**Alcohol and other Drugs, Violence, and HIV/ AIDS**

We address drugs, violence and AIDS through a community mobilization initiative, the Ukombozi (or “Liberation”) program. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in an Ukombozi three-hour mobilization discussion concerning drugs, violence and HIV/AIDS. Volunteer trainers, including youth, facilitate discussing the problems, addressing them using real situation “what if” questions, and what each person will do to help themselves, their families and their communities deal with the problems

Without labeling anyone specifically, the group discusses how to deal with addiction to alcohol or other drugs, violence - especially against women and children, and having AIDS. They discuss how to keep their family or neighbors from becoming addicted, victims of violence or becoming HIV positive. At the end of the training, everyone describes what they will do.

If they are currently dealing with drugs, violence, or AIDS, they are encouraged and supported to start or join emotions anonymous groups dealing with each of these issues