

# NEW ANGLE GUIDE 1: STIGMA AROUND HIV AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

## THIS IS A MINI GUIDE

This is a mini-guide that unpacks a new angle from a previous radio guide. This guide was created by a youth reporter alumni for the Youth Reporters Network in South Africa.

## RESOURCES

Please consult the Sexual Reproductive health and HIV radio production guide for the full fact sheet on this topic.

**Link:** <https://childrensradiofoundation.org/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-hiv/>

## FORMATS

### VOX POPS

**Vox Pop aim:** To get many opinions on one topic.

**Who do you talk to:** Youth from the community.

**Question:** What's stopping young people from testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases?

### AUDIO COMMENTARY

**Audio Commentary aim:** To get people's opinion about a topic they care deeply about.

**Who do you talk to:** A young nurse or healthcare worker to comment on this statement?

**Question:** When should you test for HIV when you have symptoms?

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- Around **8.45 million** people in South Africa live with HIV – an estimated 13.9% of the population. Of South African women aged 15–49, approximately **24%** are HIV positive. (**WITS University 2022**)
- In **2021, 7.5 million people** found to be living with HIV & 5.5 million people taking antiretrovirals.
- <https://www.beintheknow.org/understanding-hiv-epidemic/data/glance-hiv-south-africa>

## INTERVIEW



**Interview aim:** To source information from someone who has expertise or experience in the topic.

**Who do you talk to:** Councillor/ Head at a local clinic or hospital

**Questions:**

- What programs/campaigns are in place to break the stigma around sexually transmitted diseases?
- When can we expect clinics to have youth-friendly facilities or spaces that cater specifically to young people?
- What's one myth around sexually transmitted diseases you would like to bust right now?

## AUDIO PROFILE



**Audio profile:** To get a first person account of someone's experience, passion and journey. Audio profiles often aim to inspire.

**Who do you talk to:** A young person

**Questions:** What are your fears around testing for STD's and HIV?

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)



**PSA aim:** A public service announcement (PSA) is an advertisement that delivers a message about a social issue. To inform or educate or create awareness about a certain topic.

**Person 1:** Friend, I need your help. I have been experiencing this crazy burning sensation every time I go to pee, and it's been so itchy and sensitive for about a week now.

**Person 2:** Oh my, that sounds hectic. I have to ask, have you been using a condom every time you have sex?

**Person 1:** Well two weeks ago Thabo and I stopped using protection because we've been together forever and I feel safe with him. I know, I know, I should probably go to the doctor to get it checked out, but I'm so scared of being judged by the nurses.

**Person 2:** Friend, you have to go. I will come with you. If you have an STD, leaving it untreated could really affect your reproductive system in the long run, increase chances of organ damage and catching other diseases ... even cancer. Most clinics have a youth friendly facility, where they cater specifically to young people and the issues we face. I've been tested and treated before, it's completely safe.

**Person 1:** I had no idea! Can we go this weekend? I don't want to put my life at risk because of this.

**Person 2:** Totally, I will be with you every step of the way.

**Slogan:** Most clinics have young healthcare workers who are put in place to handle youth related issues, so don't be scared to put your health first. Be wise and get tested today.

# HOW TO PRESENT YOUR SHOW



Use your produced radio features, your research and the suggested script and questions to write your own script.

## [INTRO:]

**Host 1:** It's just gone [TIME] and you're just in time for the [NAME OF SHOW] on [RADIO STATION]. My name is [NAME].

**Host 2:** That's right! And my name is [NAME], and today's show we'll be looking at stigmas around STD and HIV testing. We all know how important it is to own and take care of our body's. Especially when we are living in a world that gives us the knowledge and access to the necessary tools that will allow us to do so.

**Host 1:** During our adolescent years, we are all about exploring! This is a very big developmental stage of our lives, we're making the change from child to adult and that can be scary. During this time, when emotions and hormones are all over the place and we are trying to navigate who we are becoming ... It is very important to be wise and take it slow, especially when it comes to sex.

**Host 2:** Yes, in 2021 7.5 million people were found to be living with HIV. So in the midst

of sexually transmitted diseases AKA STD's it's important to understand how to explore and experience sex safely!

**Host 1:** So true. There is so much to talk about, so let's get started!

[PRESENT WHO IS BEING INTERVIEWED]

[PLAY THE INTERVIEW]

## [OUTRO:]

**Host 1:** Today, we've learnt so much about what impacts STD's can have over our body's, but most importantly, we have learned how we can prevent and treat them!

**Host 2:** Yes, I have learnt so much from the show today. I hope that those who are listening understand the importance of getting tested and that it does not have to be scary.

**Host 1:** Next week on [DAY] at [TIME] we'll be talking more about babies, well how to make sure you don't have one without planning.

# SHOW OUTLINE



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| 1. General introduction         |
| 2. Intro vox pops               |
| 3. Vox pops                     |
| 4. Outro vox pops               |
| 5. Jingle                       |
| 6. Music transition             |
| 7. Intro audio commentary       |
| 8. Audio commentary             |
| 9. Outro audio commentary       |
| 10. Music transition and jingle |
| 11. Intro interview             |
| 12. Interview                   |
| 13. Outro interview             |
| 14. Music transition and jingle |
| 15. PSA                         |
| 16. General outro               |
| 17. Jingle                      |
| 18. End                         |