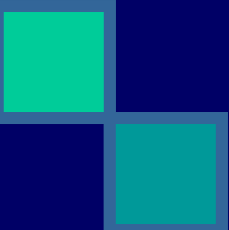






Gender Roles and HIV

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- Traditional Gender Roles create cultural expectations and affect how men and women respond to HIV/AIDS
 - Engaging in the gender debate can liberate us from oppression of designated gender roles.
 - Current gender roles are designed to support the patriarchal society and its rules
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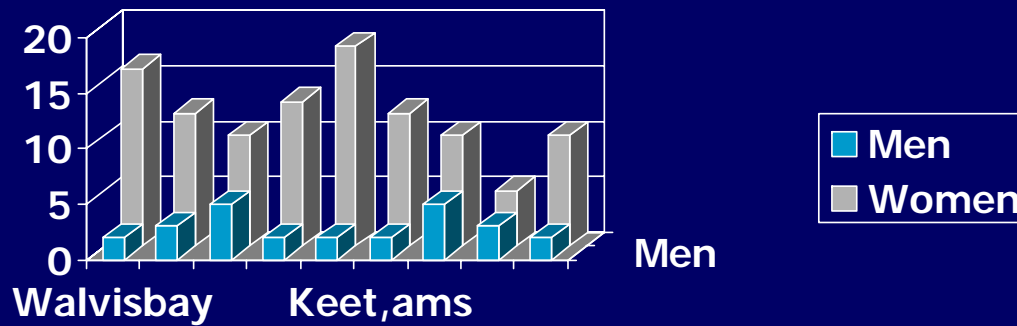


Women are **vulnerable** to HIV: Men are at **risk**

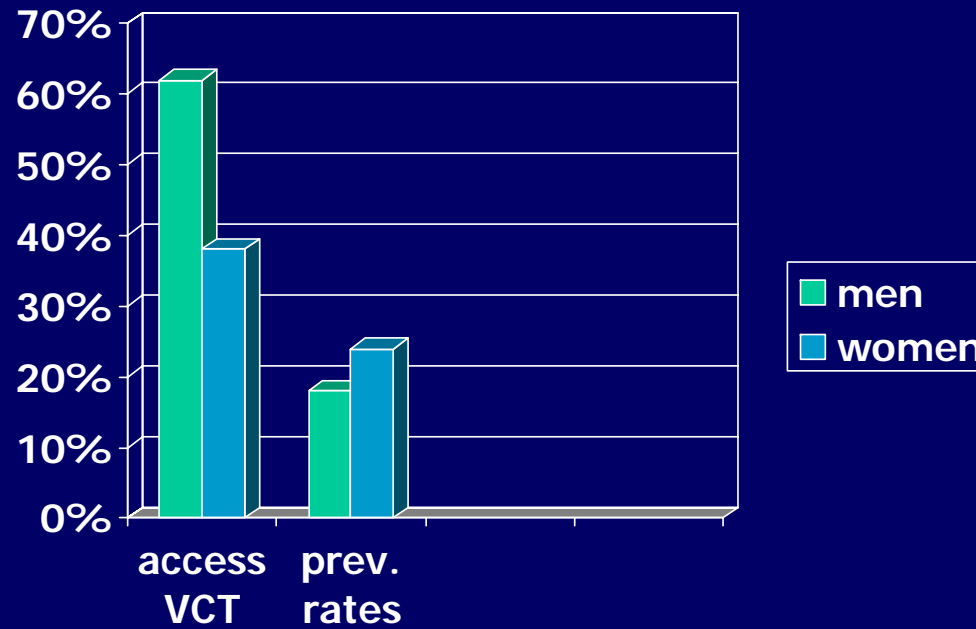
The above mentioned does not only reflect how both men and woman are put in a precarious position by cultural norms but also the way in which we become programmed to respond to our environment.



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■ The Patriarchal Family Model


- Places the man:
 - At the head of the household i.e. the man gets the 'lord and master' position within the household
 - He has rules the house with the authority of a king i.e. his decisions are mainly unilateral, unquestionable and final
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Living in a Patriarchal Society





Boys and men are expected to:

- Acquire power
 - Think rationally
 - Be in control
 - Aim to become the 'alpha male'
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■ Makings of an 'Alpha Male'

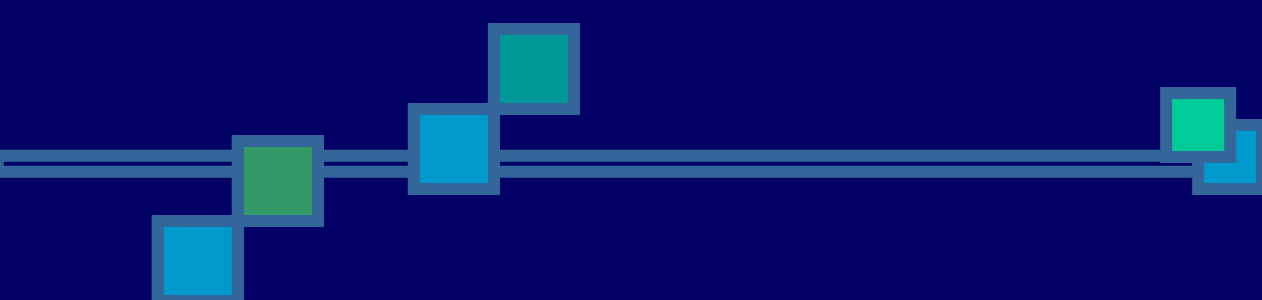
- Is expected to be:
 - Successful
 - Aggressive
 - Intimidate lower ranking males
 - Have their pick of the females
 - More sexually active than subordinate males
 - Impregnate numerous woman and father numerous children
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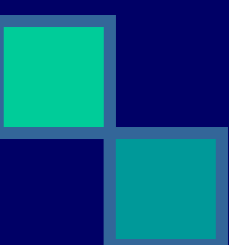
▪ Challenging the Patriarchy to take the new roles society offers us men today

This will help us talk about

- How men are also oppressed by culture
 - That men need spaces to heal from the hurts of socialization
 - That we can start cultivating and honoring our anima
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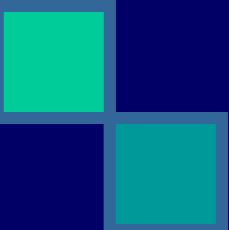


One in every ten men has a male friend with whom he discusses work, money marriage; only one in every twenty has a friendship where he discloses feelings about himself or his sexual feelings...the most common male friendship pattern is for a man to have many "friends", each of whom knows something about the man's public self and therefore a little about him, but not one of whom knows more than a small piece of the whole. (McGill Report on Male Intimacy, 1986)





In order to get men on board

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- Create safe space where men can engage on 'manhood'
 - Men need the support of women to realize that it is ok not to be an 'alpha' male.
 - We need media strategies that can speak to men and their problems
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