

TRANSACTIONAL SEX AND HIV RISK

Adolescent girls, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, are at high risk of HIV infection. Transactional sex seems to be a factor in shaping their vulnerability. But what is transactional sex exactly? What motivates young women and adolescent girls to engage in this practice? And what can we do to address the HIV risk involved?

Based on research and analysis by the STRIVE research consortium, this 7-minute video explains:

- a clear definition of transactional sex
- three sets of motivations that underlie the practice
- five important considerations for efforts to address the HIV risk involved in transactional sex

Infographic on 'Transactional Sex: what it is and why it matters': <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/transactional-sex-what-it-and-why-it-matters>



RESOURCES

Revisiting the understanding of “transactional sex” in sub-Saharan Africa: A review and synthesis of the literature

This paper contributes a historically-grounded, comprehensive literature review on the nature and motivations for women's participation in transactional sex in sub-Saharan Africa. <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/revisiting-understanding-%E2%80%9Ctransactional-sex%E2%80%9D-sub-saharan-africa-review-and-synthesis>

Transactional sex and risk for HIV infection in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis

This research set out to systematically review studies that assess the relationship between transactional sex and HIV among men and women in sub-Saharan Africa. <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/transactional-sex-and-risk-hiv-infection-sub-saharan-africa-systematic-review-and-meta>

Transactional sex among young women in rural South Africa: prevalence, mediators and association with HIV infection

This paper presents data on the prevalence of self-reported engagement in transactional sex and explores whether it is associated with increased risk of HIV infection among a cohort of young, rural, sexually active South African women. <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/transactional-sex-among-young-women-rural-south-africa-prevalence-mediators-and>

The STRIVE website includes a rich and searchable archive of academic and accessible resources.

<http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources>

LEARNING LABS

The full Learning Lab archive is available on our website <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/strive-learning-labs> – and the following examples are on the topic of transactional sex:

- **Transactional sex and HIV risk among young women in rural South Africa - Meghna Ranganathan** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/transactional-sex-and-hiv-risk-among-young-women-rural-south-africa-meghna-ranganathan>
- **Transactional Sex in Sub-Saharan Africa: Meaning, Measurements and Implications for HIV Prevention - Kirsten Stoebenau and Joyce Wamoyi** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/transactional-sex-sub-saharan-africa-meaning-measurements-and-implications-hiv-prevention>
- **What do we mean when we say transactional sex? Rebecca Fielding-Miller** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/what-do-we-mean-when-we-say-transactional-sex-rebecca-fielding-miller>
- **Situating transactional sex: Comparisons, history and theory - Sanyu Mojola** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/situating-transactional-sex-comparisons-history-and-theory-sanyu-mojola>
- **Disaggregating 'transactional sex' from 'sex work' - Holly Prudden** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/disaggregating-transactional-sex-sex-work-holly-prudden>
- **Adolescents and transactional sex - Joyce Wamoyi** <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/adolescents-and-transactional-sex-joyce-wamoyi>