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3 **The HIV care cascade among female sex workers in Zimbabwe:**  
 4 **results of a population-based survey from the Sisters**  
 5 **Antiretroviral therapy Programme for Prevention of HIV, an**  
 6 **Integrated Response (SAPPH-IRe) Trial**

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63 **Abstract**

64 **Introduction:** Female sex workers (FSW) in sub-Saharan Africa have a higher prevalence of HIV  
65 than other women of reproductive age. Social, legal, and structural barriers influence their  
66 access to care. Little is known about the HIV diagnosis and care cascade in most countries in  
67 southern Africa. We aimed to describe the HIV diagnosis and care cascade among FSW in  
68 Zimbabwe.

69 **Methods:** We conducted cross-sectional respondent driven sampling (RDS) surveys of FSW in  
70 14 sites across Zimbabwe as the baseline for a cluster-randomised controlled trial investigating  
71 a combination HIV prevention and care package. We administered a questionnaire, tested  
72 women for HIV and measured viral load. We report the mean, minimum and maximum RDS-2  
73 weighted site values.

74 **Results:** The survey included 2,722 women, approximately 200 per site. The mean HIV  
75 prevalence was 57.5% (42.8-79.2 site minimum and maximum). Of HIV positive women, 64.0%  
76 (51.6-73.7) were aware of their status, 67.7% (53.4-84.1) of these reported taking ART and  
77 77.8% (64.4-90.8) of these had a suppressed HIV viral load (<1000 copies/ml). Among all HIV  
78 positive women, 49.5% had a viral load < 1000 copies/ml.

79 **Conclusions:** While the majority of HIV positive women aware of their status are accessing  
80 ART, 36.0% of HIV positive women are unaware of their status and 29.3% of all FSW have an  
81 unsuppressed HIV viral load. Investigation and investment into models of testing, treatment  
82 and care are necessary to reach UNAIDS targets for HIV elimination.

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124 Introduction

125 In sub-Saharan Africa, female sex workers (FSW) have high HIV incidence and prevalence and  
126 therefore are in particular need of good access to effective HIV testing, prevention and  
127 treatment services[1]. In sub-Saharan Africa female sex workers are estimated to have 13.5  
128 times higher odds of HIV infection than in the general population of adult women [1].

129 However, FSW are a marginalised group, sex work is illegal in many countries including  
130 Zimbabwe[2], and FSW are often stigmatised by communities and health workers[3, 4].

131 Typically, FSW are also highly mobile[5]. Designing service delivery approaches that meet the  
132 needs of this population is therefore complex but urgently needed.

133 There is currently little information about the continuum of care from diagnosis to virological  
134 suppression (the HIV care cascade) amongst FSW with which to guide programming. Previous  
135 studies of FSW in sub-Saharan Africa indicate that antiretroviral therapy (ART) can be provided  
136 to FSW[6] at costs comparable to that of provision in the general population[7]. A recent  
137 systematic review and meta-analysis of antiretroviral uptake, adherence and outcomes among

138 FSW found that current ART use among HIV positive FSW was 39% (95% CI 29-48%), but noted  
139 a concerning lack of published data available[8]. Another review of the provision of sexual and  
140 reproductive health services for FSW in Africa found little emphasis among programmes on  
141 access to antiretroviral treatment and support for adherence[9]. While there is some evidence  
142 to guide the design of HIV prevention programmes for FSW in Africa, little is known about the  
143 best means to improve testing, access and adherence to ART and effective use of pre-exposure  
144 prophylaxis[10, 11].

145 In 2009, in response to a situational analysis conducted among FSW by Zimbabwe's National  
146 AIDS Council and partners[12], the 'Sisters with a Voice' programme was established in five  
147 sites, and has since expanded to 36 sites covering all the provinces of Zimbabwe. Services  
148 provided are based on guidance from the World Health Organisation[13] and include HIV  
149 testing and counselling, sexual and reproductive health services, condom provision and health  
150 education supported by trained peer educators and a programme of community mobilisation.  
151 Results of a respondent driven sampling (RDS) survey conducted in three towns in 2011[14],  
152 along with qualitative work[15], suggested that FSW in Zimbabwe were poorly engaged with  
153 HIV prevention and care services.

154 In response to this finding, we launched the **Sisters Antiretroviral Programme for Prevention of**  
155 **HIV – an Integrated Response (SAPPH-IRe)** trial, a cluster-randomised controlled trial  
156 conducted in 14 sites around Zimbabwe (7 matched-pairs). The aim is to determine the  
157 effectiveness and cost effectiveness of an enhanced community-based intervention to increase  
158 uptake, retention and adherence to antiretroviral-based prevention and therapy among FSW.  
159 Outcomes were assessed at a population level in all 14 communities among FSW recruited to  
160 RDS surveys at baseline (December 2013), and will also be assessed at endline (April-May  
161 2016).

162 Aiming to contribute to our scant knowledge of the HIV diagnosis and care cascade amongst  
163 FSW in sub-Saharan Africa, this paper describes the HIV diagnosis and care cascade at 14 sites  
164 around Zimbabwe at the baseline of the SAPPH-IRe trial. Data are presented on socio-  
165 demographic characteristics, HIV prevalence, ART coverage, viral suppression and the  
166 proportion of all FSW with unsuppressed HIV viral load: the primary endpoint for the SAPPH-  
167 IRe trial.

## 168 **Methods**

### 169 **Study Population and Setting**

170 Fourteen of the 36 sites where the 'Sisters' services are provided are included in the SAPHH-IRE  
171 trial. These sites were purposively selected to reflect different sex work location types (e.g.  
172 town, growth point, colliery/army base), were locations of adequate size (85-300 FSW  
173 attending clinics annually) and were geographically disparate to minimise contamination  
174 during the trial. Women were eligible if they were aged 18 or over, had exchanged in sex for  
175 money or gifts in the preceding 30 days, and had lived at the site for at least the previous six  
176 months.

### 177 **Data Collection**

178 We conducted respondent driven sampling (RDS)[16] surveys of FSW using identical  
179 procedures in each of the 14 sites. We used RDS because it was unfeasible to assemble a  
180 sampling frame of the intended target population; it has been recommended for research  
181 amongst hard-to-reach populations[17]; we successfully conducted similar RDS surveys of FSW  
182 in 3 locations in 2011[14], and sex work in these settings is not conducted primarily within  
183 brothels or set venues making time-location sampling methods less appropriate. In each site  
184 we first conducted 2-3 days of geographic and social mapping, including informal discussions  
185 with trained peer educators, healthcare staff, and community informants. This formative work  
186 informed specific criteria for purposely selected "seed" women to ensure that all sub-  
187 populations within the site's sex worker population were represented and helped determine  
188 how many of these seeds should be selected[18].

189 In line with RDS methodology, seed participants in each site were interviewed and given two  
190 recruitment coupons to pass on to their sex worker peers. Women were uniformly advised to  
191 recruit other sex workers whose name they knew and who knew their name, who had not  
192 already enrolled in the study and who met the study eligibility criteria. Interviewers used  
193 screening questions to confirm as far as possible that women given coupons met these criteria  
194 when they presented for interview. Six seeds were recruited in the smaller sites, while in four  
195 larger sites eight seeds were recruited. When women receiving the coupons attended for the  
196 interview ("recruits") they were also given two coupons to give out to women they knew who  
197 worked as FSW in that location. Coupons were coded such that recruiter/recruitee  
198 relationships could be tracked and unique IDs recorded. In all 14 sites a maximum of five  
199 iterations, or 'waves', of this process were performed (6 waves, including the initial seeds). We

200 aimed to recruit 200 FSW per site to give adequate power to detect the intervention effect at  
201 follow-up[19]. In line with other RDS surveys, women were reimbursed for participating in the  
202 survey (\$5) and for recruiting eligible participants (\$2 for each recruited). All participants gave  
203 informed consent to participate after receiving information about the study from trained  
204 interviewers and being given the opportunity to ask questions.

205 Five teams of trained researchers undertook data collection between 13 November and 20  
206 December 2013. Interviewer-administered questionnaire data was collected onto tablet  
207 computers and directly loaded into a master database using a wireless internet connection in  
208 the field. Questionnaires included information on demographics, sex work, sexual behaviour  
209 and condom use, HIV testing history, ART use, stigma, experience of violence, relationships  
210 with other sex workers, and use of sexual and reproductive health services. We also collected  
211 data to determine personal network size, or 'degree', for RDS estimation. In our survey, the  
212 degree was the number of FSW a participant reported knowing personally, whose name they  
213 knew and who knew theirs, who were at least 18 years old, lived at the site, and whom the  
214 participant would consider recruiting to the study.

215 All women had a finger prick blood sample collected in the form of a dried blood spot (DBS) for  
216 detection of HIV antibody (AniLabsystems EIA kit (AniLabsystems Ltd, OyToilette 3, FIN-01720,  
217 Finland)). Blood samples were air-dried on filter papers and stored at room temperature, then  
218 transported biweekly to the Flowcytometry Laboratory in Harare. If HIV antibodies were  
219 detected then the DBS sample was tested for HIV viral load using NucliSENS EasyQ HIV-1 v2.0,  
220 both to confirm HIV positive status and to quantify the viral load. For samples with a positive  
221 HIV antibody test, but an undetectable viral load, a second confirmatory ELISA was performed  
222 (Enzygnost Anti-HIV 1/2 Plus ELISA (Germany)). At two trial sites, plasma samples were  
223 collected in addition to DBS and tested in parallel using NucliSENS EasyQ HIV-1 v2.0, to permit  
224 validation of the use of DBS for viral load quantification [20].

225 The Medical Research Council Zimbabwe, University College London, and the London School of  
226 Hygiene and Tropical Medicine gave ethical approval for the SAPPH-IRe trial, including the  
227 baseline data collection and analysis. The trial was also registered with the Research Council of  
228 Zimbabwe, the Pan African Clinical Trials Registry (PACTR201312000722390) and was  
229 approved by the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe.

## 230 **Data analysis**

231 We follow the recommendations of the STROBE-RDS guidelines in reporting our study[21].

232 First, we described the sample recruited. A limitation of RDS is that it is difficult to describe  
233 non-participation rates since no sample frame is present, and we did not conduct 'exit  
234 interviews' of women who had distributed coupons to ascertain how many of their peers  
235 refused to take part. We calculated cluster-summaries for key socio-demographic  
236 characteristics of the sample. We calculated and report the mean of the 14 cluster-level RDS-2  
237 weighted summaries and the range of estimates across clusters (minimum and maximum).  
238 Both as a total and summarised across clusters, we described the proportion of participants  
239 with suppressed HIV viral load, (<1000 copies/ml, as per WHO guidelines[22, 23]), and steps of  
240 the HIV care cascade underlying this: the proportion who were found to be HIV positive; the  
241 proportion who reported via questionnaire previously testing positive (i.e. knew their status);  
242 the proportion who reported being on ART, and the proportion who had a viral load of <1000  
243 copies/ml. We described these estimates both as proportions of the previous step on the  
244 cascade and as proportions of the total of women testing HIV positive.

245 We used 'RDS-2' to conduct all analyses, which uses the 'Volz-Heckathorn' estimator[24] and  
246 has been found to be less biased than previous estimators[25]. RDS-2 is based on estimating  
247 the inclusion probabilities of each survey participant, assuming the recruitment process can be  
248 modelled as a 'random walk' over the social network of FSW. Within this model, the  
249 probability that each participant will be included is approximated as the inverse of the  
250 reported degree. Estimates were calculated in Stata 12 using the 'rds' analysis package[26],  
251 which removes seeds from the proportion estimates.

252 RDS-2 estimation assumes that recruitment chains progress such that final estimates are no  
253 longer dependent on the characteristics of the seeds, that recruitment does not become  
254 confined within sub-groups of the FSW population ('bottlenecks'), and assumes with-  
255 replacement sampling even when women cannot participate more than once in practice[25].

256 We assessed these assumptions and their potential for bias on estimates of HIV prevalence  
257 and suppressed viral load for each site, using plots of the convergence of HIV and viral  
258 suppression estimates over sample waves ('convergence plots') and plots of estimate  
259 convergence by seed ('bottleneck plots'). We also examined the difference between RDS-2  
260 estimates and estimates produced using the RDS 'successive sampling' estimator[27] for a  
261 range of possible population sizes to assess the bias resulting from assuming with-replacement

262 sampling. These analyses were guided by published advice about RDS diagnostics[28] and used  
263 the 'rds' package for the R statistical language[29]. Details of the diagnostic methods and  
264 results are given in Appendix 1.

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## 266 **Results**

### 267 **RDS recruitment and estimation**

268 In total 2,722 participants were recruited over six waves in 14 sites. Of these participants, 90  
269 were seeds, of whom 62 (68.9%) were HIV positive and 29 (32.2%) had HIV viral load  $\geq$  1000  
270 copies/ml. The number of non-seed "recruits" varied from 147 to 212 per site. There were an  
271 additional 15 participants from 8 sites who were missing recruiter information and who were  
272 treated as seeds and therefore dropped from the estimation.

273 Estimates for the proportion of FSW with suppressed viral load and for HIV prevalence  
274 appeared to converge well by the final sample wave for all sites except one for HIV prevalence  
275 and two for viral load, and there was little evidence of recruitment becoming confined within  
276 sub-groups from any site (see Appendix 1).

### 277 **Characteristics of female sex workers**

278 Participants were aged between 18 and 65, with a mean age of 31 years (minimum site mean  
279 of 29 and maximum of 34). Approximately one third of women had no or only primary  
280 education, another third had completed Forms 1-3 and the final third had completed at least  
281 Form 4 (see Table 1). Very few of the women were married (0.8% overall unweighted, the  
282 proportion was too small to calculate RDS weights) and 61.9% (range 46.4-70.6% across sites)  
283 were separated or divorced. The majority of women (53.5%) reported initiating sex work by 24  
284 years old, with 17.4% (8.5 – 25.9) reporting having started sex work before they were 18 years  
285 old. In total 8.2% reported having no clients in the past week, 49.9% of women reported  
286 having between 1 and 5 clients per week; and 13.2% reported having 16 or more. Just under  
287 half of the women in each cluster (45.0%) were food insecure (food insecurity was indicated by  
288 any of the following: being unable to eat two meals a day; sometimes going to bed hungry;  
289 going an entire day without eating in the last week). More than a quarter of women (26.7%)  
290 had worked at another geographic location in the previous 12 months, while 52.2% had lived  
291 in their current location for six or more years. 61.4% of the women reported good or very good  
292 relations with other FSW.

293 Violence from intimate partners was the most common form of interpersonal violence ever  
294 experienced (40.3%), followed by violence from clients (27.7%). Violence from police in the  
295 previous year was 9.7% overall, though in one location it was 19.5%.

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297 The majority of participants reported having previously tested for HIV (91.1%), and of those  
298 who were HIV negative 70.5% (52.7-88.8) reported having tested for HIV in the previous six  
299 months.

### 300 **HIV and the diagnosis and care cascade**

301 The HIV care cascade for HIV positive FSW is described in Figure 1. HIV prevalence amongst  
302 FSW was estimated to be 57.5%, ranging from 42.8% to 79.2% across sites.

303 Among those who tested HIV positive, an average of 64.0% (51.6 – 73.7) in each site were  
304 aware of their status, i.e. they reported a previous positive HIV test. Of those aware of their  
305 positive status, 67.7% (53.4 – 84.1) reported taking ART, which was 43.3% (32.3 – 54.0) of all  
306 those who tested HIV positive in the study. Across sites, an average of 77.8% (64.4 – 90.8) of  
307 women who were on ART had a viral load < 1000 copies/ml. Women on ART with viral loads  
308 <1000 copies/mL were 33.7% (range 36.5 – 62.2) of all those testing HIV positive. An additional  
309 15.8% (range 12.6 – 16.6) of those testing positive had a viral load <1,000 copies/ml, despite  
310 not reporting being on ART. Of all HIV positive FSW, 43.3% (32.3 – 54.0) were on ART and  
311 49.5% (36.5-62.2) had viral loads of <1000 copies/mL.

312 [When considering all FSW as the denominator, there were an estimated 29.3%](#)  
313 [\(18.9-42.3\) of women who had an unsuppressed HIV viral load of ≥1000](#)  
314 [copies/mL.](#)

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### 316 **Discussion**

317 We analysed data from 2,722 FSW recruited in 14 sites in Zimbabwe. HIV prevalence was very  
318 high (mean 57.5% across sites, ranging 42.8-79.2%). While recent HIV testing and access to  
319 ART were relatively common, still some 36.0% of HIV positive FSW did not report that they  
320 were positive in the research interview (26.3-48.4). The majority of women who tested HIV  
321 positive and reported being aware of their status reported accessing ART (67.7%) and of those,  
322 77.8% had a viral load <1000 copies/ml. However, overall only 49.5% of all HIV positive women

323 had a viral load <1000 copies/ml, in part because many were unaware of their status.  
324 Significant and rapid progress is needed to reduce HIV infection rates, increase HIV status  
325 awareness and improve overall levels of viral suppression.

326 We undertook an ambitious field study to collect baseline data and test the feasibility of our  
327 proposed approach to the trial endline data collection. We have shown that it was feasible to  
328 rapidly recruit approximately 200 FSW per site in 14 sites across Zimbabwe using RDS  
329 methodology. Our findings make an important contribution to the sparse literature on the HIV  
330 diagnosis and care cascade among FSW in sub-Saharan Africa[8]. We have been able to  
331 measure women having unsuppressed viral load as a proportion of all HIV positive sex workers,  
332 not only among those accessing ART, which is important given that approximately one third of  
333 HIV positive FSW were unaware of their status. Sampling approaches such as ours provide a  
334 key means for assessing how close we are to the 90:90:90 targets[30] in a given population or  
335 setting.

336 All sampling methods for hard-to-reach populations have limitations, and RDS is no exception.  
337 The estimation makes many assumptions about the recruitment process and the social  
338 networks of sex workers. Previous mapping of sex workers in Zimbabwe suggests they are well  
339 networked [14][31] Critical is that appropriate statistical techniques are used though there  
340 remains debate about methods of analysis. We have undertaken a series of in-depth diagnostic  
341 tests to determine the validity of RDS among female sex workers in these surveys, and find  
342 little evidence that there were major issues with recruitment. We present diagnostics in  
343 Appendix 1. However, as in all applications of RDS in hidden populations it was not possible for  
344 us to empirically verify the extent to which the sample we recruited reflects the characteristics  
345 of FSWs working in the 14 sites. A major strength of our study was that we adopted identical  
346 field procedures in each of the sites, strengthening our capacity to compare findings across  
347 them.

348 Our estimate of viral load for HIV positive FSW was based on analysis of dried blood spot  
349 samples. While plasma analysis is normally considered the gold-standard approach, DBS  
350 appeared to be an acceptable method for viral load monitoring using the NucliSENS assay, and  
351 we estimated high DBS sensitivity compared to plasma 'gold-standard' (sensitivity=87.4% and  
352 specificity=96.8%)[20].

353 Coverage of ART among HIV positive FSW was similar at 43.4% (range 32.3 – 54.0) to the 40%  
354 we had hypothesised prior to the trial[19]. This was slightly higher but in the range of the  
355 pooled estimate of 39.3% (27.2-52.9%) among sex workers from low and middle income in  
356 studies found in a recent meta-analysis and systematic review[8]. Some 67.7% of those FSW  
357 who were aware of their status and reported they were positive also reported taking ART  
358 (range 53.4-84.1%). This was similar to our findings in three sites in 2011, when we found 51-  
359 74% HIV positive FSWs who were aware of their HIV status were also engaged with care[14].  
360 However, coverage is well below the target set by UNAIDS (90% of people with HIV are aware  
361 of their infection, 90% of people diagnosed with HIV are on ART and 90% of those on ART  
362 adhere and have undetectable levels of HIV in their blood) [30]. Coverage among the general  
363 population of adult women in Zimbabwe is not known.

364 Overall 77.8% of those reporting taking ART had a viral load <1000 copies/ml, as did 15.8% of  
365 HIV positive women who did not report being on ART. That such a large proportion of women  
366 not on ART had a suppressed viral load was not anticipated; one explanation is that women  
367 under-reported their knowledge of HIV status and ART usage. However, there have been other  
368 surveys with similar findings: the 2012 Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey found that 30% of  
369 individuals who reported not being on ART were virally suppressed [32] and among men who  
370 have sex with men in the United States reporting to be unaware of their status and therefore  
371 not on ART in 2004-2011, 2/11 to 3/7 were found to be virally suppressed [33]. We plan to  
372 investigate this further.

373 These data point to an urgent need to improve HIV prevention and care for female sex workers  
374 in Africa using comprehensive community-based sex worker led interventions [10]. There is  
375 good evidence of their cost effectiveness [34, 35] but in few countries has comprehensive care  
376 as recommended by WHO [11] been taken to scale. Interventions that work across the cascade  
377 are likely to be more scalable and cost-effective than those that work on only one aspect of  
378 the cascade [36].

### 379 **Conclusions**

380 In conclusion, our findings have contributed to knowledge of the HIV care cascade among sex  
381 workers in southern Africa. They confirm the urgent need for HIV prevention and care services  
382 in this population that address each step of the care cascade. We hope that the SAPH-Ire trial  
383 will contribute to our understanding of how best to serve the needs of female sex workers in  
384 the region.

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490 **Figure legend**

491 **Figure 1:** *The y-axis indicates the proportion of women at each step of the cascade of all*  
492 *women testing HIV positive, while the figures on each bar indicate the proportion of women*  
493 *from each preceding step. Bars indicate the mean RDS weighted values across sites, while the*  
494 *coloured points are individual site values. The shaded portion of the virally suppressed bar*  
495 *represents those women who had a suppressed viral load, but who did not report taking ART.*

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## Tables

**Table 1:** Baseline range and means of cluster-level summaries of socio-demographic characteristics of 2722 female sex workers from 14 clusters

Characteristics of FSW	Frequency		RDS weighted
	N	%	Mean % across sites, (min-max)
<b>Age at interview</b>			
18-24 years	656	24.1	26.5 (9.9 - 38.4)
25-29 years	668	24.5	23.6 (17.8 - 33.1)
30-39 years	956	35.1	34.4 (22.7 - 45.1)
>40 years	442	16.2	15.5 (6.5 - 22.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,722</b>		
<b>Highest level of education that you have completed</b>			
None/primary			
Form 1-3	857	31.7	36.2 (17.5 - 54.9)
Form 4+	966	35.7	35.3 (18.1 - 46.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>28.5 (18.4- 40.8)</b>
	<b>2,705</b>		
<b>Marital status</b>			
Married	22	0.8	**
Divorced/separated	1,710	62.8	61.9 (46.4 - 70.6)
Widowed	493	18.1	19.4 (9.5 - 39.2)
Never married	497	18.3	18.7 (6.8 - 39.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,722</b>		
<b>Age when first exchanged sex for gifts or money (ie when first started sex work)</b>			
<18 years			
	492	18.1	17.4 (8.5 - 25.9)
18-19 years			
	173	6.4	6.2 (1.7 - 19.4)
20-24 years			
	839	30.8	29.9 (19.0 - 40.2)
25/29 years			
	650	23.9	25.6 (15.1 - 32.4)
>30 years			
	568	20.9	20.8 (8.9 - 26.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,722</b>		
<b>Number of clients had sex with in previous week</b>			

None	200	7.4	8.2 (3.1 - 13.6)
1-5	1,352	49.7	49.9 (33.4 - 70.3)
6-10	578	21.2	21.8 (.9.8 - 36.7)
11-15	218	8.0	6.9 (3.2 - 9.7)
>16	374	13.7	13.2 (3.5 - 31.3)
Total	2,722		
Insecure food quantity*			
No	1,513	55.6	-
Yes	1,209	44.4	45.0 (27.0 - 74.5)
Total	2,722		
Worked as a sex worker at anywhere other than current location in the last 12 months			
No	1,987	73.0	-
Yes	734	27.0	26.7 (17.6 - 38.4)
Total	2,721		
How long lived at the site			
0-1 years	274	10.1	13.4 (0.1 - 30.4)
2-5 years	855	31.5	34.4 (15.7 - 52.7)
>6 years	1,582	58.4	52.2 (33.7 - 80.1)
Total	2,711		
Answered 'very good' or 'good' in response to "In general how would you describe your relationship with other sex workers in [SITE]?"			
No			
Yes	1,050	38.6	-
Total	1,672	61.4	61.4 (50.0 - 77.0)
2,722			
Ever had a sexual partner (including a current or former husband, boyfriend but NOT a client) that has hit, slapped, kicked, pushed, shoved or otherwise physically hurt			
No			
Yes			
Total	1,542	56.8	-
	1,172	43.2	40.3 (14.9 - 65.5)

	2,714		
Ever had a client that has hit, slapped, kicked, pushed, shoved or otherwise physically hurt			
No			
Yes	1,897	69.7	-
Total	825	30.3	27.7 (11.0 - 53.4)
	2,722		
In the past year has any member of the police been sexually violent against you?			
No			
Yes	2569	94.4	-
Total	152	5.6	4.6 (0 - 9.0)
	2721		
In the past year has any member of the police been physically violent against you?			
No			
Yes	2,430	89.3	-
Total	290	10.7	9.7 (1.8 - 19.5)
	2,720		
Consistent condom use with clients**			
No	589	21.6	-
Yes	2,133	78.4	76.7 (61.6 - 88.5)
Total	2,722		
Ever Tested for HIV			
No	213	7.8	-
Yes	2509	92.2	91.1 (82.5 - 96.9)
Total	2722		
Tested for HIV within the last 6 months and not HIV positive			
No			
Yes	331	29.5	-
Total	792	70.5	70.5 (52.7 - 88.8)
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HIV status			
Negative	1109	41.0	-
Positive	1599	59.0	57.5 (42.8-79.2)
Total	2708		

HIV viral load <1000 copies/ml among all FSW

No	825	30.5	-
Yes	1883	69.5	70.7 (57.7-81.6)
Total	2708		

*\*Answering 'no' to 'We can eat at least 2 meals a day', or 'yes' to 'Sometimes we go to bed hungry' or 'yes' to 'In the last week, have you had to go an entire day without eating because there was no food in your household?'*

*\*\*Reports using condom at last sex and answering no to "Think again about all you clients in the last month, have there been any times when you did not use condoms?"*

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