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Day 1.
1. Introduction to the training

This chapter provides exercises to lay a solid basis for effective collaboration and to promote a thorough understanding of the training programme.

Getting to know each other

Exercise

The trainers welcome the participants and introduce themselves. The participants get to know each other by doing one or more of the introduction exercises (see annex 1).

Objective:

- Participants agree on roles
- Participants get to know each other

Output:

- List of participants and their responsibilities throughout the training
- List of rules to be followed during the training

Materials:

- A4 white paper
- Markers
- Tape

Method:

- Group discussion

Agreeing on basic training rules

Exercise

Setting the training rules

A safe and positive learning space is crucial for a successful training experience. The trainer explains the importance of a joint set of agreements, emphasising the participants’ rights and responsibilities throughout the training. The trainer asks each participant to discuss essential rules on confidentiality, being on time, telephone use, praying, and so on. The trainer asks all participants agree, and discusses with the group what to do when agreements are broken. Rules can be added at the end of the day, anonymously on sticky notes if appropriate.

The trainer writes the input from the group on a flip chart sheet and puts it on the wall, visible in the room.

Divide roles and responsibilities

During the training days some participants will take on specific responsibilities to benefit the group process. Invite participants to take the following roles:

- Time keeper;
- Person responsible for the energiser;
- Someone responsible for recap and summary;
- Participant who can speak on behalf of the group.

The participants assign the roles and the trainer writes them down on a flip chart sheet, visible to everyone in the room. The roles rotate during the training days.
Preparation by the trainer

Before the start of the training, the trainer prepares ten flip chart sheets, one for each step in the Material Development process. The trainer writes the name of each step in capital letters on top of the sheets. The flip chart sheets will be displayed on the wall of the training room, so participants can follow the process and different steps. After completing each step, the trainer writes the most important findings on the appropriate flip chart sheet. Instructions for this can be found with each step in this manual.

This chapter outlines the core of the training programme – the methodological development of information, education and communication (IEC) materials. The exercises ensure that the course participants have a thorough understanding of the required ten steps and can use them in practice.

Step 1: Define the challenges

Exercise

Explore the health challenges sex workers face

The trainer distributes hand-out 2. The trainer asks the groups to compile a list of health challenges sex workers face in their region or community. The groups present their findings to the whole group. The trainer clusters, summarises and writes the common challenges on the flip chart sheet of Step 1 under the following categories:

- No condom use
- HIV
- Other sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Arrest by police
- No or limited access to health care

Indicated time: 45 minutes

Objective:

- Participants can describe the health challenges sex workers face in their area
- Participants identify the most urgent health challenge sex workers face in their area

Output:

- On flip chart sheet of Step 1: Challenges sex workers face

Materials:

- Hand-out 2

Method:

- Lecture
- Group work
The trainer presents slides if the group requires more detailed information. 

Select the most urgent challenge
The trainer divides the categories of challenges (selected in the previous exercise) among the groups. The trainer explains to the groups that their government has allocated $10,000 to fund the most important challenge in their country and asks the groups to prepare a presentation about why their challenge should receive the $10,000.

In their presentations, the groups need to answer the following questions:

- What is the most important challenge?
- Why do we consider it a challenge? How do we know for sure? Do we have proof for this?
- Who is experiencing this challenge? Which group of sex workers has excess burden? Is there a demographic difference? Which specific groups are at risk?
- Whom do we involve to select the challenge? Whom do we consult and collaborate with to get a good idea about the challenge?
- Where can the groups at risk be reached?

Each group gives a five-minute presentation of their findings. After each presentation, there is time for questions and discussion. The trainer notes the most important input on the flip chart sheet of Step 1.

Notes for the trainer
The basic questions to assess a health challenge are the following:

- What is the challenge?
- Who faces this challenge?
- What is the prevalence and distribution of the challenge?
- What are the demographic characteristics of the population that faces the challenge or is at risk of the challenge?
- Is there a community? What are its characteristics, including its resources and its strengths?
- What segments of the population have an excess burden from the health challenge?
- Where can groups at risk, especially groups at excess risk or excess burden, be reached by the programme?

Participants can consider a challenge very urgent due to their own experiences. The trainer explains to the group that when only one person is experiencing the challenge, you do not have a solid argument to work with in this case. The trainer stimulates participants to practice a ‘helicopter view’ and find proof for their arguments.
Take five steps to condom use

The trainer explains the different influencing factors and steps that may lead to behaviour change, using the outcome of the previous exercise. The trainer also discusses the theory on behaviour change (hand-out 3) with the group.

To make sure that the participants grasp the notion of the different categories of influencing factors, or determinants, the trainer asks the group to do the following exercise.

The trainer sits on one side of the room, on a chair with a sign that reads ‘Start: no condom use’. Between this chair and the endpoint are five chairs, each carrying a paper with symbols of determinants (annex 2) on it. The chairs represent the steps to condom use:

- **Start:** No condom use
- **Chair 1:** What information do I need about condoms? (Knowledge)
- **Chair 2:** What skills do I need to use a condom? (Skills)
- **Chair 3:** What do I think and feel about condom use? (Attitude)
- **Chair 4:** How big is my risk of contracting HIV and other STIs when not using a condom? (Risk perception)
- **Chair 5:** How important is what other people think about condom use? (Social norms)

**Endpoint:** Condom use

The trainer introduces herself or himself as a sex worker: ‘I’ve been in the business for two years now, mostly meeting my clients in a bar. I have to be honest with you: I don’t always use protection.’

The trainer then asks five participants to join the exercise. Each of them can pick two assistants who are allowed to whisper suggestions. Each participant gets a condom. The trainer asks them the following questions: In what way

would they like to get the sex worker to the desired endpoint – that is accurate and consistent use of a condom? What does the sex worker need in terms of knowledge, skills, attitude and so on to use a condom correctly? What questions do you ask to assess the knowledge, skills, and attitude and so on? If the participant correctly addresses a specific determinant, the trainer moves one chair closer to the endpoint. When moving a chair, the trainer explains what exactly made the moving possible. The trainer summarises the way this specific factor was addressed by the participants.

**Find the factors that influence the challenge**

The trainer divides the categories of the challenges from Step 1 among the groups: no condom use; HIV; other STIs; arrest by police; and no or limited access to health care. The trainer asks the groups to work with the seven chairs, appointing one person from each group to move from chair to chair, one to take notes and one to be a facilitator. The note taker fills out the influencing factor on hand-out 4 each time the participant moves a chair. The trainer explains that the influencing factors need to be described in terms of positive behavioural objectives. For example: ‘Sex worker has knowledge on condom use’ instead of ‘Sex worker has no knowledge on condom use’.

When the groups are finished, the trainer puts all the completed hand-outs on the wall. The participants then move around to look at the results of the other groups. Everyone can ask questions and give suggestions for improvement.

The trainer summarises the results of the exercise and makes notes on the flip chart sheet of Step 2 using the scheme of hand-out 4. The trainer summarises all influencing factors for each of the selected challenges. The group gathers in front of the flip chart sheet and discusses the following questions:

- **How do we know for sure that these are influencing factors? How can we find out?** Can we do research, consult professionals or ask sex workers? How would we organise this?
- **Who do we have to involve in this stage of the process?** How would we organise this?

**Notes for the trainer**

The exercise about influencing factors needs close guidance and facilitation from the trainer. Make sure participants ask the right questions and get the answers they need. Reflect on the participants’ input.

As the exercise can be challenging for participants, it is advisable to:

- Take time to make sure groups understand what to do. The output of this exercise will influence the rest of the training.
- Walk around the training room when the groups are working on this exercise. Assist them when necessary.
- Suggest to the groups that find it difficult to use hand-out 4 to make a drawing instead, as in the first exercise of this step. From there it will be easier to make the step to fill in the scheme of hand-out 4.
- Go back to the beginning of Step 2 and work plenary with the trainer in the five chairs, in case all groups experience similar difficulties.

**Social influence (support, norms, and peer pressure):** The norm among sex workers can be that using STI services will expose their sex work or that having an STI is a sign of promiscuous behaviour.

**Intention to perform a behaviour or not:** For example, the sex worker has the intention to visit a service within the next week or month. Intention is shaped by all of the above. If someone has the knowledge, or even sees the risks, but has a negative attitude or is strongly influenced by others, she or he is not likely to go. And even if someone intends to go, lack of skills or external factors (for example, no service available) may prevent her or him from going.

**External factors:** Someone intends to go to a clinic, but if there is no clinic nearby, or the clinic does not provide friendly services to sex workers, then she or he may not go. External factors relate to legislation, affordability, availability and accessibility.

**The cultural, religious and societal context:** This influences all the above-mentioned determinants: the environment influences what people know, value and are used to, as well as their norms.

**Skills and self-efficacy (closely linked):** A relevant skill in this example is the skill to resist peer pressure. Self-efficacy is the self-confidence to actually use this skill and others, even in difficult situations. A sex worker might, for example, be confident enough to access a health service, even if her or his friends would laugh at her or him.
Step 3: Prioritise

Introduction
The trainer summarises the previous steps, which have seen the group define a challenge and the factors influencing this challenge. In Step 3 the participants will prioritise the most important and adjustable factors. The trainer reads aloud the notes made on the flip chart sheets of Step 1 and 2.

Exercise
Decide on the influencing factors
The trainer explains that it is not possible to deal with all the influencing factors. We need to decide what is most important and within reach for us to change. The participants need to answer the following questions:

- How important is the influencing factor to the challenge?
- Is it feasible to change the factors? What type of factors can easily be changed or influenced? For example, knowledge is easier to change than social norms.

The trainer asks the group to gather around the flip chart sheet of Step 2. The trainer and the participants discuss each influencing factor. The trainer marks factors with a red ‘X’ if not important, with a green ‘V’ if important. The trainer repeats the process for the feasibility: a red ‘X’ if not within reach, a green ‘V’ if within reach. The trainer emphasises that this process works on a consensual basis, as not everyone will completely agree on the priorities. The trainer can stimulate discussion by asking the following questions: Do we know for sure? Where can we find proof for this?

The trainer lists on the flip chart sheet of Step 3 the most important and feasible factors that influence the challenge. Factors are marked with two green ‘V’s. In the next step, the group will work with these factors only.

Closing of the day
Summary
The trainer summarises the three steps in the Material Development process that were taken on the first training day: 1. Define the challenges; 2. Describe the influencing factors, and 3. Prioritise. The trainer can note the most important outcomes on the flip chart sheets. The trainer explains that during the second day of the training programme, the group will work on the next three steps: 4. Decide on a strategy; 5. Decide on the content; and 6. Choose a vehicle for the message.

Closing of the day exercise: ‘Speak like popcorn’
The trainer asks the participants to stand in a circle. The trainer explains the rules of this exercise. When somebody wants to say something (make a comment, share a thought, and evaluate the day), this person steps forward inside the circle, then speaks up. The others do not comment or say anything. When finished, others may join the person who spoke if they agree. Then the person who spoke steps back in line. And the next person may come forward.
Hand-outs
Day 1.
Introduction exercises

Share your expectations
The trainer divides participants into groups of four and asks them to answer the following two questions:

- What are you most proud of? What is your biggest achievement in work?
- What are your expectations of this training?

The different groups report back, while the trainer takes notes on a flip chart sheet concerning: 1) best practices and 2) expectations.

Meet your neighbour
Each participant shakes hands with her or his neighbour and explains why she or he is participating in the training. The participant then does the same with the other neighbour. All participants walk around the room and, at a signal from the trainer, shake hands with their neighbour.

Join your team
The trainer writes different categories (for example age groups, years with the organisation, outreach activities, colour) on four separate A4-sized pages, and puts the sheets up in four corners of the room. The trainer poses questions or issues raised and asks the participants to go and stand in the corner of the most relevant category. This exercise provides insight into the composition of the group and makes participants feel more at ease in the training room.

Create a self-portrait
The trainer asks participants to draw a self-portrait on a piece of paper. They can choose any style they like (realistic, cartoon, abstract). The trainer asks them to write their name on the portrait and to write down three ‘stepping stones’ (important events) that led them to this training. When everyone is finished, the trainer asks the participants to show their self-portraits and to present themselves through the drawing, including a short explanation of their stepping stones.

10-step model for material development

Day 1
Step 1: define the challenge
Step 2: describe the influencing factors
Step 3: prioritise
Step 4: decide on a strategy
Step 5: decide on the content
Step 6: choose a vehicle
Step 7: develop the material
Step 8: pre-test the material
Step 9: implement the material
Step 10: evaluate the material

Day 2
Step 6: choose a vehicle
Step 7: develop the material
Step 8: pre-test the material
Step 9: implement the material

Day 3
Step 7: develop the material
Step 8: pre-test the material
Step 9: implement the material
Step 10: evaluate the material
Hand-out 2
Define (health) challenges

Hand-out 3
Theory on behaviour change

What is behaviour change?
Behaviour change refers to the transformation of a person’s conduct and activities. Examples of health promoting behaviours of sex workers that prevent transmission of HIV and other STIs, prevent unplanned pregnancy, and prevent sexual abuse and harassment, include:

- Sex workers make their own decisions about sexual and reproductive health.
- Sex workers use a condom when working.
- Sex workers only have consensual sex.
- Sex workers seek support when they need this.

What are sub-behaviours?
Behaviours consists of sub-behaviours. For example, if you want to promote condom use, the following sub-behaviours are required for people to be able to use a condom:

- They decide to use condoms.
- They buy condoms.
- They carry condoms with them.
- They negotiate condom use with clients and partners.
- They correctly apply condoms.
- They maintain condom use over time.

What are determinants?
After identifying behaviours and sub-behaviours that contribute to or inhibit health and rights, the next step is to analyse why people do what they do: Why do sex workers with STIs not seek treatment? And why do health care providers not provide STI testing and treatment?

Behaviour change models distinguish a number of factors that can influence behaviour, also referred to as ‘determinants’. Figure 1 shows a model with various determinants, the Theory of Planned Behaviour.

- Knowledge
- Risk perception
- Attitude
- Social influence
- Skills & self-efficacy

This video of Chenge Muyambo (FACT Zimbabwe) explains the Theory of Planned Behaviour: http://youtu.be/aEs3cxdv8u0

Arrest by police
Access to health care
Condom use
HIV
STI
Cultural, religious and societal context
External factors
Knowledge
Risk perception
Attitude
Social influence
Skills & self-efficacy
Intention
Behaviour

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Annex 2
Symbols of determinants

Knowledge

Skills
Social norm

Risk perception

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Attitude

Environment
# Hand-out 4

Influencing factors

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<th>Attitude</th>
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Use for step 2:
- X = not important
- V = important
- O = changeable

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Day 2.
Step 4: Decide on a strategy

Introduction
The trainer summarises the previous steps: The group has defined a challenge and prioritised the factors influencing this challenge. In Step 4 the participants will work on finding the strategy that best meets the challenge. The trainer reads aloud the notes made on the flip chart sheets of Step 1, 2 and 3.

Notes for the trainer
We know from research that certain strategies work best with certain behaviours. For example, we know that creating fear does not have a long-term effect on behaviour. People might be scared for a few days, but then they start to forget. We also know that the best way to learn a new skill is by practicing it a few times after you have seen somebody else doing it.

Exercises
Let's cook!
The trainer asks the participants what their national dish is, and explains that she or he has been asked to cook this dish at home. The trainer asks the participants to come up with a strategy to make sure she or he can cook this dish at home.

The trainer explains that in return she or he wants to teach the participants how to prepare a dish too, for example Dutch pea soup. The trainer tells the group that, unfortunately, they have no time to show them how to do it. In what way would that influence the strategy? There are different ways to explain how to make the soup. How do you decide which way is best? The trainer records the criteria on the flip chart sheet of Step 4.

Explore different strategies to change behaviour
The trainer asks participants to come up with examples of strategies from their daily practice. Can they mention effective or ineffective strategies to change knowledge, skills or attitudes, for example? The trainer asks the participants to have a look at hand-out 5 and discusses with them the different strategies for bringing about behaviour change.

Play the Strategy Board Game
The trainer hands out the board game, including the cards from hand-out 6, dice and pawns, to each group, and explains the rules. The youngest person of the group starts. The person on the right of her or him then continues the game. Roll the dice and pick up a card. If she or he answers the card correctly according to the group, the person can move the number of spaces on the dice. Two or more players can be on the same space. The participants continue to play until the winner reaches the finish. When all groups of participants are finished, the trainer discusses the answers to the questions with the group as a whole.

Connect the strategy to the influencing factors
The trainer divides the priorities of influencing factors from Step 3 among the groups, and asks the participants to choose the appropriate strategy for each influencing factor. Participants can use hand-out 6 for reference. The trainer writes a list of priorities on the flip chart sheet of Step 4. As the groups report back, the trainer adds the strategies next to them.
Step 5: Decide on the content

Introduction
The trainer summarises the previous steps: The group has defined a challenge, prioritised the factors influencing the challenge, and decided on a strategy. In Step 5 the group will work on the content of the message. The trainer reads aloud the notes made on the flip chart sheets of Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Exercises
Formulate the key question and message
The trainer distributes a leaflet, for example one with STI information, to each group and asks them to examine the content. The trainer explains that the text gives answers to questions that are not explicitly posed in the material but which preceded the writing of the text. To come up with these questions, the trainer:

- Asks one half of the group to formulate the key question the writer answers in each paragraph of the text.
- Asks the other half of the group to formulate the key message in each paragraph of the text.

The groups then present their findings. Each key message should be the answer to a key question. If not, the trainer invites the groups to discuss and formulate a new key message.

Make a Word Web
The groups continue working on the priorities and strategies that were assigned to them in the previous step. The trainer asks the groups to:

- Formulate a key message (in one sentence).
- Make a Word Web: participants arrange the content by making a schematic structure of catchwords. This is done by making an associative network of words: a Word Web. The trainer asks participants to write their key message in capital letters in the middle of a flip chart sheet. The group writes all words that come to mind on the relevant flip chart sheet. The participants draw lines between words that are related.

Write a message
The trainer asks the group to read hand-out 7. The trainer then reads the hand-out aloud and invites participants to discuss how they can incorporate the suggestions on the hand-out into their messages. The trainer asks the groups to write a short message, of half a side of A4 paper (about 300 words) for a leaflet, using the output from the previous exercise. Each group presents its message.

Step 6: Choose a vehicle for the message

Introduction
The trainer summarises the previous steps: The group has defined a challenge, prioritised the factors influencing the challenge, and decided on a strategy. In Step 5 the group worked on the content of the message. In Step 6 the participants will decide which method they will use to pass on the message. The trainer reads aloud the notes made on the flip chart sheets of Steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Exercises
Play the ‘whisper game’
The trainer explains that the first person in line will receive a sentence on paper. This participant whispers the sentence in the ear of the person next to her or him. This person in turn whispers the sentence in the ear of the person next to her or him and so on. In the end, the sentence will come back to the person who began the game. She or he will speak out loud the sentence whispered in their ear. She or he then reads the original sentence on paper.

The group as a whole discusses the following:

- Is the sentence the same at the beginning and the end?
- Why is it that the sentence is different? The trainer supports the participants in finding explanations.
- Is the human messenger using her or his voice in a one-to-one situation the best way to convey information? What other vehicles to convey a message can you think of?

The trainer summarises the discussion. The group discusses the value of this exercise for creating health promoting messages. The trainer then explains the communication model, using hand-out 8.

Explore the vehicles for passing on a message
The trainer asks the different groups to brainstorm the preferred media for sex workers to use to pass on a message:

- Do they watch television or listen to the radio? What newspapers and magazines do they read? What websites or social media channels do they use?
- What amount of time do they spend on each media outlet?
- In what way do they like to receive content? (news, talk shows, entertainment)
- What channels are usually used to get information?

The trainer asks the participants to brainstorm what other vehicles they know for passing on a message and to write them on different sticky notes. The trainer collects the different vehicles and puts them in the second column on the flip chart sheet of Step 6, next to the appropriate strategy. The group discusses why certain vehicles fit certain strategies. The participants discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different vehicles.
### Example for the trainer:

#### Strategies | Vehicles | Advantages | Disadvantages
---|---|---|---
**Changing knowledge** | Information leaflets, Presentations on facts, Written materials (newspapers, magazines), Lectures, Video clips | Target your audience, Visual quality | Lack of control of distribution, Lack of flexibility
**Changing attitudes** | Billboards, Posters, Group discussions, Interactive theatre, Debates, Brainstorming sessions | Effective in calling attention to topic, Only limited effect on knowledge and awareness | Expensive
**Changing risk perception** | Quizzes, Scenarios on radio, video, and written stories of people's experiences | Wide distribution, Effective in changing awareness | Requires relationship with producers, Expensive
**Changing skills and self-efficacy** | Skills training through role-play: - People have positive experiences - People get positive feedback - People express themselves - Computer-assisted instruction - Positive role model stories in videos and written materials | Inexpensive, Effective in skills gaining | Requires facilitators for roleplay
**Changing social influence** | Discussions about misconceptions, Planning sessions during which people make a plan how to deal with the topic, Testimonies of positive role models, Radio, Chatting | Effective in behaviour change | Social influence can be hard to change

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#### Select the right vehicle

The trainer asks the groups to select the most effective vehicle for the message they wrote in Step 5. The groups then present their findings. In this presentation they have to justify their choice.

#### Closing of the day

**Summary**

The trainer summarises the three steps in the Material Development process that were taken today: 4) Decide on a strategy; 5) Decide on the content; and 6) Choose a vehicle for the message. The trainer outlines the most important notes on the flip chart sheets. The trainer explains that on the third day of the training the group will work on the final four steps: 7) Develop the material; 8) Pre-test the material; 9) Implement the material; and 10) Evaluate the material.

**Play the snowball fight**

All participants take a piece of paper and write down the most important lessons learned during the second training day. They make a ball out of the paper and, when the trainer gives a sign, they play the snowball fight. Participants throw the paper balls at each other. At the sign of the trainer, the fight stops and everybody picks up a ball. One after the other, they read aloud the most important lessons learned.
Hand-outs
Day 2.
Hand-out 5
Strategies for behaviour change

CHANGING KNOWLEDGE
Changing knowledge is not sufficient to initiate behaviour change
Most effective:
- Actively process information
- Provide knowledge in discussions and interactions
- Tailor knowledge to the target group
- Correct misconceptions and myths
Activities and materials: information in leaflets, presentations, written materials, video clips

Not effective:
- Transfer information one way

CHANGING ATTITUDES
Most effective:
- Use convincing and persuasive arguments
- Address all (conflicting) elements of the attitude
Activities and materials: group discussions, interactive theatre, debates, brainstorming sessions

Not effective:
- Tell people how they should think

CHANGING RISK PERCEPTION
Most effective:
- Provide realistic information about personal risks
- Always make sure people have the feeling they can do something about it, by providing skills and increasing their confidence
Activities and materials: quizzes, scenarios (modelling story), videos and written stories of people’s experiences

Not effective:
- Create fear

CHANGING SKILLS & SELF-EFFICACY
Most effective:
- Give skills training, including role-playing, whereby people develop positive experiences, and positive feedback or can express themselves
- Self-efficacy is the most important and most difficult aspects of behaviour change to address
Activities and materials: Role model stories in videos and written materials (positive role models and role models were youth can relate to), role-plays

Not effective:
- Tell people about skills

CHANGING SOCIAL INFLUENCE
Most effective:
- Encourage people to seek social support from peers, parents and others
- Correct misconceptions about social and peer norms that hinder safe behaviours
Activities and materials: discussions about misconceptions, planning sessions in which young people make a plan about how to deal with the topic
### Hand-out 6

**Cards and board for the Strategy Board Game**

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### Strategy Board Game

**Rules**

1. Roll the dice and pick up a card.
2. If you answer the card correctly, then you can move the number of spaces shown on the dice.
3. Two or more players can be on the same space.
4. Continue to play until someone reaches the finish, then see who will finish second, third, etc.

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**Material Development in Ten Steps**

A training on methodical development of IEC materials for sex workers
Create an outline of your message
Write a sentence that contains the main message and then make a list of key points you want to make. This gives structure to the message.

Example:

1. Title
   1. Subject
      a. Item 1: Description
      b. Item 2: Description
      c. Item 3:
   2. Subject 2

Title
• Define the content in as few words as possible.
• Use the title to deliver the key message, to indicate the content of the document. Or use a challenging question.
• Golden rule: keep it short, express just one idea.

Introduction
• This is one of the most important parts of the document.
• It is the next thing the reader will read after the headings.
• By writing the key message in the introduction, you make sure that the reader learns something even if she or he decides not to continue reading.

Choose your words carefully.
• Keep it short. Use words with one or two syllables when you can. Keep most sentences to between eight to ten words and limit paragraphs to three to five sentences.
• Write as if you were talking to a friend. For example: ‘You could get sick if you are near the chemical’ instead of ‘Exposure to the chemical could cause adverse health effects.’
• Tell your audience what they should do rather than what they should not do. For example ‘Use a condom every time you have sex’ instead of ‘Do not have sex without a condom.’
• Respect and value your audience: Do not talk down or preach. People are less likely to act on information if they are made to feel bad about their current behaviour or health situation. Use a tone that encourages the audience.
• Emphasise small, practical steps. Offer concrete examples of successful action steps.

Give the most important information first
To quickly engage your readers:

• Give the most important information first.
• Tell them what actions to take.
• Explain why it is important to them.

Example:

Always wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food. Food and water can carry germs that may make you and your family sick.

Editing
• Take a break and edit your message after the break. Editing usually means taking away words you do not need and correcting mistakes.
• Editing ensures that the document:
  - is easy to read;
  - makes more sense;
  - does not miss anything important;
  - does not include anything irrelevant.

Headings
Use headings to shape the structure of the text.

Example:

h1 - The Most Important One
h2 - Important, but less important than h1
h3 - Less important than h2 but more important than h4 - Getting less and less important
h4 - Even less important
h5 - The least important of them all

Graphics
• Tables, diagrams and images help to explain your point.
• They also make the page look less boring.
• Use bullet points to present a list.
• Always ask yourself: Does the image, table or diagram enhance communicating the message?

Extra Tips
• Choose a clear message: make choices, do not do it all!
• Use a clear structure: logical order, headings, bullet points, charts.
• Keep your audience in mind: Adapt the content and style to them.
• Bring the story to life: Use quotes, storytelling, case studies and pictures.

AIDA

A = Attention: Grab the reader’s attention: Alert the reader, introduce the reason for writing.
I = Interest: Generate the reader’s interest: State the key facts, findings, goals, and main points.
D = Desire: Create desire in the reader: Convey the impact and consequences, draw conclusions, propose alternatives.
A = Action: Prompt the reader to take action: List the steps to be taken, provide decisions or action steps.
Day 3.
Step 7: Develop the material

Introduction
The trainer summarises the previous steps: The group has defined the challenge, prioritised the factors influencing this challenge and decided on a strategy. The group worked on the content and vehicle of the message. In Step 7 the participants will make a prototype of the material. The trainer reads aloud the notes made on the flip chart sheets of Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Exercises
Play the sheet and ball game
The trainer asks everybody to hold one sheet (for instance a bed sheet or table cloth) with both hands. In the middle of the sheet is a ball or another object. The trainer appoints two observers on each side of the sheet. The group initially plays for a bit. The trainer then asks the participants to roll the ball to the different corners, to try to reach the ceiling with the ball, and so on. The participants have to turn the sheet without the object falling off. Cooperation is essential for success. If the group has difficulties with turning the sheet without the ball dropping, the two observers act as team coaches and give advice.

Alternative exercise: The participants stand on a sheet together. They need to turn the sheet and all stand on the other side without leaving the sheet.

The trainer discusses the game with the group, asking the following questions:

- Who thought this was not possible? Who thought this might be possible but did not know how? Who thought this was possible and knew how?
- What happened? Did the observers recognise the different roles people have in finding a solution?
- What did you learn from this game?

Make a prototype
The trainer explains that, looking back on the three training days, the participants have defined a challenge and related influencing factors, decided on the strategy and content, and chosen a vehicle for the message. The trainer distributes craft materials and asks the different groups to make a prototype of the medium to be used for their message. Each group gives a presentation of their product including the following: definition of the challenge, influencing factors, strategy, key message, and vehicle.

Indicated time: • 120 minutes

Objective: • Participants can create a prototype of their material, using all previous steps of the Material Development methodology

Output: • On flip chart sheet of Step 7: Different prototypes of developed materials

Materials: • Sheet and ball
• Craft materials: old magazines, leaflets, paper, markers, tape, and so on

Method: • Group work • Presentation

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Exercises
Review the text and its effect
The trainer asks the participants: Why is pre-testing of materials necessary? What would be the goal of pre-testing materials? What kind of improvements can be expected? Do you have experience or ideas on pre-test methods? Who should be involved in the pre-testing?

The trainer explains the different pre-test methods and the two levels of pre-testing:

1. Text: Readers review the text and record their opinions. The plus-minus method is a good way to find out if the readers understand what is written.
2. Effect: Readers answer specific questions in a structured interview or do assignments to measure the effect of the text. This can give some indication if readers understand the message and if they are willing to follow the advice that is given in the text.

Notes for the trainer
Pre-test methods

Plus-minus method
The plus-minus method is a method to evaluate brochures and written information material. The method involves asking members of the target group to read the material and record positive and negative reading experiences by putting pluses and minuses in the margins of the text. The pluses and minuses refer to understanding the text, as well as appreciating the information given, and may be assigned to all sorts of texts, words, chapters, titles, and so on. After this, individual interviews are held on the reasons for every plus and minus. This results in a list of reader critiques, which may result in a revision of the text.

Reading aloud
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Exercise
Make an implementation plan
The main question to be answered in this step is: What should be done to make sure that the target group will use the material? The trainer asks each group to prepare an implementation plan: a plan of action for the implementation of their material, using hand-out 10. The participants need to take into account all eight steps in the material development process and discuss what needs to be done. Special attention needs to be paid to deciding on whom will be involved in each step.
3. Personal development plan and training evaluation

This chapter deals with the design of a personal development plan and how to commit to the plan. On this last day of the course, the training programme will be evaluated.

Personal development plan

Exercise

Make a personal development plan

The trainer explains to the participants that this training has provided them with the skills and knowledge to develop materials in a structured way. The trainer asks the participants to list three goals that she or he can reach within the coming six months and explain in what way these objectives can be reached.

The trainer asks the participants to fill out the personal development plan (hand-out 11).

Evaluation of the training

The trainer evaluates the training by asking the following questions: What have you learned and what will you implement in practice? What did you like and what needs more attention during the training? The trainer states that she or he appreciates the participants’ input, as this will help to improve future training programmes. The trainer thanks the participants for working together during the training.
Hand-outs
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