MUSEUM TACKLING HIV/AIDS THROUGH RIGHTS & CULTURAL PRACTICES

MUSEUM OF MALAWI CASE STUDY
HIV/AIDS STATISTICS

- 13.1 m people
  - 4.7m tested
  - 8.4m not tested

- 1m positive
  - 450,000 on ART
  - Over 100,000 have died

- 1m orphans
  - 26,000 children annually infected from mother to child
HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN
HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITH ADULTS
HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITH TEACHERS
HIV/AIDS PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH
HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITH POLICE OFFICERS
ABUSED RIGHTS

Right to say no to sex

Right to condom use

Right to have one partner

Right to access reproductive health services

Right to sex education

Right to choose husband of one’s choice
CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT ABUSE RIGHTS (1)

Hlazi
Giving of bonus wife to a caring son-law.

Kulowa kufa
Sex with a widow after death of spouse.

Chokolo
Widow inheritance

Sister given if wife is barren /wife has sex with witch doctor

Sister to late wife given to a husband.

Religious marriages-No VCT before couple joins in holy matrimony.

Bzade
Sex when launching a canoe/ burning bricks
MBWIZA-A traditional which induces sex
CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT ABUSE RIGHTS (2)

- **Kupimbira**: A girl forced by parents to marry a married man
- **Mdulidwe**: Circumcision at initiation ceremonies
- **Kusasa fumbi**: Forced sex with girl who has reached puberty
- **Wives stop sex when 6 months pregnant & start 6 months after delivery**
- **Bzade**: Sex with a girl whose outside wedlock child has died
- **Having sex with a virgin to cleanse HIV**
Contemporary band-message on rights & HIV prevention
Drama-message on rights & HIV prevention
Malipenga traditional dance – message on rights & HIV prevention
Poems-message on rights & HIV prevention
CONCLUSION

12 districts visited out of 27.

Over 50,000 people reached

4,618 tested & counseled