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HIV Knowledge, Attitudes, and Sexual Behaviour among Tourism Workers in Gauteng Province, South Africa

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ABSTRACT The aim of this study was to determine tourism workers' knowledge, attitudes, and sexual behaviour related to HIV and AIDS. A survey was administered to tourism workers (n=338) from all the hotels and resorts randomly sampled in Gauteng Province, South Africa. Results indicate a medium level of HIV transmission knowledge and high HIV risk behaviour (lack of condom use, casual and multiple sexual partners). Half of the study participants (49.7%) had made sexual advances or moves to tourists or guests while tourists/guests had also made sexual advances/moves to 55% of the participants. A very large proportion of the participants (82.2 percent) either strongly agreed or agreed that HIV education programmes would help them to get educated about HIV/AIDS. The study confirms high HIV risk behaviour in the tourism sector, willingness to get educated and consequently comprehensive HIV prevention programmes are recommended for tourism workers.