

Attitude towards HIV/AIDS among Private Plantation Workers in the Southwest Region of Cameroon

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ABSTRACT The study was carried out in private plantations within the southwest region of Cameroon. A survey method was adopted to collect data for this study using simple random sampling technique. Pre-tested questionnaire/structured interview schedule and focus group discussion were used to collect data. The data was analyzed using regression analysis, Analysis of variance (ANOVA) and student's t-test. A total of 86 respondents were used for the study. The results show that although there was a high positive attitude among respondents, HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination still existed in the plantations. Stigmatization and discrimination would have a severe negative impact on the productivity of affected workers hence, intervention programmes aimed at eliminating stigmatization and other discriminatory attitudes such as education of plantation workers against blaming affected members should be carried out by the plantation administration.