CONDOM USE
I AM SOMEONE’S HOPE
One day I got a message that my child was seriously ill and money was needed to send her to the hospital. I had no money at the time and no where to turn. I was anxious and depressed. I knew I had to work hard that day to make enough money for the doctors and the medicine.

QUESTIONS TO ASK
1. Why do you think Cece had no money?
2. Have you been in such a situation before?
I left for work early that day in order to get the clients before the other girls arrived. I bought some condoms from a peer educator on my way. I always ensure that I have an adequate supply of both male and female condoms for work.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

1. Why must we always have an adequate supply of condoms?
2. Do you know where you can get condoms? Where?
A friend offered me some alcohol and drugs to lift up my mood but I declined. I never use alcohol and drugs while working. I need a clear head to make the right decisions and stay healthy for my child.

QUESTIONS TO ASK
1. Why do we use alcohol and drugs when working?
2. Is it helpful?
3. Why do we need a clear head while working?
Soon a well paying client came along; I could not believe my luck. He offered to pay me several times the going rate if I would allow 'raw' (unprotected) sex. I thought of all the money I could make. I thought of my child who was sick and in need of medical care. I was strongly tempted but I refused. I told him I could endanger both of us through unprotected sex. He stormed off in anger. Not long after that, another client came who was prepared to use a condom, so I earned some money to take care of my daughter's health.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. What is unprotected/raw sex?
2. Should Cece have accepted the offer?
3. Why did Cece refuse?
4. What did Cece say to the customer?
5. What would you have done if you were in this situation?
After work, I went to the Susu office to access some of my savings. I combined it with the money I earned to buy medicine for my daughter. I have learnt that it is always wise to save up money for a rainy day. I never want to feel so desperate that I engage in risky sexual behaviours for money.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Why does Cece save money at the susu office?
2. Why is it good to save?
3. Where else can you save your money?
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At home the next day. Idi, my boyfriend, wanted us to have sex without a condom. He said that if I truly loved him I would treat him special by not using a condom. I explained to him that the real proof of love was that I would not want to endanger his life or health by engaging in a raw sex with him.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Why should you always use a condom with your regular boyfriend?
2. How do you think your boyfriend would react?
I continued to suggest that we should use a condom. He finally accepted a condom. I was glad since I like him very much.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

1. What can we say to convince our boyfriends to use condoms?
2. What is the benefit of always using condoms?
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I always use a condom even with my regular boyfriend to stay uninfected. This helps me to live and work longer so I can look after those who need me. I am someone's hope!

QUESTIONS TO ASK
1. What have we learnt from this story?