

FACILITATOR GUIDE TO PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES FOR TOPIC: HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS is a very sensitive and often taboo subject, so we are careful not to be too direct or to embarrass anyone. Our method in a Community Health Club is not to identify and single out 'vulnerable' people and tag them as disadvantaged but to enable them to manage their condition effectively with strong support from an informed community. Instead of going straight to the subject we therefore ask CHC members to perform a drama which will enable them to bring out the issues that exist and deal with them in a culturally sensitive way.

To prompt them we can ask the group to describe them in a number of ways:

- To make a **Full Story** using the cards. Read out the following story and give out the pictures to enable them to make a drama with this story.

'This is the story of my daughter. She was a beautiful little girl called (local name). She was one of the cleverest in her class but we could not afford to pay school fees, so she had to leave. However, the school master said she could stay if she gave him sexual favours every week. She became pregnant at 15 so he had to drop out of school to care for her baby. We could not afford to keep her and the child. She decided to go to town for work. When her father found her in town she had changed so much and was living with a sugar daddy. My husband took her back to our rural home. Then the Sugar Daddy died of AIDS. My husband convinced his old friend to marry her in return for a bride price. I knew this old man would not be kind to her as he drank so much and I begged him to find another man but he would not listen to her pleas. Her new husband beat her for nothing. She had to work hard for him. When she refused she was thrown out and lost everything. That is the sad story of my promising young daughter.'

or

- **Story with a Gap (SWAG):** select two cards and ask them to describe before and after as seen in the two pictures. Then ask them to say what happened in between.

or

- **Open ended story:** Give just one picture and ask them to describe what happened next.

DISCUSSION

After this role play invite people to comment and discuss what should have been done, or how it can be prevented in the future.