

# Role cards

Cut out the role cards and give each participant one card so that everyone has a different role. (you can photocopy these pages)

**Make sure the participants do not show their cards to others at this point.**

You are a man. You are the village chief. You live in the best house in the village and are among the wealthiest. You are a member of the main political party and you influence your community on how to vote. No one from outside can come into the community without your prior consent.

You are a woman, taking care of your family alone. Your husband died last year of suspected AIDS but you don't know because he was never tested or received treatment. You are now raising five children alone. You never went to school and you cannot read or write. Your children don't go to school anymore either as they must work to help you support the family.

You are 16, pregnant and single. You had to leave school when you got pregnant so now stay at home helping your mother around the house. You were good at school and are literate. You listen to the radio when you can.

You are a man, aged 60, and a traditional healer. You can't read or write but catch up with the news on the radio. You are very respected in the community.

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You are a teenage girl, 15, attending secondary school. Your family are proud of you as you are the most educated among them. You often let them know what's happening in the district.

You are an elderly widow. You live alone in a home next to your son and daughter-in-law. You are frail and don't get to go into the village very often due to health problems. You are also illiterate.

You are a man and a poor farmer living on the outskirts of the village. You have spent your whole life working on your family's small plot of land. You are a member of a minority ethnic group and you do not fully integrate with the rest of the village. You don't have any means of transport. You never went to school.

You are a 15-year-old girl, recently married and pregnant with your first child. You dropped out of school at age 10 and never learned to read and write as the quality of teaching was very poor. You live with your husband who is almost 40 and believes that a woman's place is in the home.

You are a married woman, pregnant with your 6th child. You are 28 years of age. You are moderately well off and live with your husband, children and mother-in-law in the centre of the village. Age is respected in your family and your mother-in-law's views take precedence over yours, so you are not encouraged to have/offer opinions.

You are a single woman in your late teens. You work with your aunt on a market stall and have some education, so you are literate. You live with your parents whose main ambition is to find you a husband. Your parents worry about your safety and will not allow you to travel alone but you can travel with a relative.

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You are a Pastor at the Church of the Ever-living Christ. You are a man, 48 years of age and live in a nice house. People seek out your opinion, as a respected man.

You are a man and a teacher, 30 years of age and married with three children. You finished primary school and two years of secondary school. Your opinion is respected.

You are one of the top five richest businessmen in the country, aged 37.

You are a grandmother, looking after nine children. You can't read or write. You are in relatively good health but have little money.

You are a 24-year-old man who lives with his parents. You had polio as a child and need a wheelchair but can't afford one. You can't walk properly. You went to primary school but didn't complete your studies as the teacher assumed you were mentally disabled and didn't make an effort with you. You can write your name and have limited reading skills.

You are a young single man in your early 20s. You have some primary level education but now you work with your parents on their farm or doing casual labour for neighbours. You live at home and are still considered a youth in Sierra Leone until the age of 35 or until you have married.