

Masculinité, Famille et Foi



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Transforming Masculinities

A faith-based intervention to promote gender equality and positive masculinities

Transforming Masculinities (TM) engages faith leaders and communities to challenge harmful notions of gender inequality, reinforced through scriptural interpretation



FAITH LEADERS

National, provincial and community level faith leaders attend workshops that engage and equip them to provide leadership and support for the Transforming Masculinities process.



GENDER CHAMPIONS

Community faith leaders select key male and female members of the community to be trained as facilitators of small group discussions named 'community dialogues'.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Small groups of men and women meet weekly in their communities for six weeks for discussions led by Gender Champions. Weeks 1-5 are conducted in single sex groups and Week 6 in combined sex groups.

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Transforming social norms for sexual and reproductive health

USAID-funded
implementation science
research project, led by Georgetown
University's Institute for Reproductive
Health in consortium with:

- ✓ FHI360
- ✓ John Hopkins GEAS
- ✓ PSI
- ✓ Save the Children
- ✓ Tearfund

Three work streams:

1. **Practice** (pilot interventions in DRC)
2. **Research** (normative scale up in Senegal and Niger)
3. **Global Leadership** (Global)

Tearfund is specifically involved in IR1, piloting an adaptation of Transforming Masculinities in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo in partnership with IRH and PSI.

National faith partner: **l'Eglise du Christ au Congo (ECC)**

Family Planning, IPV – and Faith

- Population of Kinshasa ~ 10 million
- DRC is the 7th least gender equitable of 155 countries (UNDP, 2015)
- Gender norms endorse:
 - early marriage
 - high fertility
 - male control over decision-making
- Protestants represent 34.7% of the DRC population – 3.7 million in Kinshasa
- IPV and FP social norms shaped by faith community and leaders

Benefits of working through ECC :

- Normative environment
- Addressing core beliefs
- Existing infrastructure
- Scale up

Formative Research: Social norms diagnostic tool

Pastors are seen as key social referents for IPV and have some influence on issues around family planning.

Intimate Partner Violence	Order of	Influence		
Newly married couples – male member	Pastor	Father		
Newly married couples – female member	Pastor's wife	Marriage counsellor(F)*		
First time parents –Male	Pastor	Friends	Mother in law	Marriage counsellor(M)*
First time parents – Female	Pastor	Friends	Marriage counsellor(F)*	
Family planning				
NMC (M)	Spouse	Pastor		
NMC (F)	Friends	Spouse		
FTP (M)	Spouse	Friends	Father	Mother
FTP (F)	Spouse	Health worker	Mother	Friends

*Part of the church structure

Adaptation: Masculinité, Famille et Foi

Adapting TM to include family planning and specifically address IPV through a gender-synchronized and multi-level community-based normative approach



FAITH LEADERS

Engaging faith leaders at national, regional and parish level



COUPLES

Reaching newly married couples and first time parents aged 18-30 through community dialogues (including gendered and faith reflections on male and female roles, IPV and FP)



GENDER CHAMPIONS

Engaging male and female youth leaders to train couples (through community dialogues) and act as models for gender transformation within congregations



CONGREGATION

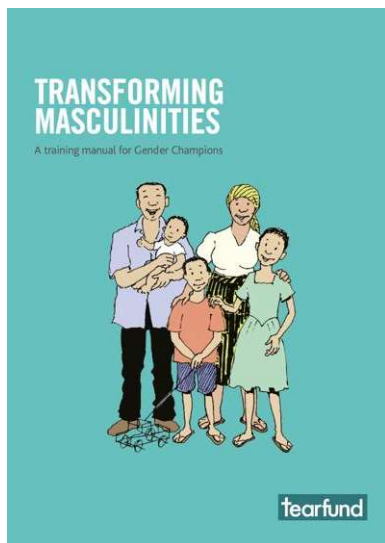
Reaching broader congregation members to diffuse social norm change



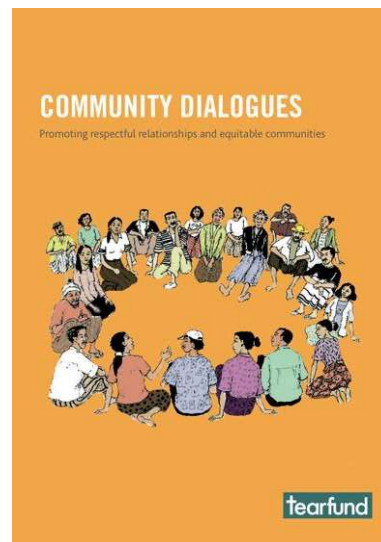
SERVICE ENVIRONMENT

YFHS provision, health (FP) talks, GBV hotline, and overall service linkages and strengthening

Masculinité, Famille et Foi tools



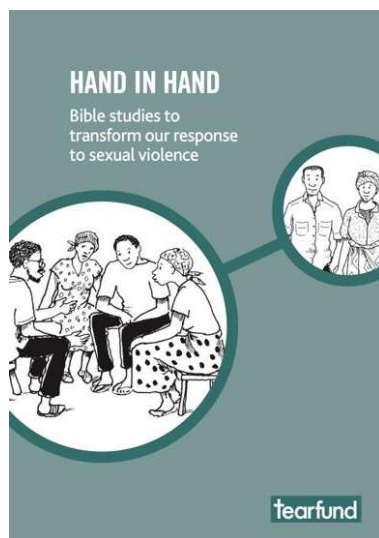
Transforming Masculinities
manual – for faith leaders
workshops and to train
Gender Champions



Community Dialogues -
facilitator's handbook for
Gender Champions
leading community
dialogues

Hand in Hand: Bible studies

Used by faith leaders
as a sermon guide and
for use in small group
discussions (diffusion
aspect)



Family Planning reflections

Specific to Passages.
Additional FP module for
community dialogues



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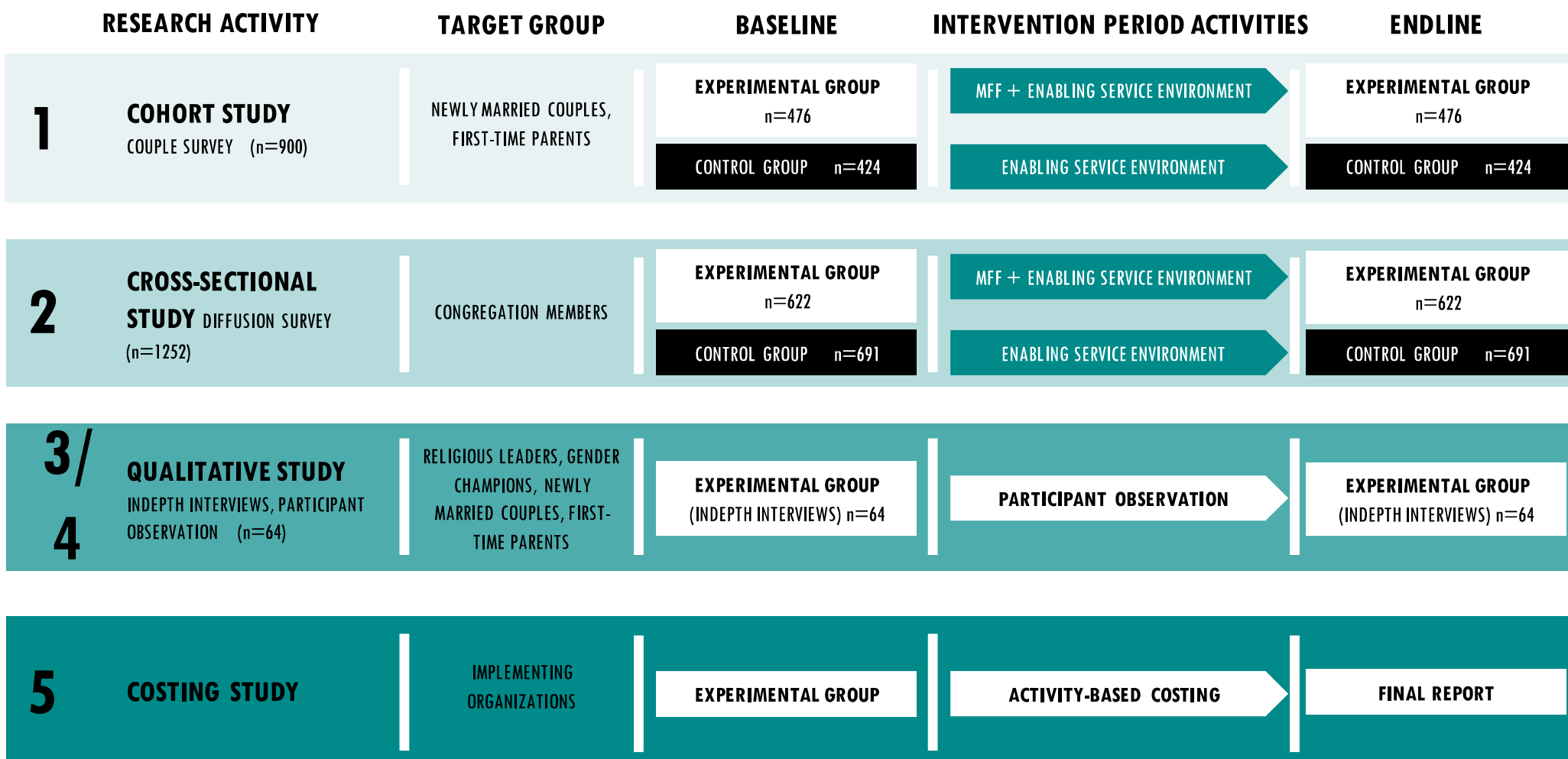
Evaluation



To what extent does a gender norms intervention with religious leaders and faith communities increase FP use and reduce intimate partner violence among newly married couples and first time parents in participating congregations?

- Randomized, RCT
- 17 participating congregations within the ECC network:
 - 9 control –FP health talks and referral
 - 8 experimental – with TM elements + FP health talks and referral

Research Design



Baseline: Couples survey

8 experimental and 9 control sites
493 women and 407 men

IPV

- 22.5% women experienced and 29.7% men perpetrated IPV in the last 12 months

FP

- 39.6% women and 39.0% men report using a modern FP method.
- 16% women and 30% men gave 'Against religion' as a reason for not using a modern FP method

Positive Masculinities

- 49.2% women and 46.1% men disagreed/strongly disagreed with the statement that men and women are created equal

Baseline: Couples survey

Faith leaders are significant normative referents in relation to IPV and FP

Intimate Partner Violence	Order of	Influence		
Newly married couple (M)	Mother/in law (41.7%)	Faith leader (37.2%)	Father/in law (36.6%)	Friends (30%)
Newly married couple (F)	Partner (36.6%)	Mother/in law (35.2%)	Faith leader (32%)	Father/in law (20.1%)
First time parent (M)	Partner (36.6%)	Faith leader (33.3%)	Mother in law (29.4%)	Father/in law (25.5%)
First time parent (F)	Partner (47.4%)	Mother/in law (29.2%)	Faith leader (27.3%)	Friends (18.7%)
Family Planning				
NMC (M)	Faith leader (32.3%)	Other non-relatives (32.3%)	Mother/in law (27.2%)	Father/in law (23.6%)
NMC (F)	Mother/in law (32.4%)	Partner (32%)	Other non-relatives (30.6%)	Faith leader (30.3%)
FTP (M)	Partner (40.5%)	Other non-relatives (34%)	Faith leader (28.1%)	Mother/in law (19%)
FTP (F)	Partner (52.6%)	Mother/in law (29.7%)	Other non-relatives (23%)	Faith leader (18.2%)

M&E: the story so far

Community Dialogues

- **40** Faith Leaders
- **38** Gender Champions
- **314** young couple members (individuals) have participated in the community dialogues

Diffusion

- **97** sermons
- **38** testimonies and personal stories shared
- **27,000** person contacts in the 8 experimental congregations

FP services

- FP helpline: Experimental site members call 2x more than control sites
- Clinic access: 70% experimental / 30% from control

Learnings

- **Partnership** – strong consortium collaboration
 - With researchers to generate robust evidence and highlight necessary adaptations
 - With national faith partners – plan to scale
- **Adaptation** - Integration of family planning

Recommendations

- **Faith engagement** - Importance to normative change, and specifically IPV



A woman in a white shirt and dark skirt stands at the front of a room, presenting to a group of people seated in blue plastic chairs. Behind her are three whiteboards with diagrams and text. The room has yellow walls and a speaker on the wall. A large blue curtain is on the right side of the frame.

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