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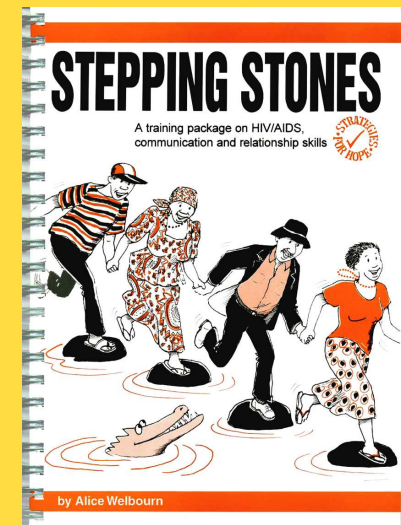
How communication can lead to change: giving girls a safe space to speak through a Stepping Stones programme in Uganda

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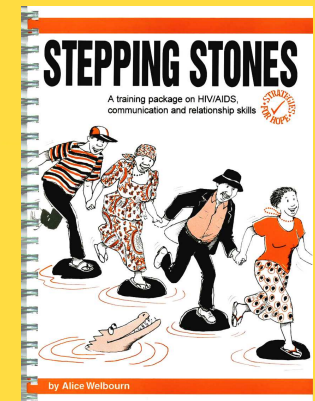




What is Stepping Stones



- Community-based workshop
- History – Dr. Alice Welbourn
- Today: ...countries, translations + SSPLUS + Funders/Users include Action Aid, Save the Children, UNICEF...





Stepping Stones in Uganda:

Introduced in 1995 - Buwenda

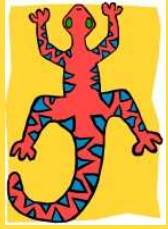


Republic of Uganda Jamhuri ya Uganda	
	
Flag	Coat of arms
Motto: "For God and My Country"	
Anthem: Oh Uganda, Land of Beauty	
	
Capital (and largest city)	Kampala
Official language(s)	English, ^[1] Swahili ^[2]
Vernacular languages	Luganda, Luo, Runyankore, Ateso, Lusoga, Lunyole ,



Map of Uganda

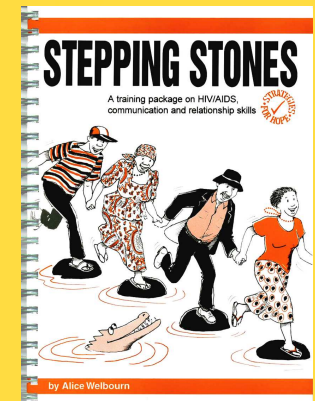




Empowering girls through a Stepping Stones workshop in Entebbe

Entebbe: 60,000 people – Urban population - 40mins from Kampala – MoH

High HIV prevalence

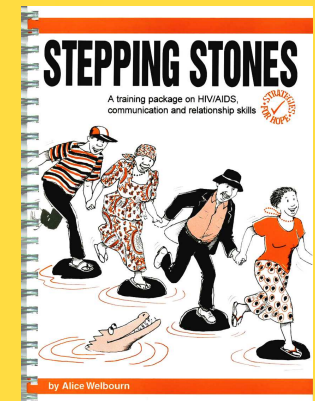


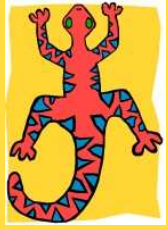


The Workshop



- By whom: Professor Rosa Mbowa – Professor of music, dance and drama at university of Makerere – Baron Oron and others former students
- People were involved on a voluntary basis
- The workshop:
5 peer groups – 2 of young girls

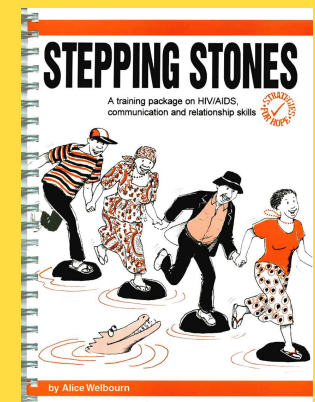




Stepping Stones helps to identify important issues...



- Isolation
- Money issues
- Sexually abused
- Violence - assaults

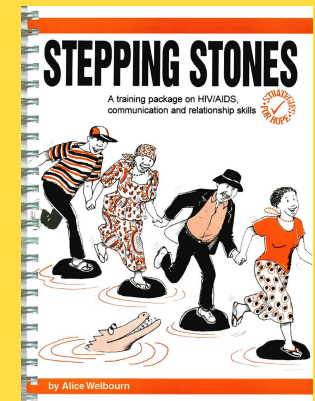




... and helps to take action

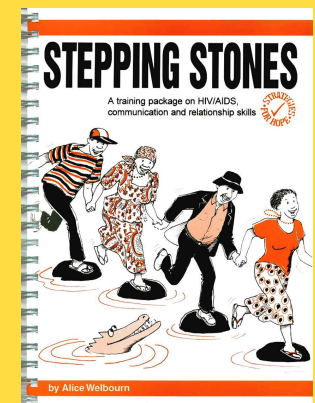


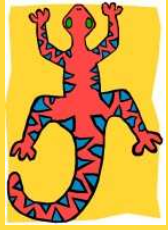
- Girls communicated with the rest of the community
- Girls' requests
- Boys' requests
- Actions from the community
 - Mayor: services for girls
 - Support from older women
 - Strengthened families (condom, communication)





*SHORT CLIP FROM THE STEPPING STONES
WORKSHOP VIDEO – “saying yes?”*

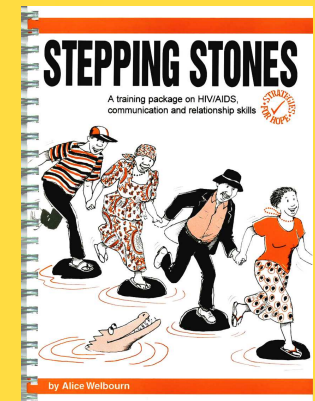


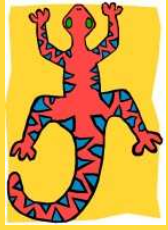


Partners in Uganda



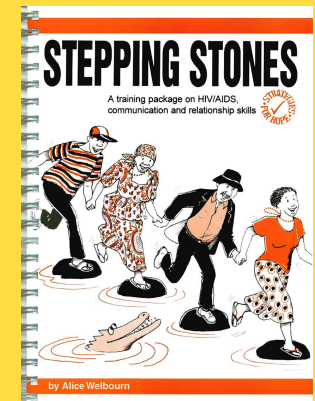
- ActionAid
- Acord
- TASO
- Reproductive Health Uganda (through IPPF)
- Feed the Children
- Youth Alliance to combat AIDS
- Positive Women Leaders
- Episcopal church of the Sudan

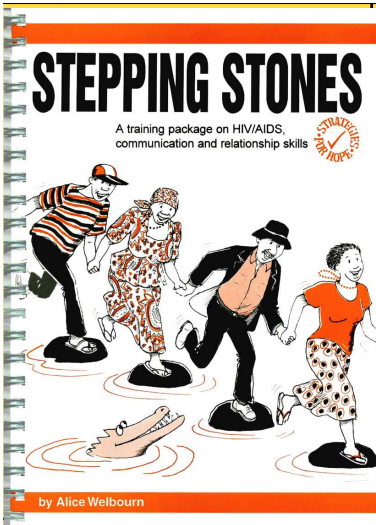




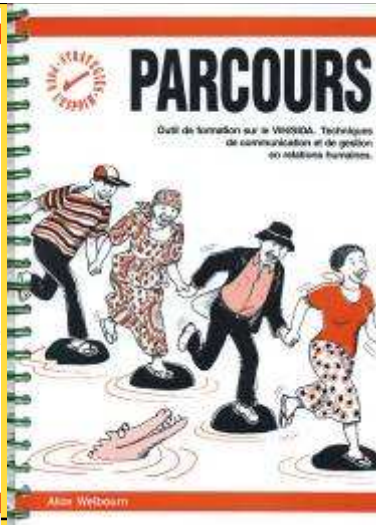
STEPPING STONES AND GIRLS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Example of Central America
Similar issues
Similar outcomes

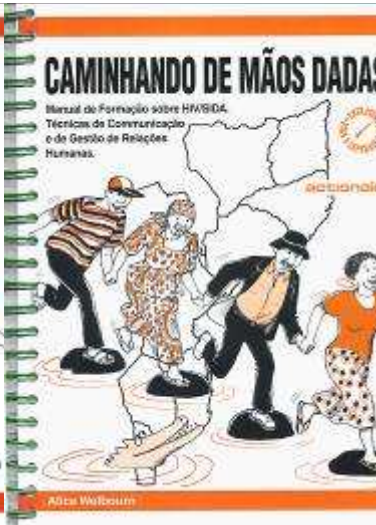




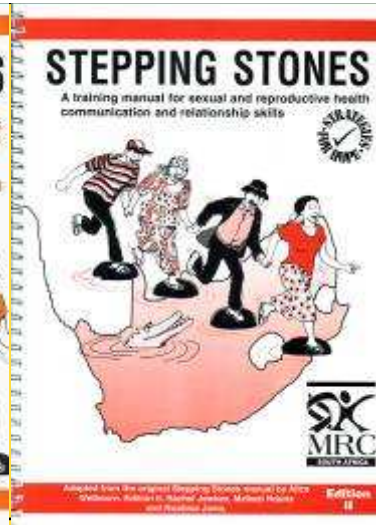
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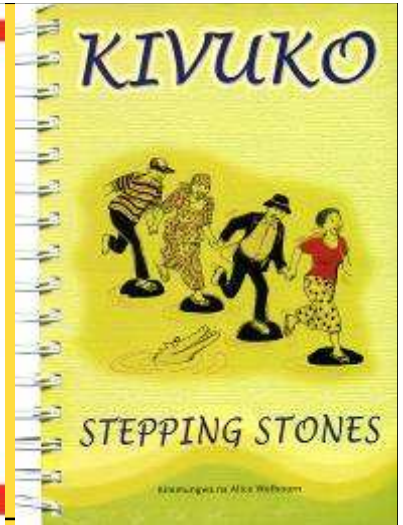
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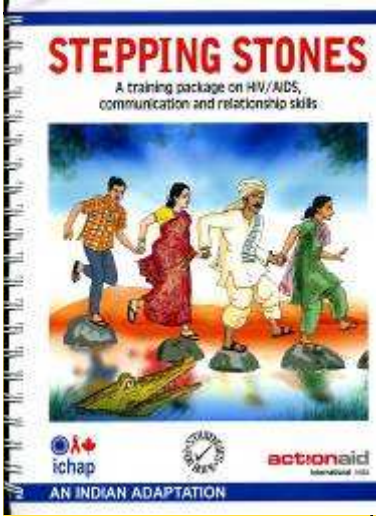
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South Africa



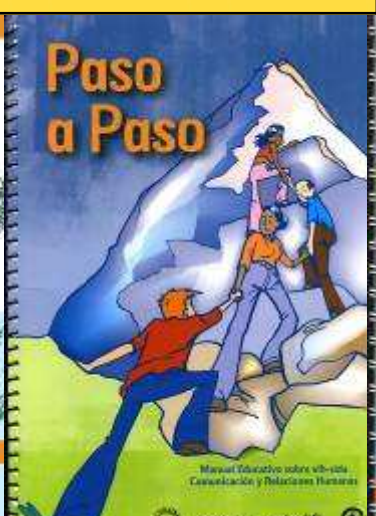
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Indian



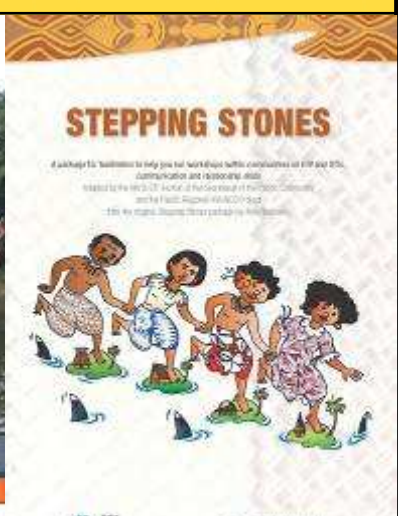
Bangla



L American



Indonesian



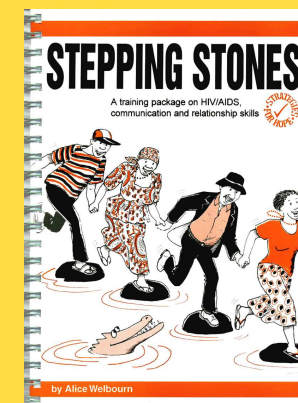
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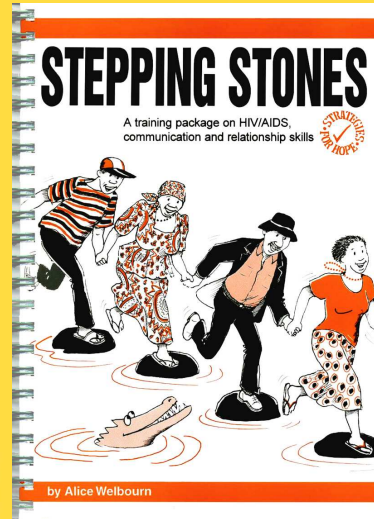
With whom has Stepping Stones been Introduced?



Many different contexts:

- People with disabilities (India)
- Pastors and Imams and their congregations (Kenya, Gambia)
- School pupils and teachers (many countries)
- NGO staff (eg Tanzania)
- People living with HIV and AIDS (eg Zimbabwe, Namibia)
- National and constituency AIDS Control Councils (Gambia..)
- Girls and boys out of school (many countries)
- Women's rights groups (many countries)
- Health staff (Mumbai)
- Drug-using communities (Myanmar)
- People in prison (Morocco, India)
- University staff and students (Namibia)





Thank you

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