

Perceived AIDS Stigma (All Items)

[INTERVIEWER READ: “Now I am going to read a list of feelings that people sometimes have about living with HIV. For each statement, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree, or strongly disagree to each statement.”]

	1 = Strongly disagree	2 = Disagree	3 = Undecided	4 = Agree	5 = Strongly agree
1. I am punished by evil	1	2	3	4	5
2. My life is tainted	1	2	3	4	5
3. I am angry with myself for getting HIV	1	2	3	4	5
4. I am a disgrace to society	1	2	3	4	5
5. My life is filled with shame	1	2	3	4	5
6. I feel guilty for being the source of disruption in the family	1	2	3	4	5
7. I feel my life is worthless	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel my reputation is lost	1	2	3	4	5
9. I am content to be living with HIV	1	2	3	4	5
10. I am afraid of the disgust felt by others due to my ugly appearance	1	2	3	4	5
11. I am accused by others for being the spreader of AIDS in the community	1	2	3	4	5
12. My community always helps me	1	2	3	4	5
13. If possible I want to conceal my HIV status for life	1	2	3	4	5
14. I have the courage to be alive	1	2	3	4	5
15. People gossip about my HIV status	1	2	3	4	5
16. I always forgive my past mistakes	1	2	3	4	5
17. People look down on me	1	2	3	4	5
18. I interact with others as usual	1	2	3	4	5
19. The society isolates me	1	2	3	4	5
20. My family never blames me for getting AIDS	1	2	3	4	5
21. I feel discriminated by health workers	1	2	3	4	5
22. I feel my life in this society is lonely	1	2	3	4	5
23. My friends talk to me as usual	1	2	3	4	5
24. Most people sympathize with me	1	2	3	4	5
25. I live with the hope of having a better life	1	2	3	4	5
26. I worry about my children finding out about my HIV	1	2	3	4	5
27. I worry about my children's future	1	2	3	4	5
28. I feel guilty for being a burden for my family	1	2	3	4	5
29. I worry about how other kids will treat my children in school as a result of my HIV	1	2	3	4	5
30. I worry about how others will treat my family members as a result of my HIV	1	2	3	4	5