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Writer, trainer, activist with 30 years' experience in gender, health, and international community development. Diagnosed HIV-positive in 1992, she wrote "Stepping Stones", a training manual on gender, HIV, communication and relationship skills, based originally in Uganda, but now adapted and used in many countries across Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and E Europe and the longest-running and most widely used programme of its kind (www.steppingstonesfeedback.org). This addresses many different aspects of our lives, including gender norms, psycho-social, sexual, economic, political and legal issues as causes and consequences of HIV.

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