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## KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE, PRACTICE TOWARDS PROVIDING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES TO HIV-POSITIVE WOMEN AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS AMONG HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN JIMMA ZONE

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**Background:** It is essential that providing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services have the knowledge and skills to address the particular concerns and problems of women living with HIV. So this makes important to undertake this study. This study seeks to assess knowledge, attitude and practice of health care providers towards providing sexual and reproductive health services to HIV-positive women in Jimma zone.

Materials & Theoretical Orientation: A facility based cross sectional study was conducted using quantitative methods of data collection among a sample of 271 health care providers from October 1–30, 2013. Bivariate analysis to look for association at <25% significance level and multivariate logistic regression to identify independent predictors at P-value of 0.05 was done.

Findings: The overall knowledge score was 109 (42.6%) of health

care providers had poor knowledge. More than half (52.7%) of the respondents had favorable attitude towards provision of sexual and reproductive health services, the overall practice score showed that 184 (71.9%) of respondents had poor practice regarding the service provision. Predictors of knowledge include: sex (AOR: 2.43, CI: 1.39, 4.20), year of experience (AOR: 3.24, CI: 1.56, 6.72), supervision (AOR: 0.54, CI: 0.31, 0.95) and payment for extra workload (AOR: 0.44, CI: 0.25, 0.76). None of independent variables were associated with attitude.

Conclusions & Significance: More than half of health care providers have favorable attitude towards provision of SRH services to HIV positive women, but a significant proportion of them have poor knowledge. Besides, most of the health care providers have poor practice scores.

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