

# STAR Action Research Summary Work-plan

PAMOJA Africa – ActionAid International – Comic Relief

Oct-Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of key staff: action research coordinator in Pamoja and 6 x action research coordinators (in each pilot location). Induction and orientation of these staff.</li> <li>• Action research training / planning workshop;</li> <li>• Base-line data collection in 6 locations to ensure reliable outputs from the action research.</li> <li>• Publication of draft STAR guidelines</li> <li>• 3 x National-level training workshops with Pamoja support (facilitated by globally recognised “experts” in Reflect and SS),</li> </ul>
Jan-March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator recruitment and training in each of the 6 pilot locations (10 communities with approx 3 circles in each so up to 30 facilitators in each pilot).</li> <li>• 6 x Action Research Coordinators orientate facilitators in action research – key indicators, documentation and learning processes etc,</li> <li>• Compilation of STAR guidelines in each country /location based on the local adaptations of the approach</li> <li>• 60 STAR groups started in each country, enabling participants in sex / age groups to analyse a full range of local development issues in the light of HIV. Groups will meet regularly at times of their own choosing and the different peer groups in each community will occasionally meet together. These groups will engage in a wide range of activities (see below)</li> </ul>
April-Jun 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAR groups ongoing</li> <li>• STAR Participants add own indicators to those agreed by project as a whole</li> <li>• Pamoja support visits / problem solving</li> <li>• Ongoing monitoring and documentation by action researchers and sharing with Pamoja action research coordinator,</li> <li>• Ongoing training, reflection and networking workshops for facilitators (including to compile documentation /</li> </ul>

	learning)
July-Sept 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above - groups continue their work / evaluation continues</li> <li>• First exchange workshop between the 6 countries</li> <li>• Pamoja support visits and focused exchange visits across countries / projects.</li> </ul>
Oct-Dec 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pamoja support visits</li> <li>• First review and reflection processes (linked to exchange visits across the 3 pilot countries)</li> </ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circles continue through year (at least to October?)</li> <li>• Second exchange workshop</li> <li>• Pamoja support visits for review / compiling learning at project level (x6) and national level (x 3).</li> <li>• Pamoja compile all materials to help external evaluators.</li> <li>• Final external evaluation – September/October – with independent consultants / key resource people globally on Reflect /Stepping Stones</li> <li>• Publication of final report and of final version of resource materials for STAR practitioners, both to be widely disseminated to other practitioners and policy-makers through relevant networks.</li> <li>• Final dissemination workshops x 3 at country level and in UK.</li> </ul>