



Drama: Created as a sensitization material by Musangwa Edward in Lugufu Refugee Camp working in partnership with CELA and WTE. Translation aided by Logan Cochrane.

Title: Medicines' Overdose Does Never Cure

Introduction: In the camp men feel a strong desire and place a lot of worth upon sexual overuse, even within a situation of marriage. The drama consists of three phases, having two characters. Laugan and Edward have lived the single life but have decided to get married and expect to then reduce their sexual desires/partners.

Part 1:

Edward: Laugan, my friend look! I have a secret but I wonder if I can share it with you. Can I tell you?!

Laugan: Please, my friend, be open with your secret.

Edward: Ok, listen: I wish that we could get married. For I think we have had enough of this single life.

Laugan: My pleasure! It is a wise decision, the wisest I've ever heard from you. In this world of HIV/AIDS we should stop having so many partners and have only safe lawful sex. But, we have to keep in mind that having only one partner is a promise we keep forever, otherwise it is adultery – even the Bible warns of it!

Edward: Laugan, don't worry we will manage!

Part 2: Two years later and both are now married.

Edward and Laugan kept their promises for the first two years but suddenly Edward was not. He began to seduce other women because he felt he was still too young to have such a one-partner lifestyle. He felt his wife had become 'out of date.'

Edward: Laugan, right now I have found some young girls with warm blood. Without them I will not be satisfied!

Laugan: My goodness! What do you mean by that.

Edward: I think I was clear, but let me tell you again. With my wife, I am not satisfied any longer. So, to be refreshed I will contact some young girls with warm blood.

Laugan: Those are the ones we call 'sex workers,' who may carry such sexually transmitted diseases as they share their body with as a sale to people like you! So, let you remember your household as they too will be affected – including your newborns.

Edward: Please don't frighten me. These things are only imaginary and myths! Let me enjoy myself while I am still alive.

Laugan: Please, my friend Edward, you will be doing unsafe things and putting a faster end to your life. You will sooner leave your children! Be reasonable Edward, for I have no other friend but you. Keep your fidelity, please.

Edward: Leave me alone Laugan. Do not bother me any longer. Stay out of my private life, even as my friend.

Laugan: For that, I regret to leave you.

Part 3:

'The Unexpected' – For two years Edward meet with sex workers, become infected with HIV and then transmitted the virus to his wife and his children. Only two were still alive.

Edward: Oh! Laugan, I am regretfully leaving you. Please take care of my two children.

Advice: Seeing this example, we can learn a lesson. The title was 'Medicines' (sex) overuse does not cure.' We conclude that having one partner and remaining true and faithful is ideal to support our survival and rescue our future generations from orphaning. This also relating to the high rates of poverty in our countries.

