

SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF SEXUAL HEALTH AMONG MALES WHO HAVE SEX WITH MALES AND THEIR SEXUAL PARTNERS IN IMPHAL, INDIA, 2002

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A Summary of the findings

India is a male dominated society where the social and public spaces are primarily male and masculine. As a homosocial and homoaffectionalist society, sexual boundaries between males can be readily crossed and may often become sexual acts. Whereas some of these acts can perhaps be called homosexual (within the context of local identities based upon female gender identification - also self-labelled as *kothis*) in that a sexual sense of self is operating within a framework of gender sex roles and desires, the majority of male to male sexual encounters should be seen within a context of semen discharge.

The Situational Assessment consisted of interviewing 150 MSM through questionnaires in Imphal, through snowballing techniques via friendship networks of the research team members. All participants were above 18 years of age.

Because of this process for identifying respondents, the study should be considered biased in terms of the age of respondents, marital status, class and self-identity. Thus:

1. Age of the respondent (N=150)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
18 To 21	22	14.67
22 To 30	76	50.67
31 To 40	49	32.67
Above 40	3	2

2. Marital status of the respondents (N=151)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Married	20	13.25
Unmarried	131	86.75
Not married but in a relationship with a male	108	71.52
Married & in a relationship with a male	6	3.97
Married & sexually active outside marriage	6	3.97
Others	5	3.31

3. Currently employed? (N=143)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	74	51.75
No	69	48.25

4. Occupation of the respondents (N=96)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Artist	18	18.75
Business	15	15.62
Student	6	6.25
Dancer	11	11.46
Social Worker	3	3.12
Mechanic	2	2.08
Teacher	8	8.33
Weaver	2	2.08
Singer	2	2.08
Shop Keeper	4	4.17
Beautician	4	4.17
Others	21	21.88

5. Monthly Income of respondents (N=84)

Categories	No. of respondents	Percentage Value
Below 1000	17	20.24
1000 TO 2000	40	47.62
2000 TO 5000	22	26.19
5000 TO 10,000	5	5.95
Above 10,000	0	0.00

6. Self sexual labeling by respondents (N=149)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Kothi	96	64.43
Panthei	5	3.36
Double-decker	3	2.01
Heterosexual	4	2.68
Homosexual/gay	40	26.85
Others	1	0.67

The data does not indicate the full picture of the MSM population in Imphal, but only of those accessed by the research team. Thus we note 13% of respondents reported being married, but this does not indicate that 13% of all MSM are married. At the same time 65% of respondents reported being between the ages of 18 to 30 years.

We see here that 52% were employed, with some 30% self-classifying as artists or dancers, where 68% reported having incomes of 2000 rupees or less. Further, the majority of respondents self-identified as *kothis* (64%) while 27% of respondents self-identified as homosexual or gay. *Kothi*-identified males reported higher rates of receptive anal sex than homosexual/gay identified respondents in the previous month, i.e. 6.4 versus 4.8, indicating that *kothi*-identified males tend to have more receptive anal sex than other categories.

Kothi-identified males appear to be more sexually active, where such males had an average rate of 9.4 partners in the previous month, compared to 5.3 for homosexual/gay-identified males.

Significant levels of unprotected anal sex existed, where for *kothi*-identified males, only 26% of receptive anal sex was covered with a condom, while for homosexual/gay identified males, 62% was covered. This could be an indicator that education and self-identity are linked, and that the more educated a person was the more likely a condom would be used. Use of the terms homosexual or gay as a self-identity, are linked with access to English.

While 94% of respondents had heard of HIV/AIDS, and 48% correctly identified the difference between HIV and AIDS, only 16% of respondents stated that they had a significant risk of being infected with HIV. Yet, 98% correctly identified that not using a condom for anal sex a person is more likely to get infected with HIV. Here we see that knowledge does not always relate to personal risk perception. Only 41% however suggested condom use as a means of prevention, while 45% stated that they were carrying a condom at the time of the interview.

34.75% of respondents reported that they had been paid by other males for sex, where 23 of these respondents reported between 1 to 5 customers in the previous month, where the primary activity was receptive anal sex.

At the same time, 22% of respondents reported purchasing sex from other males, perhaps at least once a month.

In terms of possible symptoms of STIs, there appeared to be a significant level of anal bleeding, itching and burning sensations around the anus, pain while urinating, and other symptoms, with high levels of non-treatment for these symptoms.

Seven respondents reported being tested for HIV anti-bodies, and only 1 admitted to having a positive result. Only two respondents admitted intravenous drug use. In the previous year, where only two sex partners were also identified as injecting drugs in the previous year.

Sexual health issues for males (and females) through the primacy of male sexual behaviours, particularly male-to-male sexual behaviours, should be seen as a major and urgent concern. The fact that nearly all (to be generous) of the STI treatment services do not address anal transmission of STIs, is a cause for deep concern.

Appropriate service delivery of STI testing, treatment, care and counselling will need to be developed as a urgent necessity in order to formulate strategies that can effectively deal with different sexual behaviours in a confidential and sympathetic manner. Promotion of sexual health amongst males who have sex with males will be particularly challenging, but necessary, because of the issues raised in this report.

The lack of understanding and knowledge of many of the NGOs, STI clinics, donor agencies and other institutions regarding the constructions of male to male sexual behaviours and the frameworks of MSM behaviours and/or identities create many barriers to the development of appropriate and effective intervention services.

METHODOLOGY

The initial phase consisted of networking in Imphal to identify appropriate MSM networks through contacts already established by NFI and its partner agencies

This enabled the recruitment of an appropriate Local Focus Person (LFP) who had access to these networks, as well as being a part of them. It was an important principle for this study that all participants in the Assessment would be MSM themselves and from the same networks that were being assessed.

The LFP recruited 10 other individuals from these networks who were interested and willing to participate in the training workshop as well as conduct the assessment.

Prior to the workshop participants and friends were invited to a Social Meeting where food and refreshments were provided. This meeting was used as a socialising space for Assessment participants to get to know each other as well as introduce the project.

A 6-day training programme was conducted for these 10 participants and the LFP. The training programme consisted of:

- i. Issues relating to sex, sexual behaviours and sexuality in South Asia
- ii. Increasing knowledge of the male and female body and psycho-sexual issues relevant amongst males in South Asia
- iii. Discussions on MSM in the context of Pune, which included mapping the city for specific MSM public locations
- iv. Sexual health issues, including STI/HIV transmission and prevention
- v. Methodologies to be used in the Assessment
 - a. use of the questionnaire
 - b. focus group discussions
 - c. taped interviews
 - d. a range of site observations conducted by the Investigator

Following the workshop, an Assessment Team was formed with 10 of the participants. The remaining 5 were not suitable, based on levels of literacy and skills required for the study.

A further one-day session was provided for this team to enhance their research and interviewing skills.

Two hundred fifty two survey questionnaires and two focus group discussions were conducted. The discussions generated by the workshop was also taken as a third and on-going six day focus group discussion - this was not the original intention but the quality of information raised during the workshop was too invaluable to ignore.

The Assessment Team was supervised by the Local Focus Person. The LFP was supervised by Naz Foundation International through the Project Manager.

Potential participants were approached by the members of the Assessment Team at a range of sites and asked if they would be willing to be interviewed. These participants were part of the Assessment Team members' own networks.

At all levels, participants were assured of anonymity and confidentiality, where no identifying characteristics would be collected. All participants were 18 years and above.

Following the questionnaire and taped interviews, as well as the focus group discussions, participants were given information on STIs/HIV/AIDS, safer sex and condom use, and condoms were distributed.

The survey questionnaire consisted of 63 questions on

- socio-demographic information
- sexual behaviours and practices
- partner numbers and recruitment
- sex work
- condom usage
- possible STD symptoms and treatment seeking
- HIV/AIDS knowledge

SAMPLING

As noted above, access to the MSM networks for data collection and interviews was through the personal networks of members of the Assessment Team.

This was because members of the team as well as the Principle Investigator believed (based on prior experience), that with the nature of the questions to be asked, and because of the MSM living in a social context of shame and invisibility, accessing a random MSM sample would be difficult, if not impossible.

Thus, sampling was based on personal networks and friendship, and was a non-random, non-probability sample. It was not intended to develop a behavioural study, but to reflect the levels of understanding, risks and behaviours within certain MSM networks known to the Principal Investigator, the Local Focus Person and members of the Assessment Team.

However, the choices of the Assessment Team was determined by:

- Local Focus Person access to networks
- a willingness and desire to become involved
- the time to do so
- an ability to be open about their own sexual desires, identities and behaviours
- MSM

This selection process limited access to a number of possible networks and ensured that the Situational Assessment was a non-probability, non-random sample. However, while the majority accessed were self-identified *kothis* with a number of *kothi* sex workers, it was felt that it is this network that expressed the higher risk for STI/HIV transmission, as well as often the lowest income, and the largest number of members.

While this process gives information on the sexual behaviours and practices of *kothis* and their *panthi* partners, it could not perhaps provide adequate information on the level of male to male behaviours in Imphal or the numbers of MSM.

DATA ANALYSIS

A code number identified the survey questionnaires. Completed questionnaires were kept in a locked cupboard until all had been done. The Local Focus Person did necessary translation into English. Following this the questionnaires were analysed using special software designed by Bamon Development Consultants, a professional group in New Delhi.

Field observation notes were written as summaries and included discussions with individuals at the sites, numbers present, behaviours observed, geographical details, and so. The Principal Investigator was supported by the Local Focus Person who took him to the specific sites, acted as translator while facilitating meetings between him and a range of individuals.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Day One:** **Setting the context**
what is sex?
sexual behaviours
learning about sex
sexual stereotypes
cultural and social expectations
labelling
stigmatisation, denial and invisibility
- Day Two:** **The sexual body**
feedback from day one
knowing your own body
knowing a woman's body
talking sex
the practice of sex
- Day Three:** **Males who have sex with males**
feedback from day two
what is your sexual experience and history?
desire of semen discharge?
local structures of male to male sex in....
male sex work
mapping the city
women and wives
- Day Four:** **Sexual health: part one**
feedback from day three
what is sexual health?
knowledge and attitudes
what are STDs?
what is HIV and AIDS?
STD/HIV transmission
spreading the virus
who is vulnerable?
- Day Five:** **Sexual health: part two**
feedback from day four
what are risk behaviours?
personal risk analysis
personal and social impact of STDs/HIV
changing sexual practice
practising safer sex
all about condoms and lubricant
psychosexual issues
- Day Six:** **The assessment**
feedback from day five
assessment methodologies
the questionnaire
the taped interview
focus groups
observational analysis
evaluation and closing

IMPHAL DATA

Q. No.1 Age of the respondent (N=150)

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Q. No.2 Marital status of the respondents (N=151)

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Q. No.3 Currently employed? (N=143)

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Q. No.4 Occupation of the respondents (N=96)

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Q. No.5 Monthly Income of respondents (N=84)

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Q. No.6 Self sexual labeling by respondents (N=149)

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Q. No.7 Sexual activity with males (N=134)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents Have had sex with males	134
No. of males have had sex in last week	378
No. of males have had sex in last month	1046
No. of respondents used condom for sex	78
No. of males used condom for sex last week	135
No. of males used condom for sex last month	85

Q. No.8 Anal sex acts in last week (N=96)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents	96
Insertive sex acts	13
Receptive sex acts	264
No. of respondents who used condoms	52
Insertive sex acts with condoms	11
Receptive sex acts with condoms	105

Q. No.8 Anal sex acts in last Month (N=96)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents	119
Insertive sex acts	37
Receptive sex acts	673
No. of respondents who used condoms	72
Insertive sex acts with condoms	35
Receptive sex acts with condoms	241

Q. No.9 Oral sex in last week (N=57)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents	57
Insertive sex acts	13
Receptive sex acts	128
No. of respondents who used condoms	16
Insertive sex acts with condoms	4
Receptive sex acts with condoms	33

Q. No.9 Oral sex acts in last Month (N=62)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents	62
Insertive sex acts	46
Receptive sex acts	262
No. of respondents who used condoms	10
Insertive sex acts with condoms	12
Receptive sex acts with condoms	0

Q. No.10 Relationship with partners (N=135)

Categories	No. of Times
Friends	275
Strangers	899
Neighbors	59
Male Prostitutes	28
Relatives	32
Servants	9
Paying Clients	45
Others	428

Q. No.11 Places of meeting with males you had sex with in the last month (N=138)

Categories	No. of Time
Bar/Clubs	390
Streets	292
Personal Home	699
Park	216
Friend's Home	332
Toilets	10
Railway Station	6
Guest House	5
Magazine Ad.	8
Neighborhood	38
Health Clubs	1
Bazaar	360
Cinema	43
Hotels	68
Bus Stations	7
Othres	4

Q. No.12 Places of sex acts (N=138)

Categories	No. of Time
Your Home	843
Friend's Home	527
Park/Cruising Areas	224
Hotels/Guest House	30
Hostel	32
Cinema/Theatre	10
Bar/Clubs	125
Public toilets	68
In a car	39
In a train	8
Train/Bus depot	8
Others	18

Q. No.13 (i) Age of last male sex partner (N=125)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
18 To 21	13	10.40
22 To 24	15	12
25 To 30	66	52.80
31 To 40	29	23.20
41 To 50	1	0.80
Above 50	1	0.80

Q. No.13 (ii) Age of Second last male sex partner (107)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
18 To 21	9	8.41
22 To 24	6	5.61
25 To 30	44	41.12
31 To 40	44	41.12
41 To 50	3	2.80
Above 50	1	0.93

Q. No.14 Last 5 male sex partner's marital status (N=112)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
All were unmarried	30	26.79
1 was married	29	25.89
2 were married	16	14.29
3 were married	14	12.50
4 were married	8	7.14
5 were married	8	7.14
I don't know	7	6.25

Q. No. 15 Availability of condoms from.. (N=96)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Pharmacy/medicine shop	28	29.17
Family Planning Clinic	1	1.04
Shop/Panwallas	1	1.04
MSM project	89	92.71
Social Worker	1	1.04
Doctors	3	3.12
Vending Machines	0	0.00
Friends	15	15.62
STD clinics	5	5.21
Sexual Partners	9	9.38
AIDS NGOs	43	44.79
Others	0	0.00

Q. No.16 Brand of condom used (N=95)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Deluxe	71	74.74
Zaroor	51	53.68
Nirodh	13	13.68
Romantic	10	10.53
Kohinoor	2	2.11
Kamasutra	1	1.05
Others	3	3.16

Q. No.17 Reasons for not using condom (N=101)

Categories	Remarks
Don't carry condoms with me	70
Not satisfying	99
Hard to dispose	12
Never use before	50
To shameful to buy/use	93
Don't know where to get condoms	21
I'm not sick	191
Partner not sick	189
Not easy to use	15
Main partner is faithful	212
Others	4

Q. No.18 Do you have a condom now? (N=137)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	62	45.26
No	75	54.74

Q. No.19 Can we see your condoms? (N=143)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	128	89.51
No	15	10.49

Q. No.20 Use of lubricant for anal sex (N=138)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
None of the Time	28	20.29
Some of the Time	73	52.90
Every of the Time	37	26.81

Q. No.21 Type of lubricant used for anal sex (N=126)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Oil	16	12.70
Ghee/Butter	1	0.79
Saliva	109	86.51
Vaseline	57	45.24
KY jelly	9	7.14
Soap	7	5.56
Others	0	0.00

Q. No.22 Have you ever been paid by a man for sex (N=118)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	41	34.75
No	77	65.25

Q.No.23 No. of times you have been paid by man for sex last week (N=13)

Categories	No. of Respondents
1 To 5 Time	11
6 To 10 Time	1
11 To 15 Time	1
More than 15	0

Q. No.23 No of times you have been paid by men for sex in last month (N=30)

Categories	No. of Respondents
1-5 times	23
6 to 10 times	4
11 to 15 times	2
More than 15	1

Q. No.24 Pattern of sex when paid for sex in last week (N=4)

Categories	No.
No. of anal insertive sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing anal insertive sex acts	0
No. of anal receptive sex acts	6
No. of respondents doing anal receptive sex acts	4
No. of oral insertive sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing anal insertive sex acts	0
No. of oral receptive sex acts	1
No. of respondents doing oral receptive sex acts	1
No. of masturbation sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing masturbation	0
No. of other type of sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing other type of sex acts	0

Q. No.24 Pattern of sex when paid for sex in last month (N=32)

Categories	No.
No. of anal insertive sex acts	3
No. of respondents doing anal insertive sex acts	2
No. of anal receptive sex acts	75
No. of respondents doing anal receptive sex acts	28
No. of oral insertive sex acts	23
No. of respondents doing anal insertive sex acts	5
No. of oral receptive sex acts	57
No. of respondents doing oral receptive sex acts	15
No. of masturbation sex acts	3
No. of respondents doing masturbation	1
No. of other type of sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing other type of sex acts	0

Q. No.25 During last 5 times, when you paid for sex, No. of times condom used (N=15)

Categories	No. of respondents
Never	5
Single time	0
Two times	3
Three times	3
Four times	3
Five times	1

Q. No.26 Who initiated condom use ? (N=27)

Categories	No. of respondents
Your Self	19
Your Partner	8

Q. No.27 Last time how much were you paid for sex by a man (N=31)

Categories	No. of respondents
1 to 10	0
11 to 20	0
21 to 30	1
31 to 40	1
41 to 50	11
51 to 100	12
101 to 150	3
151 to 200	2
Above 200	1

Q. No.28 Ever paid for sex with a male ? (N=78)

Categories	No. of respondents	Percentage value
Yes	17	21.79
No	61	78.21

Q. No.29 No. of times you paid for sex with a male in last week (N=4)

Categories	No. of respondents	Percentage value
1 to 3	3	75
4 to 6	0	0.00
7 to 10	1	25
11 to15	0	0.00
16 to 20	0	0.00
21 to 25	0	0.00
Above 25	0	0.00

Q. No.29 No. of times you paid for sex with a male in last month (N=10)

Categories	No. of respondents
1 to 3	4
4 to 6	1
7 to 10	2
11 to15	3
16 to 20	0
21 to 25	0
26 to 30	0
31 to 40	0
41 to 50	0
Above 50	0

Q. No.30 Pattern of sex when you paid for sex in last month (N=9)

Categories	No.
No. of anal insertive sex acts	3
No. of respondents doing anal insertive sex acts	1
No. of anal receptive sex acts	36
No. of respondents doing anal receptive sex acts	8
No. of oral insertive sex acts	6
No. of respondents doing oral insertive sex acts	2
No. of oral receptive sex acts	21
No. of respondents doing oral receptive sex acts	6
No. of masturbation sex acts	6
No. of respondents doing masturbation	2
No. of other type of sex acts	0
No. of respondents doing other type of sex acts	0

Q. No.31 No. of times not used condom when paid for sex (N=2)

Categories	No. of Respondents
1 to 3	2
4 to 6	0
7 to 10	0
11 to15	0
16 to 20	0
21 to 30	0
31 to 40	0
41 to 50	0
Above 50	0

Q. No.32 Last time how much you paid for sex with a male (N=8)

Categories	No. of respondents
1 to 10	0
11 to 20	2
21 to 30	0
31 to 40	0
41 to 50	4
51 to 100	1
101 to 150	1
151 to 200	0
Above 200	0

Q. No.33 Age of last male you paid to have sex with (N=12)

Categories	No. of respondents
18 to 21	2
22 to 24	3
25 to 30	4
31 to 40	3
Above 40	0

Q. No.34 No. of times you have sex with your wife in the last month (N=11)

Categories	No. of respondents
1 to 5	4
6 to 10	6
11 to 15	0
16 to 20	1
Above 20	0

Q. No.35 Pattern of sex with your wife in the last month (N=12)

Categories	No.
No. of times of anal sex acts	2
No. of respondent doing anal sex	1
No. of times of anal sex with condom	2
No. of respondent doing anal sex with condom	1
No. of times of oral sex acts	1
No. of respondent doing oral sex	1
No. of times of oral sex with condom	1
No. of respondent doing oral sex with condom	1
No. of times of vaginal sex acts	69
No. of respondent doing vaginal sex	11
No. of times of vaginal sex acts with condom	0
No. of respondent doing vaginal sex with condom	0
No. of times of masturbation	0
No. of respondent doing masturbation	0
No. of times of other sex acts	0
No. of respondent doing other sex acts	0
No. of times of other sex acts with condom	0
No. of respondent doing other sex with condom	0

Q. No.36 No. of females (not wife) have you had sex within the last month? (N=1)

Categories	No. of respondents
None	1
One	0
Two	0
Three	0
Four	0
Five	0
Above Five	0

Q. No.37 Pattern of sex with females (not wife) in the last month (N=12)

Categories	No.
No. of times anal sex acts	0
No. of respondent doing anal sex	0
No. of times of anal sex with condom	0
No. of respondent doing anal sex with condom	0
No. of times oral sex acts	0
No. of respondent doing oral sex	0
No. of times of oral sex with condom	0
No. of respondent doing oral sex with condom	0
No. of times vaginal sex acts	0
No. of respondent doing vaginal sex	0
No. of times of vaginal sex acts with condom	0
No. of respondent doing vaginal sex with condom	0
No. of times masturbation	0
No. of respondent doing masturbation	0
No. of times of other sex acts	0
No. of respondent doing other sex acts	0
No. of times of other sex with condom	0
No. of respondent doing other sex with condom	0

Q. No.38 Relationship with female sex partner to yourself (N=0)

Categories	No. of times
Friends	0
Relatives	0
Strangers	0
Servants	0
Neighbors	0
Female sex worker	0
others	0

Q. No.39 Last 5 female sex partners' marital status (N=0)

Categories	No. of respondent
All married	0
One was married	0
Two were married	0
Three were married	0
Four were married	0
All were married	0
Don't know	0

Q. No.40 No. of times condom used while having sex with last five female sex partners (N=0)

Categories	No. of respondent
No time	0
One time	0
Two times	0
Three times	0
Four times	0
Every times	0

Q. No.41 Have you paid for sex with a female in last month (N=0)

Categories	No. of respondent	Percentage value
Yes	0	0.00
No	0	0.00

Q. No.42 Pattern of sex, when paid for it with 5 last female (N=0)

Categories	No.
No. of respondents who had anal sex	0
No. of times did anal sex acts	0
No. of respondents who had oral sex	0
No. of times did oral sex acts	0
No. of respondents who had vaginal sex	0
No. of times did vaginal sex acts	0
No. of respondents who had masturbation sex	0
No. of times did masturbation	0
No. of respondents who had other type of sex	0
No. of times did other type of sex acts	0

Q. No.43 (i) No. of times condom used during last 5 times, when you paid for sex with females (N=0)

Categories	No. of respondents
Never	0
Single time	0
Two times	0
Three times	0
Four times	0
Five times	0

Q. No.43 (ii) Who initiated condom use? (N=0)

Categories	No. of respondents
Your self	0
Your partner	0

Q. No.44 Currently having these symptoms (N=74)

Categories	No. of respondents	Percentage value
Pain while urinating	13	17.57
Itching or burning around anus	23	31.08
Pus or discharge from penis	2	2.70
Pus or discharge in stools	15	20.27
Pain upon defecation	29	39.19
Bleeding when defecating	31	41.89
Genital sores	10	13.51
Itchy rash on genitals	4	5.41
Blisters or sores inside mouth	8	10.81
Pain during sex	26	35.14
others	4	5.41

Q. No.45 What are you doing to treat these symptoms (N=78)

Categories	No. of respondent	Percentage value
Nothing	50	64.10
Medical shops	3	3.85
Private doctor	8	10.26
Hospital	4	5.13
Friends/Relatives	4	5.13
Streets 'Quack'	7	8.97
Other clinics	0	0.00
others	2	2.56

Q. No.47 Ever heard of HIV and/or AIDS? (N=151)

Categories	No. of respondent	Percentage value
Yes	143	94.70
No	8	5.30

Q. No.48 What are you heard about HIV/AIDS (N=142)

Categories	No. of respondent	Percentage value
HIV is a virus and AIDS is a disease	68	47.89
HIV is a virus	6	4.23
It is incurable disease	27	19.01
It is a dreaded disease	8	5.63
It is deadly disease	5	3.52
It is dangerous disease	6	4.23
It is a disease	4	2.82
It spreads through sex	5	3.52
Is a communicable disease	2	1.41
Don't know	6	4.23
Others	10	7.04

Q. No.49 Sources of information on HIV/AIDS (N=146)

Categories	No. of respondent	Percentage value
Doctor	38	26.03
Radio	129	88.36
Social Worker	46	31.51
NGOs	105	71.92
News Papers	86	58.90
Leaflets	55	37.67
Posters	101	68.18
Hospitals	12	8.22
Clinics	6	4.11
Family Member	19	13.01
Local MSM projects	38	26.03
Friends	17	11.64
Sex partners	14	9.59
others	5	3.42

Q. No.50 What risk do you personally think you have of getting HIV? (N=137)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Large	22	16.06
Medium	1	0.73
Small	25	18.25
I do not know	89	64.96

Q. No.50 Reason for risk of getting HIV/AIDS? (N=56)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
I had sex without condom	14	25
I had unsafe sex	13	23.21
Used untested blood	6	10.71
Shared syringe/needle	3	5.36
I had sex with prostitutes	4	7.14
My partner is not faithful	3	5.36
I have multiple partners	2	3.57
I use condom	2	3.57
I don't have a symptom	2	3.57
I don't know	12	21.43
Others	3	5.36

Q. No.51 (i) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from sharing a needle (N=115)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	99	86.09
No	11	9.57
Not Sure	5	4.35

Q. No.51 (ii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from being penetrated by a man without a condom (N=143)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	140	97.90
No	1	0.70
Not Sure	2	1.40

Q. No.51 (iii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from being penetrated by a man with a condom (N=90)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	63	70
No	21	23.33
Not Sure	6	6.67

Q. No.51 (iv) Tell us whether you think you can get from penetrating a woman without a condom (N=105)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	84	80
No	14	13.33
Not Sure	7	6.67

Q. No.51 (v) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from penetrating a woman with a condom (N=71)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	42	59.15
No	22	30.99
Not Sure	7	9.86

Q. No.51 (vi) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from only having a sexual contact with a woman (N=72)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	40	55.56
No	19	26.39
Not Sure	13	18.06

Q. No.51 (vii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from sucking a penis (N=87)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	60	68.97
No	13	14.94
Not Sure	14	16.09

Q. No.51 (viii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from swallowing semen (N=81)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	54	66.67
No	17	20.99
Not Sure	10	12.35

Q. No.51 (ix) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from licking vagina (N=73)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	39	53.42
No	25	34.25
Not Sure	9	12.33

Q. No.51 (x) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from masturbating someone (N=47)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	8	17.02
No	31	65.96
Not Sure	8	17.02

Q. No.51 (xi) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from rubbing bodies (N=40)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	1	2.50
No	30	75.00
Not Sure	9	22.50

Q. No.51 (xii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from thigh sex (N=40)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	1	2.50
No	31	77.50
Not Sure	8	20

Q. No.51 (xiii) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from licking anus (N=59)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	23	38.98
No	27	45.76
Not Sure	9	15.25

Q. No.51 (xiv) Tell us whether you think you can get HIV from deep kissing (N=76)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	48	63.16
No	18	23.68
Not Sure	10	13.16

Q. No.52 Tell us the way you can prevent getting or passing HIV (N=140)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
I Use condom for sex	57	40.71
Use tested blood only	20	14.29
Use new needle/syringe	29	20.71
Don't have sex with infected person	6	4.29
Don't have sex with prostitutes	6	4.29
I know about	4	2.86
Safer sex	2	1.43
Reduce sex partners	2	1.43
Prevent from infection	2	1.43
Don't Know	9	6.43
Others	19	13.57

Q. No.53 Ever heard of safer sex? (N=146)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	88	60.27
No	58	39.73

Q. No.54 Tell us what you heard about safe sex (N=107)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Use condom for sex	46	42.99
Safer sex	17	15.89
Non penetrative sex	12	11.21
Practicing Masturbation	8	7.48
Thigh sex	2	1.87
Reduce sex partner	7	6.54
Don't have with strangers	3	2.8
Should spread awareness	3	2.8
Should prevent the infection	3	2.8
Use tested blood	2	1.87
New syringe/needle	2	1.87
Don't Know	8	7.48
Others	10	9.35

Q. No.55 (i) Can you reduce the risk of getting STIs or HIV by always using a condom for anal or vaginal sex (N=140)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	102	72.86
No	14	10
Do not know	24	17.14

Q. No.55 (ii) Can you reduce the risk of getting STIs or HIV by only doing non-penetrative sex (N=135)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	89	65.93
No	29	21.48
Do not know	17	12.59

Q. No.55 (iii) Can you reduce the risk of getting STIs or HIV by reducing the number of sexual partners (N=140)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	67	47.86
No	49	35
Do not know	24	17.14

Q. No.56 Can you reduce the risk of getting STIs or HIV by other ways (N=109)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
If I get infected I'll prevent the infection	25	22.94
Using the condom	24	22.02
I'll Consult a doctor after infection	16	14.68
Take care of self	11	10.09
Spread awareness about the disease	10	9.17
Take precautions	6	5.5
It may carry to death	4	3.67
Don't have sex with strangers	2	1.83
Don't Know	7	6.42
Others	11	10.09

Q. No.57 (i) Will you tell your male sex partner, if you were experiencing symptoms of STIs/HIV (N=136)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	88	64.71
No	38	27.94
Do not know	10	7.35

Q. No.57 (ii) Will you tell your female sex partner, if you were experiencing symptoms of STIs/HIV (N=41)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	19	46.34
No	17	41.46
Do not know	5	12.20

Q. No.57 (iii) Will you tell your wife, if you were experiencing symptoms of STIs/HIV (N=40)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	33	82.50
No	3	7.50
Do not know	4	10

Q. No.58 (i) Have you ever been tested for HIV (N=130)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	7	5.38
No	123	94.62

Q. No.58 (ii) HIV Test(I) Results? (N=5)

Categories	No. of Respondents
Negative	4
Positive	1

Q. No.58 (iv) Place of HIV Test (N=7)

Categories	No. of Respondents
Hospital	5
Private Clinic	0
Other Places	2

Q. No.59 Were you counseled before/after taking the test? (N=22)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	7	31.82
No	15	68.18

Q. No.60 In the last two years have you been counseled on STIs/HIV/AIDS? (N=73)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	50	68.49
No	23	31.51

Q. No.60 In the last two years where have you been counseled on STIs/HIV/AIDS? (N=45)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
SASO MSM Project	33	73.33
Lifeline	6	13.33
AIDS NGOs Workshops	2	4.44
Friends	3	6.67
Hospital	3	6.67
HIV/AIDS workshop	1	2.22

Q. No.61 (i) Have you ever injected drugs in the last year? (N =103)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	2	1.94
No	101	98.06

Q. No.61 (ii) Have your partner ever injected drugs in the last years? (N=100)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Yes	2	2
No	98	98

Q. No.62 Where would you prefer to go to get help if you were worried about STIs or AIDS? (N=142)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Government hospital	48	33.80
AIDS NGO	101	71.13
Religion	1	0.70
Private doctor	17	11.97
Local MSM Projects	114	80.28
Other clinic workers	0	0.00
Peer educator	3	2.11
Do not know	31	21.83
Others	0	0.00

Q. No.63 What information do you need about HIV/AIDS? (N=148)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Need more detailed information	20	13.79
What are the medium of infection	14	9.66
Needed information on HIV	10	6.9
Information about origin of the	16	11.03
When can we have medicines	14	9.66
Need Information about STDs	8	5.52
Spread awareness of the disease	5	3.45
Precautions to be taken	6	4.14
Can it pass by swallowing semen	4	2.76
What are the symptoms	4	2.76
Life after infection	3	2.07
Difference in HIV/AIDS and STD	3	2.07
Chances of spreading via anal sex	2	1.38
How long it takes to death	2	1.38
Nothing	16	11.03
I know	8	5.52
Don't know	8	5.52
Others	5	3.45

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Q. No.7 (i) Sexual activities with males in last week (N=112)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	75	278	70
Panthi	5	18	16
Double-decker	2	4	2
Heterosexual	2	4	2
Homosexual/Gay	28	72	43
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.7 (ii) Sexual activities with males in last month (N=132)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	85	794	185
Panthi	5	32	24
Double-decker	3	8	5
Heterosexual	2	10	6
Homosexual/Gay	36	192	116
Other	1	1	0

Q. No.8 (i) Anal sex acts in last week (N=96)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi-Insertive	3	7	5
Kothi-Receptive	63	180	47
Panthi-Insertive	0	0	0
Panthi-Receptive	5	18	17
Double-decker-Insertive	0	0	0
Double-decker-Receptive	2	4	2
Heterosexual-Insertive	0	0	0
Heterosexual-Receptive	1	3	2
Homosexual/Gay-Insertive	2	6	6
Homosexual/Gay-Receptive	22	59	37
Other-Insertive	0	0	0
Other-Receptive	0	0	0

Q. No.8 (ii) Anal sex acts in last Month (N=118)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi-Insertive	3	13	11
Kothi-Receptive	74	473	122
Panthi-Insertive	0	0	0
Panthi-Receptive	5	32	23
Double-decker-Insertive	1	2	2
Double-decker-Receptive	2	6	3
Heterosexual-Insertive	0	0	0
Heterosexual-Receptive	1	4	2
Homosexual/Gay-Insertive	3	22	22
Homosexual/Gay-Receptive	32	154	91
Other-Insertive	0	0	0
Other-Receptive	1	1	0

Note : N=119 in the first part, but in comparative analysis it is 118.

Total no. of receptive sex acts is 673 in the first part, but here is 670

Q. No.8 (iii) Anal insertive sex acts in last week (N=5)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	3	7	5
Panthi	0	0	0
Double-decker	0	0	0
Heterosexual	0	0	0
Homosexual/Gay	2	6	6
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.8 (iv) Anal receptive sex acts in last week (N=93)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	63	180	47
Panthi	5	18	17
Double-decker	2	4	2
Heterosexual	1	3	2
Homosexual/Gay	22	59	37
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.8 (v) Anal insertive sex acts in last Month (N=7)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	3	13	11
Panthi	0	0	0
Double-decker	1	2	2
Heterosexual	0	0	0
Homosexual/Gay	3	22	22
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.8 (vi) Anal receptive sex acts in last month (N=115)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	74	473	122
Panthi	5	32	23
Double-decker	2	6	3
Heterosexual	1	4	2
Homosexual/Gay	32	154	91
Other	1	1	0

Q. No.9 (i) Oral sex in last week (N=56)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi-Insertive	7	10	2
Kothi-Receptive	37	108	24
Panthi-Insertive	0	0	0
Panthi-Receptive	0	0	0
Double-decker-Insertive	0	0	0
Double-decker-Receptive	1	1	0
Heterosexual-Insertive	0	0	0
Heterosexual-Receptive	1	2	2
Homosexual/Gay-Insertive	1	1	0
Homosexual/Gay-Receptive	9	17	7
Other-Insertive	0	0	0
Other-Receptive	0	0	0

Q. No.9 (ii) Oral sex in last month (N=61)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi-Insertive	7	36	5
Kothi-Receptive	41	223	36
Panthe-Insertive	0	0	0
Panthe-Receptive	0	0	0
Double-decker-Insertive	0	0	0
Double-decker-Receptive	1	1	0
Heterosexual-Insertive	0	0	0
Heterosexual-Receptive	1	2	2
Homosexual/Gay-Insertive	1	4	1
Homosexual/Gay-Receptive	11	36	11
Other-Insertive	0	0	0
Other-Receptive	0	0	0

Q. No.9 (iii) Oral insertive sex in last week (N=8)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	7	10	2
Panthe	0	0	0
Double-decker	0	0	0
Heterosexual	0	0	0
Homosexual/Gay	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.9 (iv) Oral receptive sex in last week (N=48)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	37	108	24
Panthe	0	0	0
Double-decker	1	1	0
Heterosexual	1	2	2
Homosexual/Gay	9	17	7
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.9 (v) Oral insertive in last month (N=8)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	7	36	5
Panthe	0	0	0
Double-decker	0	0	0
Heterosexual	0	0	0
Homosexual/Gay	1	4	1
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.9 (vi) Oral receptive sex in last month (N=54)

Categories	No. of Respondents	No. of sex acts	No. of sex acts with condom
Kothi	41	223	36
Panthe	0	0	0
Double-decker	1	1	0
Heterosexual	1	2	2
Homosexual/Gay	11	36	11
Other	0	0	0

Q. No.47 Ever heard of HIV/AIDS? (N=149)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Kothi-Yes	90	60.40
Kothi-No	6	4.03
Panthi-Yes	5	3.36
Panthi-No	0	0.00
Double-decker-Yes	3	2.01
Double-decker-No	0	0.00
Heterosexual-Yes	4	2.68
Heterosexual-No	0	0.00
Homosexual -Yes	38	25.50
Homosexual -No	2	1.34
Other-Yes	1	0.67
Other-No	0	0.00

Q. No.53 Ever heard of safer sex? (N=144)

Categories	No. of Respondents	Percentage Value
Kothi-Yes	38	26.39
Kothi-No	55	38.19
Panthi-Yes	5	3.47
Panthi-No	0	0.00
Double-decker-Yes	3	2.08
Double-decker-No	0	0.00
Heterosexual-Yes	3	2.08
Heterosexual-No	1	0.69
Homosexual -Yes	38	26.39
Homosexual -No	0	0.00
Other-Yes	1	0.69
Other-No	0	0.00