

Gifty Torkornu, Ghana

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Gifty Torkornu is my name. I am a woman living with HIV for the past eight years. I am a single mother and have one daughter. I am the founder of Young Women Against Stigma, a support group that was formed because of the higher level of stigma in the community where I live.

I was tested at my place of work, and when I was found positive, I was dismissed from work. I stigmatized myself for four years without accessing treatment which infected my son, who passed away.

I now disclose my HIV status to the public and the newly infected people living with HIV to know that there is still hope and life after HIV. I let them know that prevention is very important. I am ready to be a face of HIV in the world and an ambassador for HIV.

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