

Community-Based Research with a Global Hidden Population

The Global Men's Health and Rights Survey

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Today's Talk

- Overview: The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGEF)
- Overview: The Global Men's Health and Rights Survey (GMHR)
- Survey Design and Translation
- Recruitment
- Results
- Distribution of Findings



About the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF)

- The MSMGF is an expanding network of advocates and other experts in health, human rights, research, and policy work.
- Advocates for equitable access to HIV prevention and treatment services for MSM, while promoting MSM health and human rights worldwide.
- Projects include advocacy, community systems strengthening, convening stakeholders, knowledge translation, and original research.



The MSMGF Network

- 4,000+ individual members
- 2,000+ organizations
- 160+ countries worldwide

- MSMGF Eblast
- Community Updates and Action Alerts
- Connection to the MSMGF Network



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Global Men's Health and Rights Survey (GMHR)

- **Purpose:** Generate data in response to the needs of community-based advocates and service providers, supporting the development and implementation of effective HIV initiatives for MSM
- **Requires:** A robust and diverse global sample, combined with rigorous and reliable methods to deliver valuable data to advocates and policy makers
- **Constraints:** Extremely limited resources and time



Survey Design and Translation

- Research team developed a 30-minute online survey based on needs and questions generated by community members, community-based service providers, and advocates:
 - Levels of access: Condoms, Lubricants, HIV testing, and HIV treatment
 - Barriers: Homophobia, Violence, Stigma
 - Facilitators: Community Engagement, Comfort with HC Providers
- Key informants examined questions for value and sequencing.
- SurveyMonkey; Translated into Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish (Volunteer: Georgian, Polish)



Recruitment Strategy

- Outreach to local organizations
 - Direct Email
- Outreach through popular social network websites
 - Banners , Direct Messages
- Outreach through the media
 - Articles in Popular MSM / HIV News Sites
- *Online Mapping, Meetings with Regional Networks*

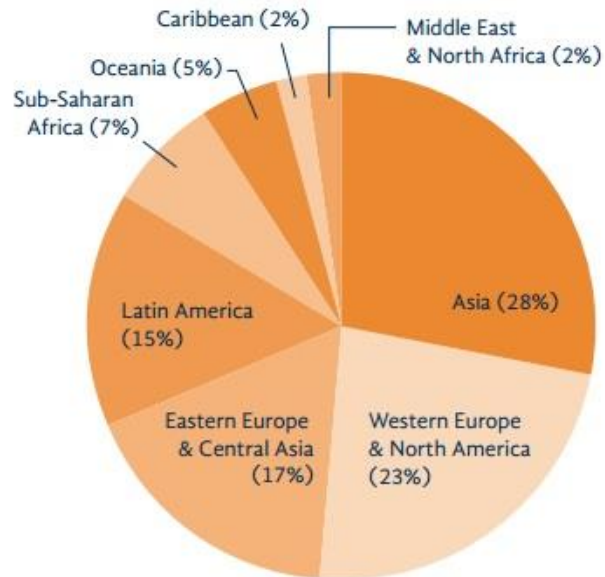


Survey Sample

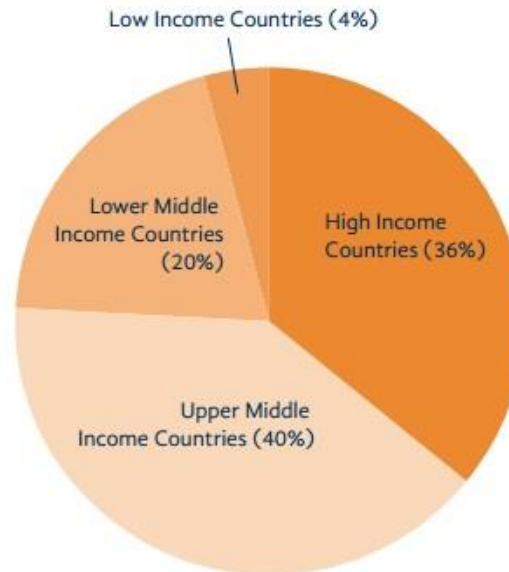
Participant Characteristics

A total of 5779 MSM from 165 countries participated in the global online survey.

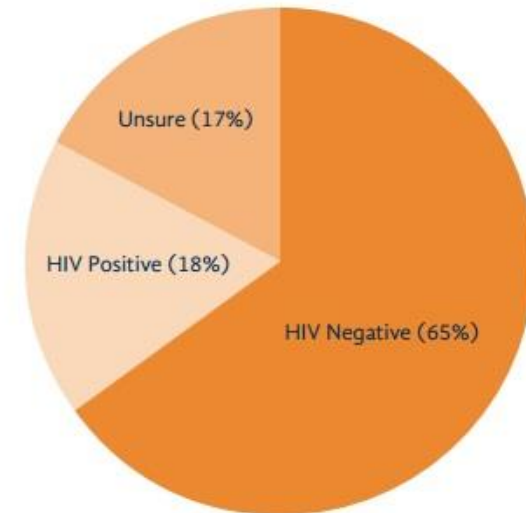
Participants by Region



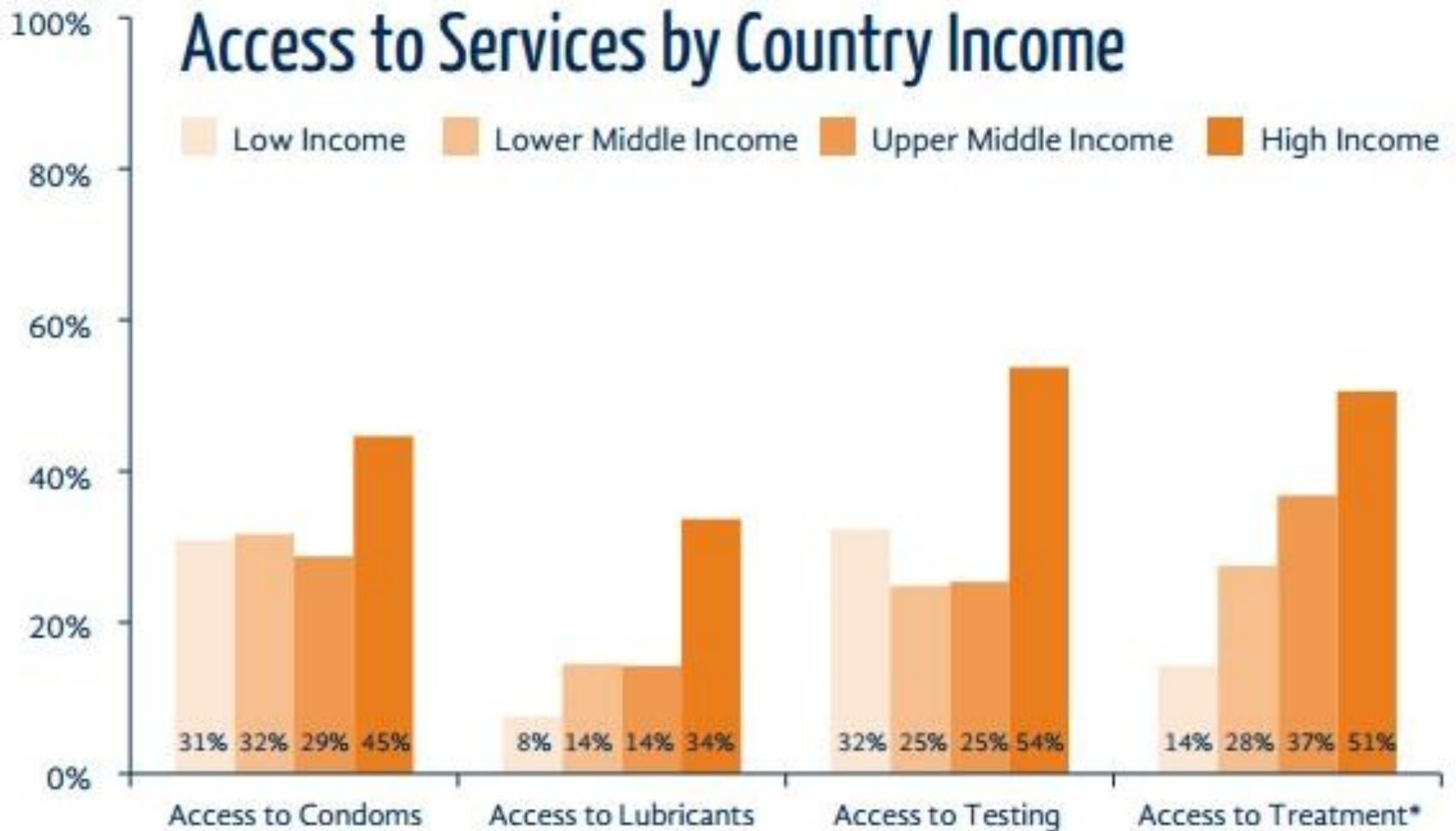
Participants by Country Income Level



HIV Status



Results



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Barriers

Facilitators

Access to Condoms



Access to Lubricants



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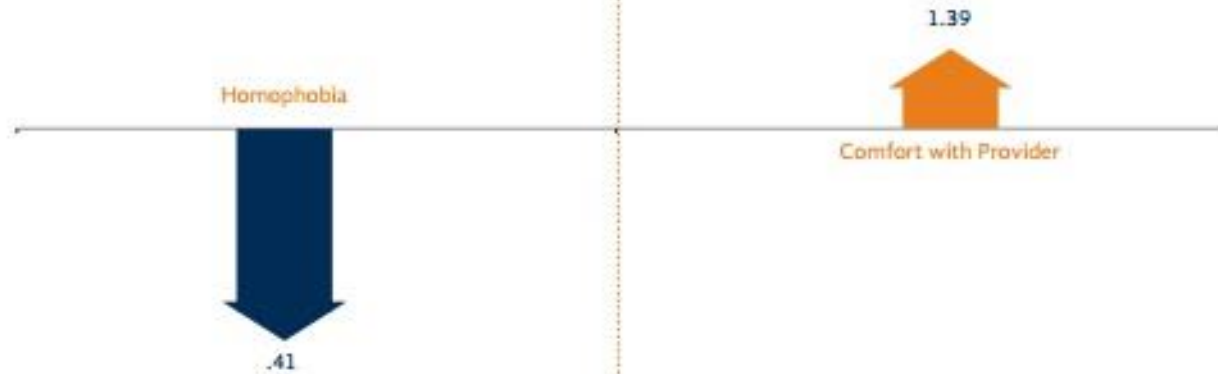
Barriers

Facilitators

Access to HIV Testing



Access to HIV Treatment



Young MSM

FIGURE 8

Access to Condoms and Lubricants

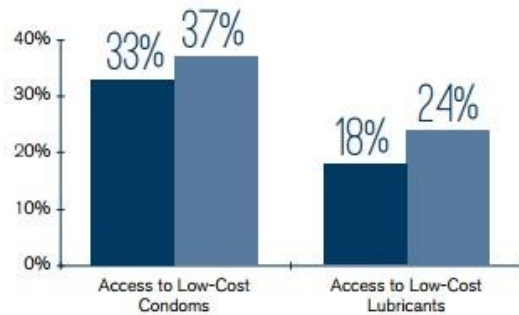
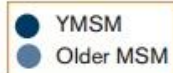


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Access to STI Testing and Treatment

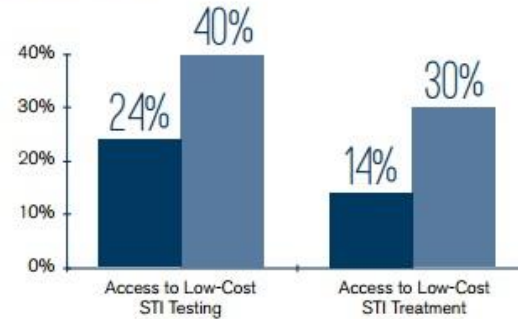
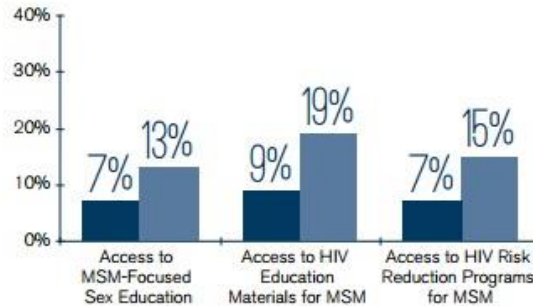


FIGURE 10

Access to MSM-Focused Education and Programs



Distribution of Findings

- Full report released when analysis was complete
- Used the network to send fact sheets and full report to survey partners and broader global network ASAP
- Engaged media through strategic outreach
- Submitted to peer-reviewed journals and conferences

End Results

- Advocates were able to use the information immediately
- Over 50 news articles produced, including major outlets like Reuters, Kaiser, CDC, Towleroad, POZ.com
- Our first peer-reviewed article on the GMHR data coming out in *JAIDS* this month



Coming Up

- Multiple articles currently in review with various journals
- Upcoming white paper on homophobia
- Additional analysis for deeper understanding of survey validity
 - Duplicate entries, selective attrition

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