

**Lessons in Implementing a
Reproductive Health/HIV Integrated
Program - Global Fund Grant:
The Experience of Planned
Parenthood Federation of Nigeria
(PPFN)**

Friends of the Global Fund Africa

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About Friends Africa

- Launched May 3, 2006.
- Independent, Innovative, Multisectoral Pan-African organization:
 - with credible and committed Board of Director across Africa who have strong interest in the fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria.
- Board inaugurated in Kigali on Feb 2007 by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda.



About Friends Africa

- **Mission:** ‘To mobilize political and financial support from African governments, private sector and civil society for the fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in support of the Global Fund.’
- **Vision** - ‘An African continent free of AIDS, TB and Malaria.’



Nigeria Global Fund Round 9 HIV Grant: Integration SRH/FP Component

- **Global Fund Round 9 HIV Grant included integrated reproductive health (RH) interventions;**
- **Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN) was selected by Nigeria to be a Principal Recipient (PR) for Round 9 Grant implementation.**
- **Friends Africa as a technical partner on TIP supported this Assessment of PPFN Round 9 RH/HIV Integration implementation**

About PPFN



- **PPFN is a reproductive health organization and member of the global IPPF;**
- **Works extensively in provision of integrated SRH and HIV information and services using fixed service delivery points and outreach services in expanding access to services.**
- **PPFN seeks to:**
 - **scale up gender-sensitive HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care and**
 - **enhance management and coordination of RH and HIV/AIDS programs in Nigeria.**

Purpose of the Assessment

- **The goal of the assessment was to determine the progress of the implementation of the integrated components by PPFN. Specifically,**
 - **To determine how the RH components are being translated “on ground”,**
 - **To provide lessons learned for other programmes, and**
 - **To provide understanding of key areas that still require advocacy for RH/HIV integration**

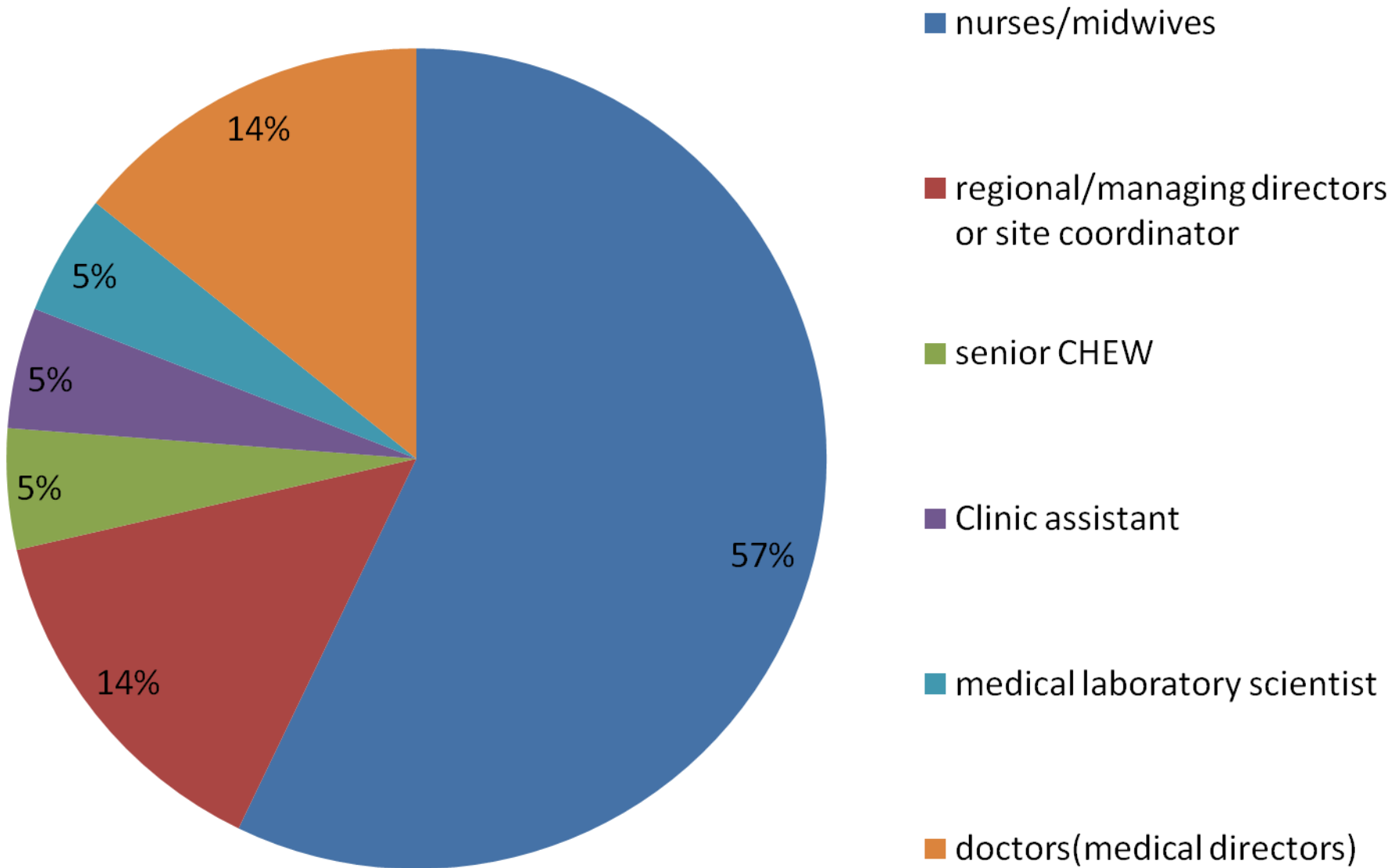
Overview of PPFN's SRH / HIV activities

- **SRH/HIV integration, using HCT as an entry point for FP and STI services**
- **For the Global Fund Grant, PPFN Programme strategies are:**
 - **Behavior change for reducing high risk sex behaviors**
 - **HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing (HCT)**
 - **Prevention of HIV transmission in the health setting including community outreach**
 - **Prompt and effective treatment of sexually transmitted infection (STIs) and condom use programming.**

Methodology/Scope of Assessment

- **Conducted extensive desk review of documents, key informant interviews with stakeholders;**
- **Conducted site visits to PPFN headquarters and three other zones in the country: South-east (Enugu), North Central (Minna) and Southwest (Ibadan) of Nigeria.**
- **Methodologies included IDIs, FGDs and Client Interviews**

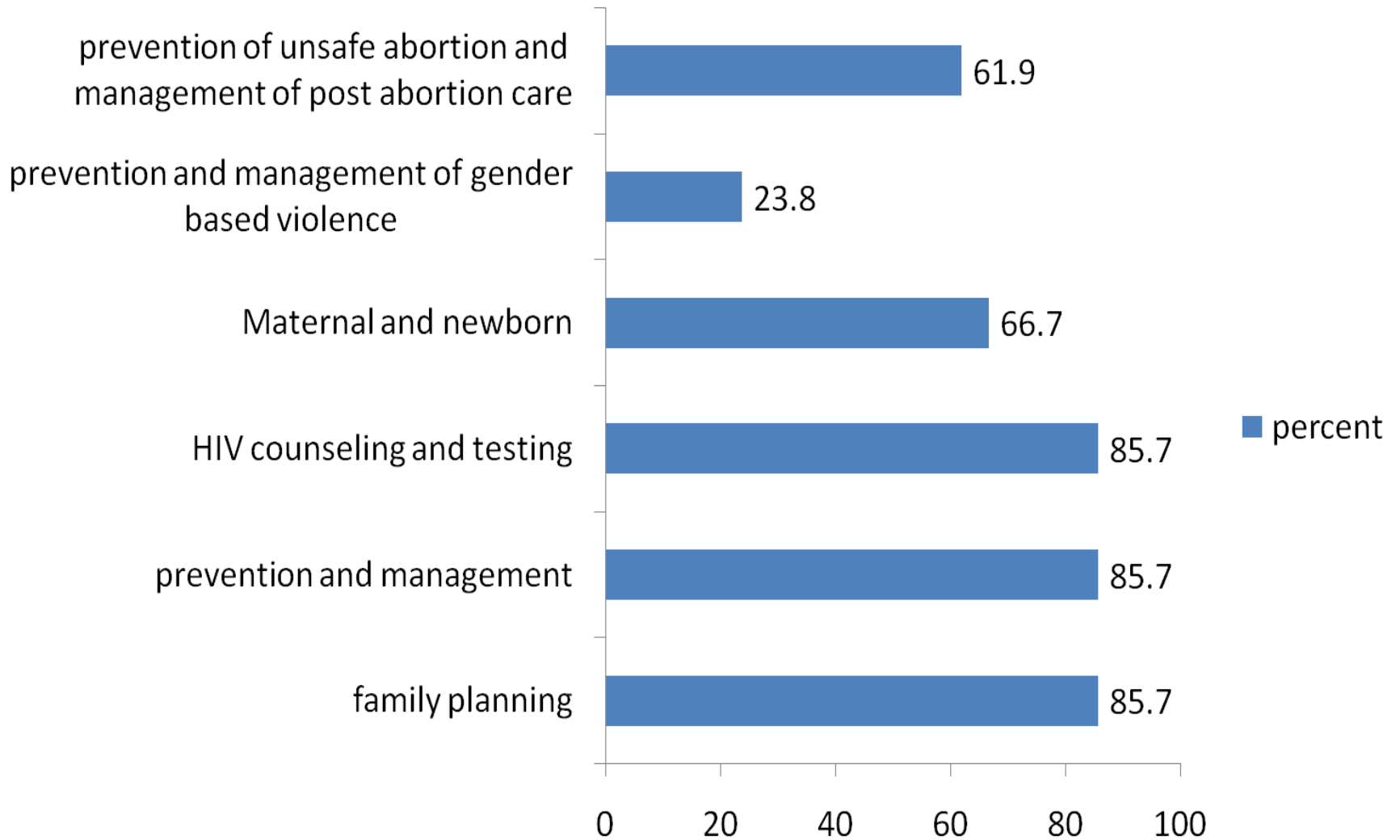
Cadre of Health Workers Interviewed



FINDINGS 1

- **All the facilities visited offered family planning, prevention and management of STIs and HIV counseling and testing (HCT) at differing levels;**
- **HIV counseling and testing (HCT) was the major “essential HIV service integrated with SRH”.**
- **Assessment showed more client-initiated HCT and client-initiated SRH request doubled that of provider-initiated request.**

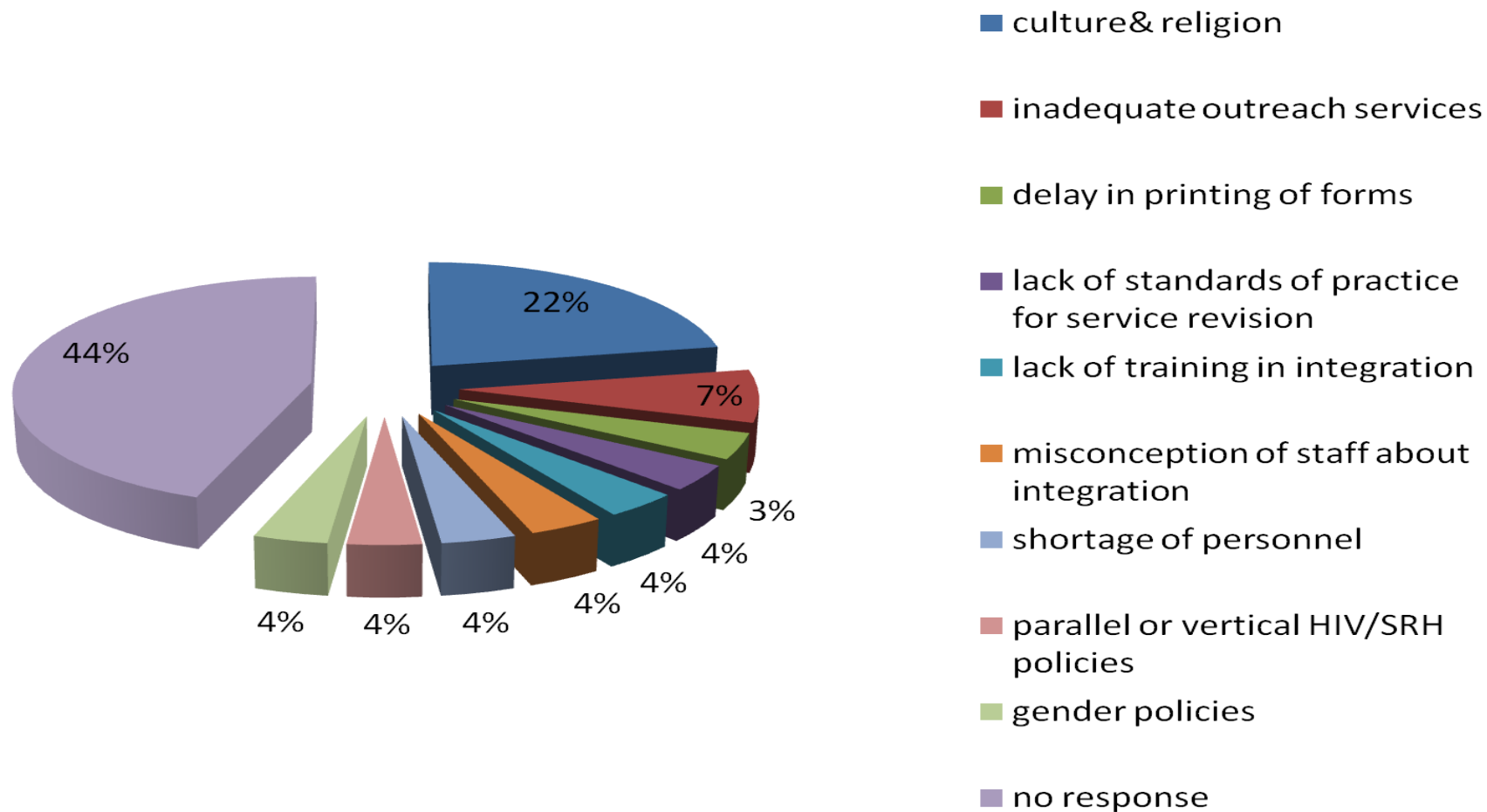
Essential Services offered by facilities



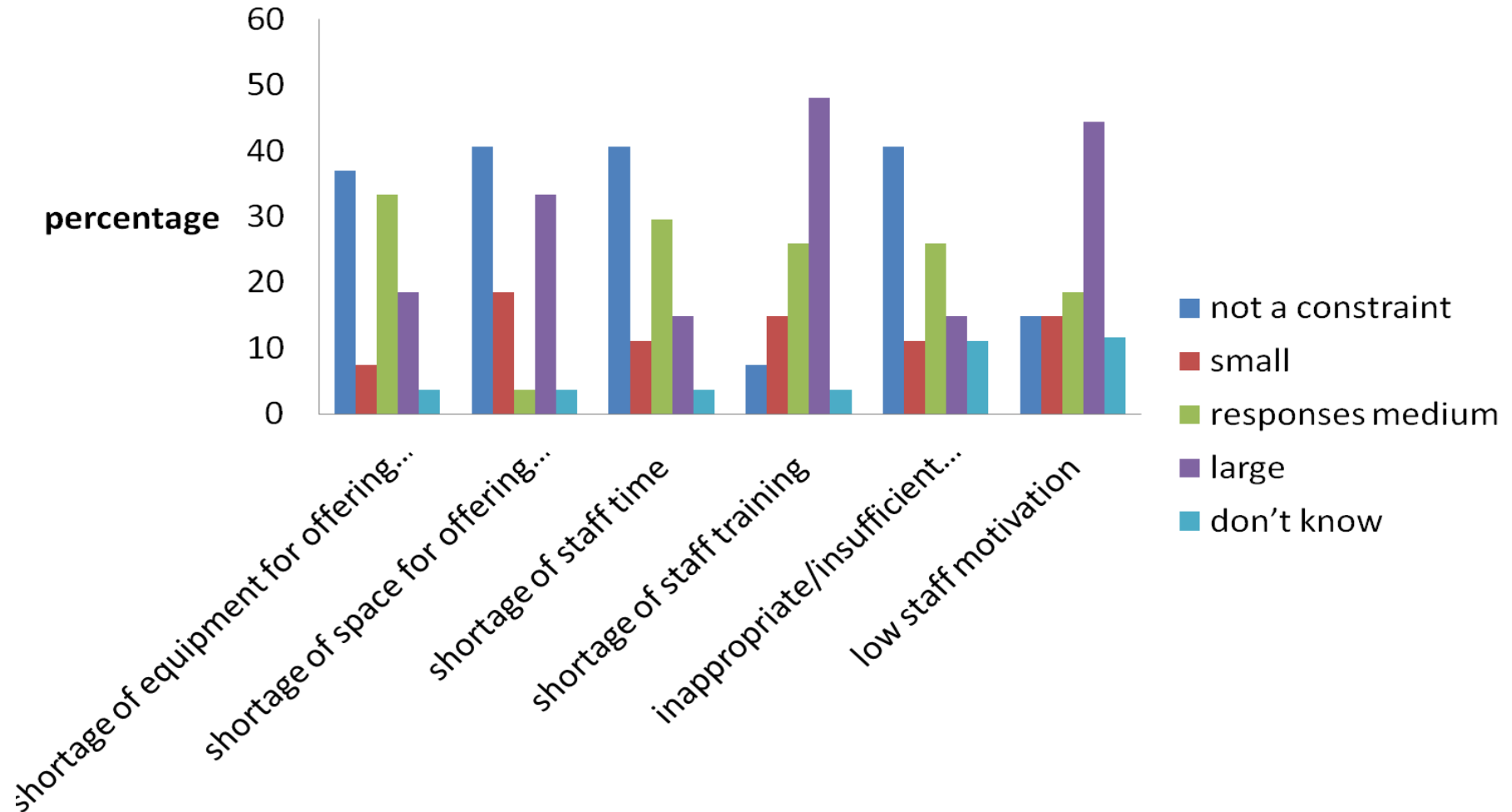
FINDINGS 2

- **Almost all the participants (96.3%) of the FGDs preferred to receive all their SRH/HIV services within the same facility.**
- **In North East region, culture and religion seemed to be the major constraints facing integration.**
- **However, integrated services increased workload for providers, efficiency of services, and time spent with the client.**

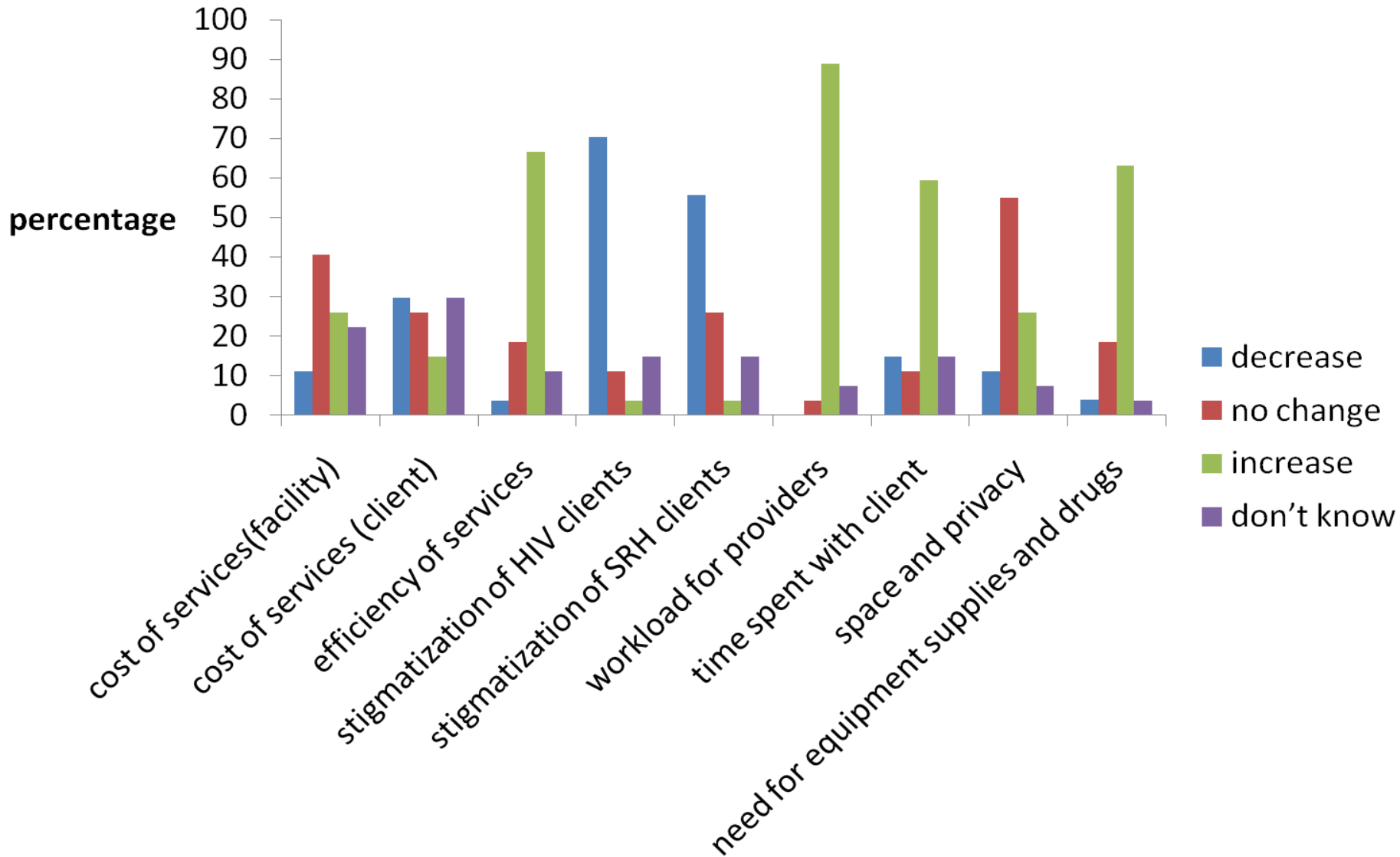
CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS TO STRENGTHENING LINKAGES BETWEEN SRH & HIV



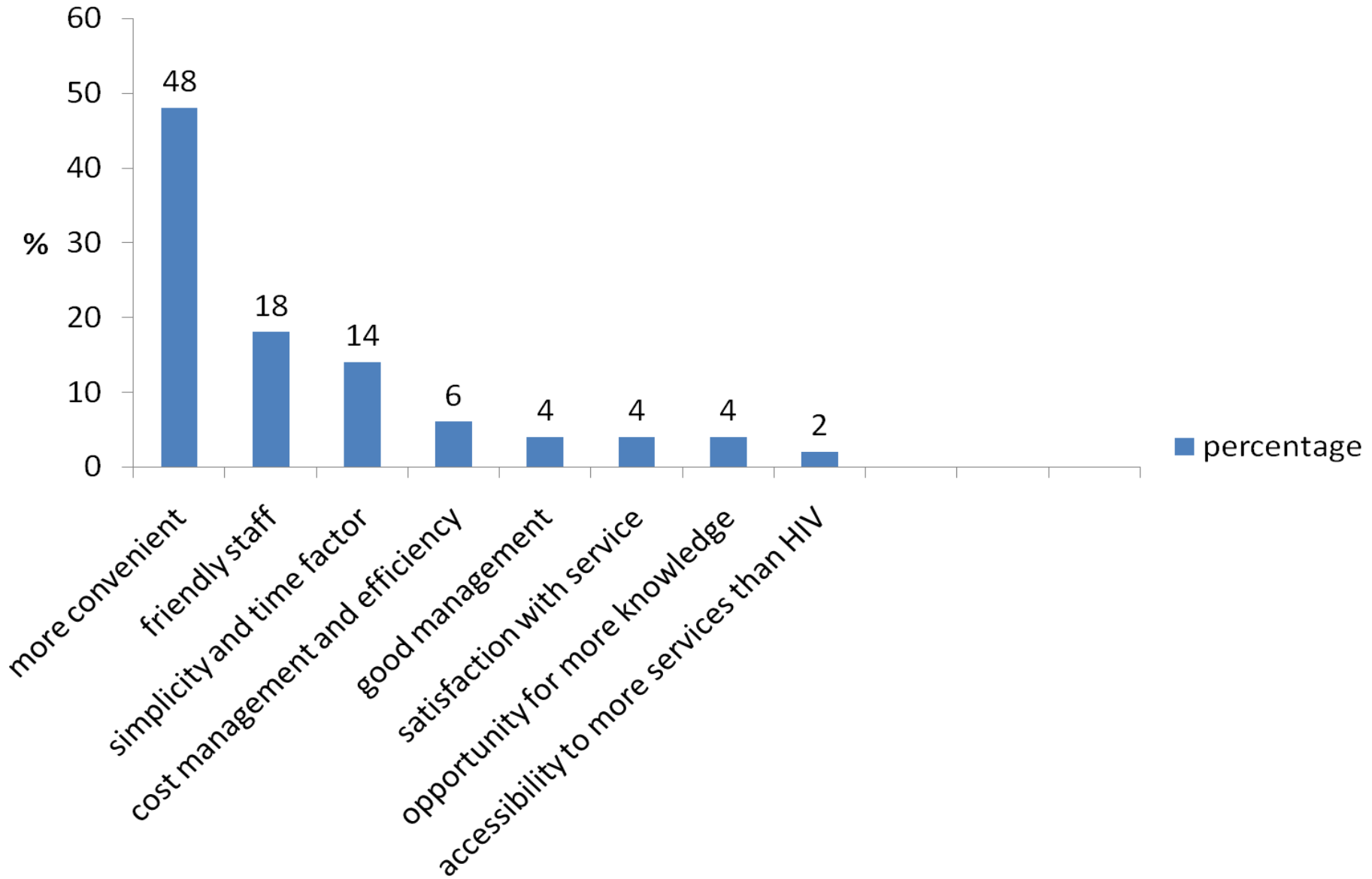
Perspectives of Providers on the extent of constraints in offering Integrated SRH and HIV services



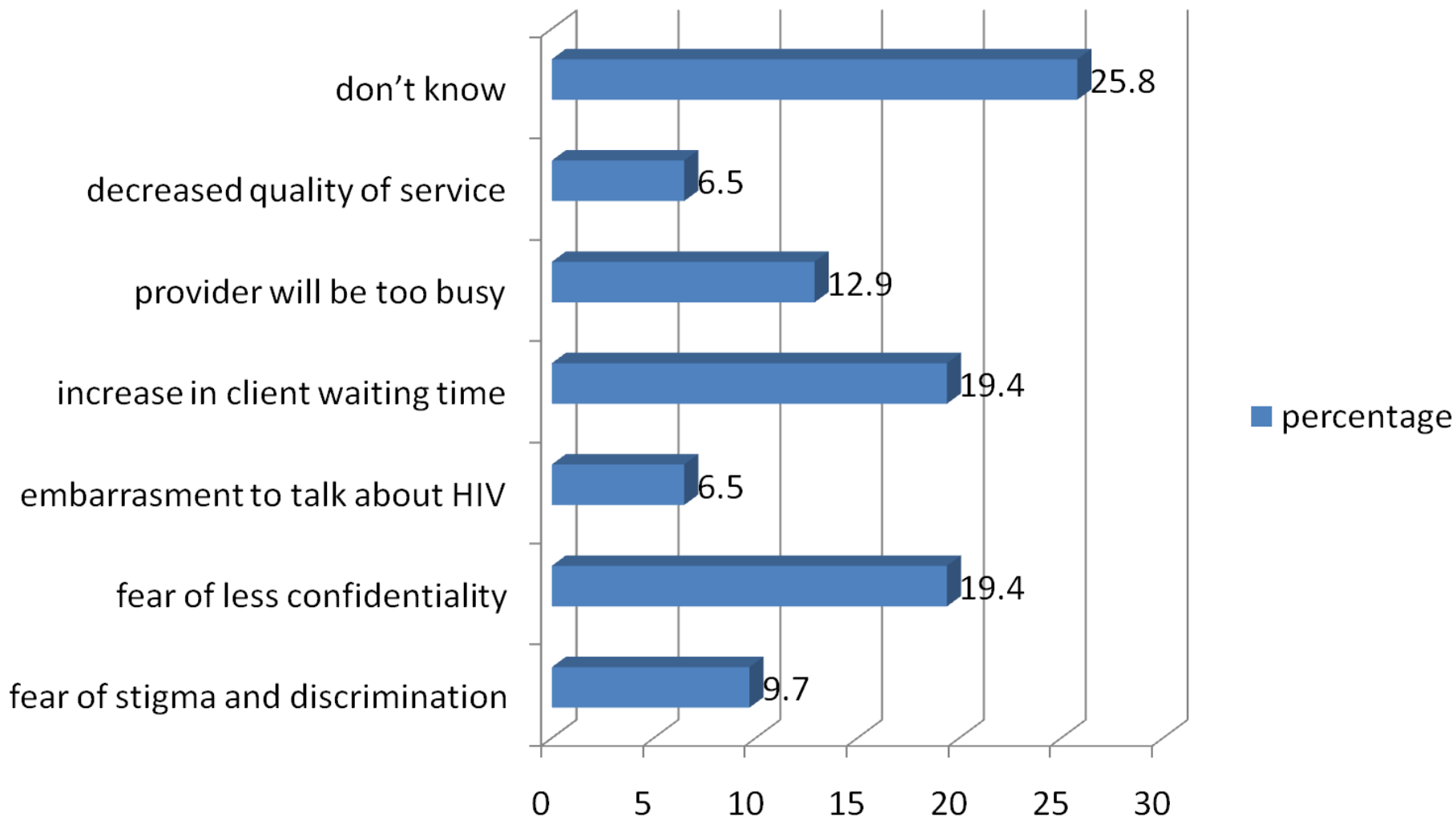
Impact of linking HIV and SRH services on Service Dimensions



Reasons given by Clients for preference of integrated services within same facility



Possible disadvantages of integration of services within the same facility



Successes

- **Increased access of the total population to integrated RH/HIV services, resulting in higher numbers of clients requesting HIV, FP and STI services.**
- **A significant outcome of RH/HIV integrated services has been stigma reduction among clients seeking services;**
- **PPFN has leveraged GF investment to increase coverage of RH/HIV integrated services and contributed to the national effort in implementing Nigeria's new policy on Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV services.**

Lessons Learned

- **Staff training remains a challenge;**
- **Huge gap of unavailability of infrastructure;**
- **For integration to work at the Primary Health Care level, adequate infrastructure to is needed to support the services;**
- **Integration of SRH needs to be drafted appropriately into the current HIV/ AIDS Policy;**
- **FMOH and all stakeholders need to ‘build a consensus on what Integration really is’ by agreeing on entry points and appropriate models for integration.**

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