

Appendix 1

HIV/AIDS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Participant

I am presently conducting research on HIV/AIDS and its impact on educators and learners in secondary schools in the Durban South Region. Your participation will enhance the quality of the research and the results obtained.

Thank you for your participation.

Read the following instructions carefully:

1. This is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers.
2. Answer honestly and sincerely, as this is important in interpreting the results.
3. Read each item carefully in order to understand the question.
4. **DO NOT** write anything on the questionnaire – use the separate answer sheet provided for this purpose.
5. Write down the number of your response in the **MIDDLE COLUMN of the answer sheet**: for example if you are a learner write 1 in the middle column for question 1.
6. Do not leave out an item.
7. Make sure that the question number on the answer sheet is the same as the one on the questionnaire.
8. Follow all instructions carefully.
9. If you are unsure, ask the supervisor for help.
10. You will remain anonymous.
11. You may begin.

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Section A

Please select the answer that applies to you, and write down the corresponding number in the answer sheet provided:

1. Occupation an educator = 1
 a learner = 2

2. Ethnic Group Coloured = 1
 Black = 2
 White = 3
 Indian = 4

3. Gender: female = 1
 male = 2

4. Age: under 20 years = 1
 20-30 years = 2
 30-40 years = 3
 40 + years = 4

5. Where do you estimate that you received **most** of your HIV/AIDS-related information/education? (Select only one)

Department of Education = 1
School = 2
Media (TV, radio, newspapers, magazines) = 3
Non-governmental Organizations = 4
Parents = 5
Friends = 6
None of the above = 7

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Section B

Please read the following statements, and answer in the following manner:

True = 1
 False = 2
 Don't know = 3

Example: I am a South African: If true, then in the space provided on the answer, indicate the answer as 1.

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| 6. A person can contract HIV/AIDS by donating blood. | V7 |
| 7. A person can contract HIV/AIDS if they touch the vomit or saliva of an HIV- positive person. | V8 |
| 8. Condoms are the safest way to avoid contracting HIV/AIDS. | V9 |
| 9. Studies indicate that some insects, like the mosquito can transmit the HIV virus from one person to another. | V10 |
| 10. You cannot get AIDS from a person unless they have the symptoms of AIDS. | V11 |
| 11. Sneezing and coughing can spread the HIV virus. | V12 |
| 12. HIV is a condition, which you can be born with. | V13 |
| 13. The HIV/AIDS virus can be transmitted in the air. | V14 |
| 14. A person who has the HIV virus looks very sick. | V15 |
| 15. People who have sexually transmitted infections cannot get AIDS easily. | V16 |

Section C

Read the following statements, and answer true = 1; false = 2

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| 16. I am aware that the Department of Education has a national policy on HIV/AIDS. | V17 |
| 17. I have read the Department of Education's National Policy on HIV/AIDS for educators and learners. | V18 |
| 18. I have read the KZN Department of Education's Policy on HIV/AIDS. | V19 |

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19. I am aware of my legal rights regarding HIV/AIDS-related issues, as stated in the education policy document.	V20
20. I am aware of the Department of Education's stance regarding discrimination, as stated in the National policy.	V21
21. I have read my school policy on HIV/AIDS.	V22
22. I have heard of the term "Universal Precautions".	V23
23. I am aware of how and when to apply the Universal Precautions.	V24
24. I have been informed about the application of Universal Precautions at my school.	V25
25. I understand the term "statutory rape".	V26
26. The school's policy on HIV/AIDS has helped adopt safer behaviours in respect of HIV/AIDS.	V27
27. My school conducts HIV/AIDS-related programmes at school assembly.	V28
28. There is at least one lesson a month focussing exclusively on HIV/AIDS.	V29
29. Specific class-based lessons on HIV/AIDS are conducted at my school.	V30
30. Sufficient lessons on HIV/AIDS are conducted at my school.	V31
Section D	
Read the following statements, and answer in the following manner:	
True =1; False =2; Don't Know =3	
31. The Department of education's policy on HIV/AIDS states that HIV-positive learners may not participate in sport.	V32
32. My school has a Health Advisory Committee.	V33
33. My school has a policy on HIV/AIDS.	V34
34. Universal Precautions may only be used when assisting persons with HIV/AIDS.	V35
35. My school has at least two First Aids kits.	V36
36. Gloves are available at all sports events in the event of injuries.	V37

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| 37. It is illegal for an educator to have sexual intercourse with a learner. | V38 |
| 38. I can judge whether a person has the AIDS virus or not. | V39 |
| 39. I will report an educator if a learner discloses to me that he/she has had sexual relations with this educator. | V40 |
| 40. An educator may have sexual intercourse with a learner if the learner consents. | V41 |

Section E

Read the following statements, and choose the number that is closest to your views:

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| Strongly Agree | = 1 |
| Agree | = 2 |
| Unsure | = 3 |
| Disagree | = 4 |
| Strongly Disagree | = 5 |

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| 41. Persons with AIDS should be allowed to train as educators. | V42 |
| 42. Persons with AIDS should keep their HIV-positive status a secret. | V43 |
| 43. My attitude to persons with AIDS depends on how they got the disease. | V44 |
| 44. Educators and learners should be educated about AIDS. | V45 |
| 45. I would be afraid to associate with a person with AIDS. | V46 |
| 46. I don't have to worry about getting AIDS. | V47 |
| 47. I feel I am safe from contracting AIDS. | V48 |
| 48. I think there is nothing wrong with an educator having a relationship with a learner if he/she wants to. | V49 |
| 49. I would be ashamed of a family member with AIDS. | V50 |
| 50. A person will lose their friends if they have AIDS. | V51 |

(continued overleaf – please turn over)

Section F

Answer the following questions as honestly as possible:

51. How have the HIV/AIDS-related programmes at school influenced your behaviours and lifestyle?

52. HIV/AIDS has been the focus of much attention in recent times. How do you feel about the situation in our country regarding HIV/AIDS?

53. What would you do if you discover that you are HIV positive? Would you disclose to any person at school that you are HIV positive? Why/why not?

Thank you for your participation.

End of Questionnaire

AIDS Survey Response Sheet

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