

# Knowledge, attitudes and risky behaviors towards HIV among the adult population of Mampong and Apam, Ghana.

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# Objectives

- Obtain demographic data about the adult population at the communities of Mampong and Apam.
- To assess the **awareness** of HIV in the communities of Mampong and Apam.
- To assess the **attitudes** of the community toward HIV as well as toward people living with HIV (PLWH).
- To assess **risk behaviors** for the transmission of HIV.
- To make recommendations to stakeholders and policy makers.

# Methodology



- Cross-sectional study
- 100 persons older than 18 years old were randomly selected in Mampong and 80 persons in Apam.
- The data was collected by anonymously interviewing people, using a questionnaire.
- The questionnaire consisted of 31 closed-ended questions that covered the following categories:
  - Demographic information
  - Disease knowledge including the source of knowledge.
  - Attitudes towards HIV-infected patients
  - Risky behaviors.

# Results

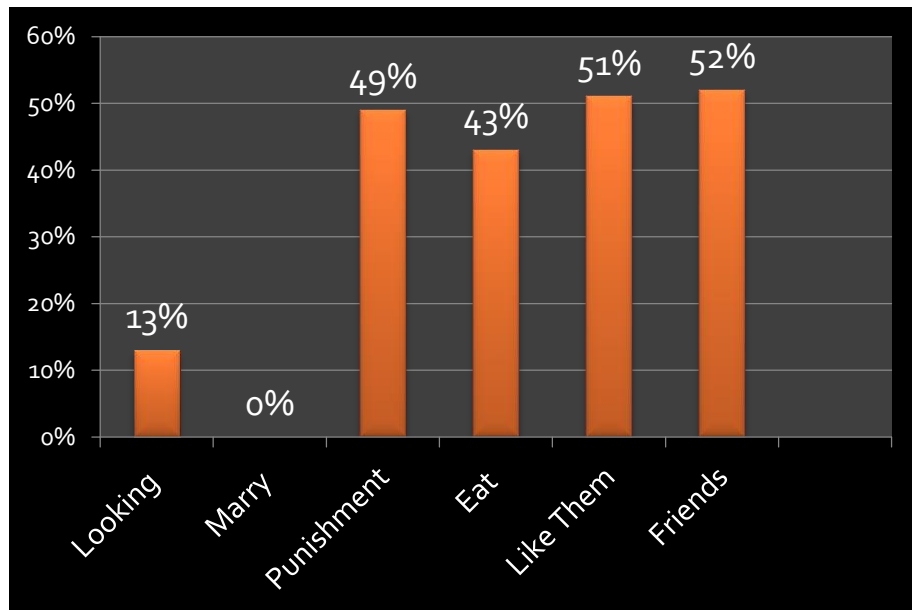
## Knowledge

Question	Percent (%) of people of responded "yes"		Percent (%) of people of responded "no"		Percent (%) of people of responded "I don't know"	
	Mampong	Apam	Mampong	Apam	Mampong	Apam
Sex	100	95	0	1.2	0	3.8
M. Ptnr	97	93.8	2	3.8	1	2.5
Drug	39	35	49	57.5	12	7.5
Delivery	87	33.8	7	48.8	6	17.5
Kiss	47	61.2	47	33.8	6	1
Touch	3	1.2	96	96.2	1	2.5
Air	23	12.5	72	87.5	2	0
Breast	87	96.2	11	3.8	2	0
Talk	2	0	96	100	2	0
Can Get	43	57.5	47	42.5	10	0
Tx	22	62.5	67	30	11	7.5
Cure	8	1.2	86	97.5	6	1.2

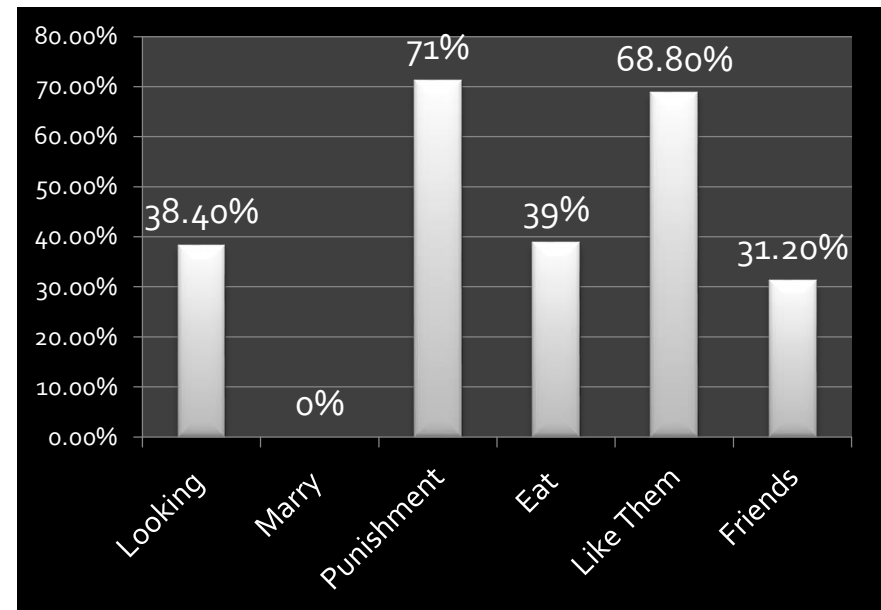
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% of people who answered "yes"



Mampong



Apam

# Conclusion



- The population was found to be well educated about the risk of getting HIV through sexual contacts. But they are still having high risky behaviors.
- Other ways of transmission (drugs, kissing, etc.) were not as clear.
- They need more education regarding the non-sexual risk factors for getting HIV.
- There is stigmatization against people with HIV.

**THANKS!!**