

SWP Client/Partners of Sex Workers Pilot Report

1. Background

The Clients of Sex workers intervention's aim is ensuring occupational health and safety standards for sex workers are developed and maintained, as well as engaging clients of sex workers around their sexual health. This is done by outreach peer education teams in each of the districts through individual or small group discussions with clients around promotion of their sexual health and that of sex workers, creating demand for HIV and STI services, challenging harmful gender norms which perpetuate violence against sex workers and raising awareness of sex workers rights. Three trainings to PEs were conducted by Sonke Gender justice on the 12-14th April 2023, 19-21 April 2023, and 9-11 May 2023. A clients of sex workers handout, Gatekeepers handout and a train the trainer manual and facilitators guide were developed by Sonke Gender Justice.

2. Pilot SRs and Rationale for SR selection

District	SR Name
Amathole	Keiskamma Trust
Bojanala	Centre for Positive Care
Capricorn	Centre for Positive Care
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality	PE Rape Crisis Centre
Sedibeng	Agape
Sekhukhune	Humana People to People
West Rand	Centre for Positive Care

The piloting of the new data collection tool for clients/partners of SW was done in 7/16 (44%) of the SWP SRs. The SRs for the pilot were selected based on year 1 (April 2022 to March 2023) data review for this element (data availability for clients of SW reached). SRs reported a total of 196 clients of SW reached by the programme during year 1.

The pilot started on the 15th May 2023 and ended on the 09th June 2023 (total of 4 weeks). AFSA allocated a target of 10 clients/partners of SW to be reached for the pilot per SR. the target is based on baseline for year 1.

3. Results

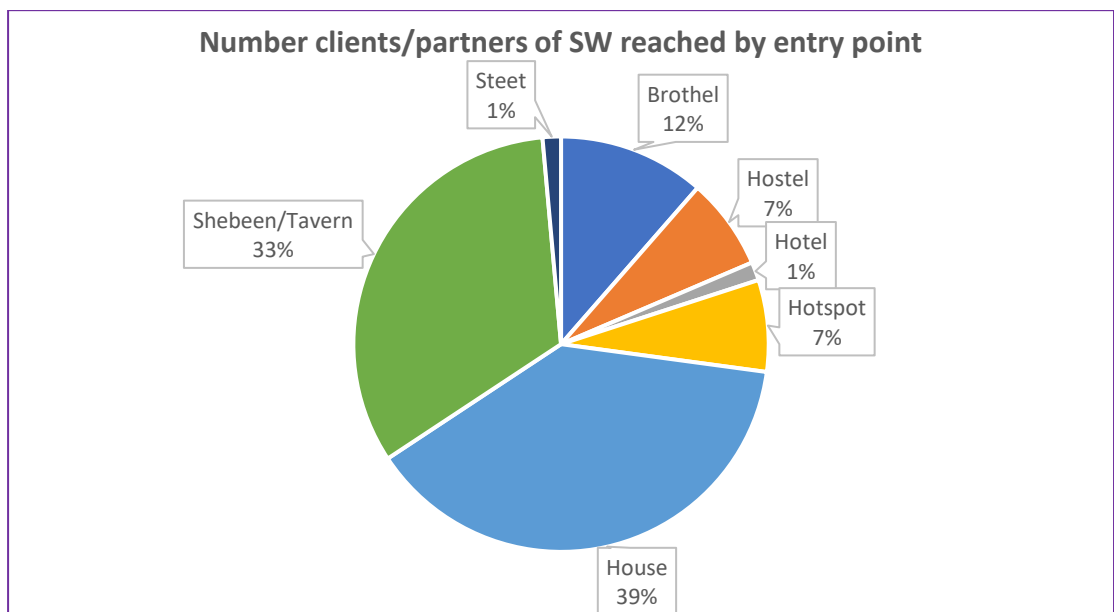
A total of 70 clients/partners of SW were reached during the pilot. 89% (62) reached were clients of SW whilst the remaining 11% (8) were partners of SW. All clients/partners of SW were male and 4/70 (6%) reported as Non-South African.

District	SR Name	# Clients Reached	# Partners Reached	Total
*Amathole	Keiskamma Trust	0	0	0
Bojanala	Centre for Positive Care	1	5	6

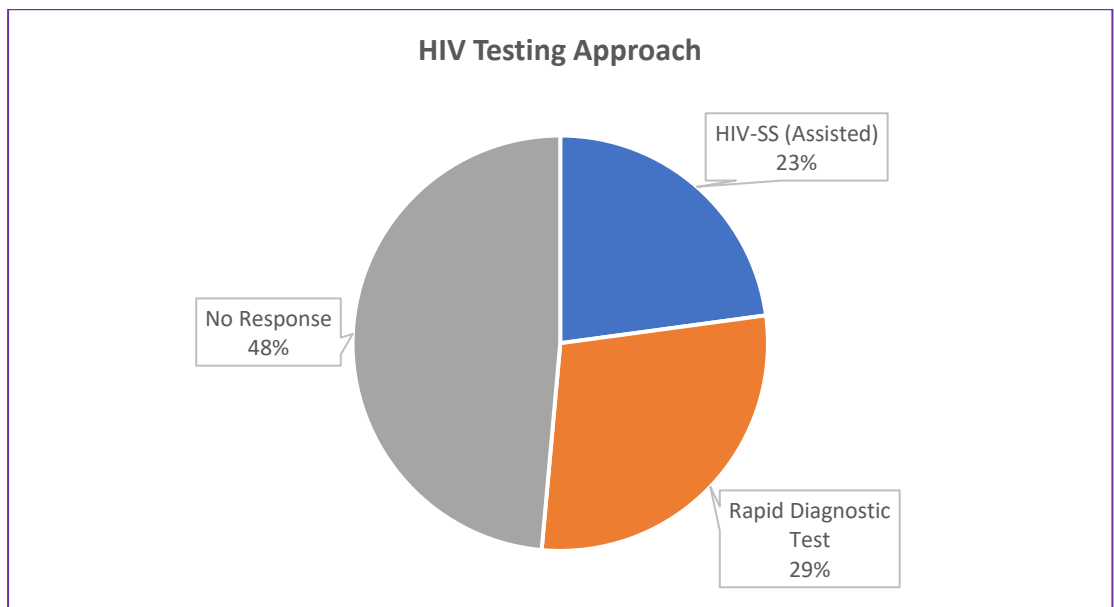
Capricorn	Centre for Positive Care	7	3	10
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality	PE Rape Crisis Centre	5	0	5
Sedibeng	Agape	19	0	19
Sekhukhune	Humana People to People	16	0	16
West Rand	Centre for Positive Care	14	0	14

* Amathole did not participate in the pilot

Reach by entry point:

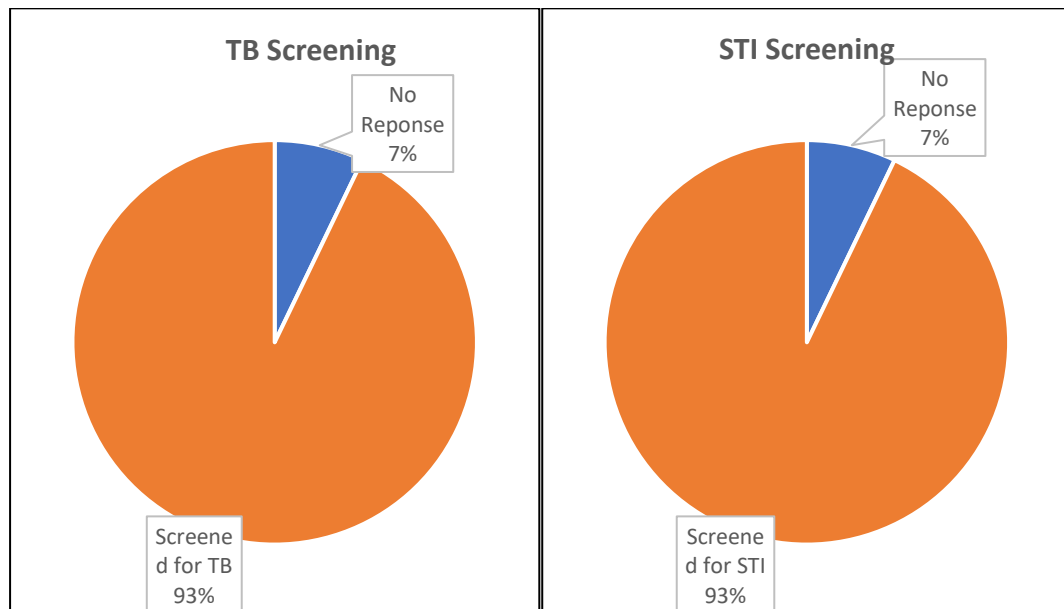


HIV Testing Approach:



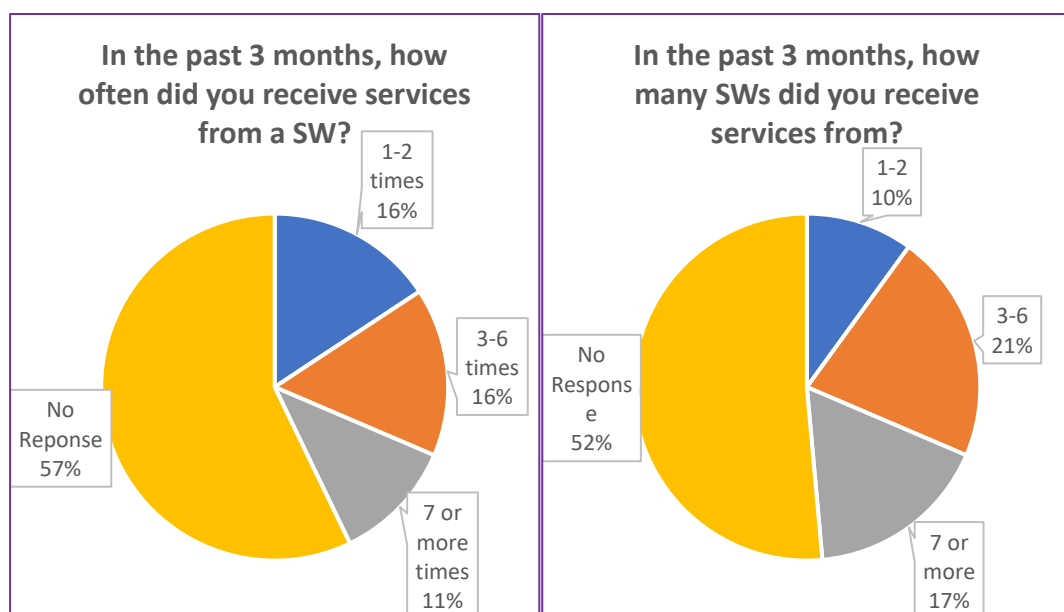
Client/partners of SW with no response, 38% (13/34) are known HIV+ and on ART and for those that received an HIV test either through HIV-SS or RDT were all HIV negative. 36% (13/36) clients/partners of SW were initiated on PrEP for the 1st time and 22% (8/36) were referred for PrEP services.

TB and STI Screening:

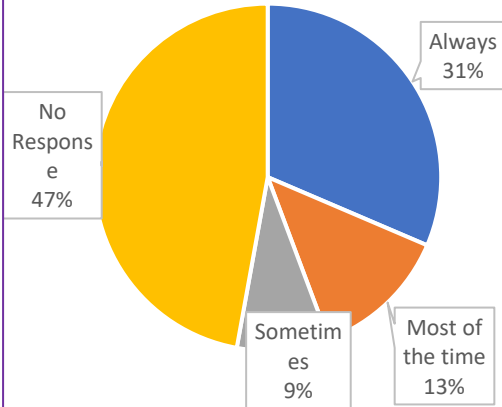


93% (65/70) clients/partners of SW were screened for TB and STIs. No symptoms for TB were identified. 2% (1/65) clients/partners of SW were found to be STI symptomatic and was referred for STI treatment.

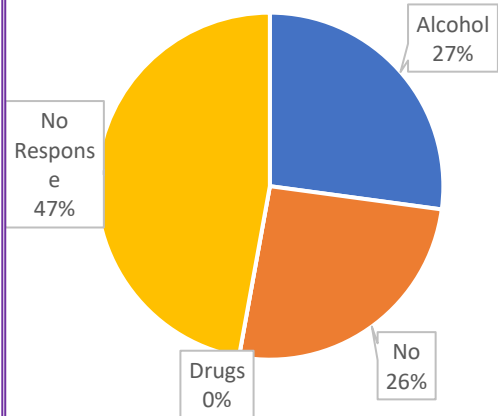
Lifestyle Questions:



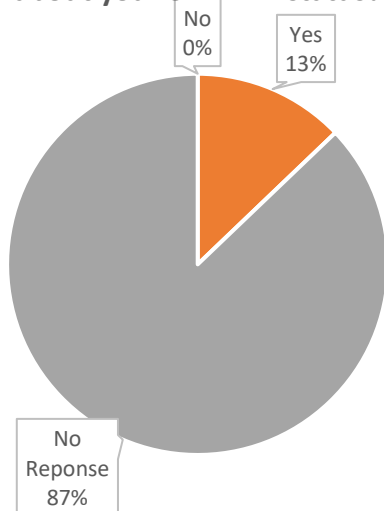
Of the time you received a service from a SW, how often did you use a condom?



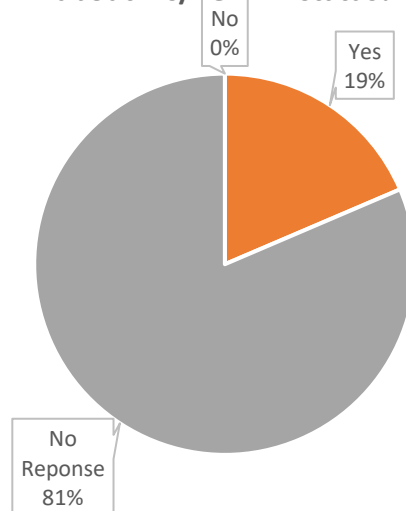
Did you use any substance/s before receiving services from a SW?

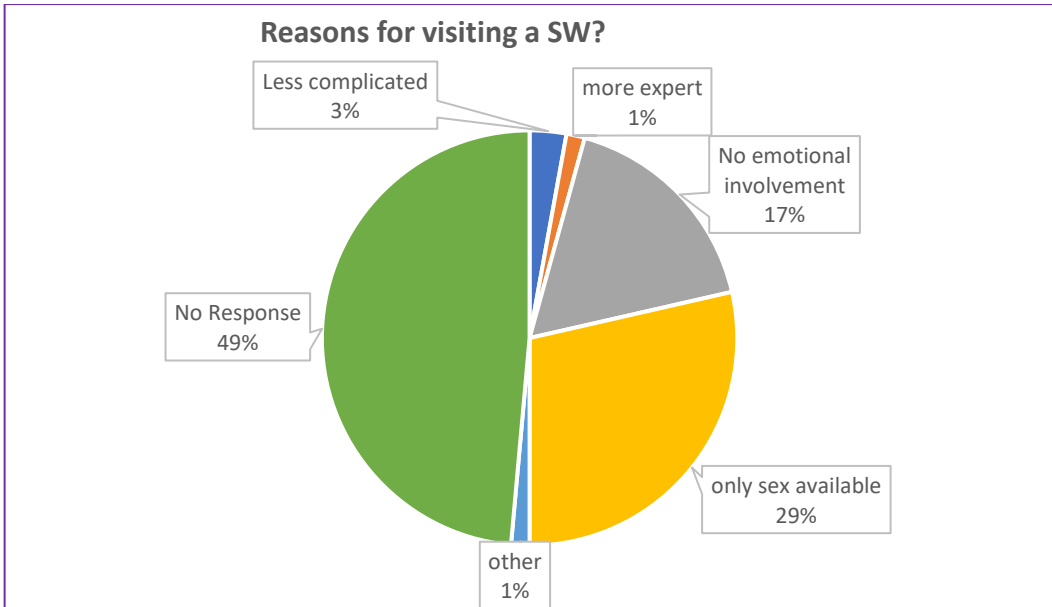


Have you talked to SW/s about your own HIV status?

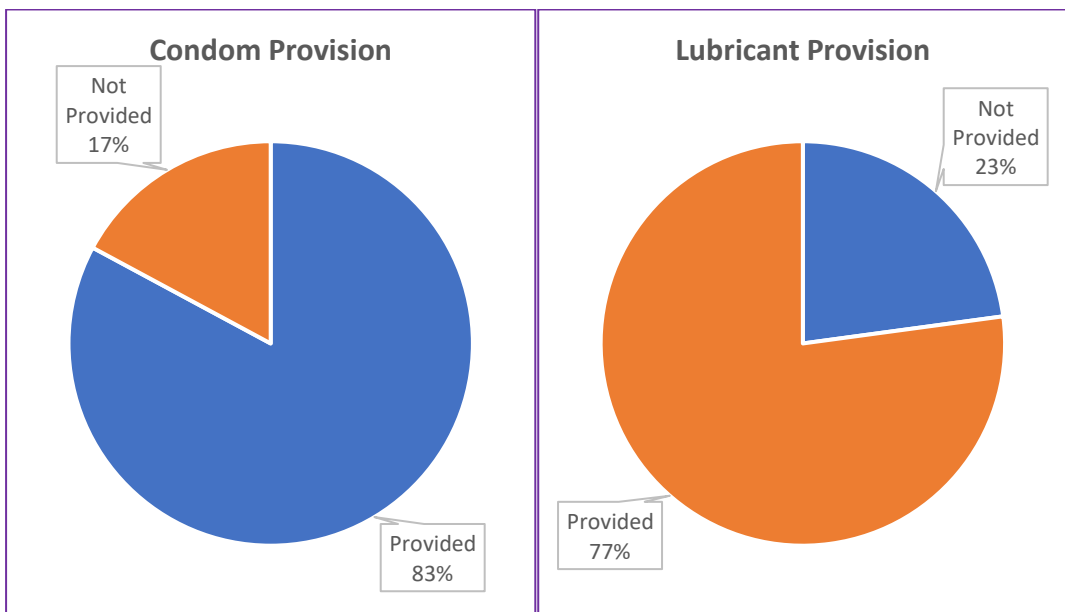


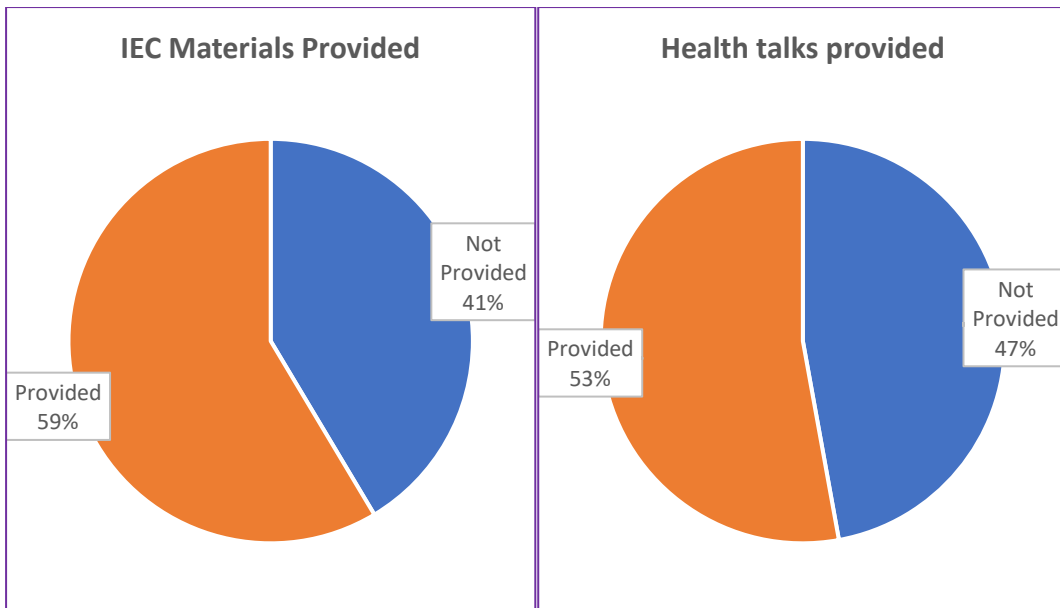
Have you talked to SW/s about his/her HIV status?





Condoms, Lubricant, IEC Materials and Health Talks:

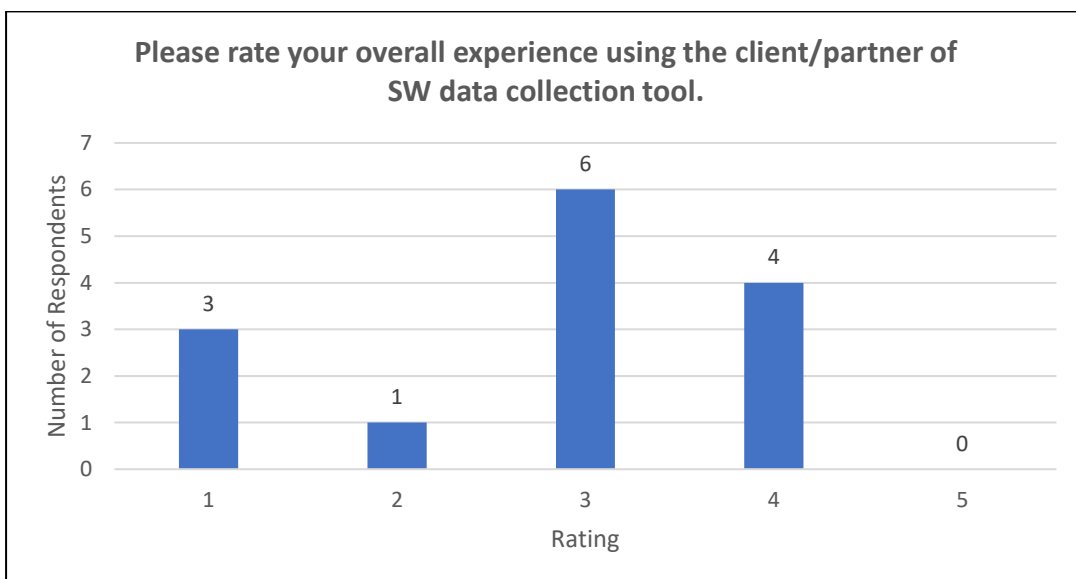




4. SR Feedback survey on using the client of SW data collection tool

Completion rate: 5/7 SRs have completed the feedback survey, Amathole district did not participate in the pilot and Bojanala district did not complete the survey.

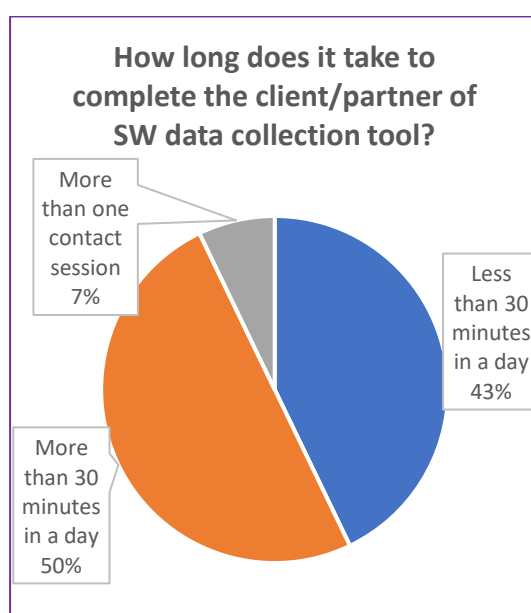
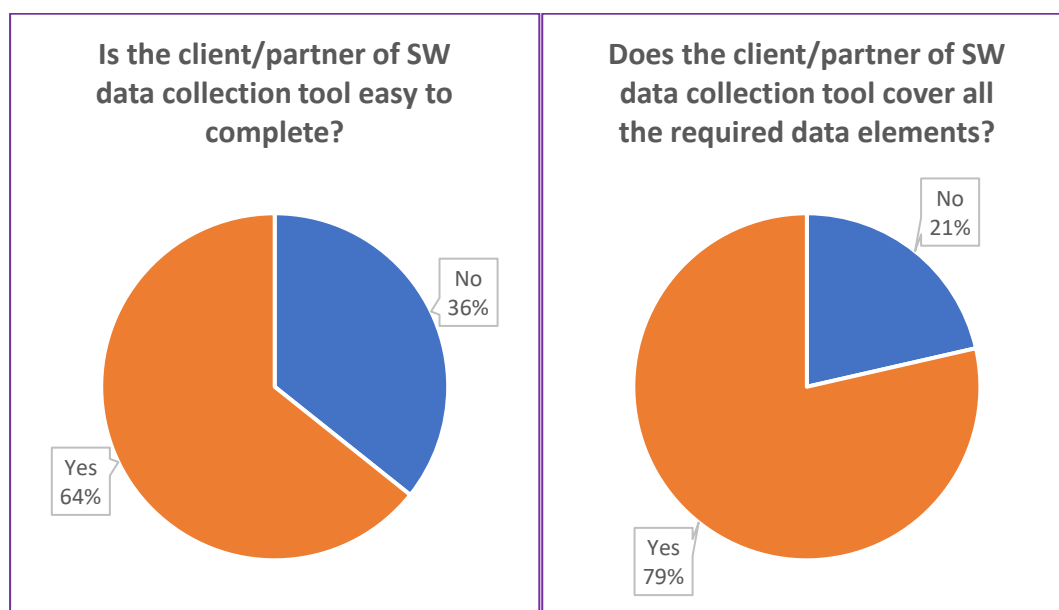
Overall rating on the use of the data collection tool:



Rating rubric:

1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Good; 4 = Very Good; 5 = Excellent

Data collection tool:



For the one respondent that indicated "More than one contact session", it was recorded that 3 contact sessions were needed to complete the tool.

What are some of the key challenges that you identified when completing the client/partner of SW data collection tool?

- The data collection tool is too long.
- Some questions are not necessary/personal such as address, partner details, work, and education. "Will make our clients to feel as if we're spying on them".
- The structure of the tool peer educators' questionnaires should be separated, linkage officers separated and the nurses.

- *“Should be combined with original CSF as peers/HTS already have a lot of paper work”*

Do you have any suggestions for us to improve the client/partner of SW data collection tool?

- Reduce the number of questions.
- Remove questions that are not necessary/personal such as address, partner details, work, and education. *“Will make our clients to feel as if we're spying on them”.*
- Use of the CSF instead of a new tool.

5. Next steps

- Share findings with external stakeholders for their input.
- Review of data collection tool to address some of the concerns raised by the end users.
- Discussion with programmes to ascertain useful questions and those nice to have questions to reduce the number of questions and collect meaningful data.
- Monitoring and Evaluation discussion with SP to include tool on electronic system for capturing (Orbit) and analysis (KVAP).
- Discussion with programmes on roll-out processes, SR capacity and targets.
- Orientation for SRs on data collection tool.
- Roll-out anticipated in Q6.