

Objective

- > **Engage faith leaders and their congregations** in HIV prevention and raising awareness of HIV in the African communities
- > **Breakdown barriers and resistance** to engage within those communities
- > **Debunk myths** about HIV
- > **Develop HIV knowledge resource** that confirms with Christian teaching

Actions taken



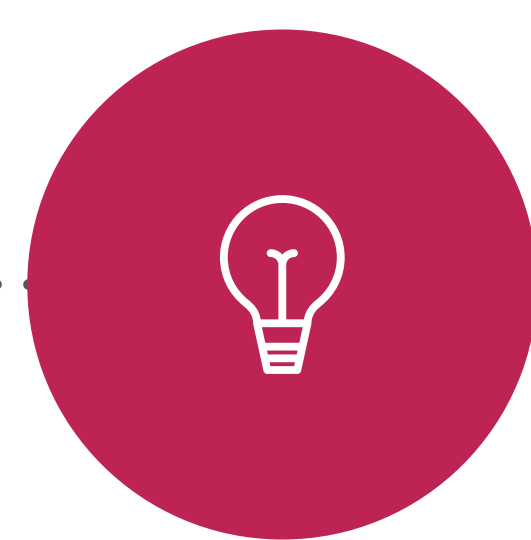
Literature search



Recruited Christian leaders and groups



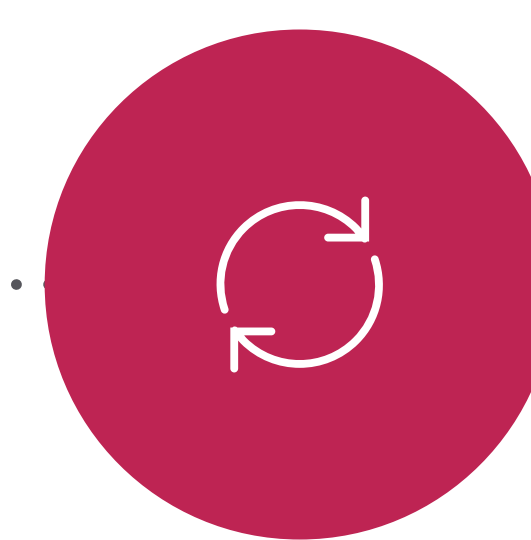
Focus groups with faith leaders and followers



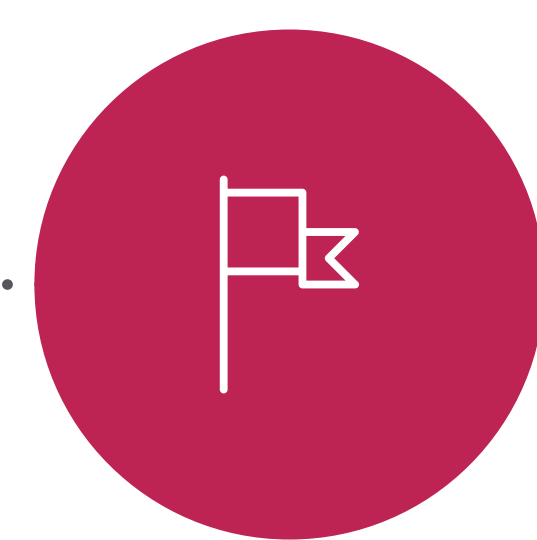
Workshops and awareness training



Community consultation process through a survey



A draft resource based on the consultation process



Developed a final resource and launched

Outcomes

- > **5 faith leaders** were recruited as community champions
- > **Increase** in number of Christians coming forward to test for HIV
- > **3 Christian faith leaders** on the steering group
- > **2000 booklets** were published as a resource for faith leaders to use
- > **Community champions** from various Christian denominations trained to deliver HIV awareness training and testing in the community

Impact towards the shared ambition of 'Getting to Zero'

- > **Increase in the numbers of people** coming forward to test, contributing to the reduction of late diagnosis
- > **Reduced stigma** in the communities and improvement in confidence to share HIV status
- > **Improved treatment support** for people living with HIV in the communities
- > **Improved quality of life** for people living with HIV