

Just Associates Movement Building Initiative Case Studies

**Access to and Control of Resources:
Strategies, Women, HIV**



**JASS Southern Africa
2012**



GLOBAL FUND
IMPACT:
3 MILLION
ON HIV
TREATMENT
7.7 MILLION
ON TB TREATMENT
160
MILLION
BEDNETS
DELIVERED





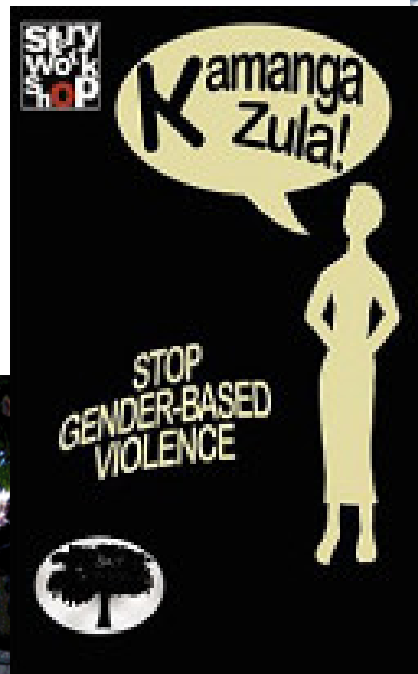
Health and Wellbeing

- Access to healthcare - HIV+ women are dependent on the failing infrastructure for information, treatment including ARVs, and care



“The ARVs we now have are distorting our bodies”

These women you see are diseased, **they are just walking but they are dead. Why should we waste resources on them?** The crowd reacted with a raucous round of applause to this uncouth statement. It hurt badly.



*“As life gets harder, you learn to improvise
and **you survive...**”*



Women activists at JASS gathering in Malawi, 2012

Imagining The World Differently, Together

- Strategies and Approaches to Ensure Access to and Control of Resources
 - Feminist process and methodology
 - Action

Crossing the Line: Individual & Collective



“You are talking about crossing the line, I have crossed countless rivers and lakes to find a livelihood -- something that will allow me to live and survive”

“Amayi, Tadzuka! – Women, Arise!”

“I crossed the line of inferiority complex and dependency on men. I am now a member of an HIV support group for sex workers. Through a JASS workshop, **I know I am a feminist. My body is my own. That is what I tell my sex worker friends.** My future plans include buying a plot of land back home, building a small house and supporting rural-based sex workers to learn to stand on their own feet.”

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“I was quick to join an HIV support group. That is how I came to attend the JASS workshop. I learnt a lot of things during the workshop. At the beginning of the workshop, a few people knew each other, however, today many of us who have been associated with JASS are able to communicate on a regular basis and support each other. **This has resulted in trust and solidarity. We have built firm and supportive relationships** and a shared repertoire of communal resources.”

Challenges & Opportunities

patriarchy

POWER WITH

poverty

power

HOPE

Solidarity

resources

Laughter

Safe spaces

Fundamentalisms

oppression

ALTERNATIVES

