



**Sexual and Reproductive  
Health and Rights of People  
Most Affected by HIV:  
The Right to Development**

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**Gaby**



**Sandra  
Mexico**







# Sandra Guatemala



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**Laura**  
**Dominican Republic**

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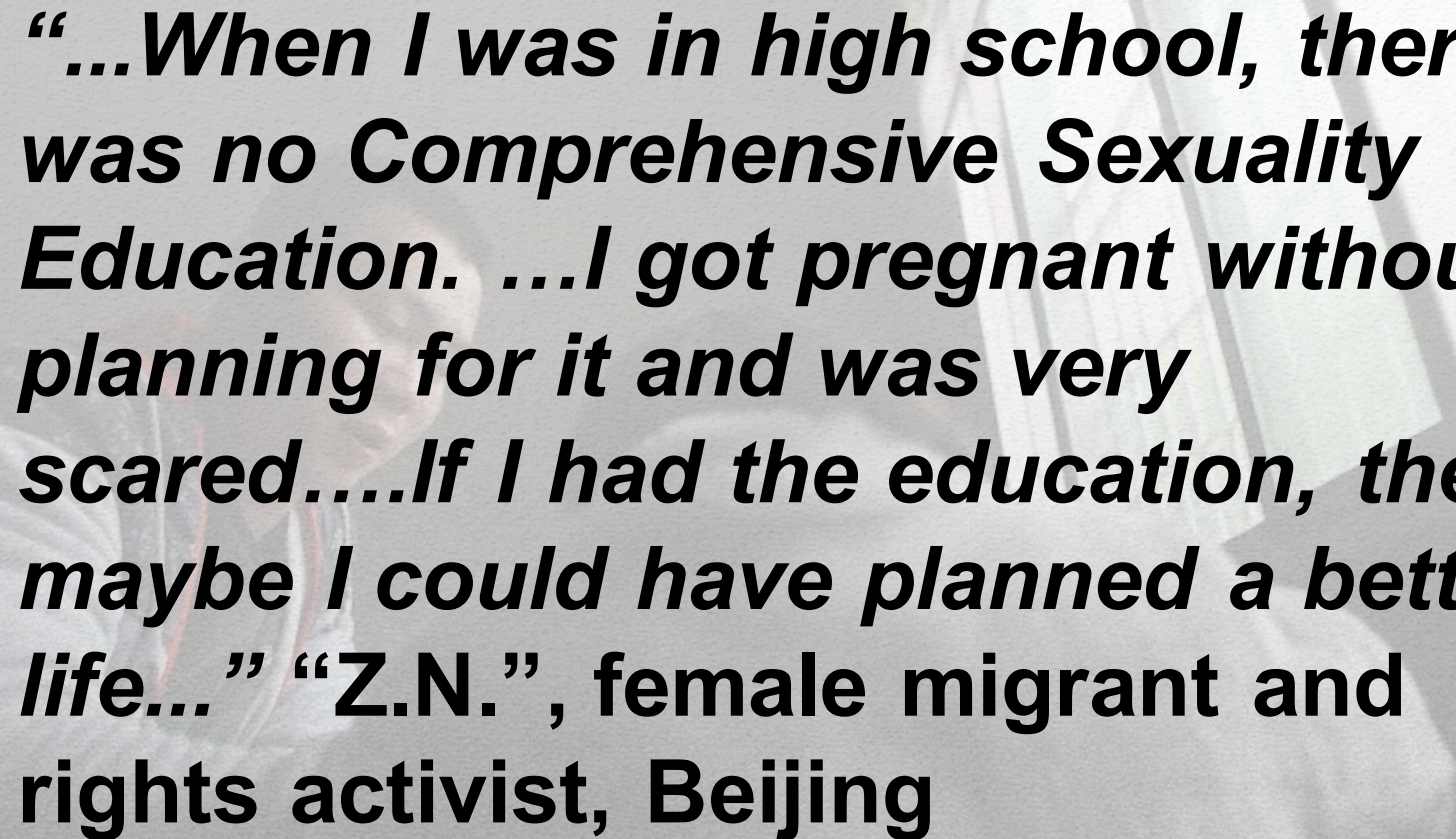


**Johana**





***“...When I was in high school, there was no Comprehensive Sexuality Education. ...I got pregnant without planning for it and was very scared....If I had the education, then maybe I could have planned a better life...” “Z.N.”, female migrant and rights activist, Beijing***



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- *“Young people need to have a chance of living a brighter and happier future with full rights as citizens, with love, consideration and support. Without this, many young people drop out of school due to illnesses... Many health personnel have negative attitudes towards HIV-positive people. This can result to... no information being shared about family planning and dating. We are denied our sexual rights due to our HIV+ status, as if we do not have feelings....”* **“Nadege”, 25, from Rwanda**
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- *“When I wanted to buy condoms from the pharmacy, they would not sell me condoms because “I was too young to think about these things”, so even when I wanted to take responsibility, they would not let me...”* **“Lucas”, 17, gay male, Paraguay**










- *“... In March, 2014, I gave birth to what I was told was a healthy baby boy. ...At the time I opted to have my tubes tied because I was told that he was fine. The doctors misled me. ... They ended up burning, double tying, and cutting my tubes without my consent. When I asked about a reversal, the doctor was insinuating that I shouldn't be having unprotected sex anyway since I'm HIV-positive.”* **Stacey from the USA**






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- *“...When you are pregnant and HIV-positive, health care workers suggest you get an abortion. I am still young, in my 20s, and would like to have children.”*


**“Yvette”, a 26-year-old woman living with HIV, originally from Guinea-Bissau and now living in Belgium**

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- *“Incidences of violations to indigenous women living with HIV, and to their sexual and reproductive health rights, are rising. Six years ago, I was coerced into being sterilized.”*
  - **Marama Pala, Maori, International Indigenous Working Group on HIV/AIDS**
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*"...Many of us that are openly gay have seen increasing threats. I sometimes experience hostile attitudes from health care workers in the ARV clinics although I have never been refused treatment.*

**"Balo", a gay man in Nigeria with HIV**

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*“...Hate crimes keep happening, especially to trans women. The attitudes of the police toward young people who are gay or lesbian or transgender are a big issue; they are supposed to protect, but they aggravate the situation.”*


**Ari, a 26-year-old gay African-American/Indigenous man living with HIV from the USA**

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*“I was 19, new to sex work, and got pregnant. I did not have the money to pay for the abortion.... When I went for delivery, doctors, nurses and even cleaners asked where the father was. After delivery, the nurse said I delivered a dead baby, I did not even see the body.”*


**“Farzhana”, 19, sex worker,  
Bangladesh**

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*“...Some people just look at you and think of you as somebody they should take advantage of. Many of us do not have the courage to say no to sex or have the confidence to discuss their experiences.*

*Whenever HIV programmes are organized, there are no provisions for sign language interpreters.”*

**“Loveth”, woman living with disability,  
Nigeria**

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*“...My husband and I were arrested in 2013. I was pregnant and sentenced for six years... For 53 days, I was not given the medicine that I took for HIV. When I went into labour, I was taken to the nearest maternity ward in a convoy. Now I have other problems in my uterus that may need an operation, but until I am released they won't do it, and it is unclear what the outcome will be....”*


**“Catherine”, a 34-year-old Russian woman living with HIV**

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*“...The Bethany project support group for young people living with HIV and AIDS teaches us to take our medication consistently and correctly, to be confident and assertive. I now know that it is my right to have a child if I choose to, but I should do that in consultation with health staff at the clinic so that I can have an HIV-negative baby...”*

**“Primrose”, 22, young woman living with HIV, Zimbabwe**

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*“ ...We address SRHR issues for sex workers, making sure there is no stigma and discrimination in health centres, and ensuring sex worker health and dignity. Recognition of sex work programmes by governments and companies will go a long way in terms of support to Wellness programmes in workplaces.”*

**“Lydia”, Sex Worker Peer Educator, Mozambique**

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*“Doctor N.A. treated me very well. Thanks to him I gave birth. I didn’t have all the documents and he took responsibility for me. He scolded the medical personnel harshly if they did something wrong. I now have two children and I didn’t abort the second because I was lucky with the doctor...”*

**“Svetlana”, a pregnant 32-year-old Russian woman who uses drugs**

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