

Young Men's Masculine Learning in Rural Kitui, Kenya: A Qualitative Study of Catholic Influences

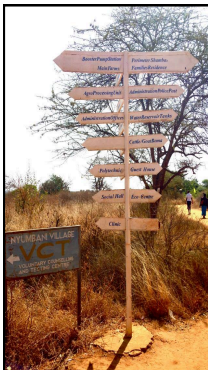
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Background

- 4th largest HIV epidemic
—1.1 million orphans
- Nyumbani Village
—1,000 children +100 seniors
—PEPFAR, Catholic FBO

Research Question

- What are the late adolescence health challenges facing young men in Nyumbani Village vis-à-vis masculine learning and Catholic teaching?



Methods

- Young men n=29 (ages 16-20)
 - NV residents 4+ years
- In-depth, face-to-face interviews
 - Informed consent
 - Snowball sampling
- Modified grounded theory

Findings



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Older Boys

teach boys traits related to sexual relationships and earning money

e.g. *Married*
Practices sex
Shrewd employee

Findings

Village Men

model masculine traits about achieving goals

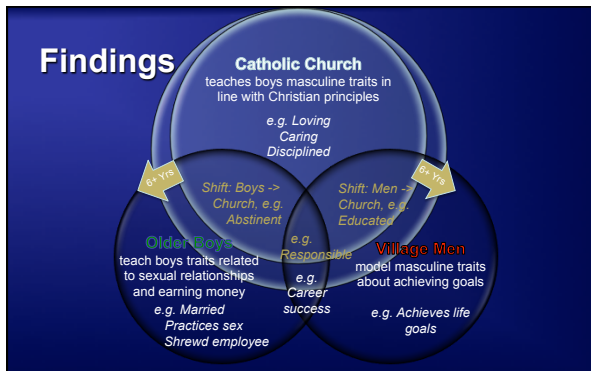
e.g. *Achieves life goals*

Findings

Catholic Church

teaches boys masculine traits in line with Christian principles

e.g. *Loving*
Caring
Disciplined





Discussion

- Role of education
—“Makes the man”
—Deterrent vs stressor
- Shame of sexuality
- Role of Catholic Church

Limitations

- Cultural competence
- English language
- Taboo
 - Contraception
 - SGM identity
 - HIV status





Future Directions

- NV Leavers' Health
- Catholic Church Leadership
 - Youth-led education
 - National, regional conferences

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