

HEALTH AND COVID-19



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Agenda

- Background
- Overview of studies by subject
- Research by country
- Gaps
- Onward to discussion and policy options

Background

- Context
- Search criteria

HIV/PrEP/PEP

	AUTHOR	YEAR	COUNTRY	METHODS
Barriers to the right to HIV prevention health care for men who have sex with men (MSM) in Barbados: an examination of anti-gay prejudice	Griffith and Jackman	2022	Barbados	Quant
Barriers and facilitators to past six-month HIV testing among men who have sex with men in Belize	Chandler et al.	2020	Belize	Quant
Syndemic Experiences, Protective Factors, and HIV Vulnerabilities Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons in Jamaica	Logie et al.	2019	Jamaica	Quant
Barriers and facilitators to HIV testing among young men who have sex with men and transgender women in Kingston, Jamaica: a qualitative study	Logie et al.	2017	Jamaica	Qual
Estimation of Key Population Size of Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender Women in Belize	Waters et al.	2018	Belize	Quant
Validating Estimates of the Size of Key Populations: A Study in Region 4 of Guyana 2017	Reynolds et al.	2017	Guyana	Mixed
The demographic features and outcome indicators of the Barbados HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Program, 2018-2019	Best and Rambarran	2021	Barbados	Quant
Pre and Post-exposure Prophylaxis Awareness and Acceptability Among Sex Workers in Jamaica: A Cross-Sectional Study	Logie et al.	2021	Jamaica	Quant

Health Care Access

	AUTHOR	YEAR	COUNTRY	METHODS
Social-ecological factors associated with having a regular healthcare provider among lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in Jamaica	Lacombe-Duncan et al.,	2022	Jamaica	Quant
From Fringes to Focus - "A deep dive into the lived-realities of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer women and Trans Masculine Persons in 8 Caribbean Countries	Carrillo and Theron	2020	8 countries – Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago	Mixed, quant predominant
Desires for care and access to services among transgender persons in Guyana	Rambarran and Hereman	2020	Guyana	Qual
'We're Going to Leave You for Last, Because of How You Are': Transgender Women's Experiences of Gender-Based Violence in Healthcare, Education, and Police Encounters in Latin America and the Caribbean	Lanham et al.	2019	Barbados, Trinidad (El Salvador and Haiti)	Qual

Health Care Providers' KAP

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Medical Educators' Perceptions and Experiences of Transgender Curriculum in Barbados	Greaves et al.	2022	Barbados	Qual
Attitudes Toward Transgender People Among Future Caribbean Doctors	Campbell et al.	2021	Mostly Barbados	Quant
Medical Students' Attitudes Towards, and Knowledge of LGBT Persons in Guyana	Rambarran et al.	2021	Guyana	Quant
Providing Care to LGBT Patients in Guyana: An Assessment of Medical Providers' Knowledge, Attitudes and Readiness to Learn	Rambarran et al.	2020	Guyana	Mixed
An Exploration of the Perspectives and Experiences of General Practitioners in Barbados in Relation to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Patients	Rambarran and Grefell	2016	Barbados	Qual

Mental health and substance use

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Adapting the psychological mediation framework for cisgender and transgender sexual minorities in Jamaica: Implications from latent versus observed variable approaches to sexual stigma	Logie et al.	2020	Jamaica	Quant
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	White et al.**			

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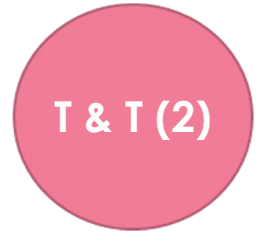
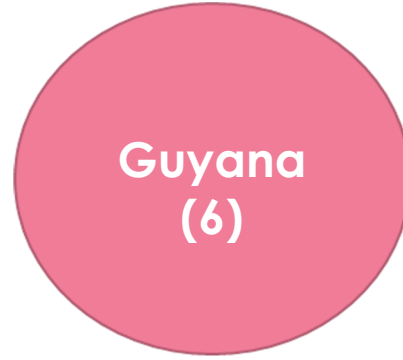
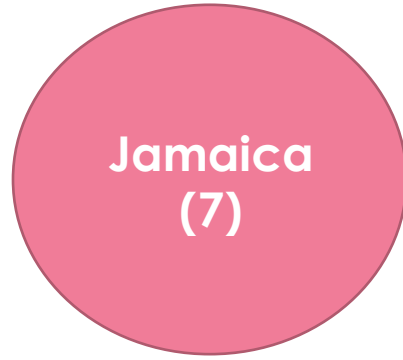
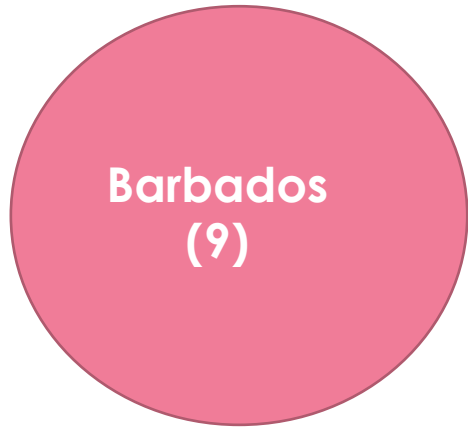
Gender Affirming Care and SRH

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Contextualising sexual health practices among lesbian and bisexual women in Jamaica: a multimethods study	Logie et al.	2018	Jamaica	Mixed

Covid-19

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LGBTI+ People in the Commonwealth in the Covid Era	Saskia Perriard-Abdoh	2020/2021	Belize, Jamaica, T&T (2021) Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, T & T, Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts, St Vincent (2020)	Quant
Vulnerability amplified: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on LGBTIQ people	OutRight Action International	2020	Barbados, Belize, Cayman, Jamaica, Guyana, Haiti, St Lucia,	Qual
Caribbean LGBTQ+ COVID 19 Survey	Gerge et al.	2020	4 countries – Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, St Lucia	Quant



Grenada (1)



St Lucia (1)



Suriname (1)

Research by country

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Gaps

- Predominance of HIV related research but very little on HIV in relation to LBQ women and trans masculine people.
- All the studies point towards need for LGBTQ+ inclusion in pre-service and service training for HCP and other staff.
- Some work done but much missing on mental health, substance use, gender affirming care, SRH, trauma and violence
- Health topics with virtually no coverage – cancer, other chronic non-communicable diseases.
- No information on intersex people

Policy Options

Public Sector

- Monitoring and data collection
- Outreach and screening
- Consultation and collaboration
- Regulatory improvements
- Prevention & direct care

Private Sector

- Social Franchising
- Commodity Social Marketing
- External Accreditation
- Vouchers
- Contracting (out/in)

Economic Development

- Cost analysis of intervention/program, side effects, and illness.
- Social determinants of health
- Health Impact Assessments
- Micro-economic policies (next slide)

Legal

- Statutory laws
- Regulatory and administrative law
- Contracts
- Case law
- and customary laws.

A closer look at micro economic options

Tax	Raises prices of goods to lower demand
Subsidies	Government pays part of the cost
Laws	I.e. minimum age for buying alcohol
Dispensations (i.e pollution permits)	Firms given the right to pollute a certain amount
Advertising & Campaigning	Public health information campaigns
Nudges	Making it harder to access or purchase demerit goods
Government price controls	Max/min pricing & access to buffer stocks
Changes in property rights	i.e. giving people the right to sue private firms re pollution
Broader social policies	Linking health to broader issues and econ
Labour market regulation	Minimum wage, benefits, etc...

Discussion Questions

- Current evidence gaps in the health sector which if addressed could inform policy-making?
- What have been the challenges and opportunities (if any) that have been encountered regarding influencing health policy or supporting the provision of inclusive health services as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic?
- Out of the four quadrant we've just looked at, private, public, economic, legal, which options seem to be the most relevant and the most implementable? How can data be used to help support these efforts?

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