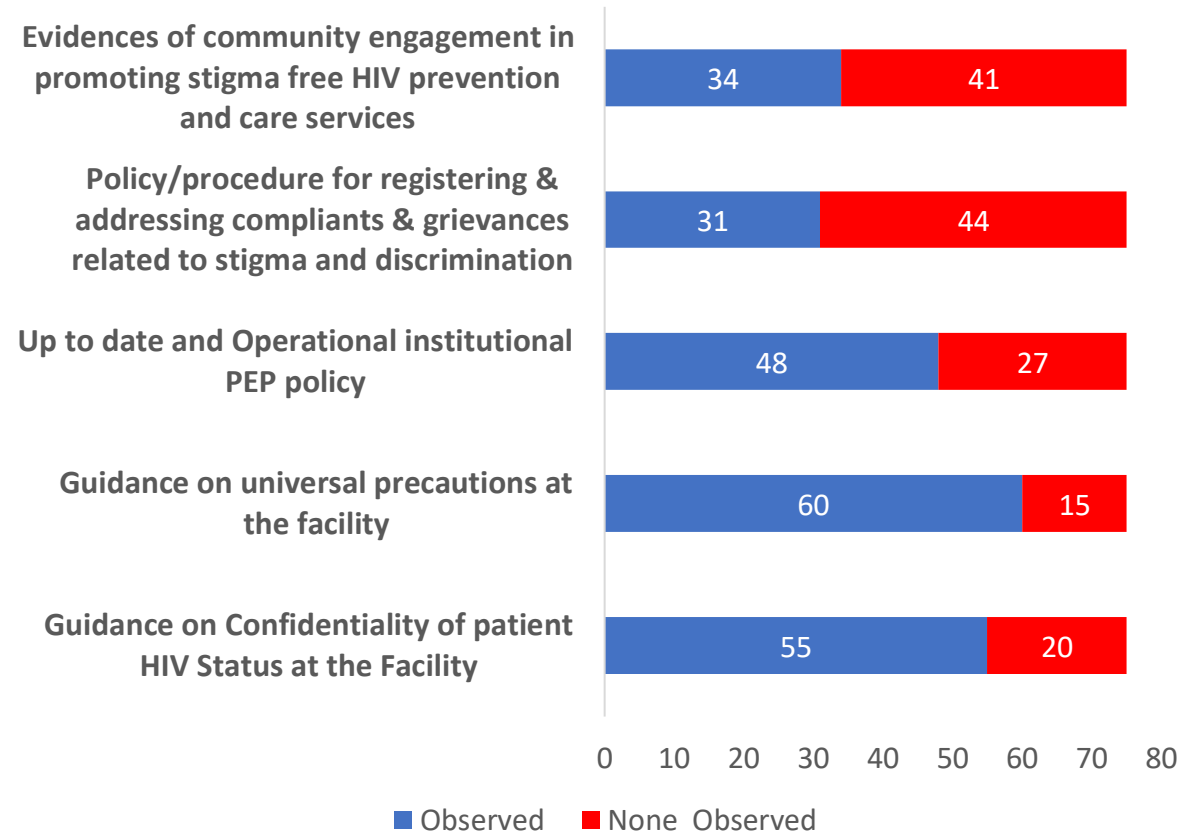
- 30% of facilities reported having policies and procedures in place to register and address complaints related to stigma and discrimination.
- 34% of the facilities reported evidence of community engagement in promoting stigma free HIV prevention and care services.

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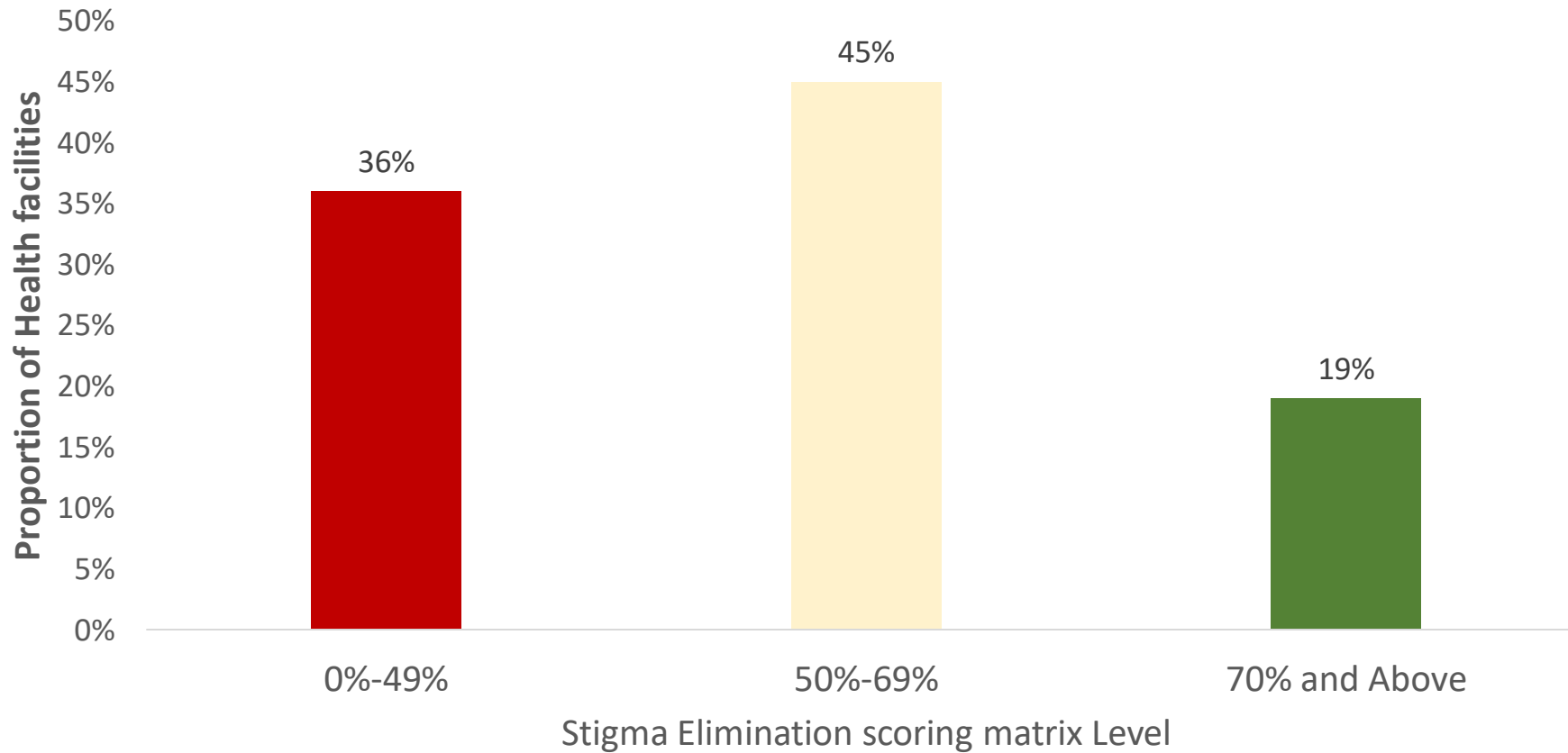
Number of Health facilities



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Distribution of facilities assessed for stigma elimination per score level



Conclusions

- Inclusion of the stigma assessment toolkit in routine facility Quality Improvement SOPs could be useful in
 - creating avenues for self-reflection among facility teams
 - useful in the stigma elimination process at facility level.
- Based on these baseline results where on 19% attained 70% and higher, it's clear that more needs to be done to understand the gaps and what needs to be done to address stigma at facility level. Further assessments on gaps and barriers towards eliminating stigma in health facilities
- There needs to be a follow up assessment from baseline to track progress towards attainment stigma elimination in health facilities.

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