



# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities in Johannesburg: An Effectiveness Comparative Study of HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes amidst 2011 Context

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## Abstract

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) communities in Johannesburg, South Africa face unique challenges related to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment compared to their heterosexual counterparts. Despite efforts by government and non-governmental organizations, the prevalence of HIV among LGBT individuals remains higher than that of the general population. The study employed an interpretative approach to gather qualitative data from interviews conducted with members of LGBT organizations and service providers. Focus groups were also used to collect insights into the effectiveness of various prevention programmes offered by different stakeholders in the community. A notable finding was that while some programmes significantly reduced stigma levels among participants, others failed to achieve this goal effectively due to varying engagement rates and programme design. Despite challenges, there is potential for more tailored and inclusive HIV/AIDS prevention strategies within LGBT communities in Johannesburg. Future research should explore the long-term effects of these interventions on community health outcomes. Healthcare providers and community leaders should prioritise developing culturally sensitive programmes that address specific needs and barriers faced by LGBT individuals in their communities.

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