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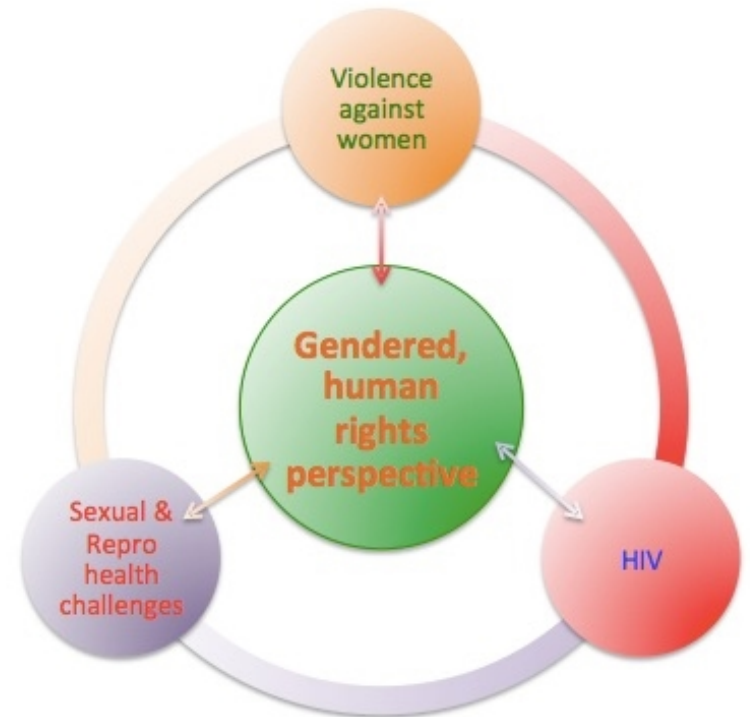


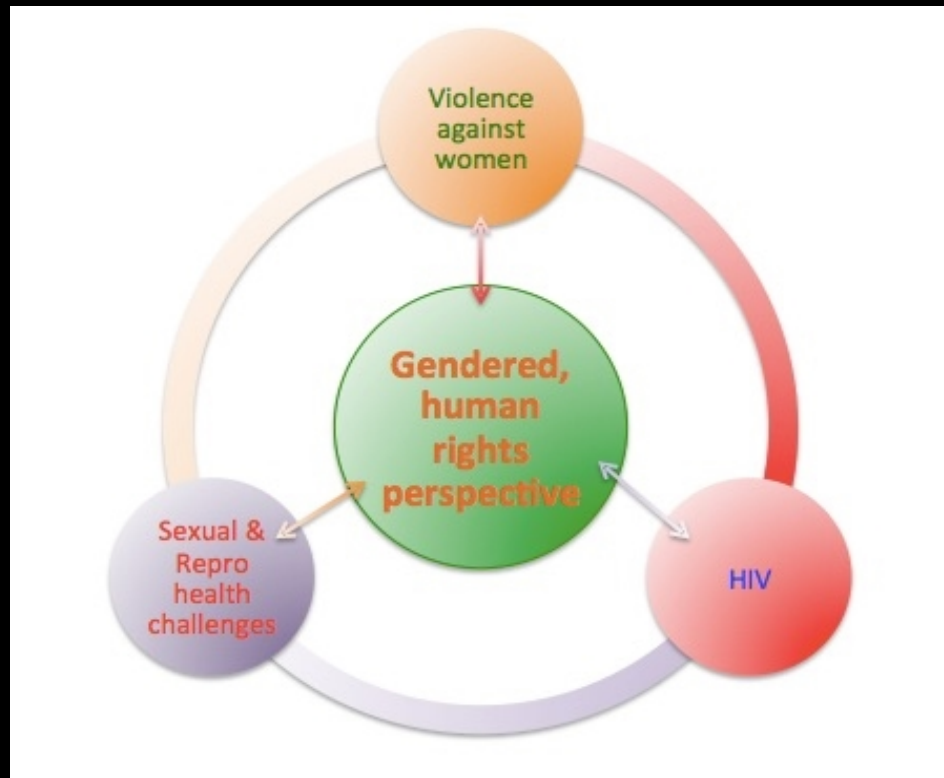
# What do we do?

Salamander aims to protect, promote and enhance the health and rights of people marginalised by their gender, HIV status or sexual and reproductive health.



# How do we do this?





**We work to improve lives from a gendered, human-rights perspective, in the context of violence against women, HIV & sexual & reproductive health**



.....we support  
**COMMUNITIES**

to identify their strengths,  
build resilience, develop  
**THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS**

and to tell their own  
stories to the world




...and then we help to **change GLOBAL POLICIES** relating to their issues



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Why sexual and  
reproductive health  
(SRH)?





Some girls can't afford sanitary towels  
so miss out on school –  
even in the UK





Many women find it hard to negotiate condom use,  
so they may get pregnant.... and may acquire HIV....  
and other STIs...



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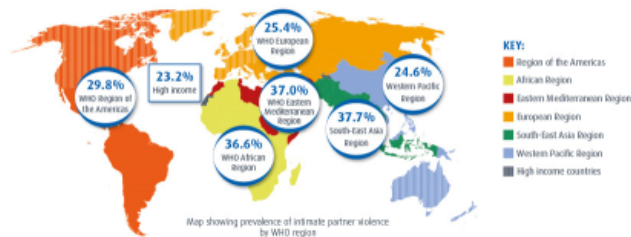
Why Violence  
Against Women?



# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: PREVALENCE

**1 in 3 women**

throughout the world will experience physical and/or sexual violence by a partner or sexual violence by a non-partner



All statistics can be found in the report entitled Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence, by the World Health Organization, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and the South African Medical Research Council, found here:  
<http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/en/index.html>

Violence against women increases women's chances of getting HIV (and other STIs) by a factor of 1.5



Women with HIV also face (more) violence,  
once diagnosed



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Why HIV?



There are now over  
18.6 million women  
living with HIV  
globally - over half the  
adults with HIV

AIDS is the leading  
cause of death  
globally for women  
aged 30-49

Young women  
are twice as  
likely to acquire  
HIV as young  
men – through  
gender violence  
& SRH inequities







And many young  
people are born  
with HIV & are  
orphaned  
through AIDS





But with the right  
access to care,  
treatment &  
support, women  
can now live long,  
productive lives -  
& have HIV-free  
children too

So how do we do all this?

through

*Rights*-based

*T*raining

*R*esearch and

*A*dvocacy, based on

*C*ommunity

*K*nowledge

Salamander Trust: on the *RIGHT(S)* TRACK

# TRACK stands for Training

We have 3 rights-based training programmes to support people at different stages in their lives.

*Our approach concurs with UNAIDS' life-course approach....*



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“Start Free”

4M and 4M+

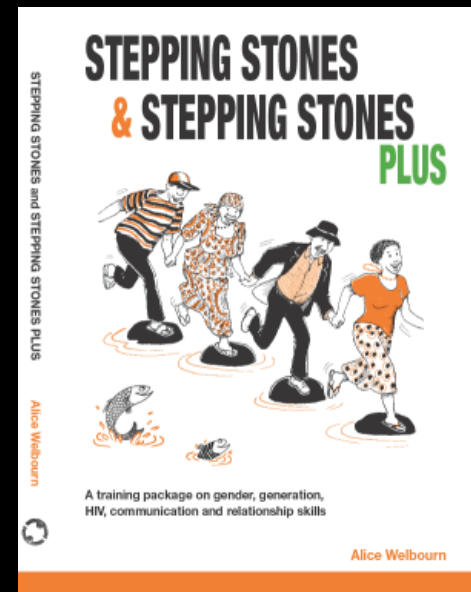
My health, my choice, my child, my life:  
we train women living with HIV as ‘Mentor Mothers’  
to support others through their pregnancy journey



# TRACK stands for Training “Stay Free”

## Stepping Stones & Stepping Stones Plus

Designed for **adolescents and adults**, it is recognised as one of the few community-based programmes known globally to **reduce gender-based violence**.



It has been used by many organisations worldwide since it was first published in 1995.

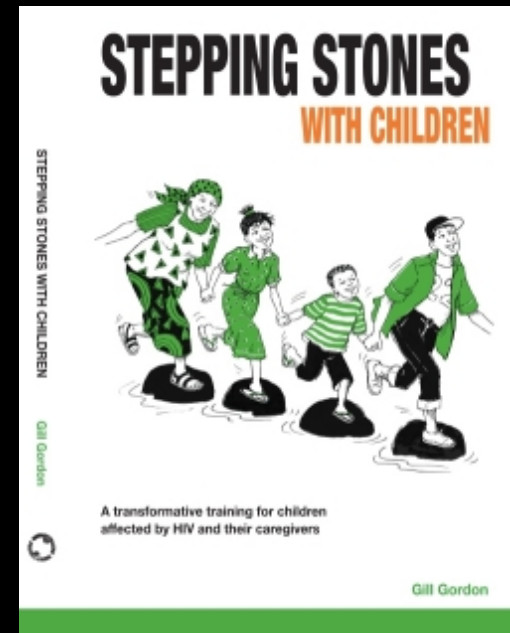
# TRACK stands for Training “AIDS Free”

## Stepping Stones with Children

This supports orphans & vulnerable children aged 5-8, 9-14 & their caregivers.

The programme is holistic, rights- and gender-based & child-centred.

It builds resilience, reduces violence against children & improves children's health.



# TRACK stands for Research

We have conducted 3 large research projects with UN agencies to bring local realities to global policy.

1) For **WHO** we led a big global survey on the sexual & reproductive health & rights of women living with HIV.

This was to support **WHO's** new **Consolidated Guideline** on this topic.

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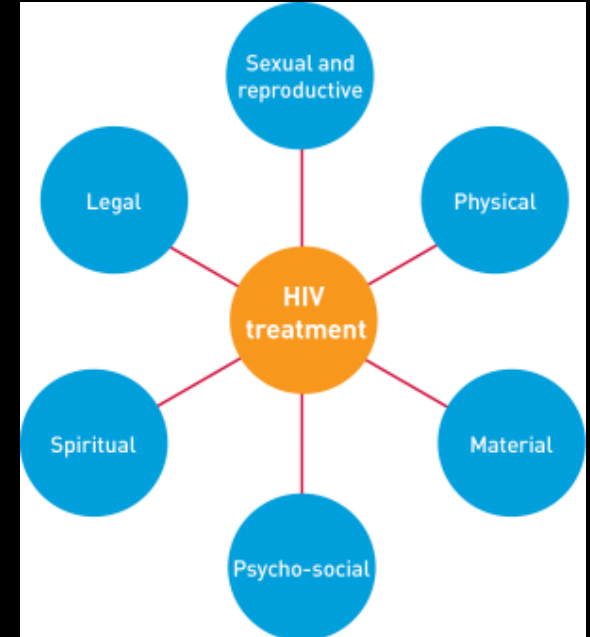


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2) We worked with the partners below to conduct the first **Global treatment access review of women living with HIV for UN Women**

We found that women globally experience a lot of violence when deciding if, when and for how long to take anti-retroviral therapy.

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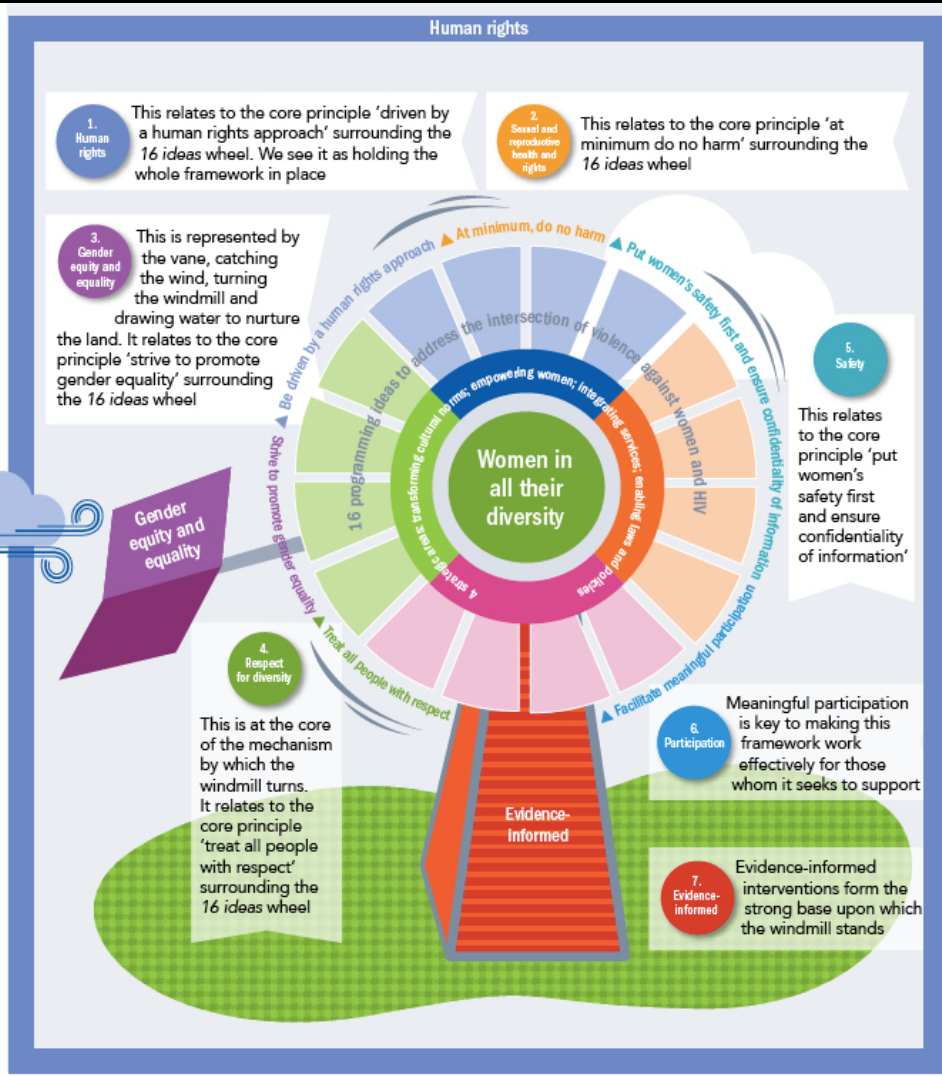


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3) We worked with the ATHENA Network, HEARD at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal and others to conduct research **for UNAIDS**

This is to help understand better '*how*' and '*why*' **community** programmes on violence and HIV best work **for women's rights**.

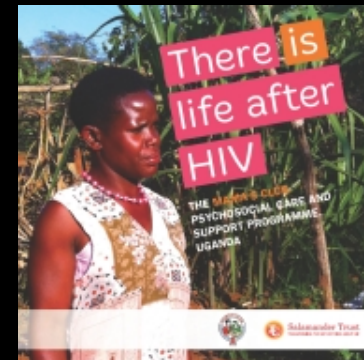
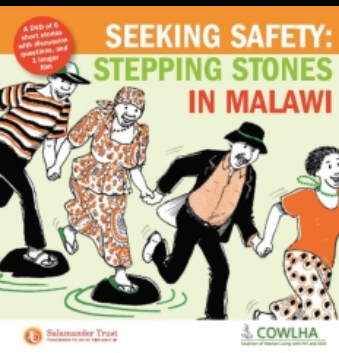
We call this **the ALIV[H]E Framework**



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# TRACK stands for Advocacy

We have conducted 5 participatory film-making workshops with women living with HIV and their families, in Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda and England, to enable them to bring their own local realities to global attention.



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We also....

- write articles in peer review journals
- make presentations at conferences
- blog for openDemocracy
- post on [facebook](#)
- create posters
- run 2 websites: Salamander [Trust](#) & Stepping [Stones](#)
- host webinars
- write reports
- tweet as [Salamander](#), [Stepping Stones](#) & [4M](#)
- and [more...](#)

# TRACK stands for Community Knowledge

All our work is based on

local grassroots Community Knowledge.

It forms the basis of our understanding and is the touchstone for our assessment of whether global policies are fit for purpose or not.

Community Knowledge is how we keep

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How about you?

Would you like to  
support our work,  
so you can be too?

If so, please donate [now](#)

Thankyou!



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