

Voices OF HOPE

Mozambique

In 2009, the UN estimated that 11.5 percent of adults in Mozambique were living with HIV/AIDS. This was more than double the average rate in sub-Saharan Africa.

To help reverse this trend, PWRDF started working with community health group EHALE in 2012 to develop an HIV/AIDS education program. They used plays, movies and radio broadcasts as a creative way to inform local communities about the nature and dangers of HIV/AIDS.

This program has now reached almost 300,000 people; 87 percent of the population has attended at least one session and 60 percent know that using condoms could prevent transmission of HIV. In 2016, where EHALE programs run, people with HIV/AIDS are no longer bedridden, they take their medication and have embraced healthier lifestyles. There is less stigma around HIV, so testing rates have increased.

These results show that a little innovation can go a long way in making a positive impact against HIV/AIDS.



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