Title of Article: The nature of Stigmatization and Discrimination against Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Lagos state, Nigeria.

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Abstract: The paper investigates the Nigerian community attitude towards Stigmatization and Discrimination against women living with HIV/AIDS in Lagos State. Two hundred and thirty women who are currently living with HIV/AIDS were interviewed through administration of questionnaires in the area of study. Frequency tables and regression model were used in the analysis of data collected from the field. Only one hypothesis was tested in this study. There are two major findings of this study; firstly, that the Nigerian Community attitudes have a positive impact on HIV/AIDS stigmatization and discrimination against women. However, it is expected that HIV/AIDS positive women that are stigmatized and discriminated have community attitudes surrounding and influencing them. Secondly, that those women who disclosed their HIV/AIDS status are gossiped about; verbally harassed and neglected by the Nigerian society. The paper thus recommends the following: firstly, instead of neglect, gossip and verbal harassment, there should be intimate relationships of men who are HIV/AIDS negative with women who are living with HIV/AIDS that will eventually culminate into marriages in the Nigerian society. Finally, women with HIV/AIDS positive should be embraced by women who are free from HIV/AIDS virus in every Nigerian community.

Key Words: Stigmatization, Discrimination, HIV/AIDS Status, Women and Community attitude.