

Message to funders: by supporting Stepping Stones programmes you are addressing gender equality in a way that meets best practices set out in the UNAIDS Operational Plan

Stepping Stones 'body mapping' session in Fiji: FSPI (Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International



We always love to hear more of your stories, please send them in!

The UNAIDS Operational Plan is available on our website.



Stepping Stones is one of the very few programmes that fits with the international gender equality goals of the UNAIDS Operational Plan in terms of scope, effect and spirit. It's a tried and tested methodology.

We know that funding is an issue for many of you. We've received much feedback from small grassroots organisations in Kenya, Rwanda, DRC etc. asking for support even with the most basic expenses such as buying more copies of the Stepping Stones manual. We also know that in Burkina Faso, the programme has been terminated after four years of documented success due to lack of funding.

UNAIDS has already indicated to us that: " We have included this resource package among the "key documents" recommended for use in innovative community mobilization programmes."

We think that the UNAIDS Operational Plan, which is about to be launched in March 2010, represents an opportunity for organisations in the field to seek more funding, on the basis that Stepping Stones meets its objectives. We encourage you strongly to

- Link up with other organisations using Stepping Stones and related approaches in your country
- Identify and contact government and NGO initiatives targeting HIV in your country to see if they have additional money through UNAIDS, the Global Fund or other donors

Email us if you need help



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Strategies for Hope publishes Stepping Stones....

TALC distributes Stepping Stones

Salamander Trust keeps you in touch with other Stepping Stones users

"Personally I found the material overwhelmingly good not only for facilitators but also very educative especially for somebody like me who has knowingly been living with HIV. I really get inspired and encouraged by this material. I feel emotionally and physically stronger than before I accessed this material"
Kenyan Marine and Fisheries Research Institute

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The Stepping Stones training packaging on gender, HIV, communication and relationship skills



Welcome!

Dear Friends of Stepping Stones
 Greetings from a sunny but cold London!



This 2nd Stepping Stones newsletter focuses on **Gender Equality**. The new UNAIDS Operational Plan Action Framework: addressing women, girls, gender equality and HIV, to be launched in New York on 2nd March 2010, sets out the principles and objectives for targeting greater gender equality in the context of HIV. Here, we highlight some of the ways your use of the Stepping Stones programme supports and advances these aims. In doing so, you'll be able to see the breadth of issues that Stepping Stones is addressing worldwide!

Our website has just been re-launched! Please visit www.steppingstonesfeedback.org to get access to resources and share ideas with others through our forum.

All of the information in this newsletter can be found on our website.



Boys peer group, Vanuatu - Fiji (FSPI)

Stepping Stones: Advancing Gender Equality in the context of HIV