
Subject: Re: Senegal- STI in last 12 months
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 05 Aug 2016 18:44:10 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Joy Fishel:

If you look at Q937-Q942 in the woman's questionnaire, it is clear that the STI questions are asked about infections other than HIV (if the person has heard of AIDS). Also, if a person has not heard of AIDS, and they say they have had an STI in the past 12 months, they would not be referring to HIV either.

In a secondary analysis of DHS data from Mozambique ([http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-FA71-Further- Analysis.cfm](http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-FA71-Further-Analysis.cfm)), the authors did find an association between HIV infection and a history of STI, especially ulcerative STI. Other sources documenting an association of ulcerative STI and HIV infection are also cited in this report.

In addition to V763A, you may also look at V763B, and especially V763C. V763A is only asked of women who have heard of STI, so is not available for all respondents. V763B and V763C are asked of all respondents who ever had sex.
