Stigma Index Launches in United States

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How would you rate the discrimination, prejudice and stigma experienced in your daily life? And how does it compare with other cities and countries? The U.S. People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Stigma Index will help quantify precisely that. Already completed in more than 50 countries, the index arrives stateside with a pilot project in Detroit this year, to be followed by a national rollout of more than 3,000 interviews. The project creates jobs and skills for people living with HIV, and it collects data that can be used for advocacy. “The research isn’t just being collected for its own sake,” says Laurel Sprague of the Global Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+), which spearheaded the index with UNAIDS. “We’re always thinking about how we can use this research to make things better.”

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