

An Evaluation of the Impact of CATIE's Services and Resources for People Working in HIV and Hepatitis C in Canada

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Background and Methods

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CATIE strengthens Canada's response to HIV and hepatitis C by bridging research and practice. We connect healthcare and community-based service providers with the latest science and promote good practices for prevention and treatment programs.

Methods

In 2019, CATIE conducted a national online survey of people working in HIV and hepatitis C including public health, healthcare, not-for-profit organizations and government, to assess the overall impact of our complement of services and resources in knowledge exchange and mobilization.

Frequency descriptives were compiled from 1,973 respondents from across Canada who completed the survey.

Results

Impact of CATIE's programs and services on knowledge and capacity

96%

Reported an increased knowledge of HIV and/or hepatitis C

93%

Reported an increased knowledge of new developments, best practices and other evidence-informed program innovations

94%

Reported an increased capacity to respond to the needs of their clients and/or community

85%

Reported an increased capacity to plan and deliver programs and services or to shape policies or policy agendas

Results

Impact of CATIE's programs
and services on application

98%

Reported applying knowledge, including

- 97% applied knowledge in their work
- 86% adapted or tailored information for others
- 96% used information to educate or inform others

92%

Reported applying programming knowledge, including

- 79% changed aspects of their work practice
- 75% changed their belief about a certain approach or practice
- 65% implemented a new program or practice

Results

Impact on barriers

96%

Reported CATIE minimized barriers to uptake of biomedical information

By making complex info understandable, reducing time spent finding and synthesizing info and/or providing easy access to info

82%

Reported CATIE minimized barriers to uptake of programming knowledge

By explaining how new info applies to their work, increasing awareness of how other organizations approach issues they face and/or providing print-based resources and other info for clients

Conclusion: The results of the survey indicate that respondents feel CATIE is meeting their knowledge exchange needs and expectations and CATIE continues to effectively support and affect HIV and hepatitis C work in Canada.