

Handout D: hypothetical strategising

For the purposes of this exercise, the following 'facts' apply:

- Everyone works for the same non-governmental organisation (NGO), in a developing country
- The organisation provides:
 - o STI diagnosis and treatment (for everyone, including men who have sex with men)
 - o Family planning advice and contraception (including condoms and the morning after pill)
 - o Voluntary, confidential counselling and testing (VCCT) for HIV
 - o HIV prevention education
 - o Care and support for people living with HIV and people living with AIDS
- The local Christian Bishop is known to have objections to:
 - o Men who have sex with men (MSM)
 - o Sex before marriage
 - o Contraception
 - o Any approach to HIV prevention other than promotion of abstinence and faithfulness within marriage
- The number of people using your organisation's services has begun to decline, and there is concern that this is as a result of the Bishop's objections

Focus questions:

- How would you respond to this situation?
- What would you need to consider in terms of enabling your organisation's work to continue effectively?
- Is keeping service user numbers high your organisation's only concern and responsibility here?
- Participants should draw on any relevant real-life experience they may have, during their discussions

(30 mins)