

PROGRESS ON HIV/AIDS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

2nd Annual HIV & AIDS Prevention Campaign
and
Wellness Clinics
6th June 2017

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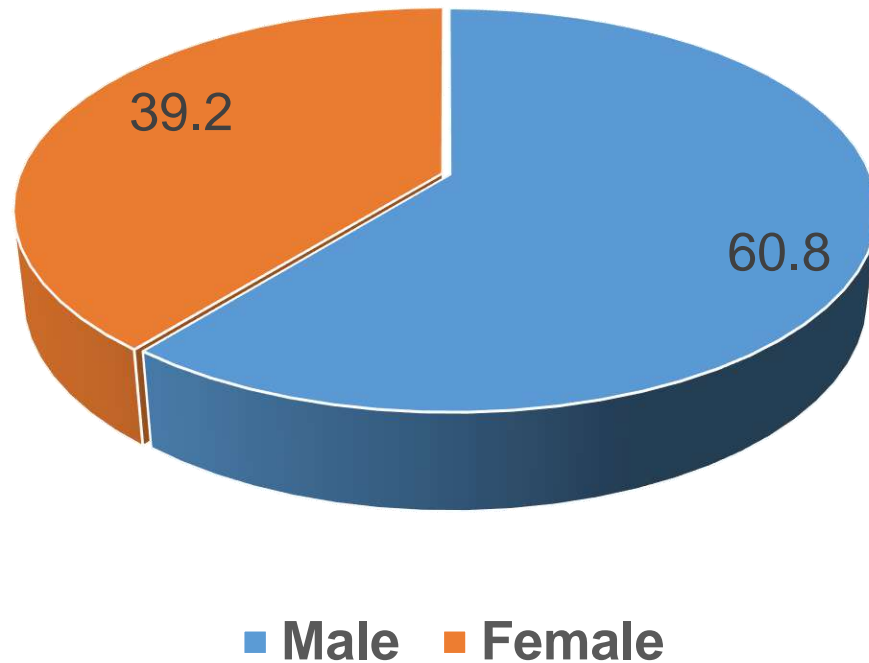
Overview

- HIV /AIDS Policy in place since the university began.
- First HIV/AIDS Committee.
- Current – Second HIV/AIDS.
- Highlights from the First Committee.
 - HIV/AIDS awareness survey 2015.
- Key Milestones of Second Committee.
- Website hivaids.embuni.ac.ke.

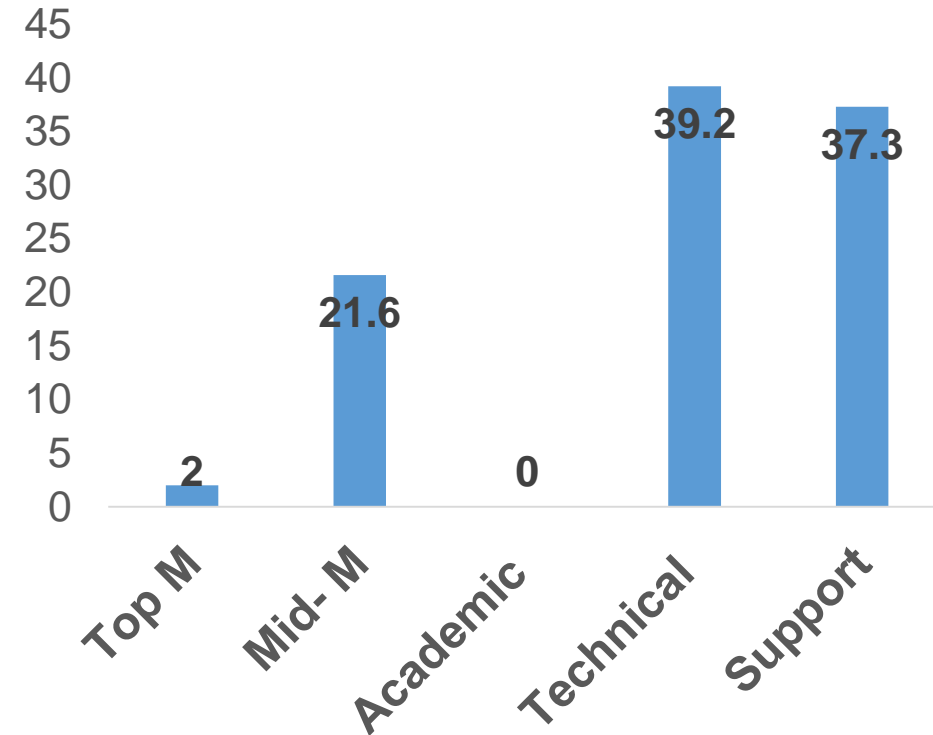
HIV/AIDS awareness survey 2015 per NACC guidelines

Questionnaire based, 51 employees responded, Analysis 2016

Gender proportion % of respondents

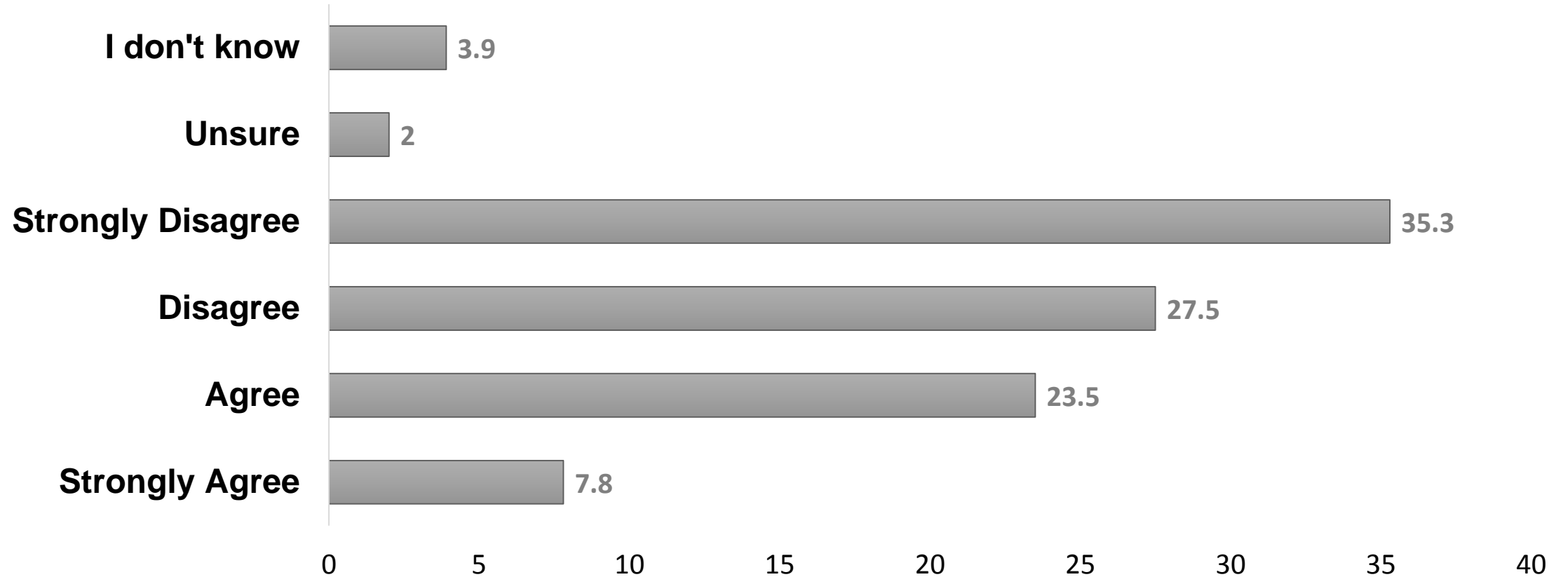


Job level %



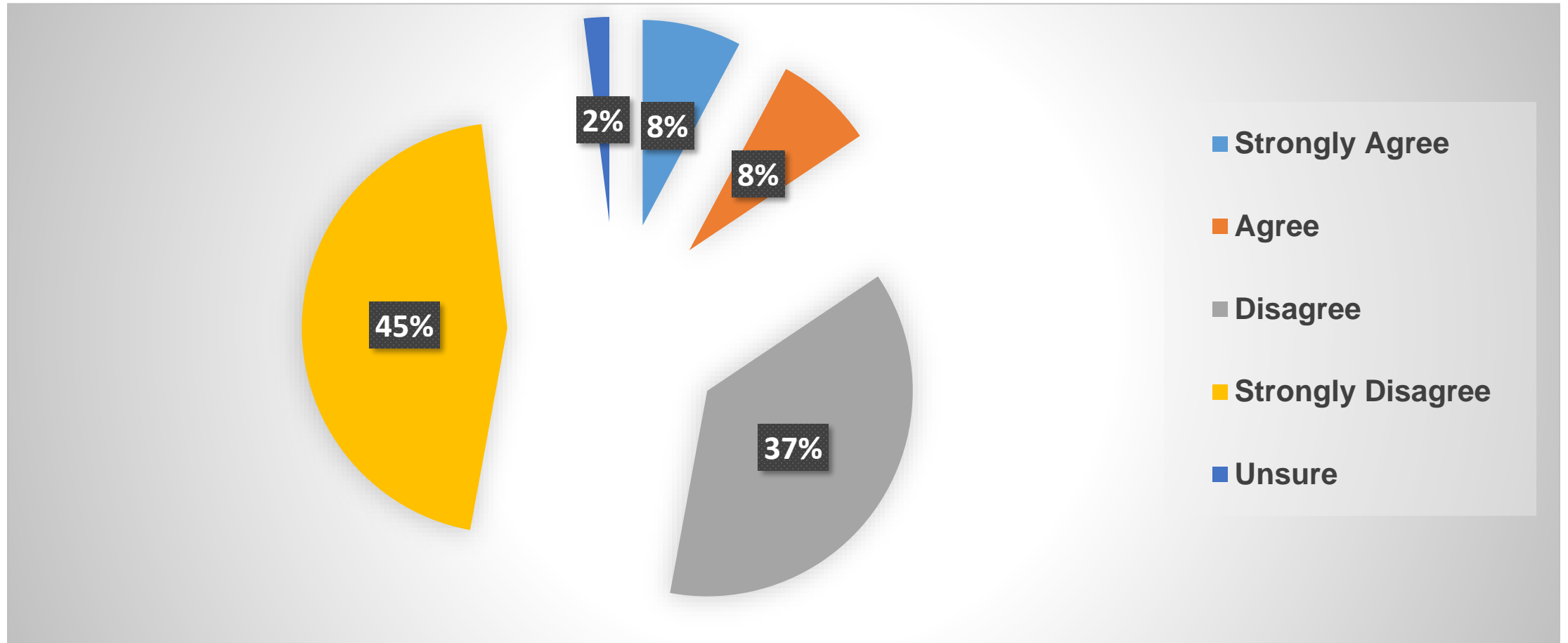
People can get the HIV from mosquito bites

23.5% agreed, 7.8% strongly agreed

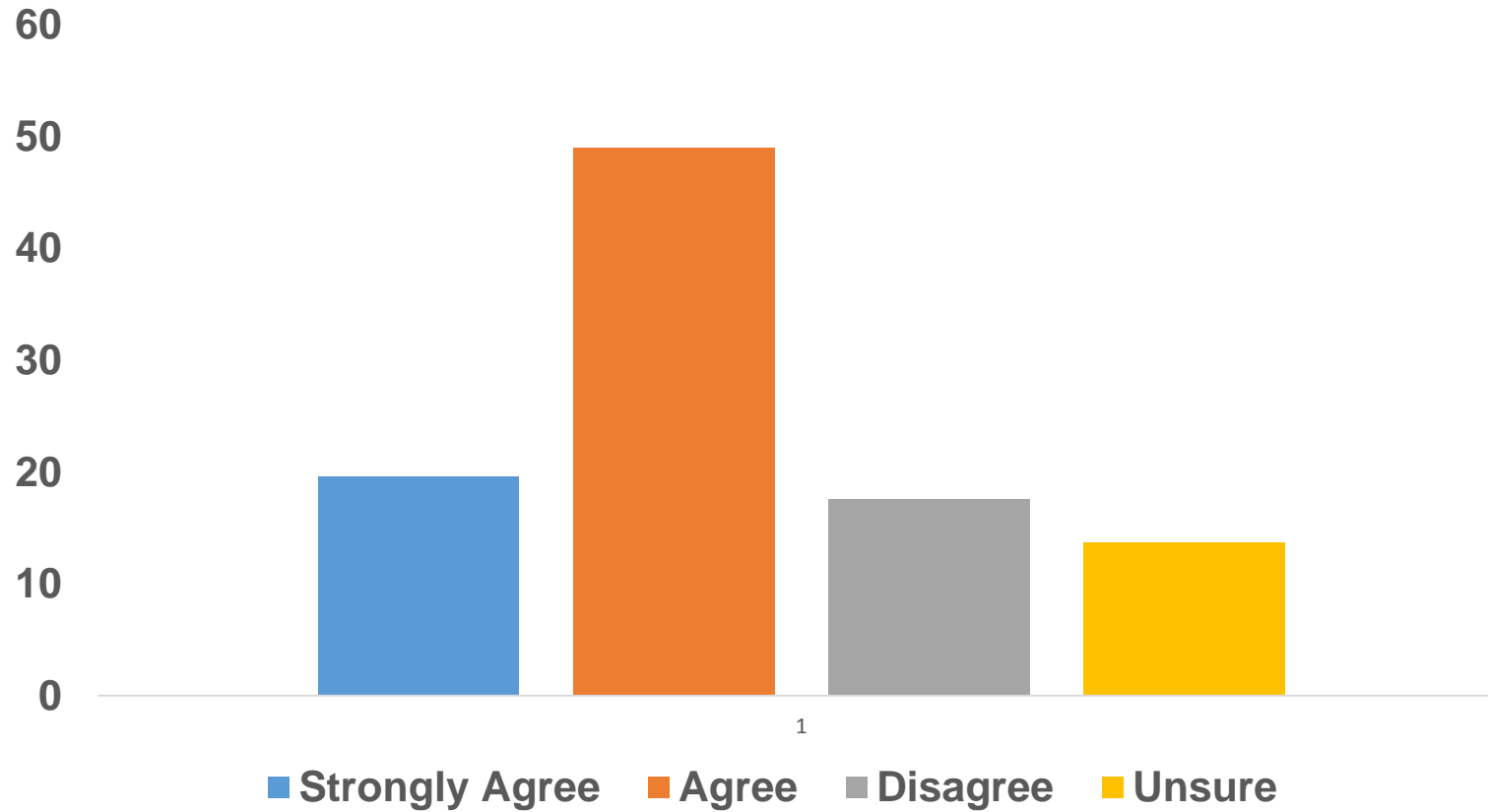


People can get the HIV by sharing food with an infected person

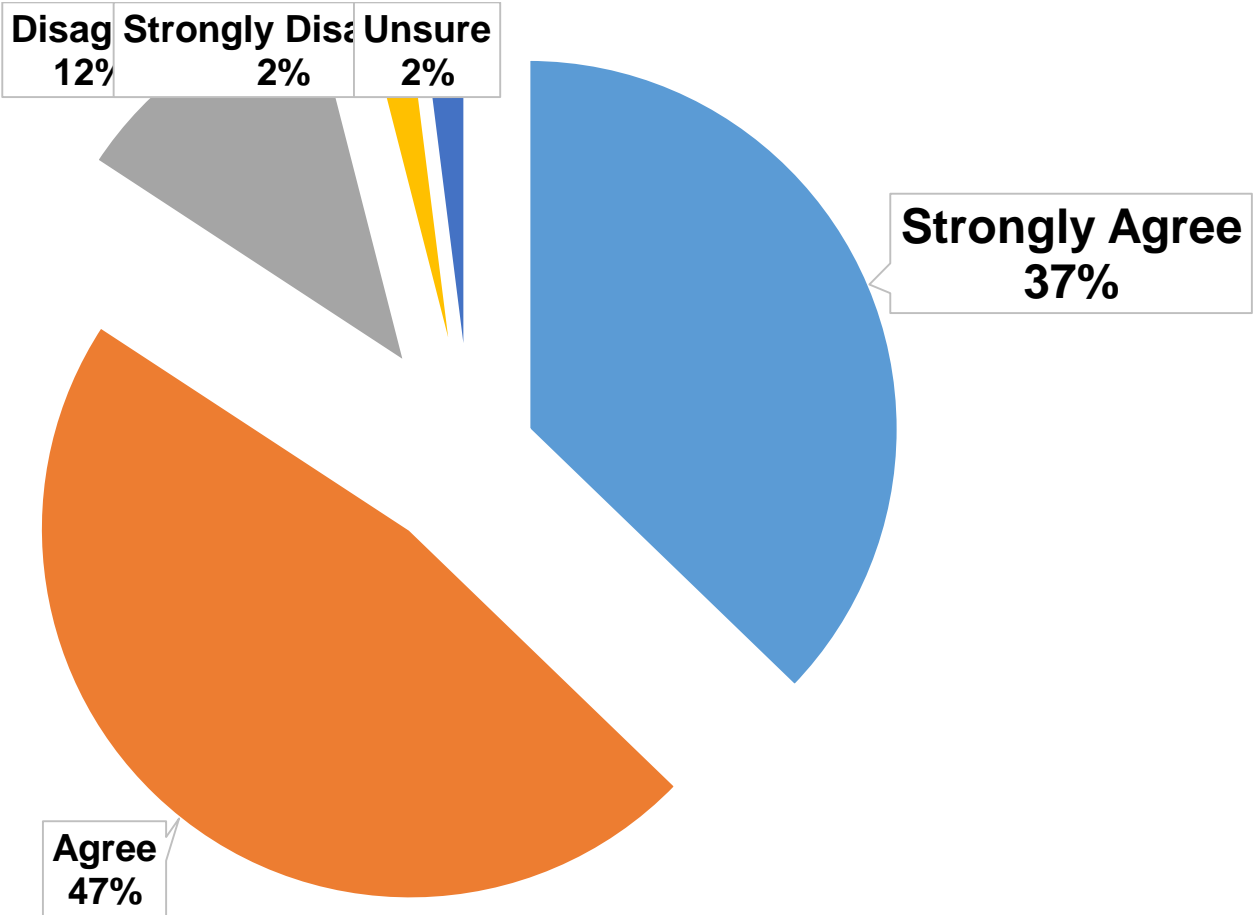
Strongly agreed+agreed 15.6%. Unsure 2%



I would feel comfortable working with a colleague who has HIV.
17.6% disagreed. While 13.7% were unsure



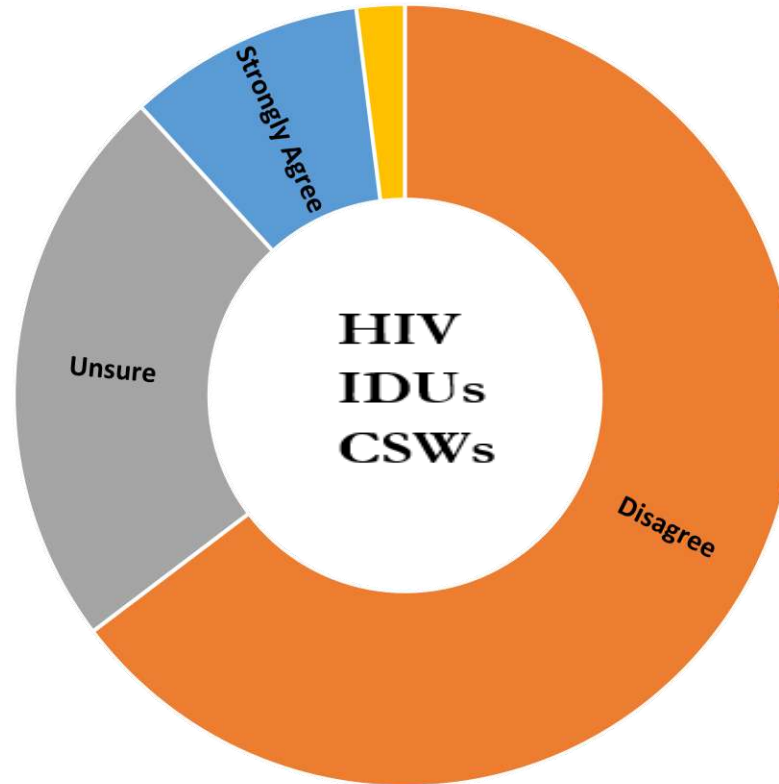
People can reduce their chance of getting HIV by using a condom every time they have sex. Disagreed 11.8%, strongly disagreed 2%, unsure %.



Injecting drug users and sex workers deserve to be infected with HIV.

9.8% agreed while 23.5% were not sure. Only 64.7% disagreed

■ Strongly Agree ■ Disagree ■ Unsure ■ Withheld



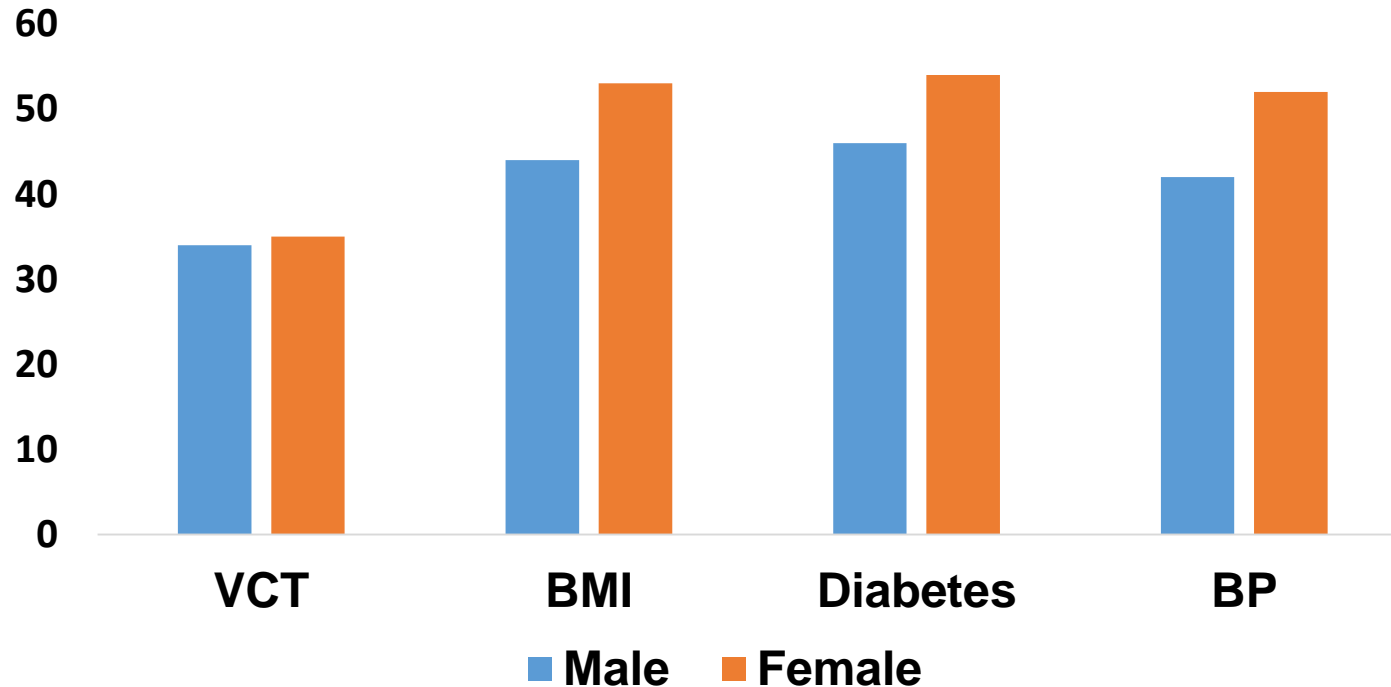
Key Findings from the survey informed activities May 2016-June 2017

- Engage academic staff in HIV/AIDS related activities.
- Raise awareness on the means by which HIV is transmitted.
- Raise awareness on HIV infection prevention methods including condom use.
- Campaign against stigmatization and discrimination against persons
 - living with HIV/AIDS
 - vulnerable/key populations- PWID, CSWs. *
- Periodically conduct follow-up surveys to assess progress of staff*
knowledge on HIV and AIDS, related issues and concerns in UoEm.

1st HIV&AIDS Prevention Campaign and Wellness Clinics 8th of June 2016.

Plenary session 140 staff members

Clinics- Actual numbers



Awareness raising- Digital platform

Website hivaids.embuni.ac.ke –Downloads and links

Corporate emails

- Basic HIV/AIDS Facts.
- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS information.
- Female and Male condom use video.
- ART Adherence.
- HIV Drug Resistance.
- Stigma and Discrimination.
- HIV/AIDS frequently asked questions

Sensitization sessions

Condom use, ART adherence, Stigma and Discrimination

Sensitization during VC's Tea



On condom use and disposal



Outreach to students

First year students Sept 2015



World AIDS Day



Community outreach

Kangaru Market 03rd May 2017
Basic facts on HIV/AIDS



Consistent, correct condom use
and disposal



National issues for domestication at UoEm

- Two out of five (2/5)...40% of new infections are occurring in 15-24 age group.
 - Our students are in the most vulnerable group.
- New infections not declining as fast as they should.
 - We cant treat, must focus on prevention.
- Condom use in high risk sex at best 44% in males and 40% in females.
- Condoms at UoEm over 150,000 end of June,
 - physical evidence we are not doing enough.
- Effective communication – Can we talk to our students in a language they understand?
- Self testing kit now available- Global? Local market?

Which way forward?

- Staff survey, one year of intensive awareness raising
- Time to do another survey.
- Male voice.
- Rethink Communication Strategy to our students.
- Mature female counselor

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Get tested today, Know your status, Live longer

