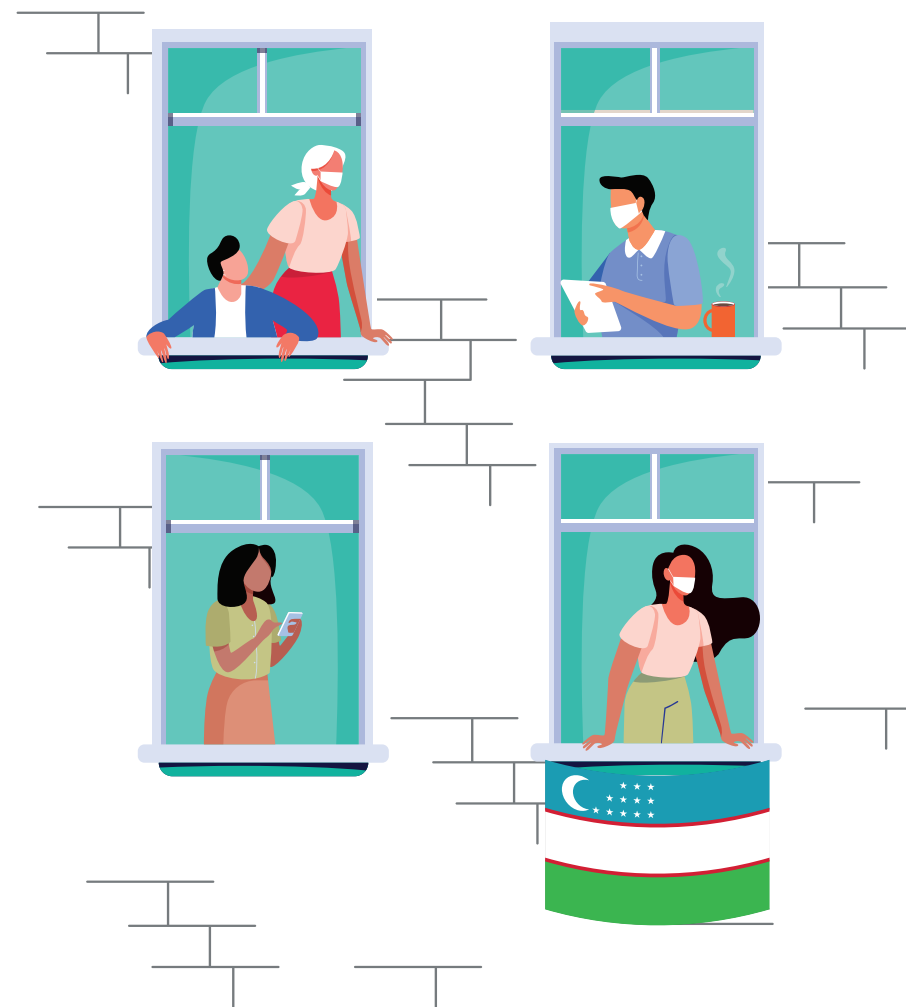


# Report on needs assessment of people living with HIV in Uzbekistan.

Rapid assessment was conducted  
during May-June 2020



The questionnaire was translated into Uzbek to scale up access to assessment for people living with HIV.

**132 (53.4%)**  
people answered in Russian

unknown HIV status  
**12 (4.9%)**

HIV negative  
**12 (4.9%)**

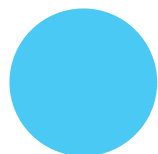
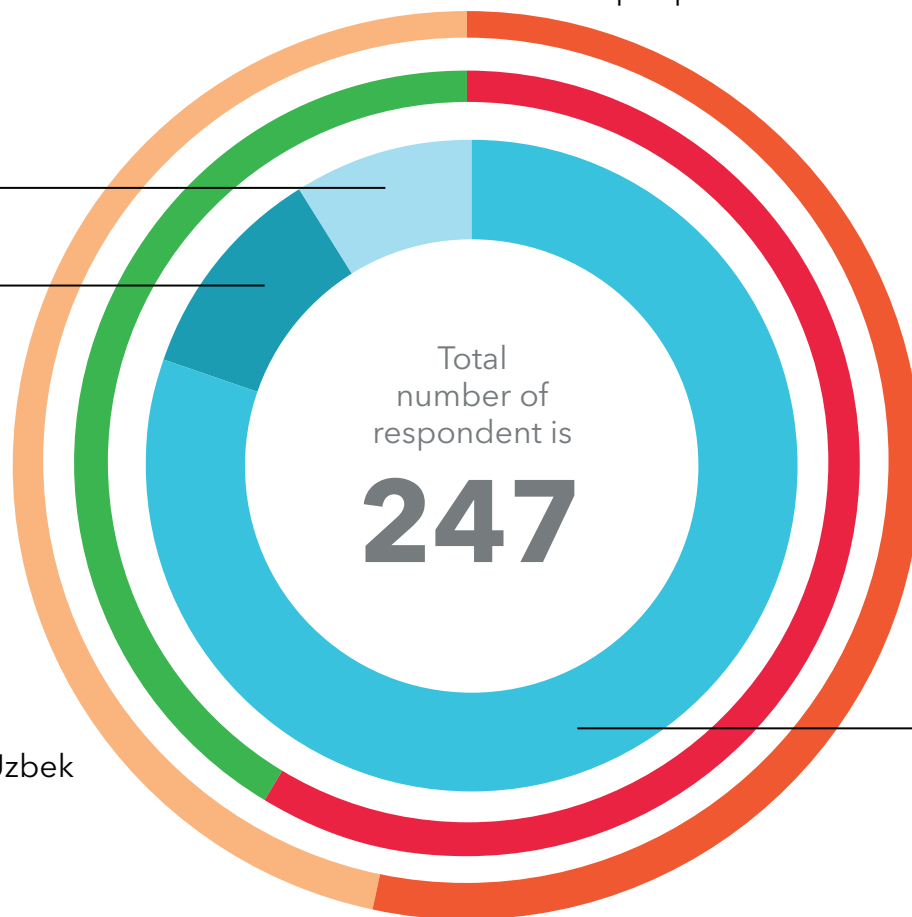
**115 (46.6%)**  
people answered in Uzbek

**102 (41.3%)** **145 (58.7%)**



Families with HIV+ children  
**71 (28.7%)**

HIV positive  
**225 (91%)**



PLHIV  
**181 people (84.6%)**

PLHIV - people living with HIV



Sex workers  
**12 people (5.6%)**



PWID  
**11 people (5.1%)**

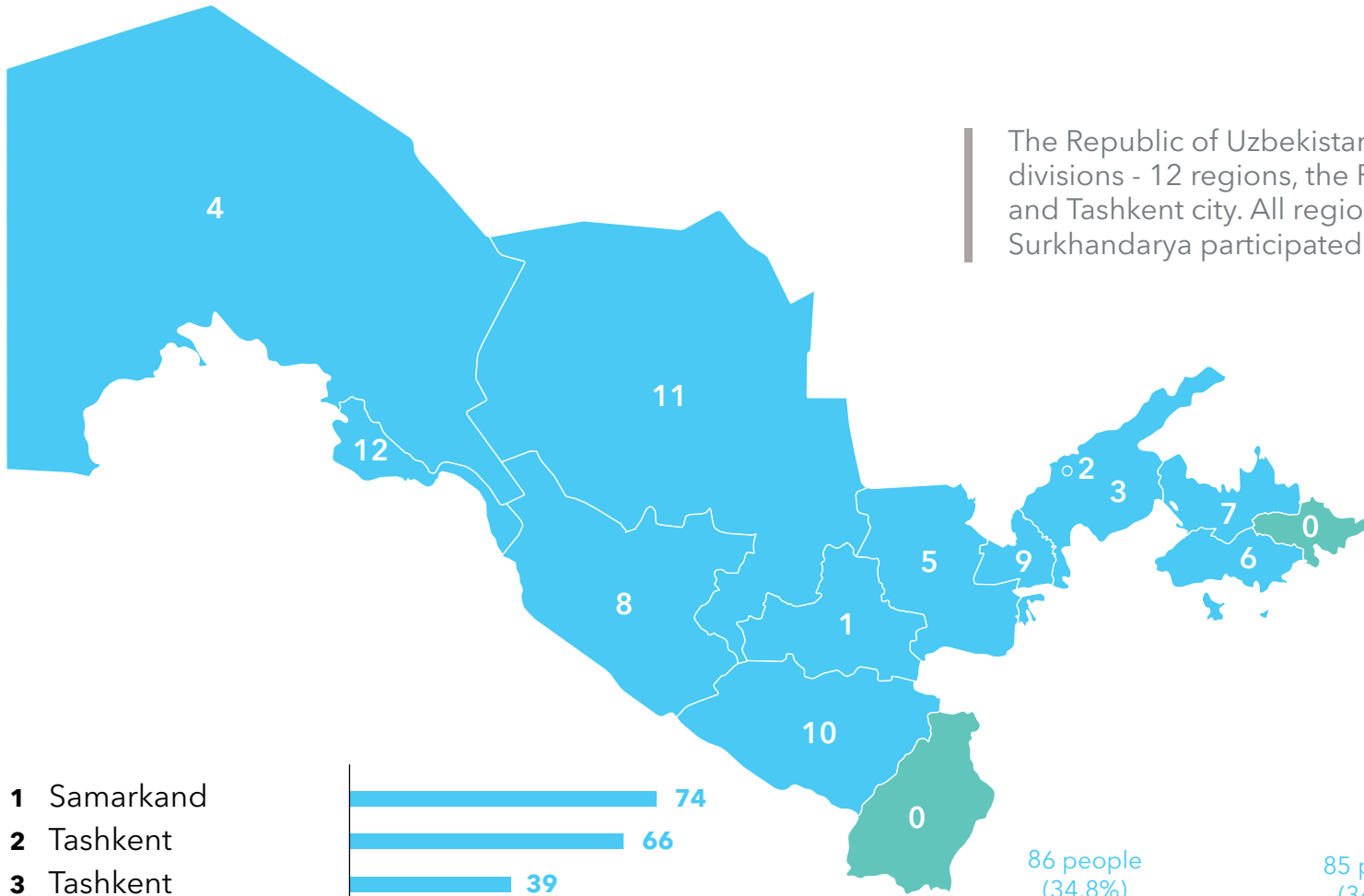
PWID - people who inject drugs



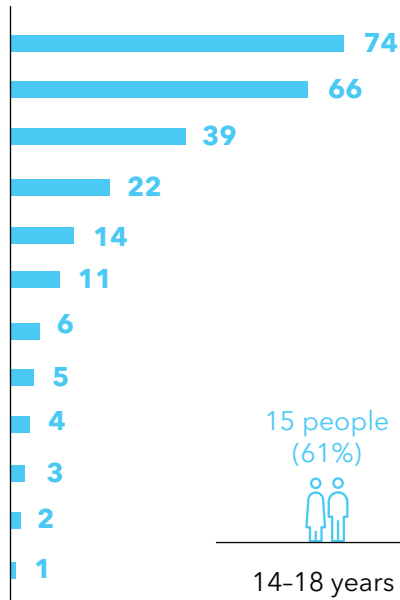
MSM  
**10 people (4.7%)**

MSM - men who have sex with men

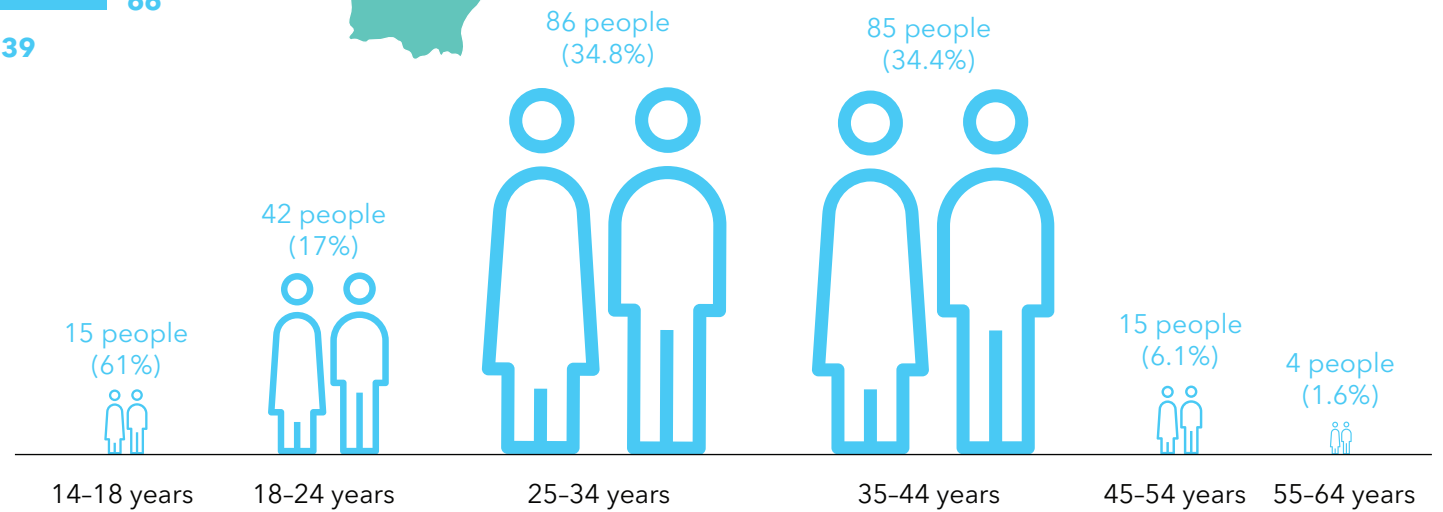
The Republic of Uzbekistan consists of 14 administrative divisions - 12 regions, the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Tashkent city. All regions except Andijan and Surkhandarya participated in the survey.



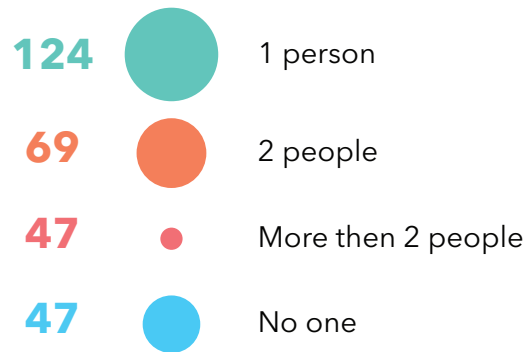
- 1 Samarkand
- 2 Tashkent
- 3 Tashkent
- 4 Karakalpakstan
- 5 Jizzakh
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- 7 Namangan
- 8 Bukhara
- 9 Syrdarya
- 10 Kashkadarya
- 11 Navoi
- 12 Khorezm



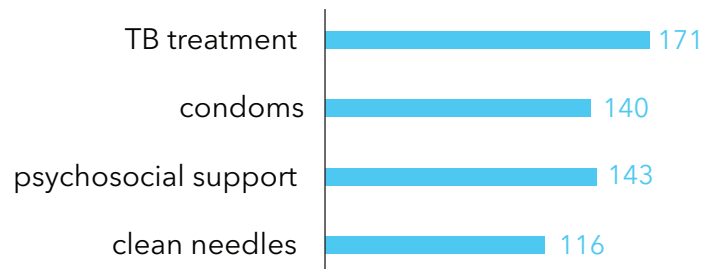
Distribution of participants by age:



How many HIV positive people in family:



The number of respondents with access to the following services:



**209 people**

received ARV without any problems

**22 people**

could not receive ARV

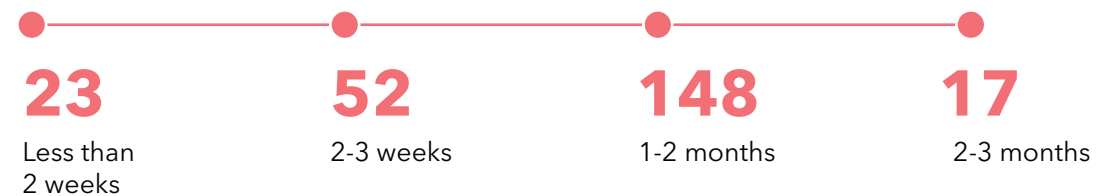
**16 people**

received ARV partially



**190 people**

received ARV during the last 2 weeks. People living with HIV have ARV for the next period of time:



Reasons why ARV was not received:



**131**

I have no problems in getting ARVs



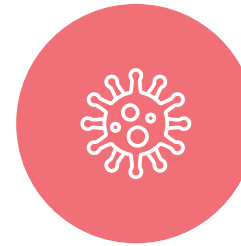
**102**

there is no transport to get to because buses don't run



**99**

need to travel by transport due to distance



**82**

fear of contracting coronavirus



**79**

city is lockdown and I can't go anywhere



**57**

I have a stock



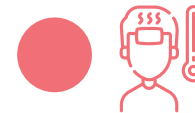
**36**

AIDS center where I get ARV is closed or working in a shortened mode



**23**

I don't know where to go to get medicine



**8**

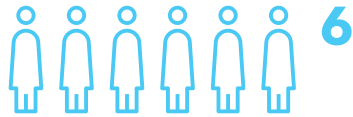
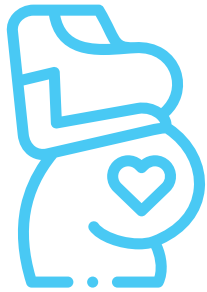
illness in the family



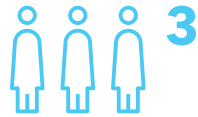
**6**

I have a disability that makes it difficult to resupply without assistance

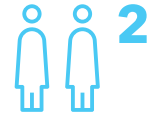
Among respondents, 17 families where there are pregnant women. Some of these families have challenges to access medical services:



there were no challenges



registration within the clinic



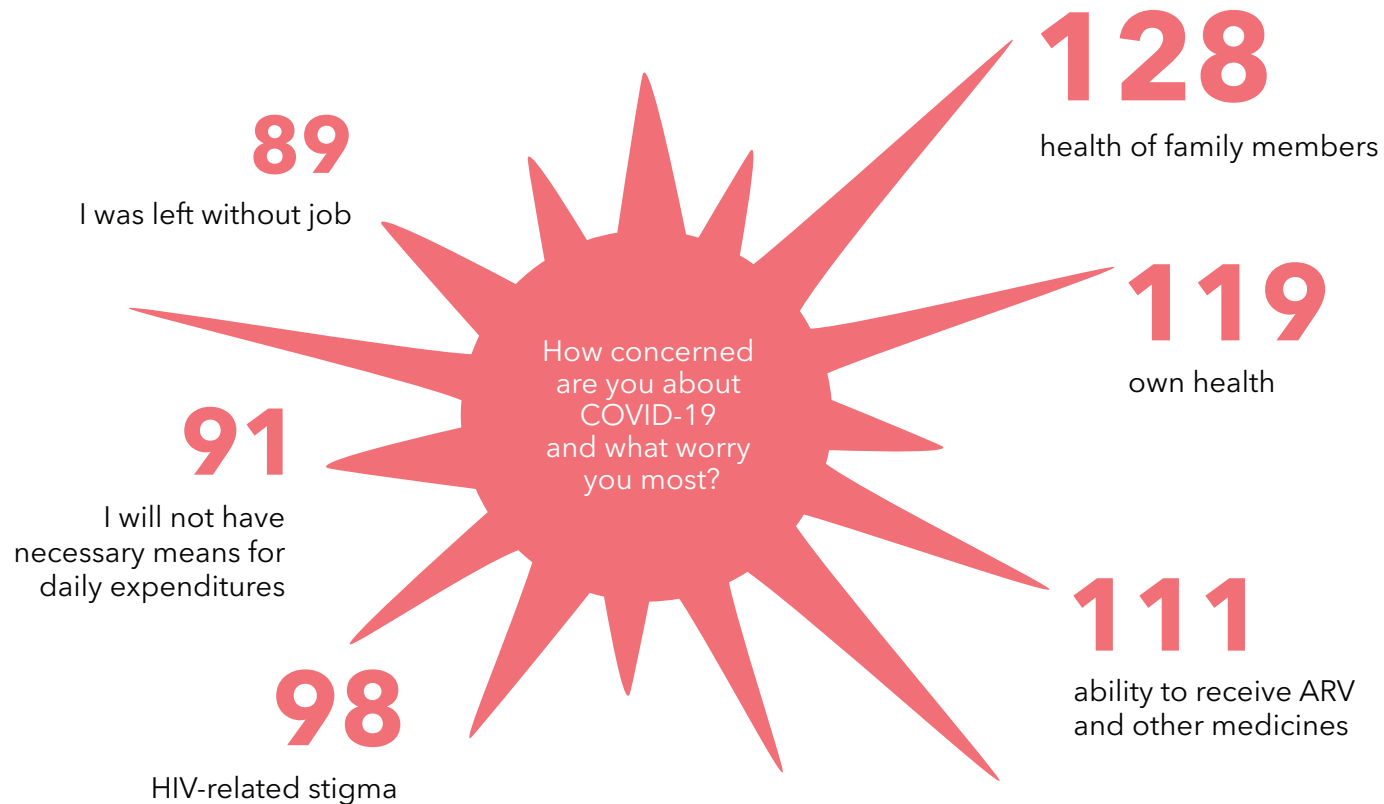
periodic check-up by doctors/ gynecologist



get through medical tests



medical examination by certain doctors



Is there access to measures to prevent COVID-19 contracting?

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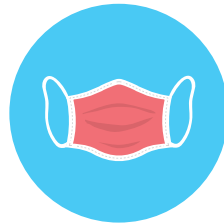
access to clean water

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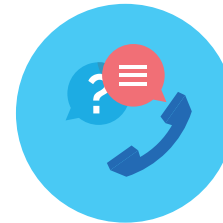
enough soap or hand sanitizer/disinfectant

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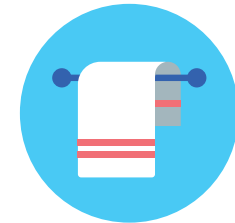
face masks

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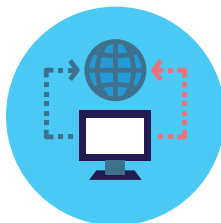
communication means, landline or mobile phone

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clean cloth or towels

137



access to Internet

122



separate space where you can isolate yourself from people who have COVID-19

103



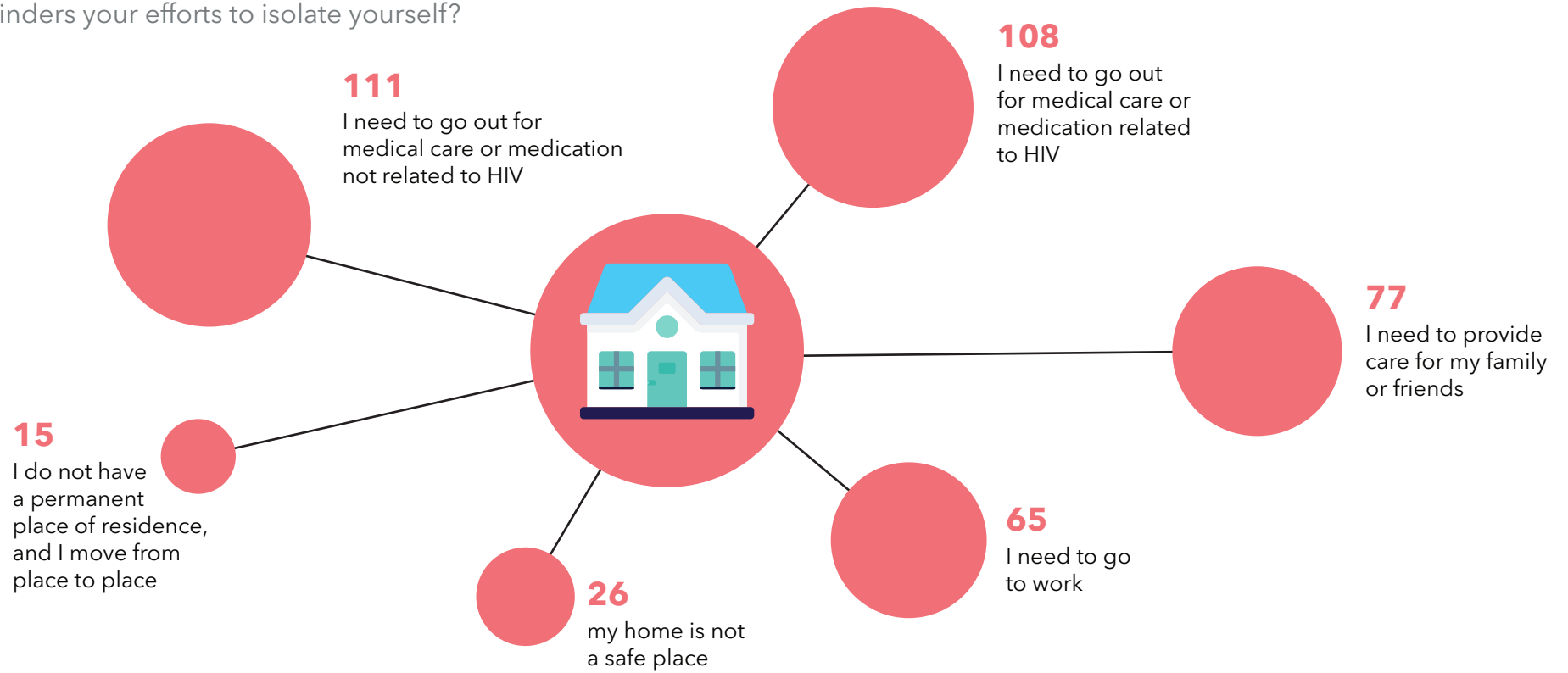
access to online shops with home delivery of products and appliances

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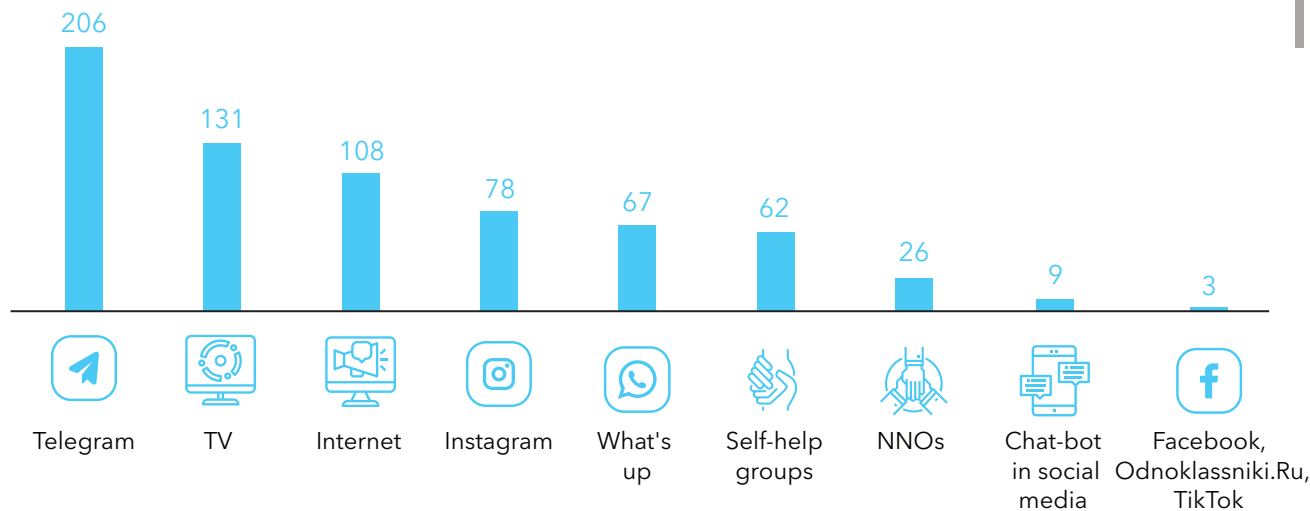


access to online pharmacies with home delivery of medicines and protective equipment

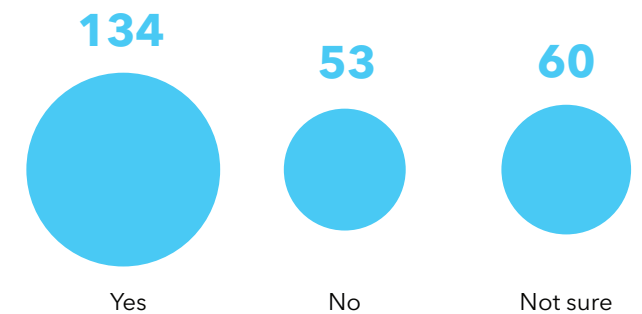
## What hinders your efforts to isolate yourself?



## Main source of information:



## Is there someone in your life that you trust and can share your fears or problems with?





Respondents mentioned several challenges in access to the following medical services:



Medical checkups and necessary examination during pregnancy



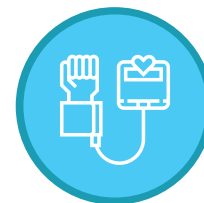
Access to ARV



Inpatient treatment, tests that should be done on regular basis, access to medications not related to ARV



Medical test related to HIV for children and adults - PCR, CD4, viral load, hepatitis C



Access to ultrasound examination, gynecologist, physician



Access to AIDS Centre services (consultation with doctors)



Planned hospital treatment of HIV



Neither me nor my child can take PCR test for CD 4 or viral load



Psychological assistance



I Can't get a check-up or buy medicine at the clinic due to border closures



Task needed medical tests



Pass a viral load test, MRI of the brain, ultrasound of the heart



MRI of the brain, ECG



Access to PCR test, general tests, diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, consultations of specialized doctors



Dental treatment



Lack of any assistance from the Kiz offices in polyclinics



Antidepressants



Consultation of specific doctors: therapist, gynecologist, endocrinologist, dermatologist, urologist, dentist, cardiologist



Annual medical check-up for me and my children