ACCESS TO AND UTILISATION OF HEALTH CARE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Sir/Madam

This is a study investigating access to and utilisation patterns of health care among people living with HIV/AIDS. The results of this study will help in the development and formulation of policies and programmes that will facilitate and improve access to and utilisation of HIV primary care services. There is no right or wrong answer. You will remain anonymous. Your participation is highly appreciated.

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Section A: Demographics

Age: ............ Gender: M/F
Marital Status: Married… Never married…. Divorced… Widowed
Home Language: ............
Occupation: ............
Income: ............
Educational Level: ................
Residential place: ............
How long have you been diagnosed with HIV? ............
Do you have medical aid? Yes … No...
   If yes, which one? ................
   If no, what is the reason? .............................................................

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Section B. Measures of access to care

1. Where do you usually go to when you are sick?
   a. hospital
   b. clinic
   c. doctor’s private practice
   d. traditional healer/prophet

1.1 What is the reason for your choice in question 1?
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1.2 How do you get there?
   a. by walking
   b. by taxi
   c. by bus
   d. own car

1.3 How long does it take you to get to there? ......................

2. Do you have a regular doctor that you see for your disease? Yes… No…
2.1 If no, what is the reason? ..............................................................

3. Do you have access to antiretrovirals (ARVs) Yes… No…
3.1 If no, what is the reason? ..............................................................

4. Do you have difficulty going to hospital when you want to consult? Yes… No…
4.1 If yes, what was the reason? ..............................................................

5. Do you have difficulty going to clinic when you want to consult? Yes… No…
5.1 If yes, what was the reason? ..............................................................

6. Do you have difficulty going to doctor when you want to consult? Yes… No…
6.1 If yes, what was the reason? ..............................................................

Section C: Health care utilization.
1. How many times did you visit the hospital/clinic in the last 6 months? ............
2. How many times did you visit the private doctor in the last 6 months? ............
3. How many times did you visit an emergency room in the last 6 months? ............
4. How many times did you have to stay overnight in the hospital in the last 6 months? ............

Section D: Cultural beliefs
1. It’s safer to use traditional remedies/medicines than HIV medicines. Yes… No…
1.1 If yes, why? ..........................................................................................
1.2 If no, why? ..........................................................................................

2. Who do you believe can manage HIV/AIDS better?
   a. traditional doctors  b. western doctors
2.1 What is the reason for your choice? ......................................................

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PARTICIPATION!