



Embracing
Intersectionality
for Health Equity
& Justice

THE INTERSECTIONAL SEE-JUDGE-ACT TOOL

Addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights through religious dialogue and inclusive action.

The Intersectional See-Judge-Act tool proposes a unique, action-oriented method for transforming personal and social views on young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). The tool invites us to view religion and faith communities as "part of the solution". It prioritises inclusivity and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised – offering a pathway to change that leaves no one behind.

Understanding the tool

The tool supports implementers working with young people to use curated religious texts to hold dialogues with faith-based groups and communities in religious contexts to:

- » **SEE:** identify sexual and reproductive health related issues that affect young people, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised and related key community concerns.
- » **JUDGE:** examine how religion, culture and layered identities shape the issues identified and analyse their impact from the perspective of those affected.
- » **ACT:** outline specific actions needed at individual, community and systemic levels, led by those most affected.

See-Judge-Act supports youth with compounded vulnerabilities to speak for themselves and lead the process of identifying and planning suitable actions for improving access to youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health information and services.

The "6Cs" framework—community, context, criticality, conscientisation, change, celebration—provides a set of principles to help structure the dialogues and ensure all voices are heard and valued:

- » Engage the **community**
- » Do **collective** reading
- » Apply **contextual** analysis
- » Question **critically**
- » **Conscientize** the community
- » Creating **change** through action planning
- » **Celebrate** progress toward change



Impact: case study from religious communities

In March 2024, IFAGE partnered with African Women Theologians in Kenya to implement the Intersectional See-Judge-Act tool across 20+ faith orientations, including Anglican, Catholic, Muslim and various indigenous churches to address SRHR issues of youth.

This led to exchanging perspectives on creating healing spaces. Participants found common ground among diverse faiths to advance youth well-being, emphasizing shared values of compassion, justice and dignity as foundations for inclusive spaces. They developed specific action plans including addressing gender-based violence and early pregnancies from the pulpit, incorporating SRHR topics in conferences, conducting community studies with interpretations of sacred texts, and collaborating with health ministries.



Reverend Dominic Misolo presenting during the implementation of the Intersectional See-Judge-Act tool.

Potential for cross-sector application

While based in Christian tradition, the Intersectional See-Judge-Act tool can be adapted for other religious traditions by selecting appropriate sacred texts. The tool's flexibility allows it to be used to address various SRHR topics and community concerns beyond health, for example, gender-based violence, access to education and climate and economic justice, and across multiple settings.

The tool can be strategically scaled across multiple settings to create lasting change. Companies can adopt it for internal education, while educational institutions can implement it to facilitate critical thinking about religion and social issues. Health facilities can use the tool to bridge gaps between providers and communities. Civil society organisations can apply it to inform advocacy and policy changes sensitive to both religious perspectives and human rights.

The intersectional framework ensures that overlapping vulnerabilities and power dynamics are acknowledged in any implementation. By emphasizing community engagement, critical analysis and action planning, the tool creates space for dialogue between sectors typically working in isolation. This makes it valuable for any organisation seeking to engage religious communities in addressing social issues considered sensitive.

More Information

You can find the [Intersectional See-Judge-Act tool](#), along with additional material and many other tools from the Intersectional SRHR Toolkit on the Make Way website: <https://www.make-way.org/toolkit/>.

