

Tuberculosis and HIV at the National Level in Kenya: Results From the Second Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey

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Background: Co-morbidity with tuberculosis and HIV is a common cause of mortality in sub-Saharan Africa. In the second Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey, we collected data on knowledge and experience of HIV and tuberculosis, as well as on access to and coverage of relevant treatment services and antiretroviral therapy (ART) in Kenya.

Methods: A national, population-based household survey was conducted from October 2012 to February 2013. Information was collected through household questionnaires, and blood samples were taken for HIV, CD4 cell counts, and HIV viral load testing at a central laboratory.

Results: Overall, 13,720 persons aged 15–64 years participated; 96.7% [95% confidence interval (CI): 96.3 to 97.1] had heard of tuberculosis, of whom 2.0% (95% CI: 1.7 to 2.2) reported having prior tuberculosis. Among those with laboratory-confirmed HIV infection, 11.6% (95% CI: 8.9 to 14.3) reported prior tuberculosis.

The prevalence of laboratory-confirmed HIV infection in persons reporting prior tuberculosis was 33.2% (95% CI: 26.2 to 40.2) compared to 5.1% (95% CI: 4.5 to 5.8) in persons without prior tuberculosis. Among those in care, coverage of ART for treatment-eligible persons was 100% for those with prior tuberculosis and 88.6% (95% CI: 81.6 to 95.7) for those without. Among all HIV-infected persons, ART coverage among treatment-eligible persons was 86.9% (95% CI: 74.2 to 99.5) for persons with prior tuberculosis and 58.3% (95% CI: 47.6 to 69.0) for those without.

Conclusions: Morbidity from tuberculosis and HIV remain major health challenges in Kenya. Tuberculosis is an important entry point for HIV diagnosis and treatment. Lack of knowledge of HIV serostatus is an obstacle to access to HIV services and timely ART for prevention of HIV transmission and HIV-associated disease, including tuberculosis.

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INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis is the leading cause of death in persons with HIV.¹ Co-morbidity from HIV and tuberculosis remains an important public health challenge worldwide but disproportionately affects sub-Saharan Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that a total of 8.7 million cases of tuberculosis occurred globally in 2011, with 24% in the African region.² About 13% of tuberculosis cases worldwide were co-infected with HIV, and approximately 430,000 deaths in HIV-infected persons in 2011 were due to tuberculosis.² Because HIV infection rates are highest in sub-Saharan Africa, infection with tuberculosis is highly prevalent there, and people living with HIV are at increased risk for developing tuberculosis disease, sub-Saharan Africa is especially affected by co-morbidity from HIV and tuberculosis.³ In 2011, sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 79% of all cases of HIV-associated tuberculosis in the world, and 39% of persons with tuberculosis in the region were estimated to be infected with HIV.²

WHO guidelines use tuberculosis as an indicator in the staging of HIV disease, and treatment guidelines now recommend antiretroviral therapy (ART) for all HIV-infected individuals early after tuberculosis diagnosis.⁴ To reduce the burden of both diseases and to maximize program effectiveness

and efficiency, WHO has stressed the importance of strong collaboration between tuberculosis and HIV programs and integration of service delivery to the extent possible for maximal patient convenience.^{4,5} Key interventions include HIV testing and counseling in tuberculosis clinics, offering HIV prevention services to tuberculosis patients, tuberculosis screening and infection control in HIV clinics, provision of cotrimoxazole to HIV-infected tuberculosis patients, providing ART to patients with HIV-associated tuberculosis early after diagnosis, and offering preventive therapy for tuberculosis after exclusion of active disease to all persons living with HIV.

Kenya ranks 13 of 22 countries with high tuberculosis burden.² Based on the first Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey (KAIS 2007), the population prevalence of HIV infection was 7.1% among adults and adolescents aged 15–64 years,⁶ indicating that Kenya ranked fourth in the world in numbers of people living with HIV. The HIV prevalence in tuberculosis patients in Kenya in 2011 was 39%.⁷ Implementation of integrated tuberculosis and HIV services has improved progressively with uptake of HIV testing in tuberculosis clinics increasing from 60% in 2006 to at least 88% in 2009.⁸

Planning and implementation of the second Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey (KAIS 2012) offered the opportunity to collect data on aspects of HIV and tuberculosis at the population level and to describe the extent of their association. This article describes population-level knowledge about tuberculosis, demographic and clinical characteristics of persons who report prior tuberculosis disease and treatment for prior tuberculosis, rates of co-infection with tuberculosis and HIV disease, and care and treatment coverage among HIV-infected persons by tuberculosis status. These data should be useful to the Kenya Ministry of Health to inform and prioritize future policies and guidance for addressing the dual epidemics of tuberculosis and HIV.

METHODS

Ethics Statement

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Ethical Review Committee, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Institutional Review Board, and the Committee on Human Research of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), provided ethical review and approval of the survey protocol.

Study Design

KAIS 2012 was a nationally representative, population-based, cross-sectional household survey of Kenyans aged 18 months to 64 years conducted from October 2012 to February 2013. This survey, described in detail elsewhere, was the second of its kind in Kenya following the first KAIS conducted in 2007.⁹ It was designed to provide comprehensive data on demographic, behavioral, and biologic characteristics of persons living with HIV, in addition to providing national HIV prevalence estimates and measurement of HIV/AIDS service uptake and need. A household questionnaire was administered to the head of the household to collect household-level

information. Sex-specific individual questionnaires were administered for men and women aged 15–64 years.

Information collected included demographic characteristics, sexual and reproductive history, HIV knowledge and attitudes, HIV status and treatment, tuberculosis knowledge, history of tuberculosis disease and treatment, and access to tuberculosis clinic services. Blood was collected for HIV testing at a central laboratory with identifying information removed from specimens. Persons wishing to know their HIV status were offered home-based HIV testing and counseling, with point-of-care CD4 cell count measurement and medical referral proposed for those found to be HIV-positive.

Study Subjects

This analysis is restricted to persons aged 15–64 years. Individuals who were usual residents of the household or spent the night preceding the survey visit in the sampled household were considered eligible for participation. Informed verbal consent was obtained from adults aged 18 years and above or emancipated minors who were pregnant, married, or a parent. Minors aged 15–17 years were asked to provide verbal assent, and their parents or guardians were asked to provide verbal consent before interviews were conducted.

Laboratory Testing

Biologic testing was performed at the National HIV Reference Laboratory. HIV testing was done using Kenya's validated testing algorithm, which included screening with Vironostika HIV-1/2 UNIF II Plus O Enzyme Immunoassay (bioMérieux, Marcy d'Etoile, France). Positive samples were confirmed with the Murex HIV.1.2.O HIV Enzyme Immunoassay (DiaSorin, SpA, Saluggia, Italy). Discordant results were retested with the 2 assays. Twice discordant results, if they occurred, were tested using a polymerase chain reaction assay (Cobas Amplicor HIV-1 Monitor Test, version 1.5; Roche Molecular Diagnostics, Pleasanton, CA). For quality control, all positive specimens and 5% of negative specimens were retested using the same testing algorithm at the Kenya Medical Research Institute laboratory. For persons with positive HIV tests, measurements of CD4 cell counts (BD FACSCalibur Flow Cytometer; Becton Dickinson Biosciences, San Jose, CA) were performed centrally as well as measurement of HIV viral load (Abbott M2000 Real-Time HIV-1 Assay; Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, IL).

Data Management and Analysis

Data were collected electronically at the point of interview using tablet computers (Mirus Innovations, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada). The data from interview and results of tests conducted in the household were electronically transmitted to a central database in Nairobi where data cleaning, merging, and weighting were done before analysis.

Tuberculosis disease was defined as self-reported history of tuberculosis diagnosed by a doctor or another health professional. Tuberculosis treatment completion was defined by self-report of having taken tuberculosis drugs for 6

or 8 months as prescribed by the national guidelines on treatment of new or recurrent tuberculosis, respectively. HIV viral suppression was defined as HIV RNA concentration <1000 copies per milliliter.

ART coverage was defined as the proportion of treatment-eligible persons who were receiving ART. All persons with a history of tuberculosis who were co-infected with HIV were considered in need of ART, irrespective of CD4 cell count. For persons infected with HIV without a history of tuberculosis, we assumed that those already on ART were treatment eligible, irrespective of current CD4 cell count, and they therefore contributed to both numerator and denominator for calculation of treatment coverage. In addition, persons without prior tuberculosis and not on ART who had a CD4 count \leq 350 cells per microliter were considered treatment eligible, consistent with national ART guidelines.¹⁰

Univariate and bivariate analyses were conducted to quantify associations between various demographic and behavioral factors with tuberculosis and HIV co-morbidity. Odds ratios (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI), and *P* values are presented. Analyses were conducted using SAS software version 9.3 (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC). The analysis took into account the cluster survey design, and the estimates were weighted to account for the probability in sampling and adjusted for nonresponse.

RESULTS

A total of 13,720 persons participated in the survey, of whom 5745 (42.0%) men and 7930 (58.0%) women answered questions on tuberculosis and were included in this analysis. Laboratory diagnoses for HIV infection were available for 11,599 (84.8%) persons.

Tuberculosis Knowledge

Overall, 96.7% reported having ever heard of tuberculosis, with significantly fewer women (95.9%) than men (97.7%) having heard of the disease (OR = 0.5; 95% CI: 0.5 to 0.9) (Table 1). More than 90% of individuals in all age groups, in all geographic regions, and of all educational and wealth levels had heard of tuberculosis. The laboratory-diagnosed prevalence of HIV infection in all persons who had heard of tuberculosis was 5.7% (data not shown). In contrast, only 2.9% of persons who had heard of tuberculosis reported a previous diagnosis of HIV; 28% of persons who had heard of tuberculosis had either never been tested for HIV or never received test results.

Of those who had heard of tuberculosis, 85.4% said it is curable, with knowledge slightly lower in females than in males (84.3% females vs. 87.0% males; OR = 0.8; 95% CI: 0.7 to 0.9) (Table 1). Knowledge that tuberculosis is curable was significantly associated with educational level; 86.8% of persons with secondary or higher level of education knew it to be curable compared with 81.8% of those with no primary education (OR = 1.5; 95% CI: 1.2 to 1.9). Persons aged 25 years and older were significantly more likely than youth aged 15–24 years to have correct knowledge (*P* < 0.001), and there were significant differences in knowledge by region, with a range of 90.9% of

persons in Nairobi being aware of tuberculosis curability to 75.9% in Western region (*P* < 0.001) and by urban (89.3%) versus rural (83.1%) residence (OR = 1.7; 95% CI: 1.4 to 2.0).

Of people who self-reported HIV-positive status, 94.6% knew that tuberculosis is curable, a higher proportion than for any other category and significantly higher than for those self-reporting as HIV-negative (86.7%) (OR = 2.8; 95% CI: 1.7 to 4.6) (Table 1). Persons with laboratory-diagnosed HIV infection were also significantly more likely than HIV-negative persons to have correct knowledge, although the difference was less marked (89.4% vs. 85.2%; OR = 1.5; 95% CI: 1.1 to 2.0).

Overall, 46.4% of persons who knew tuberculosis is curable were aware that it can also be cured in people living with HIV. This knowledge was significantly associated with self-reported HIV-positive status; 78.4% persons self-reporting to be HIV-positive were aware versus 48.6% among persons self-reporting as HIV-negative (OR = 4.0; 95% CI: 2.8 to 5.7) and 39.1% among those who had never been tested or received results (OR = 0.7 compared to self-reported HIV-negatives; 95% CI: 0.6 to 0.8) (Table 1). Persons with laboratory-diagnosed HIV infection were also more likely than those with HIV-negative laboratory results to know that tuberculosis is curable in persons living with HIV [67.7% versus 44.7% (OR = 2.6; 95% CI: 2.1 to 3.2)]. Age, educational level, wealth index, region, and urban versus rural residence were all significantly associated with knowing tuberculosis can be cured among HIV-positive persons (*P* < 0.001). The highest levels of knowledge were in Nyanza (55.8%) and Nairobi (56.4%) regions.

History of Tuberculosis and Tuberculosis Treatment

A total of 271 (2.0%) participants who had ever heard of tuberculosis reported ever having had tuberculosis (Table 2). Significantly fewer women than men had a history of tuberculosis, 1.6% versus 2.4% (OR = 0.7; 95% CI: 0.5 to 0.9). The proportion of persons reporting prior tuberculosis increased with age, from 0.6% in those younger than aged 25 years to 3.5% in persons aged 50 years or older (*P* < 0.0001). There were significant differences in history of tuberculosis disease by geographic region, with the highest rate (3.8%) found in Nyanza (*P* = 0.0002), but there was no association between a self-reported history of tuberculosis and level of education, wealth index, or residence.

Overall, 96.2% of persons reporting prior tuberculosis also reported receiving treatment for it, and of those who received treatment, 81.4% reported completing it (Table 2). Receipt of tuberculosis treatment was significantly higher in persons with laboratory-diagnosed HIV infection (*P* < 0.0001) but not self-reported HIV infection. Among those treated, completion rates were significantly higher in those self-reporting HIV-positive status than those self-reporting HIV-negative status (93.5% vs. 79.3%, *P* = 0.02) or laboratory-diagnosed as HIV-positive compared to a laboratory-diagnosed as HIV-negative (92.0% vs. 73.5%, *P* = 0.02) (Table 2).

Among persons with laboratory-diagnosed and self-reported HIV infection, respectively, 11.6% (95% CI: 8.9 to 14.3) and 21.0% (95% CI: 16.1 to 25.8) reported ever having

TABLE 1. Knowledge About Tuberculosis Among Persons Aged 15–64 Years by Demographic Characteristics and HIV Status, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

	All Participants	Have You Ever Heard of an Illness Called Tuberculosis?*		Can Tuberculosis be Cured?†		Can Tuberculosis be Cured in People With HIV?‡	
	Unweighted, N	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)
Sex							
Men	5745	5613	97.7 (97.3 to 98.2)	4914	87.0 (85.6 to 88.3)	2378	49.1 (47.0 to 51.3)
Women	7930	7605	95.9 (95.3 to 96.6)	6459	84.3 (83.1 to 85.6)	2816	44.3 (42.4 to 46.1)
Age category, yrs							
15–24	4528	4344	95.9 (95.2 to 96.6)	3494	79.3 (77.4 to 81.2)	1428	41.6 (39.4 to 43.7)
25–29	2138	2081	97.6 (96.8 to 98.4)	1808	86.5 (84.7 to 88.4)	802	44.6 (41.8 to 47.5)
30–39	3099	3013	97.1 (96.4 to 97.9)	2707	89.3 (87.9 to 90.6)	1330	50.5 (48.0 to 52.9)
40–49	2003	1934	96.8 (95.9 to 97.7)	1721	89.2 (87.5 to 90.8)	879	51.3 (48.2 to 54.4)
50–64	1907	1846	96.7 (95.8 to 97.6)	1643	88.4 (86.6 to 90.2)	755	46.3 (43.0 to 49.6)
Highest educational attainment							
No primary	1560	1443	91.1 (88.6 to 93.6)	1208	81.8 (78.4 to 85.1)	398	38.5 (33.4 to 43.7)
Incomplete primary	1156	1114	95.8 (94.3 to 97.4)	915	80.1 (76.8 to 83.4)	382	43.7 (39.2 to 48.2)
Complete primary	4303	4203	97.7 (97.1 to 98.2)	3613	85.2 (83.8 to 86.7)	1566	42.9 (40.9 to 45.0)
Secondary or higher	6648	6450	97.0 (96.5 to 97.6)	5630	86.8 (85.5 to 88.1)	2845	49.8 (47.9 to 51.8)
Region							
Nairobi	1731	1701	98.4 (97.5 to 99.2)	1542	90.9 (89.2 to 92.6)	859	56.4 (52.9 to 59.9)
Central	1578	1547	98.1 (97.4 to 98.8)	1364	89.3 (87.1 to 91.4)	571	41.4 (37.7 to 45.0)
Nyanza	1829	1760	96.4 (95.0 to 97.7)	1500	85.6 (83.4 to 87.9)	826	55.8 (50.0 to 61.6)
Rift Valley North	1258	1203	95.6 (93.8 to 97.4)	1044	86.1 (83.0 to 89.2)	543	50.9 (45.1 to 56.7)
Rift Valley South	1220	1167	95.5 (94.1 to 96.9)	961	82.5 (78.0 to 87.0)	398	40.6 (35.7 to 45.4)
Eastern North	1217	1166	95.9 (93.7 to 98.1)	1056	91.6 (87.4 to 95.7)	343	33.3 (27.0 to 39.6)
Eastern South	1460	1413	96.9 (96.0 to 97.8)	1168	82.9 (79.8 to 86.1)	405	35.7 (32.5 to 39.0)
Western	1675	1604	95.6 (94.5 to 96.8)	1226	75.9 (73.0 to 78.7)	546	44.5 (41.5 to 47.4)
Coast	1707	1657	97.4 (96.1 to 98.6)	1512	90.8 (88.7 to 92.9)	703	48.7 (44.7 to 52.8)
Residence							
Rural	8614	8252	95.9 (95.3 to 96.5)	6909	83.1 (81.7 to 84.6)	2910	43.7 (41.6 to 45.8)
Urban	5061	4966	98.0 (97.5 to 98.6)	4464	89.3 (87.9 to 90.8)	2284	50.5 (48.2 to 52.9)
Wealth index							
Poorest	2839	2688	95.0 (93.7 to 96.2)	2239	83.0 (80.5 to 85.4)	901	43.4 (39.2 to 47.5)
Second	2849	2730	95.7 (94.8 to 96.7)	2266	81.8 (79.9 to 83.8)	955	42.9 (39.9 to 45.9)
Middle	2660	2566	96.3 (95.4 to 97.3)	2150	82.6 (80.8 to 84.4)	955	45.4 (42.7 to 48.0)
Fourth	2564	2511	97.9 (97.1 to 98.6)	2221	87.8 (86.1 to 89.5)	1027	45.6 (42.9 to 48.3)
Richest	2745	2705	98.4 (97.9 to 99.0)	2480	91.5 (90.0 to 93.1)	1349	53.3 (50.6 to 56.1)
Reported HIV status							
HIV+	363	353	97.3 (95.5 to 99.0)	334	94.6 (92.2 to 97.0)	265	78.4 (72.1 to 84.7)
HIV–	9214	8956	97.3 (96.9 to 97.8)	7817	86.7 (85.7 to 87.8)	3692	48.6 (47.0 to 50.3)
Never tested/ never received results	4098	3909	95.7 (95.0 to 96.5)	3222	82.4 (80.6 to 84.2)	1237	39.1 (36.5 to 41.7)
Laboratory HIV results							
HIV+	648	635	97.8 (96.5 to 99.1)	573	89.4 (86.6 to 92.3)	385	67.7 (63.2 to 72.2)
HIV–	10,951	10,584	96.6 (96.2 to 97.1)	9095	85.2 (84.0 to 86.4)	3996	44.7 (43.1 to 46.4)

Totals may vary between variables due to missing data.

*Among all participants.

†Among participants who said they have ever heard about tuberculosis.

‡Among participants who said that tuberculosis can be cured.

TABLE 2. History and Treatment of Tuberculosis Among Persons Aged 15–64 Years Who Had Ever Heard of Tuberculosis by Demographic Characteristics and HIV Status, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

	All Participants Who Said They Ever Heard of Tuberculosis			Ever Been Treated for the Tuberculosis†		Completed TB Treatment‡	
	Unweighted, N	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)
Total	13,195	271	2.0 (1.7 to 2.2)	261	96.2 (93.7 to 98.8)	168	81.4 (75.0 to 87.9)
Sex							
Men	5604	139	2.4 (2.0 to 2.8)	133	95.4 (91.7 to 99.1)	84	78.9 (70.0 to 87.7)
Women	7591	132	1.6 (1.3 to 2.0)	128	97.1 (93.8 to 100)	84	84.4 (76.2 to 92.6)
Age category, yrs							
15–24	4335	27	0.6 (0.3 to 0.8)	25	87.8 (71.7 to 100)	14	62.7 (39.1 to 86.3)
25–29	2079	29	1.4 (0.8 to 1.9)	26	90.1 (79.3 to 100)	20	89.2 (77.1 to 100)
30–39	3011	81	2.7 (2.0 to 3.4)	79	97.3 (93.5 to 100)	51	81.7 (70.8 to 92.6)
40–49	1928	67	3.1 (2.2 to 4.0)	66	99.8 (99.5 to 100)	45	89.0 (77.1 to 100)
50–64	1842	67	3.5 (2.6 to 4.4)	65	97.6 (94.3 to 100)	38	77.4 (64.0 to 90.7)
Highest educational attainment							
No primary	1436	34	1.8 (1.0 to 2.6)	33	99.4 (98.3 to 100)	16	79.0 (53.9 to 100)
Incomplete primary	1113	21	2.2 (1.3 to 3.2)	20	91.9 (76.6 to 100)	12	70.9 (46.5 to 95.2)
Complete primary	4193	74	1.7 (1.3 to 2.1)	69	92.5 (85.9 to 99.1)	44	76.1 (63.8 to 88.5)
Secondary or higher	6445	142	2.1 (1.7 to 2.5)	139	98.4 (96.4 to 100)	96	85.7 (78.9 to 92.6)
Region							
Nairobi	1700	35	2.2 (1.5 to 2.9)	35	100	24	83.6 (65.6 to 100)
Central	1544	32	1.9 (1.3 to 2.6)	30	92.8 (82.6 to 100)	21	82.5 (65.3 to 99.8)
Nyanza	1756	66	3.8 (2.7 to 4.8)	63	95.8 (91.1 to 100)	43	87.1 (75.3 to 98.8)
Rift Valley North	1201	16	1.4 (0.7 to 2.0)	15	91.8 (76.7 to 100)	11	83.4 (60.1 to 100)
Rift Valley South	1167	18	1.6 (0.6 to 2.5)	18	100	10	71.9 (50.7 to 93.0)
Eastern North	1165	32	2.9 (1.8 to 4.0)	31	97.7 (93.2 to 100)	18	89.0 (74.3 to 100)
Eastern South	1410	21	1.4 (0.8 to 2.1)	21	100	13	83.4 (61.6 to 100)
Western	1603	25	1.6 (0.9 to 2.3)	23	93.1 (83.5 to 100)	10	62.8 (34.1 to 91.5)
Coast	1649	26	1.5 (0.9 to 2.0)	25	95.0 (85.0 to 100)	18	86.5 (69.2 to 100)
Residence							
Rural	8238	167	2.0 (1.6 to 2.4)	160	95.9 (92.5 to 99.2)	98	80.6 (72.5 to 88.7)
Urban	4957	104	1.9 (1.5 to 2.3)	101	96.9 (93.2 to 100)	70	82.8 (72.3 to 93.3)
Wealth index							
Poorest	2683	61	2.1 (1.3 to 2.8)	60	99.8 (99.5 to 100)	33	77.3 (65.4 to 89.3)
Second	2722	61	2.1 (1.5 to 2.8)	59	95.6 (89.4 to 100)	37	77.5 (64.1 to 90.8)
Middle	2562	40	1.7 (1.0 to 2.3)	37	93.4 (86.0 to 100)	26	85.9 (72.0 to 99.7)
Fourth	2506	65	2.4 (1.8 to 3.0)	62	94.4 (88.2 to 100)	43	87.0 (76.0 to 98.1)
Richest	2704	44	1.6 (1.0 to 2.1)	43	98.2 (94.6 to 100)	29	80.3 (63.1 to 97.5)
Reported HIV status							
HIV+	352	74	21.0 (16.1 to 25.8)	73	99.0 (96.9 to 100)	56	93.5 (86.1 to 100)
HIV–	8946	155	1.7 (1.4 to 2.0)	148	95.3 (91.4 to 99.1)	94	79.3 (70.9 to 87.7)
Never tested/never received results	3897	42	1.0 (0.7 to 1.4)	40	94.0 (85.9 to 100)	18	62.3 (40.6 to 84.1)
Laboratory HIV result							
HIV+	633	75	11.6 (8.9 to 14.3)	75	100	59	92.0 (83.8 to 100)
HIV–	10,570	159	1.4 (1.1 to 1.7)	150	94.2 (90.1 to 98.3)	86	73.5 (64.6 to 82.5)

Totals may vary between variables due to missing data.

*Among all patients who have ever heard of tuberculosis.

†Among patients who said they have ever had been told by a doctor that they had tuberculosis.

‡Among patients who said that they had been treated for tuberculosis and were not currently on treatment.

had tuberculosis (Table 2) compared with 1.4% (95% CI: 1.1 to 1.7) and 1.7% (95% CI: 1.4 to 2.0), respectively, of persons diagnosed or self-reported as HIV-negative. The respective HIV prevalence levels of laboratory-diagnosed and self-reported HIV infection in persons with prior tuberculosis were 33.2% (95% CI: 26.2 to 40.2) and 33.4% (95% CI: 26.7 to 40.1) compared with 5.1% (95% CI: 4.5 to 5.8) and 3.2% (95% CI: 2.6 to 3.8), respectively, in those without prior tuberculosis (data not shown). Highly significant associations between HIV infection, laboratory-diagnosed or self-reported, and a history of prior tuberculosis were observed [for laboratory-diagnosed HIV infection: OR = 9.2; 95% CI: 6.6 to 12.8 (Table 3) and for self-reported HIV infection: OR = 15.4; 95% CI: 10.8 to 21.9] (Table 4).

Factors Associated With HIV Co-infection in Persons With History of Tuberculosis

Compared with HIV-uninfected persons with prior tuberculosis, those co-infected with HIV and tuberculosis were more likely to be women (OR = 2.1; 95% CI: 1.1 to 3.9) (Table 5). HIV-infected persons with prior tuberculosis were more likely to be urban residents than HIV-uninfected persons with such a history (OR = 2.4; 95% CI: 1.2 to 4.5) and were more likely to be from Nyanza region (compared to Nairobi region; OR = 3.1; 95% CI: 1.1 to 8.5). HIV co-infected persons were wealthier than HIV-uninfected persons with prior tuberculosis ($P = 0.006$).

The proportion of HIV-uninfected persons with history of tuberculosis peaked among persons aged 25–34 years, at 27.4%. In contrast, the proportion of HIV-infected persons with a history of tuberculosis peaked higher and later among persons aged 35–44 years (34.1%) and 45–54 years (33.8%). The latter distribution corresponded with the age distribution for HIV prevalence in the population, where HIV prevalence peaked among persons aged 35–54 years, at 9.4% (Fig. 1).

Awareness of HIV Serostatus and Access to HIV Care and ART

Overall, 47% of persons with HIV infection were aware of their infection.¹¹ However, knowledge of HIV infection was significantly higher among persons with prior tuberculosis (77.2%) compared with persons without prior tuberculosis (42.9%) (Table 6). Among persons who were aware of their HIV infection, those with prior tuberculosis were more likely

to be in HIV care (99.0%) than those without prior tuberculosis (89.8%) ($P < 0.0001$).

Among all HIV-infected persons, the proportion of those with and without prior tuberculosis who were on ART were 73.9% and 26.2%, respectively. Persons with prior tuberculosis therefore accounted for 28.8% (56/200) of all those taking ART. For persons who were aware of their HIV status, the respective proportions taking ART were 95.7% for those with prior tuberculosis and 61.2% for those without prior tuberculosis ($P < 0.0001$).

To estimate ART coverage for HIV-infected persons without prior tuberculosis who were in care, we examined persons with CD4 counts available and considered all persons on ART as treatment eligible, as well as those untreated who had a CD4 cell count ≤ 350 cells per microliter. The proportion of treatment-eligible persons without prior tuberculosis who were in care and receiving ART was 88.6%.

For both groups, ART coverage was lower when was assessed among all HIV-infected persons eligible for treatment, including those without knowledge of HIV serostatus. Overall coverage was 86.9% for persons with prior tuberculosis and 58.3% for those without prior tuberculosis ($P < 0.0001$). Approximately, three-quarters of HIV-infected persons on ART had achieved virologic suppression (76.6% among persons with prior tuberculosis and 74.5% among persons without prior tuberculosis).

DISCUSSION

KAIS 2012 gives insight into the epidemics of HIV and tuberculosis and their association in Kenya. Overall, 5.6% of adults and adolescents aged 15 to 64 years were infected with HIV in the survey,¹¹ and 2% of those who had heard of tuberculosis reported ever having had tuberculosis. In 2011, the Kenya Ministry of Health’s Division of Leprosy, Tuberculosis and Lung Disease reported a total of 103,981 cases of tuberculosis nationally.⁷ In KAIS 2012, almost one third of persons who reported prior tuberculosis were infected with HIV compared with 5.1% of persons without prior tuberculosis. In addition, 11.6% of persons with laboratory-diagnosed HIV infection reported having had tuberculosis previously. In contrast, only 1.4% of HIV-negative persons reported prior tuberculosis, indicative of the greatly increased relative risk for this disease that HIV infection confers at a population level. The association between HIV and tuberculosis was even stronger for the smaller group of persons

TABLE 3. Association Between History of Tuberculosis and Laboratory-Diagnosed HIV Status Among Persons Aged 15–64 Years Who Had Ever Heard of Tuberculosis, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

	History of Tuberculosis	No History of Tuberculosis	Total
HIV+	75	558	633
HIV–	159	10,411	10,570
Total	234	10,969	11,203

OR = 9.2 (95% CI: 6.6 to 12.8).

TABLE 4. Association Between History of Tuberculosis and Self-Reported HIV Status Among Persons Aged 15–64 Years Who Had Ever Heard of Tuberculosis, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

	History of Tuberculosis	No History of Tuberculosis	Total
HIV+	74	278	352
HIV–	155	8791	8966
Total	229	9089	9318

OR = 15.4 (95% CI: 10.8 to 21.9).

TABLE 5. History of Tuberculosis by Laboratory-Diagnosed HIV Status and Associations With Demographic Characteristics and Self-Reported HIV Status Among Persons Aged 15–64 Years Who Had Ever Heard of Tuberculosis, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

Select Variables	TB+/HIV+		TB+/HIV–		OR (95% CI)	P
	Unweighted, n (N = 75)	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n (N = 151)	Weighted % (95% CI)		
Sex						
Men	30	46.0 (34.9 to 57.2)	88	64.4 (55.5 to 73.2)	1.0	—
Women	45	54.0 (42.8 to 65.1)	71	35.6 (26.8 to 44.5)	2.1 (1.1 to 3.9)	0.0173
Age category, yrs						
15–24	0	—	27	17.6 (11.0 to 24.1)	—	<0.0001
25–29	5	5.5 (0 to 11.2)	17	12.1 (5.7 to 18.4)	1.0	—
30–39	29	38.5 (26.8 to 50.2)	43	28.8 (20.2 to 37.5)	3.0 (0.9 to 10.0)	0.0721
40–49	18	23.6 (13.8 to 33.4)	33	19.2 (12.0 to 26.4)	2.9 (0.8 to 10.5)	0.1019
50–64	23	32.4 (19.8 to 45.0)	39	22.4 (14.9 to 29.8)	3.3 (1.0 to 11.4)	0.0577
Highest educational attainment						
No primary	4	3.0 (0 to 6.1)	24	5.3 (2.2 to 8.4)	1.0	—
Incomplete primary	3	5.4 (0 to 11.7)	15	10.3 (5.0 to 15.5)	1.1 (0.2 to 7.1)	0.9168
Complete primary	18	24.1 (12.7 to 35.5)	46	30.0 (22.3 to 37.6)	1.6 (0.4 to 6.3)	0.5361
Secondary or higher	50	67.6 (55.4 to 79.8)	74	54.4 (45.6 to 63.2)	2.4 (0.7 to 8.5)	0.1695
Region						
Nairobi	7	8.9 (3.0 to 14.8)	19	11.8 (8.0 to 15.5)	1.0	—
Central	9	10.7 (4.3 to 17.1)	21	15.4 (10.9 to 19.9)	1.0 (0.3 to 3.5)	0.9787
Nyanza	32	44.6 (32.9 to 56.3)	26	18.6 (12.8 to 24.5)	3.1 (1.1 to 8.5)	0.0282
Rift Valley North	4	5.5 (0.2 to 10.9)	8	7.9 (4.7 to 11.0)	0.9 (0.2 to 4.4)	0.9234
Rift Valley South	7	12.6 (4.0 to 21.1)	11	13.3 (5.2 to 21.4)	1.2 (0.3 to 5.6)	0.8248
Eastern North	4	0.7 (0 to 1.3)	25	2.2 (1.6 to 2.8)	0.4 (0.1 to 1.6)	0.1933
Eastern South	3	7.3 (0 to 14.9)	15	12.6 (8.7 to 16.6)	0.7 (0.1 to 3.7)	0.7094
Western	3	4.5 (0 to 9.0)	19	11.1 (8.5 to 13.8)	0.6 (0.1 to 2.5)	0.4907
Coast	6	5.3 (1.3 to 9.3)	15	7.1 (4.8 to 9.4)	1.0 (0.3 to 3.9)	0.9920
Residence						
Rural	38	51.2 (39.4 to 63.0)	109	70.6 (64.2 to 77.0)	1.0	—
Urban	37	48.8 (37.0 to 60.6)	50	29.4 (23.0 to 35.8)	2.4 (1.2 to 4.5)	0.0100
Wealth index						
Poorest	10	13.6 (5.3 to 21.9)	44	24.0 (14.1 to 33.8)	1.0	—
Second	11	15.6 (6.0 to 25.2)	41	25.5 (17.2 to 33.8)	1.2 (0.4 to 3.4)	0.7421
Middle	17	26.6 (13.4 to 39.8)	17	12.2 (6.2 to 18.2)	4.3 (1.5 to 11.9)	0.0055
Fourth	23	25.1 (15.0 to 35.3)	35	23.6 (15.4 to 31.7)	2.3 (0.8 to 6.5)	0.1065
Richest	14	19.0 (9.0 to 29.1)	22	14.8 (8.3 to 21.3)	2.5 (0.8 to 7.5)	0.1088
Reported HIV status						
HIV+	57	77.2 (66.4 to 88.0)	6	3.8 (0.6 to 7.0)	97.8 (33.9 to 282.0)	<0.0001
HIV–	12	16.2 (7.4 to 25.0)	124	76.4 (68.8 to 84.0)	1.0	—
Never tested/never received results	5	6.6 (0 to 14.4)	29	19.8 (12.7 to 26.8)	2.0 (0.6 to 6.6)	0.2660

Totals may vary between variables due to missing data. Due to rounding errors, the sum of stratum-specific estimates may not equal 100%.

self-reporting as HIV-positive, of whom 1 of 5 reported prior tuberculosis.

Reflective of the distribution of HIV infection itself,⁶ persons with a history of HIV-associated tuberculosis were more likely than those with HIV-negative tuberculosis to be female, older, and residents of urban settings and Nyanza region, where HIV prevalence is high. They also were slightly wealthier. Just over one-quarter of all HIV-infected persons taking ART had a history of prior tuberculosis, which for many was likely the indicator disease leading to HIV diagnosis and care, including ART. Since tuberculosis frequently occurs relatively early in the natural history of HIV infection,² tubercu-

losis services may be playing an analogous role to those for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, which are a frequent entry point for HIV care among women.

Although awareness of tuberculosis in the general population in Kenya was high, less than half of study participants knew that tuberculosis was curable in persons living with HIV. The finding that HIV-infected people, especially those reporting their own HIV infection, had significantly higher levels of knowledge suggests that many may have acquired this understanding from their own disease experience. Nonetheless, as only about two-thirds to three-quarters of persons with HIV knew that HIV-associated

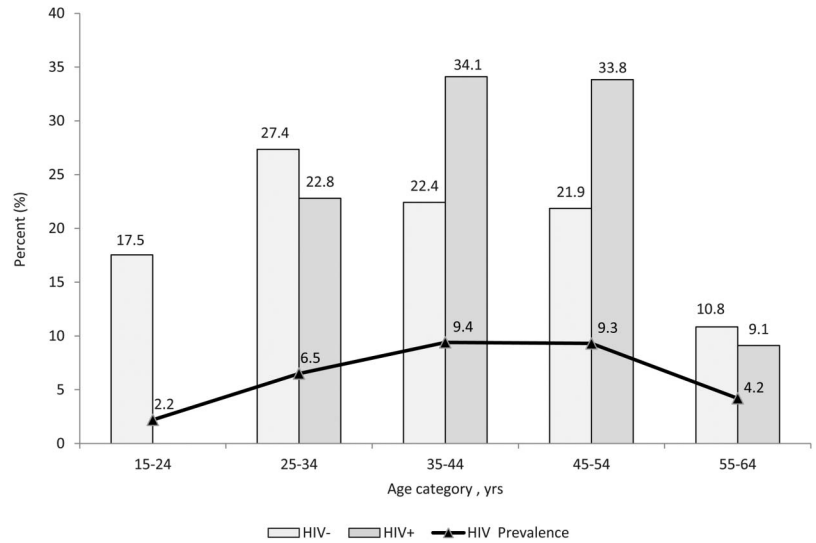


FIGURE 1. Distribution of age by HIV status and HIV prevalence among persons aged 15–64 years with history of tuberculosis, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012.

tuberculosis was curable, education about tuberculosis should constitute an important element of HIV/AIDS treatment literacy.

KAIS 2012 provided insight into access to treatment and care for HIV and tuberculosis. More than 95% of participants with self-reported prior tuberculosis reported receiving anti-tuberculosis therapy, and more than 80% of the latter reported completing it. HIV treatment programs would benefit from emulating tuberculosis programs’ approach to cohort analysis of outcomes for all persons diagnosed with HIV.¹² Although the process would be more complex because of the need for lifelong ART, analogous treatment outcomes can be defined and viral load suppression (or lack of it) could replace cure (or failure) in tuberculosis treatment as an outcome measure of HIV therapy.

KAIS 2012 reinforced observations from KAIS 2007 concerning the importance of individuals knowing their HIV serostatus.⁶ Provided people were aware of their HIV infection, access to HIV care and uptake of ART for those eligible were high. For persons who reported that they were infected with HIV, all persons with prior tuberculosis and approximately 90% without prior tuberculosis were in HIV care, and a similar proportion of such persons who were eligible for treatment were receiving ART. However, taking into account undiagnosed HIV infection, only about three-quarters of all HIV-infected persons with prior tuberculosis were in care compared to about 40% of HIV-infected persons without prior tuberculosis. Taking ART eligibility into account for all HIV-infected persons, including those undiagnosed and not in care, ART coverage was higher at 87% for persons with and 56% for persons without prior tuberculosis. In the broader KAIS sample, ART coverage regardless of tuberculosis knowledge fell in between these 2 estimates, at 61%.¹³ Among persons who accessed ART, more than 70% were virally suppressed. These estimates show progress over a few years but are lower than coverage estimates from programmatic data or modeling efforts and fall short of universal access.¹⁴

In this analysis, approximately half of persons living with HIV were unaware of their HIV infection and thus unable to access potentially life-saving services.¹⁴ HIV

testing is the essential entry into HIV care and treatment,¹⁵ but our data suggest that for many people tuberculosis disease may have been the reason for HIV diagnosis. If ART is to prevent morbidity including tuberculosis, HIV testing and ART provision must occur before people develop immunodeficiency-associated disease.^{16,17} WHO issued new guidelines in 2013 advocating ART for all HIV-infected persons with CD4 cell counts of 500 cells per microliter or below. Considerable prevention and therapeutic benefit occur at the population level with scale-up of ART initiated at the lower CD4 cell count thresholds still applied in most countries.^{18,19} Whatever future policy decisions are made,⁴ the critical requirements are widespread HIV testing, greatly increased knowledge of HIV serostatus, and timely implementation of ART, especially for those most immunosuppressed.

There were several limitations to the present study. History of tuberculosis was self-reported, and different clinical categories, such as new cases, recurrences, treatment failures, and drug-resistant cases, could not be explored. Self-reports of HIV infection were not necessarily accurate, and recall bias could have influenced participants’ reporting of previously received testing, treatment and care services, and results. Despite its public health importance, tuberculosis is still a relatively rare event and numbers were small for further analyses. Cross-sectional surveys like KAIS 2012 have intrinsic biases because participants likely differ from nonparticipants who may have been excluded because of factors relevant to both HIV infection and tuberculosis, including through hospitalization or death, resulting in potential underestimation of the true burden of tuberculosis and HIV in the population. North Eastern region, the region of the country with the lowest HIV prevalence and a relatively small population, was excluded for reasons of insecurity, so the study was not perfectly representative of the whole country. Despite these and other limitations, this national survey has given a unique assessment of the tuberculosis and HIV situation in Kenya not available through routine surveillance or program evaluations.

TABLE 6. Awareness of HIV-Positive Status and HIV Treatment Characteristics Among Laboratory-Diagnosed HIV-Infected Persons Aged 15–64 Years by History of Tuberculosis, Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey 2012

	HIV+/TB+		HIV+/TB–		P
	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	Unweighted, n	Weighted % (95% CI)	
Knowledge of HIV+ status					<0.0001
Aware of HIV+	59	77.2 (66.8 to 87.6)	238	42.9 (36.9 to 48.8)	
Not aware	16	22.8 (12.4 to 33.2)	320	57.1 (51.2 to 63.1)	
Total	75		538		
Care and treatment among those aware of HIV+ status					<0.0001
Aware of HIV+, in care and on ART	56	95.7 (92.0 to 99.4)	144	61.2 (54.8 to 67.6)	
Aware of HIV+, in care and not on ART	3	4.3 (0.6 to 8.0)	71	28.6 (22.5 to 34.7)	
Aware of HIV+, not in care and not on ART	0	—	23	10.2 (6.6 to 13.8)	
Total	59		238		
Care and treatment among all persons HIV+					<0.0001
Aware of HIV+, in care and on ART	56	73.9 (63.4 to 84.3)	144	26.2 (21.3 to 31.1)	
Aware of HIV+, in care and not on ART	3	3.3 (0.5 to 6.2)	71	12.3 (9.0 to 15.5)	
Aware of HIV+, not in care and not on ART	0	—	23	4.4 (2.8 to 6.0)	
Not aware of HIV+	16	22.8 (12.4 to 33.2)	320	57.1 (51.2 to 63.1)	
Total	75		558		
Coverage of ART among persons aware of HIV+, in care, and eligible for ART*					<0.0001
In care and on ART	29	100†	80	88.6 (81.6 to 95.7)	
In care and not on ART	0	—	8	11.4 (4.3 to 18.4)	
Total	29		88		
Coverage of ART among all persons HIV+ and eligible for ART*					<0.0001
In care and on ART	29	86.9 (74.2 to 99.5)†	80	58.3 (47.6 to 69.0)	
In care and not on ART	0	—	8	7.5 (2.8 to 12.2)	
Not aware of HIV+	4	13.1 (0.5 to 25.8)†	46	34.2 (24.4 to 43.9)	
Total	33		134		
Viral load					0.7177
Aware of HIV+, on ART, suppressed‡	43	76.6 (67.3 to 85.8)	103	74.5 (68.0 to 81.0)	
Aware of HIV+, on ART, not suppressed	13	23.4 (14.2 to 32.7)	36	25.5 (19.0 to 32.0)	
Total	56		139		

*Eligibility for ART defined as CD4 \leq 350 cells per microliter, prior history of tuberculosis, and ever taking ART.

†Estimates based on sample sizes of <50 observations and may be unreliable.

‡HIV RNA concentration <1000 copies per milliliter.

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Despite substantial progress since KAIS 2007,⁶ KAIS 2012 highlights important areas for improvement. Without universal knowledge of HIV serostatus in this country with a generalized HIV epidemic, the full benefit of ART for prevention of HIV transmission as well as of morbidity and death, including from tuberculosis, will not be realized.^{20,21} Much greater emphasis on preventing tuberculosis among persons living with HIV is required.

National surveys of tuberculosis itself, for assessment of prevalence, evaluation of case finding, and tracking of anti-tuberculous drug resistance, must also be supported in high burden countries, such as Kenya. The inclusion of tuberculosis-specific data in KAIS 2012 should lead to increased understanding, enhanced commitment to policy setting and planning for both HIV and tuberculosis, and improved services for both diseases, which remain among the most important health challenges in Kenya and on the African continent.

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