

# The importance of digital training in the dissemination of information to health professionals, through the ECHO Project, during the COVID-19 pandemic

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## Background

Training and face-to-face updates have always been frequent at the STI/Aids Coordination of São Paulo City, however, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it was necessary for us to make adjustments so that the training could be carried out, as there was a need to meet the distancing guidelines. In this way, we started virtual training and, with that, we reached unimaginable numbers of professionals' participation.

## Description

The ECHO Project focuses on the discussion of complex clinical cases, but, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it was authorized that we carry out training on STI/HIV and AIDS using the project's system. It is developed through the Zoom Pro platform, the only possible platform to develop the ECHO Project. Each meeting room can accommodate up to 1,500 participants.

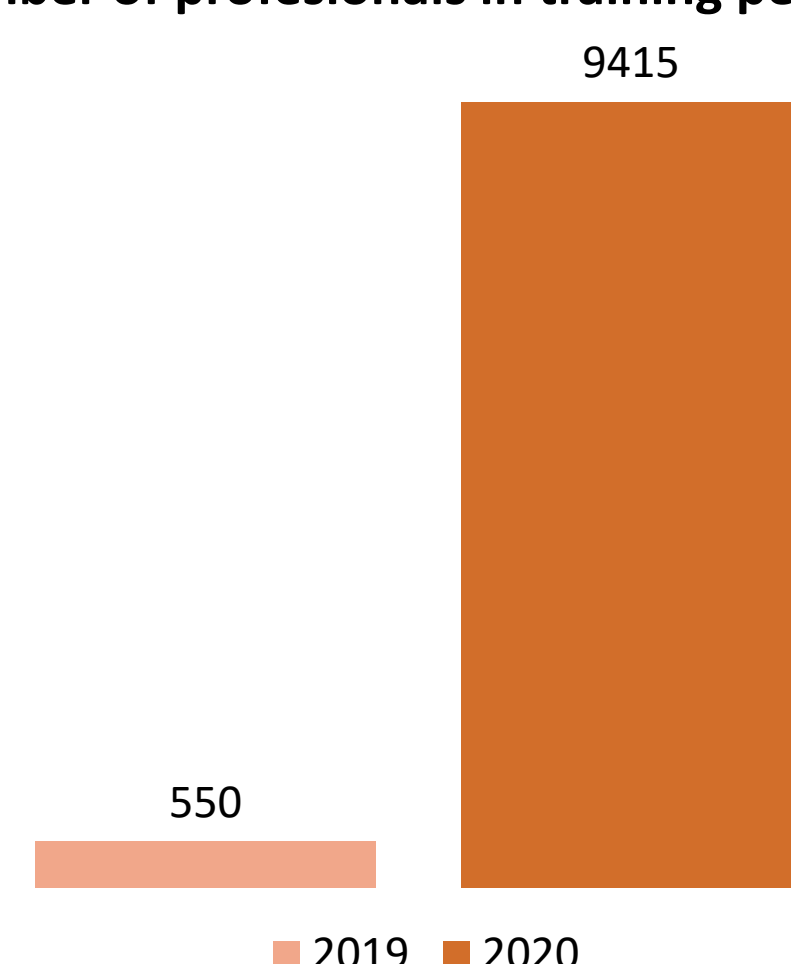
## Lessons

During the year 2020, 49 virtual trainings were carried out with 9,415 connected points, at each point we have at least one participant, while in 2019 there were 8 trainings with 550 professionals participating in person. It is an excellent tool for Professional Education and Public Health Management, which allows reaching this unimaginable number of professionals. It is worth mentioning that the cost of developing the training is practically zero.

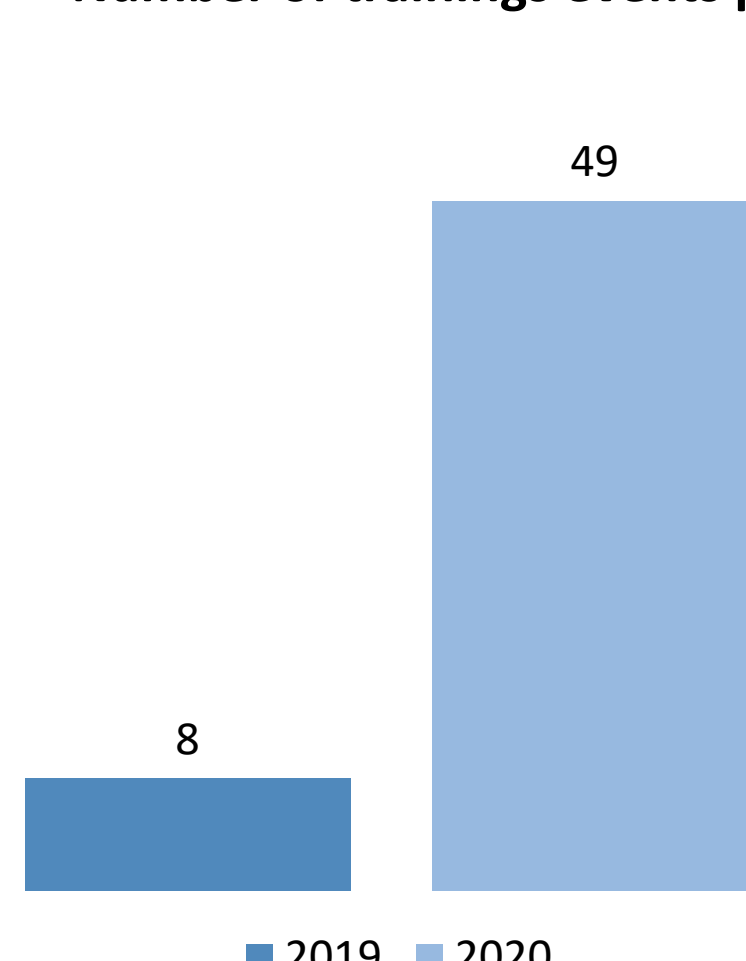
## Conclusions

With the numbers raised in the last year of face-to-face training, 2019, compared to the first year of virtual training, 2020, it is evident how important the digital acceleration that the Covid-19 Pandemic provided. As a result, training and virtual updates have become part of the work processes. Finally, the methodology of communicating remotely, in real time, proved to be very effective, important and fundamental to become part of the definitive work process.

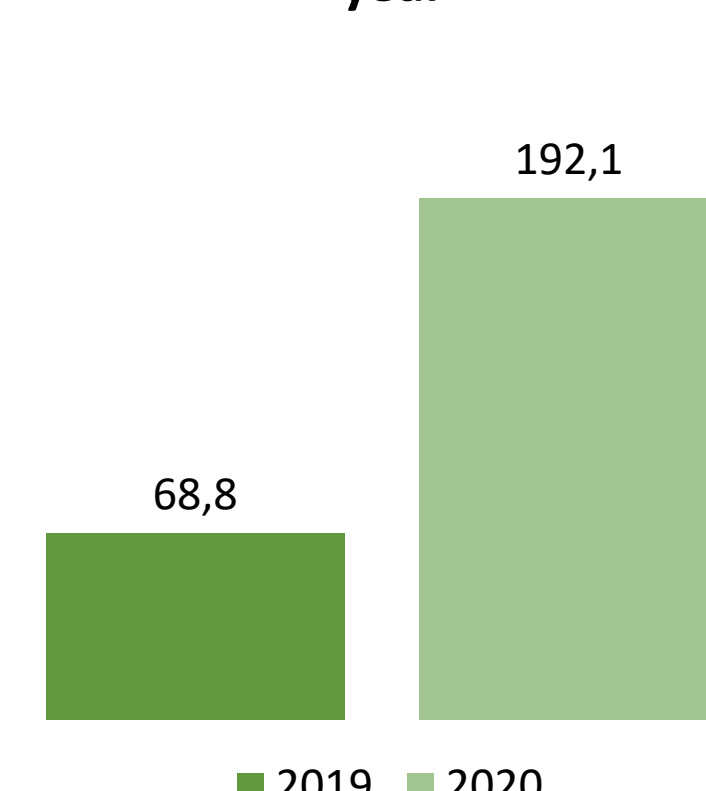
Number of professionals in training per year



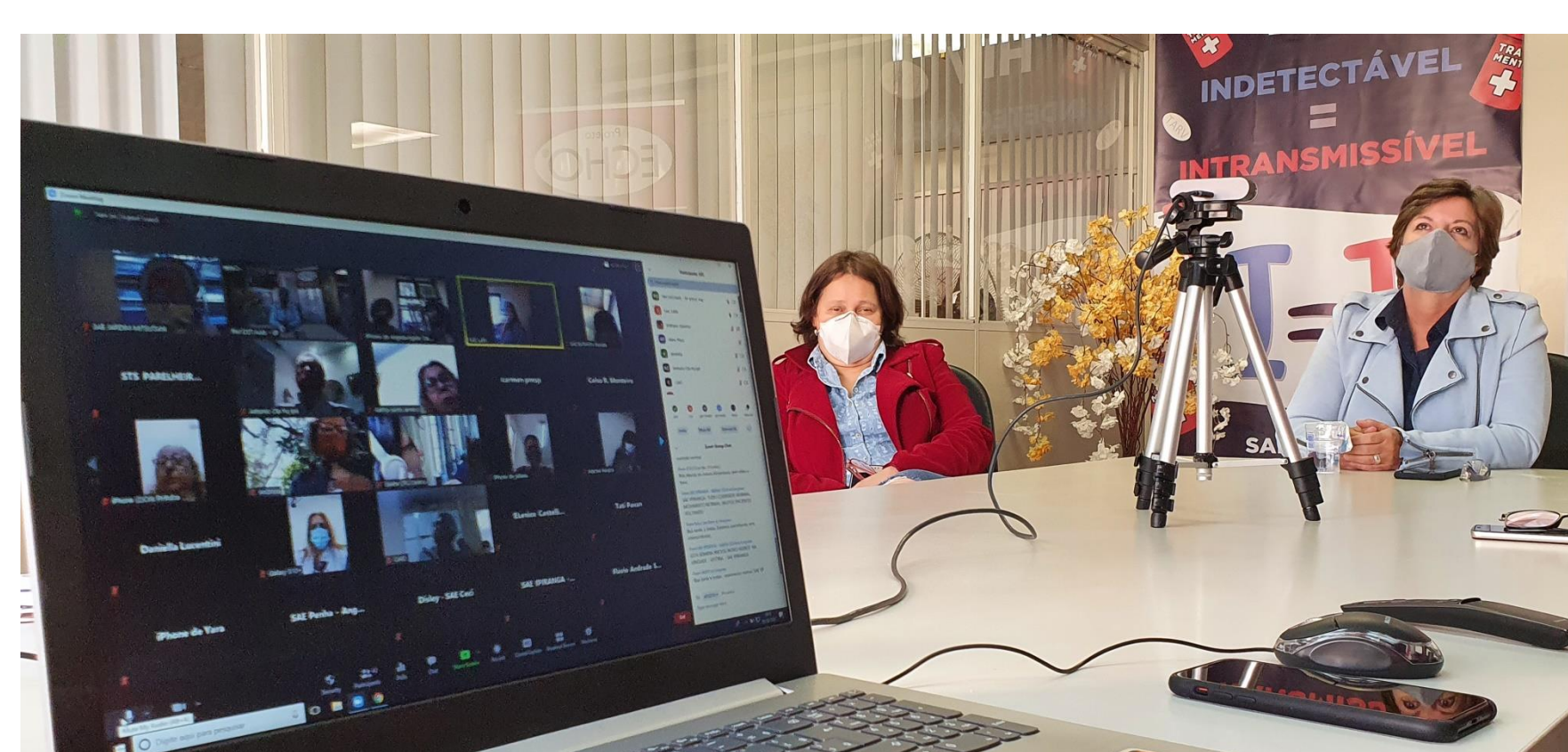
Number of trainings events per year



Average professionals per event per year



ECHO Project training for Rapid Test for multiplication agents in 2020 October 21<sup>th</sup>. In the two editions of this training, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, more than 1000 points were connected.



ECHO Project training in August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.



ECHO Syphilis training for primary care in 2020 July 15<sup>th</sup>. near 2000 points were connected in the two editions of this training (in the morning and in the afternoon).



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