

VSO'S KEY POSITIONS ON HIV AND AIDS

Addressing the HIV and AIDS pandemic is a priority for VSO. We aim to combat stigma, support prevention, and increase the availability of treatment, care and support for people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. VSO's work supports a wide range of people affected by HIV and AIDS, including children, women and girls, sexual minorities, injecting drug users, sex workers and community care-providers. We work with these groups through different organisations and partners.

Having a wide range of approaches and target groups makes it very important for VSO to have an agreed set of values and principles with which to guide our work in HIV and AIDS.

We have developed these positions to set out and explain our values and principles for our work in HIV and AIDS in an easily referenced format. They should ensure we are consistent, appropriate and effective in our work. The key positions aim to support staff and volunteers to understand our work, and to make decisions about how our programmes and interventions are developed. They are also intended to guide VSO's communications on HIV and AIDS, and can be given to external organisations to clarify VSO's positions on key issues.

The complete set of positions includes one section setting out the general principles that underpin our HIV and AIDS work. Other sections address specific topics. Each one includes a brief summary, the background to a particular issue, VSO's position, principles, and details about appropriate language and useful resources. As we learn more about our work and good practice in the field of HIV and AIDS, we will expand this set of positions to include more topics.



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