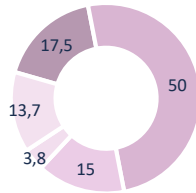
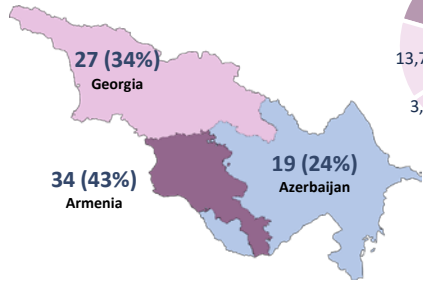


THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TRANSGENDER HEALTH IN THE CAUCASUS

RESULTS OF THE TRANSCARECOVID-19 STUDY (www.transcareCovid-19.com)

Participants

N = 80 \bar{x} = 29.9 years



- 17.5% (trans) man
- 50.0% (trans) woman
- 15.0% non-binary
- 3.8% I don't know. I don't have a preference
- 13.7% other

- people of color 6.3%
- people with disabilities 25.0%
- religious minorities 25.0%
- sex worker 46.3%
- also intersex 8.8%

- 45.0% single
- 55.0% upper secondary or post-secondary education

Chronic condition

13.8%

56.3%
Smoker

6.3%

Currently taking medication that suppresses the immune system

Health Risks

- 21.3% Back problems
- 15.0% Neurological conditions
- 12.5% Cardiovascular disease
- 11.3% Knee problems
- 8.8% Endocrine disorder
- 8.8% Rheumatoid arthritis
- 8.8% HIV
- 6.3% Upper respiratory disease
- 6.3% Infectious disease
- 3.8% Asthma
- 1.3% Osteoporosis
- 1.3% Lung disease
- 1.3% COPD

35.0% are afraid that COVID-19 will affect their access to hormones in the future

10.0% Expect that an appointment for surgery will be cancelled

3.8% An appointment for surgery was canceled

2.5% Aftercare of a recent surgery is affected

Barriers to healthcare

Restricted access to hormones?

YES 8.8%

- 2.5% I can't get an appointment with my hormone prescriber
- 6.3% I'm afraid to go to a medical provider or a hospital
- 2.5% An appointment was cancelled
- 2.5% An appointment was postponed

Access to	restricted?
Medical material that is important after surgery (e.g. vaginal dilators)	12.5%
Binders or packing material	20.0%
Non-medical supplies (e.g. wigs, shaving supplies)	50.0%

Impact of COVID-19 on transgender health care worldwide

- Over 50% of participants had risk factors for severe course of a COVID-19 infection
 - 20% higher risk compared to general population of most OSCE countries
- Participants were at a high risk of avoiding testing or treatment of a COVID-19 infection due to the fear of mistreatment or discrimination
- Access to transgender health care services was restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic for 50% of the participants.

WE THANK ALL PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE STUDY!

COVID-19: Experiences and Concerns

- 10.0% had contact with a person who was diagnosed with or is suspected to have COVID-19
- 57.5% would avoid COVID-19 testing because of fear of discrimination, even if they had shown COVID-19 symptoms
- 26.3% had avoided COVID-19 testing or care because of fear of discrimination
- 1.3% were diagnosed with COVID-19