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Homosexuals in

plea over stigma

Madagascar is struggling to

reduce the social stigma of men

having sex with men (MSM)

groups in order to also reduce

the HIV-AIDS contamination

risk. “Discrimination is the biggest

obstacle here,” Dr Andry Rakotomanana,

unity coordinator

within the National AIDS Control

Committee (CNLS), said at

a press conference on Tuesday.

“Friends who died were banned

from entering the familial tomb

because they were homosexuals,”

Mr Balou Chabat Rasoanaivo,

head of an Antananarivo MSM

association, revealed. Around

40,000 Malagasies are identified

as homosexuals. (Correspond-