The stigma associated with viral hepatitis can have far-reaching consequences. To better understand the issues, the World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA) surveyed civil society organisations on their experiences of stigma and discrimination.


Governments aren’t doing enough

- 62% of civil society organisations do not feel their government is satisfactorily addressing stigma and discrimination
- 75% of civil society organisations had not been asked for specific advice on stigma and discrimination policies

**The impact of stigma and discrimination is far-reaching**

Respondents reported those living with viral hepatitis faced...

**RIGHTS**
- 21% unable to get married
- 20% mandatory testing
- 10% denial of childcare

**SOCIAL NEEDS**
- 53% social exclusion
- 40% exclusion at work
- 37% abandonment by spouse and/or family

**SELF-STIGMA**
- 72%

**EMPLOYMENT**
- 42% loss of job or income
- 40% denial of employment opportunities outside of health care
- 39% denial of employment specifically within health care

**HEALTHCARE**
- 52% unjust barriers to service provision
- 38% denial of health care
- 32% inferior quality of care than given to people who do not have viral hepatitis

Stigma reported in every region of the world

1 = no stigma and discrimination reported

2-3 = low levels of stigma and discrimination reported

4 = moderate levels of stigma and discrimination reported

5-7 = high levels of stigma and discrimination reported