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Stepping Stones Stories from *Zimbabwe*.....



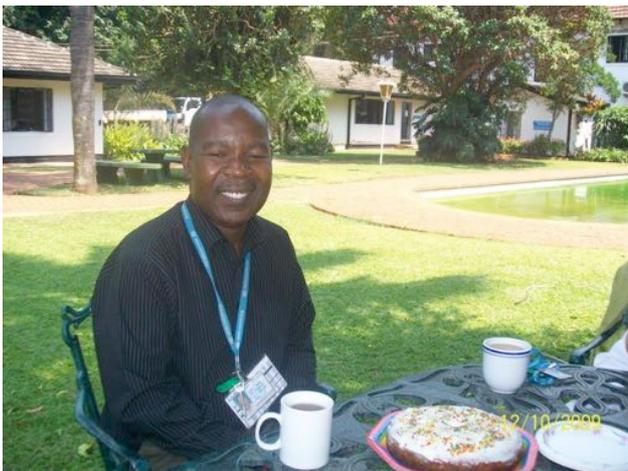
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When did you first come across Stepping Stones?

I was trained in the mid 90s in Uganda. I was working for Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT) Mutare then. We had programmes running in Chimoio Mozambique – we were working with Redd Barna Mozambique. Redd Barna was invited to attend the SS training in Uganda. They did not have a staff member who spoke English fluently. So they asked FACT to release me for the training in Uganda so that I could represent Redd Barna and that I would train Redd Barna staff on my return from Uganda. I enjoyed the training in Uganda and trained Redd Barna staff and FACT Mutare staff on my return. I lost count of the several trainings that I did during my FACT Mutare and Action Aid days in Zimbabwe, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas.



How did you use it and where and when?

HIV and AIDS was fairly new in the early 90s but it was spreading silently like a veld fire. I was in the training department at FACT Mutare. We were training NGOs and emerging CBOs so they could respond to HIV and AIDS in their communities in the early 90s. So the *Stepping Stones* training became a key part of our trainings as it was practical, low cost, addressed communities' concerns in

a participatory manner, it was empowering, it was sequential, enjoyable etc etc.



Something that you liked about it:

I have found assertiveness very helpful in my everyday life. The people around me do not feel threatened when I speak with them, even my own children. I am balanced!



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★ **Do you have a positive message you would like to share with the *Stepping Stones* Community of Practice?**

Stepping Stones is a great tool that is applicable in all aspects of life. I urge all *Stepping Stones* practitioners to live the *Stepping Stones* way of life – communicate well, live well with others, know your community, use evidence to arrive at conclusions, involve others, enjoy life responsibly, have fun (need I say more).



★ **Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself or about *Stepping Stones*?**

Stepping Stones has made me a better person than I was before I received *Stepping Stones* training and started using the *Stepping Stones* knowledge/skills in life. I join well with others (young and old), I listen, I respect others' views. Life is fun!

Thank you Lovemore!

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