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QUALITY OF CARE SURVEY AMONG PLHIV IN MAPUTO: POOR UNDERSTANDING OF UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD AS A CHALLENGE TO ACTIONING THE “UNDETECTABLE = UNTRANSMISSIBLE” MESSAGE

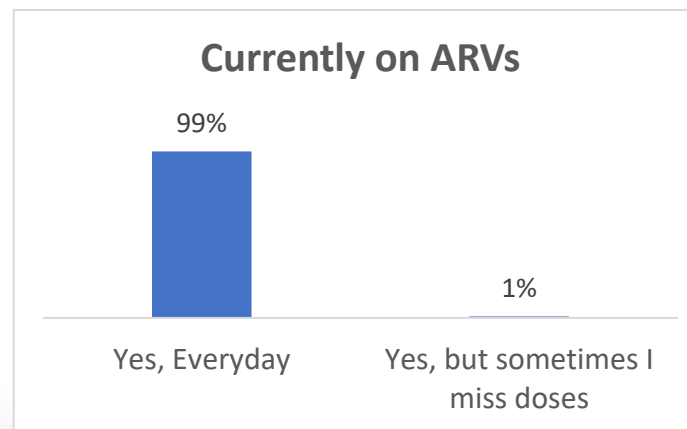
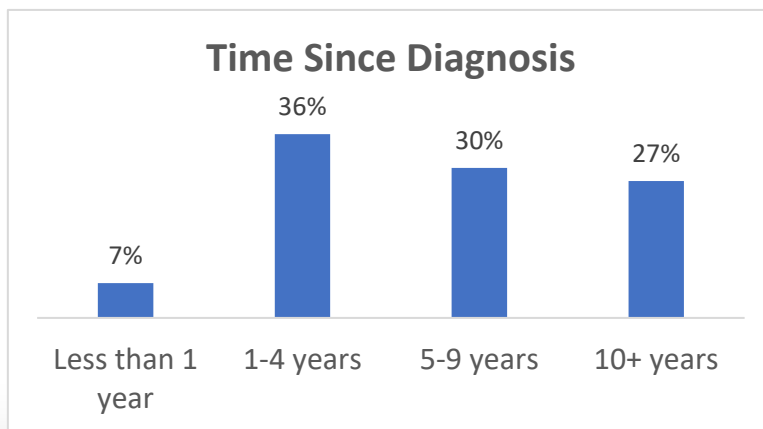
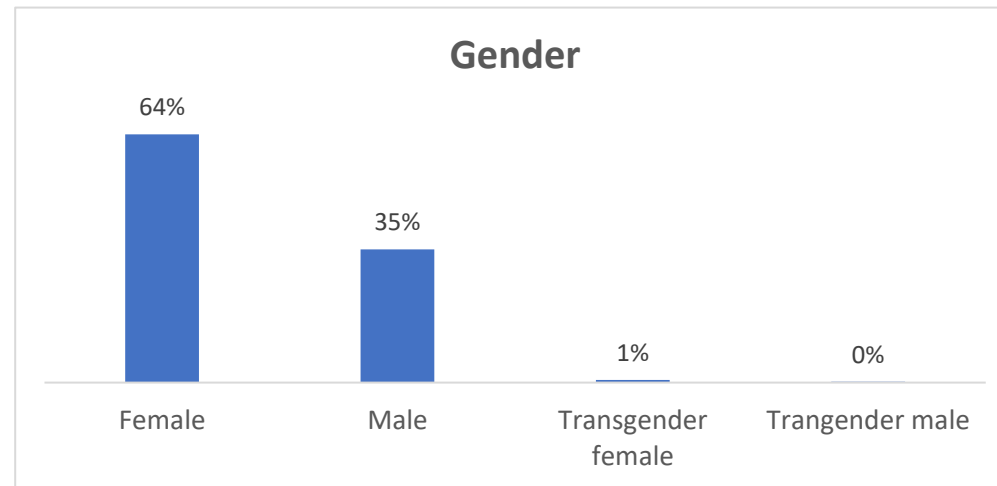
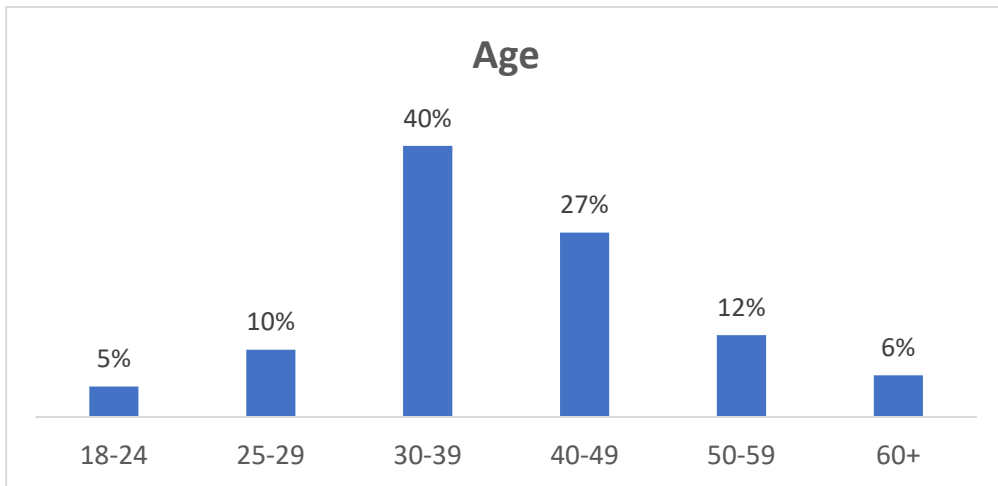
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FAST-TRACK CITIES QUALITY OF CARE SURVEY

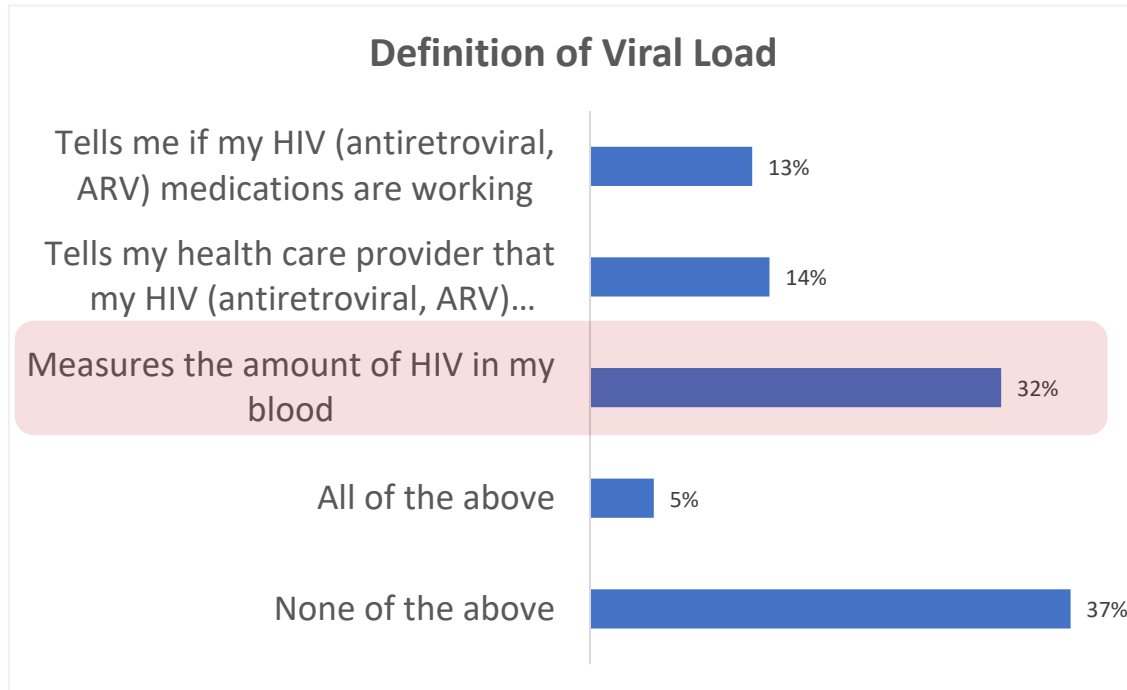
- Objective 6 of UNAIDS-IAPAC Fast-Track Cities Project:
 - *‘Assess the quality of care provided to people living with HIV in Fast-Track Cities’...*
- Fielded by IAPAC among PLHIV in 15 Fast-Track Cities
- 25 health facilities per city
- 55%-100% PEPFAR-funded facilities
- Survey focuses on 8 domains:
 - HIV understanding
 - HIV counseling
 - Linkage to HIV care
 - Retention in HIV care
 - ART and ART adherence
 - Secondary HIV prevention
 - Whole person care
 - Interpersonal communication

SURVEY RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

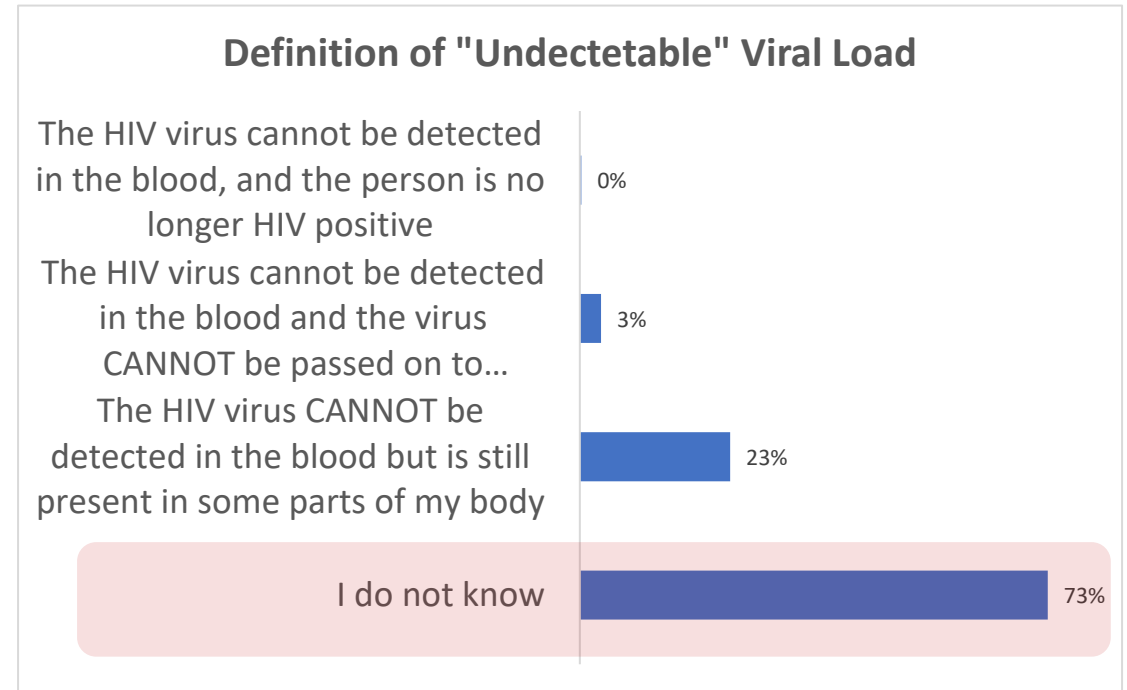
Number of respondents: **422 PLHIV**



RESULTS: HIV UNDERSTANDING



In a cross-analysis with age, of those respondents who answered correctly, 63% of the respondents were between the ages of 30-50.

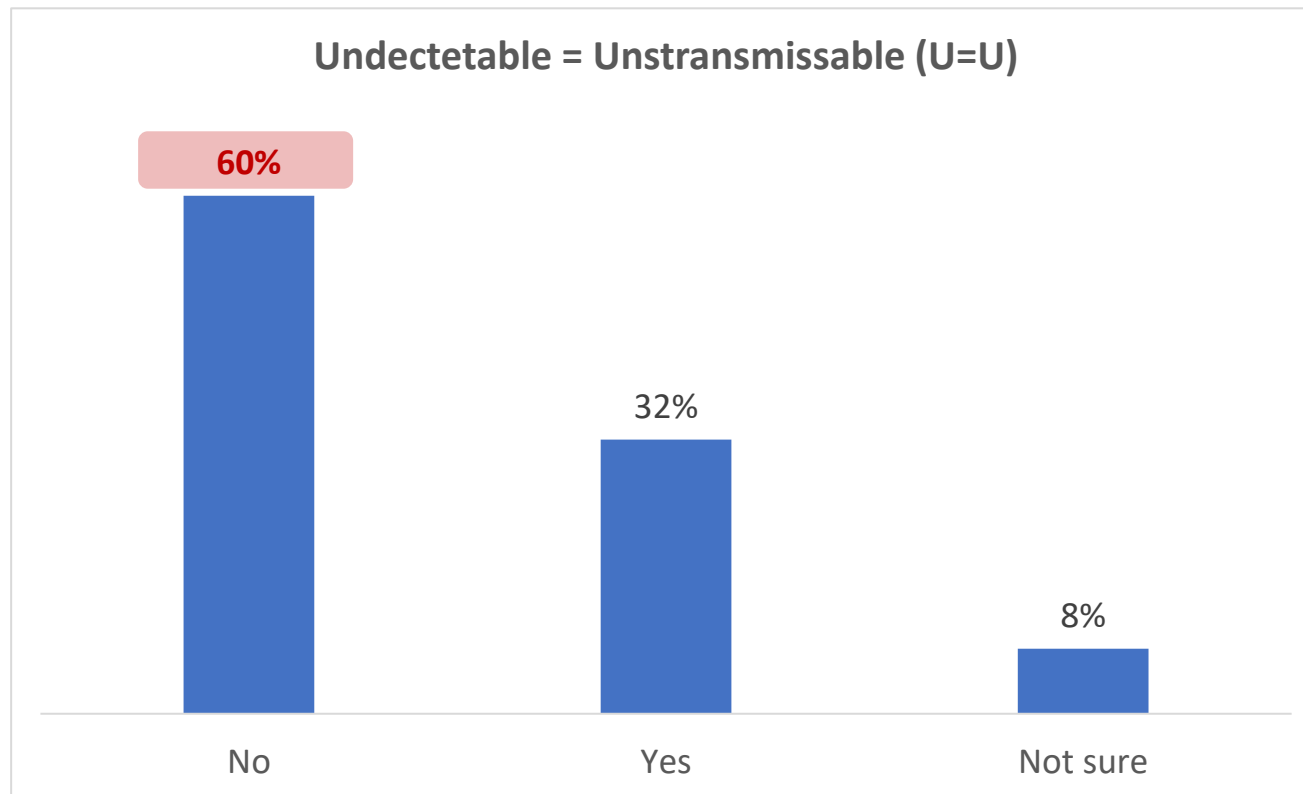
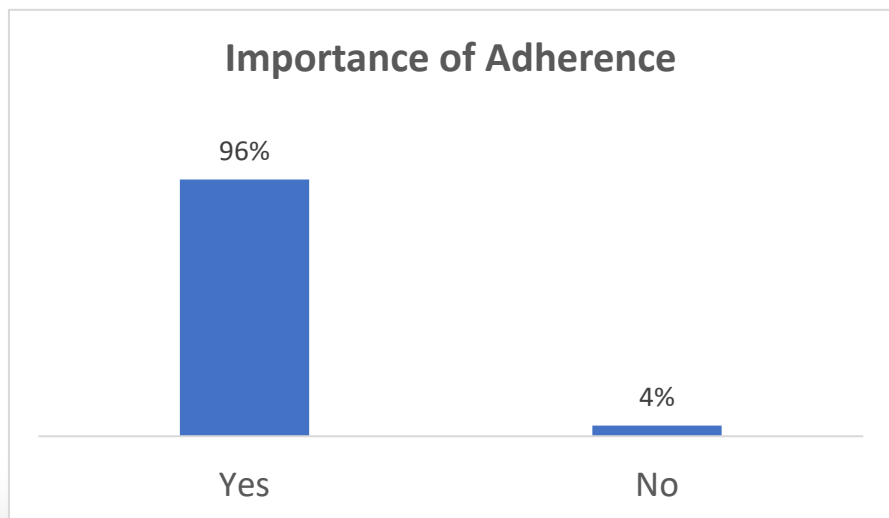
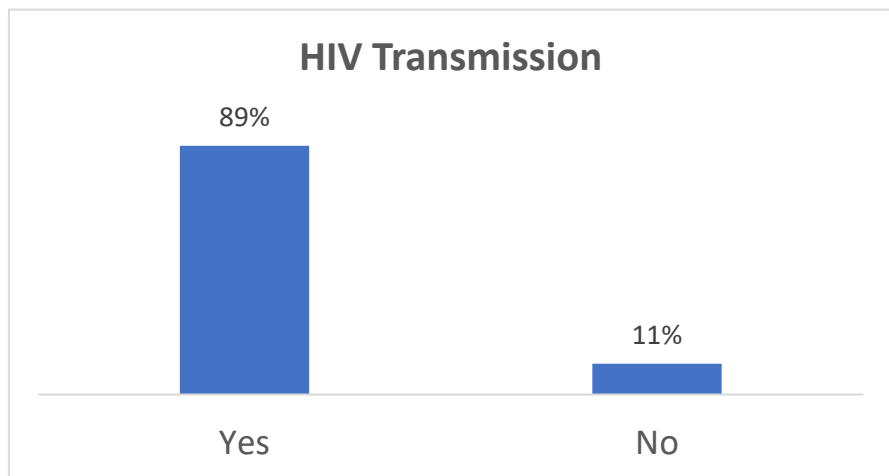


Among those not understanding undetectable viral load, 64% had known their status for 1 to 9 years, with, 65% of respondents having been on ART for less than 10 years.

RESULTS: HIV UNDERSTANDING

	Disagree Completely	Somewhat Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree Completely
I want to know more about HIV and HIV treatment	3%	0%	4%	20%	73%
The benefits of HIV treatment outweigh the side effects	7%	2%	5%	17%	69%
The number of pills that I take for HIV makes my life difficult	92%	2%	1%	3%	2%
I understand the importance of taking my HIV medications every day	4%	1%	4%	16%	75%
I will live a long and healthy life if I take my HIV medications every day	0%	1%	4%	16%	78%

RESULTS: COUNSELING ON U=U



CONCLUSION

- The results emphasize the urgent need to collaborate with healthcare providers to ensure that they are equipped to explain the U=U message effectively during counseling sessions.
- Establishment of platforms that encourage two-way dialogue between healthcare providers and PLHIV for collaborative efforts towards identifying effective/impactful interventions.
- Continuously assess the impact of educational programs and counseling services through feedback from PLHIV and healthcare providers.
- Advocate for the inclusion of U=U messaging in national HIV care and prevention guidelines. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ensure that PLHIV receive consistent and accurate information about U=U.
- Empower PLHIV to become ambassadors for U=U messaging within their communities

THANK YOU!