



HIV/AIDS Treatment Survey

Heads of churches summit Nairobi, 2004

Could we have a few minutes of your time to help us get a clearer picture of what is going on in each of the churches in relation to HIV/AIDS and its treatment? The Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN), formerly the Pharmaceutical Programme of World Council of Churches (WCC), has constructed this simple survey and will be making the results available to everyone. Individual surveys will remain confidential.

1. Does your church preach:

[Please tick as many as apply]

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| Prevention messages such as abstinence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Messages to encourage the congregation to know their HIV status | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Messages to encourage people to seek treatment for HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other HIV/AIDS-related messages (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Does your church encourage speakers who are HIV-positive to speak to church groups or the congregation about their experiences?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | This has not happened | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not yet but we are thinking about it | <input type="checkbox"/> | Only if they had admitted and repented their sins | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

3.

3.a. Does your church operate any health care services?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

3.b. If yes to part (a), what services does your church operate?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health centres | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mobile clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> | Home-based health care service | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

4. Do you know what anti-retrovirals (ARVs) are?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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5. What do you believe ARVs do?

[Please tick either 'Agree' or 'Disagree']

- | | Agree | Disagree |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ARVs cure AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs treat AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs support a longer stronger life for people with HIV | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs reduce the viral load in the body | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taking ARVs means you can't pass HIV on | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs treat opportunistic infections | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6. Which of the following do your church health services provide, or would provide if resources were available?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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| Voluntary counselling and testing for HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treatment that prevents mother to child transmission of the HIV virus | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treatment of opportunistic infections | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| End-of-life (palliative) care for the dying | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Support for home-based care of those with HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs to those who can afford them | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidised or free ARVs to those who can't afford them | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7.

7.a. Does your church actively encourage people who need to take ARVs to take them?

Yes No

7.b. If no to part (a), why not?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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| The church doesn't know enough about ARVs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs are not available in our country | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs are highly toxic with dangerous side effects so we would not talk about them specifically | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our focus is prevention, not treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARVs are too expensive for individuals so there is little point in talking about them | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. How do your church health services address the particular medicine needs of the poorest?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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| Provide free supply of medicines | <input type="checkbox"/> | Give low interest loans for treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Charge fees based on ability to pay | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sell medicines at the price that they were bought for | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9.

9.a. Does your church provide its clergy with information relating to HIV/AIDS?

Yes No

9.b. If yes to part (a), what information is provided relating to HIV/AIDS?

[Please tick as many as apply]

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|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Preaching notes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advocacy materials | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prayer suggestions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Training on HIV/AIDS issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Training on how to encourage people to know their HIV/AIDS status | <input type="checkbox"/> | Training in supporting people with HIV/AIDS and those affected by HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Anti-stigma training | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anti-stigma materials | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical information for lay persons | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theological guidance on issues such as healing, sin, and behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

10. Does your church require that people have voluntary counselling and HIV/AIDS testing before the church marries them?

Yes No
 I don't know Other (please specify)

11. Does your church marry people who differ in HIV status?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>			

12.

12.a. Does your church health service have policy governing the treatment and support of people living with HIV/AIDS?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>			

12.b. If yes to part (a), is this documented in written form?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>			

13. Please indicate which statements you agree or disagree with:

[Please tick either 'Agree' or 'Disagree']

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
HIV/AIDS is a punishment from God	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIV/AIDS is a disease like any other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ARVs cure HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ARVs treat HIV/AIDS to support a longer, stronger life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You must take ARVs for life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You only need to take ARVs until you feel better	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who have HIV/AIDS have acted immorally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our church is concerned that ARVs will increase promiscuity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. What would your church do if a member of the clergy were found to be HIV-positive?

[Please tick as many as apply]

Ask them to leave their post	<input type="checkbox"/>	Find them another post in an administrative role	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ignore the fact because it doesn't matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ignore the fact because we don't wish to draw attention to it	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address their specific needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>			

15. What percentage of church resources would you support being spent on fighting HIV/AIDS?

<input type="text"/>	% of time	<input type="text"/>	% of human resources	<input type="text"/>	% of budget
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16.

16.a. Does your church have a health insurance scheme for employees?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>		

16.b. If you answered no to part (a), would you support the idea of an employee health insurance scheme?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>		

17. Would you be interested in further discussions and information on the issue of HIV/AIDS treatment?

Yes No

18. Please tell us who you are and what church and country you represent:

Name [optional]:

Position:

Church:

Country:

Thank you very much for your time and contribution to this process.

Please return this completed form to:

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Alternatively, you will see representatives of EPN during the meeting. You can give them your survey form and they will be keen to hear your further views on the subject