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I was home, friend, Sumani visited me, He visits me regularly. He came along with his friend named Luwisi (the name of his father well known by this name than his own name. I know only this name.)

We were talking some of our conversations and suddenly; in front of my house there passes a small foot path and a certain young girl I believe aged 15 was passing by just few meters from my veranda (where we sat). Luwisi was the first to greet the girl among us. This time my wife was at the Borehole. The girl responded nicely, and Luwisi seemed attracted by the girl for instead of giving us chance to talk to the girl, like greeting her as he did; he didn't do that and chose talking alone talking like "when are you passing by once again?"

Abiti Dominic: (I know a girl for she is our neighbour) I am not.

Luwisi: Why not?

Abiti Dominic: Nothing "PALIBE"(Chichewa)

Luwisi: What is "PALIBE"(Nothing)

Abiti Dominic: Only laughed friendly.

Luwisi: Tell me, I will be waiting you to pass once more, you understand?

Abiti Dominic: What do you want me for?

Luwisi: That's not a question, "I want you for many reasons"

Abiti Dominic: I am not wanted.

Luwisi: Okay! But you have to come soon.

Abiti Dominic: May be, probably if I decided to go to the Borehole I can pass.

Luwisi: (seriously) "Do that!"

The girl finally gone, we let them talk, for me and Sumani only just listening.

Sumani started: "LASIRA SUFUBA KUONA AKAZI NAI MASO AI? (Chichewa), meaning: "Luwisi, you don't look upon ladies by eyes alone?"(meaning: by looking he also has an aim behind.)

Luwisi: (Responded) "BWANAWE AKAZI ALINGTI MALUWA SAMAKUKWANA!", meaning: "Ladies are like flowers which you can't be satisfied with.

(We laughed, you are saying the truth, we added)

Luwisi: But if she passes again I am going to follow her. She has a good looking appearance and good age that even if you can impregnate her and her parents comes to give you their daughter to be looking after her, you can't get borrowed and shy to take the responsibility. (We were just laughing.) It has now taken almost 2 months since I had my last sex with my girlfriend at Vingula.

Simon: Do you have a girlfriend at Vingula?

Sumani: He has Kandeche, his girlfriend, she is in Form 2 at Vingula Sec school, but she has a son born from another boyfriend when she was in Standard 8 (Last term at primary).

We laughed.

Simon: Another son?

Luwisi: No, only one son probably 2 years old! But you can't imagine that she has left a son home when she dresses up going to school.

Simon: Okay!

Luwisi: Though this one is saying of me but he has (meaning Sumani now) his prostitute Elkana in Vingula as well; not schooling only sings church choir (Sumani was only laughing)

Simon: A prostitute? (Exact word—"HULE WAKE)

Sumani: Both are prostitutes to say the fact; for we stay here at Mphula and they stay far there at Vingula and we never know what they are doing there even right now as we are speaking.

Simon: True Friends!

Sumani: Yes, and if it is a problem of AIDS, then let's just accept it with total hands for they have come not for animals but we people. No escape (ILIBE KUTHAWIKA)

Simon: Okay!

Sumani: Yes, Because AIDS it has built its habitat in a sweetful environment (in Chichewa he said: "AIDS YAMANGA MADZIKO AKE MU MALO OKHAO OKOMA –sweet)

Luwisi: You can't avoid it; Actually we young men, for we are not married and even married men. And moreover, sex started long time ago and it's a nature which can't be changed nor forced. And if that one passes again here (meaning Abiti Dominic) I will try to persuade her to be my girlfriend and if she accepts I will force her within 2 days Sumani you will hear that I had slept with her (having sex intercourse)

Simon: Soon, soon!

Luwisi: Yes, for her to believe that I indeed love her and for me to know that she has love upon me, she has to fall down naked...(laughing) and we all laughed.

Sumani: Suppoe she don't pass again?

Luwisi: I will be trying to meet her from now onwards; if she has AIDS I don't know and I will go plain (without a condom) to feel her real sweetness (the underlined words in exact language he said KUTINDI MUMYE KUKOMA KWAKE)

Eventually me wife came from the borehole and we stopped talking about the girls conversations and switched on our normal chats. Waiting and waiting a girl didn't appear until all my friends (Sumani and Luwisi) said 'farewell' and I was escorting them; But Luwisi was still talking about this girl Abiti Dominic—Longing to have sex with her. Till I returned from escorting them.

8<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

I was coming from Vingula Trading Centre footing alone. On my way I met my acquaintance who had a bicycle cycling from Vingula and goes with me in the

same direction to Mphula. Him noticing that I have a bicycle, he stopped on his way and asked me, "where is your bicycle?" And I responded "It has run out of good condition tyres. And he offered me an opportunity to ride his bicycle with him. It was at Nkhunda River (there is a bridge at this river) and I board his bicycle and he was cycling. After a short distance, that is when we reached at Vingula Pastrol Centre (Mission), from Mkono Village there appeared 2 young ladies from Mkono to join a tarmac road. As soon as they reached tarmac road they started laughing on their own, we met them as we were passing along this tarmac road. They both wore white blouses and one in a grey skirt and another one in black skirt. Both were black and beautiful in complexion. As soon as we passed then a PAJERO car, black one was coming behind us. It stopped after seeing the ladies walking slowly and wantonly (mincingly I hope). The driver called them to come so that he can talk with them. In the car they were 2 of them. Before girls responded, the girls started laughing. The car totally stopped and the girls passed the car without going responding to the call. I believe the girls were shy for people near the groceries were watching what was happening. The girls shouted as they (the driver plus his friend) kept on insisting them to come and said "There is AIDS around and no time to be talking with men." The car then started to move, leaving them without saying anything. As the car was passing by us on the door of it is was written: "Assemblies of God Church" Blantyre. The man who took me on his bicycle started to say: "Look, those people which we assume to be righteous are the ones who are sex fighters. Look is it not a car they use disinterminating [?] the word of God!

Simon: It is this car.

Man: Look, AIDS can't end, no matter being preached, the result is as if it is being preached to continue doing adultery.

We chatted so long other issues as well until I reached Mphula with him.

12<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

I was in my trading centre "Mphula Trading" whereby I met a friend Kenani. We sat at Adini Minishop where we usually sat chatting. Kenani started telling me that "Yesterday (meaning on 8<sup>th</sup>/03/2001) I went there at Mr. Nsatu's compound there is a certain young girl schooling at Masanjala f.p. school now she is Std. 7 (I recognised the girl)

Simon: You mean the black beauty! (I responded by asking)

Kenani: Yes, that one, you know her quite well. She is a beautiful and self-controlled girl "WOZISUNGA he said in Chichewa).

Simon: Yes, I know her.

Kenani: Have you ever heard that she has a partner (sexual partner) somewhere?

Simon: No, I had never heard that.

Kenani: Ya! I met with her one day and I proposed her. And she responded that if I want her I have to visit her parents and ask her about Marriage and not love affair only—but she wants marriage or CHITOMELO.

<NOTA BENE: Chitomelo is a term used when one wants to marry someone in future ie after well prepared for taking marriage responsibilities.>

Kenani continued, "And I promised her to visit her parents and I went yesterday.

Simon: So how did it go?

Kenani: Well, but her uncle Mr. Reuben asked me saying 'You are saying you want CHITOMELO but you have another wife how are you going to deal with two wives yet your Christian law objects this, unless we Muslims which is not a problem for it demands "MITALA"(having more than one wife). And I said "Me and my wife we are not cooperative nowadays, she is too lazy and I will divorce her and take this one, and they accepted.

Simon: But is it true that you will divorce her and take this one?

Kenani: No, I was cheating! Only that I wanted her to be in channel, I want to be going with different items like soap, and what I aim most is I want to sex her before I marry her. And if I have sex with her once then I will just know that I have opened the way and onwards having sex with her.

Simon: What will happen if you impregnate her?

Kenani: I can take her.

Simon: Like MITALA?

Kenani: No, the first, I will divorce her and take this one the young sharp...(laughing). She has no AIDS I believe because NDI WOZISUNGA (meaning she has self control). And even most of young men has failed proposing her; and I don't know what kind of lucky I have that she accepts me a married man.

Simon: Indeed you are lucky enough.

Kenani: But I know love is blood (CHIKONDI NDI MAGAZI) we have the same blood. And I want to try hard until I have sex with her soon.

Then friends like Savasi, Maele joined us and Kenani demanded silence about this issue. So we began chatting other issues.

NB: I believe Kenani contradicted himself: for first he will not divorce his spouse (only interested to have sex) but then he said he will divorce the first and take the second because she is free from AIDS.

16<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

I was buying fresh fish at Mphula Trading Centre. It was morning and I was just moving for the first time for the first time for the fish was very expensive MK25. K30 up to K50 each (small ones). Everybody was complaining about the expensiveness. I caught other old men saying "The world is ending now. A small fish like this one, by which in the past we were given free as a plus prize after buying the seller and now K50? I am afraid."And the same man continued. He wore a big hat made from Mulaza. "And to a big family of me comprised of 18 in total can't suffice/can't be enough. So plus sharing to in-laws, for you can't be eating you and your own family alone—you consider the other family as well. So it can't help.

I was interested to come close to them as I was to be making budgets—whether to buy or not. Someone said! But nowadays it has come to worse point. Things are just so high interest and of price [this was hard to understand]. Commodities are supposed to be high but this is now killing us. "KOMA AKUTIPHA,"

<Chichewa meaning "They are killing us.> "These people selling goods should be thinking of us, thinking that this is rural areas.

The one nearby Bench (fish seller) responded: "Even at the Lake fish are expensive so if we are just selling anyhow there it's just pleasing you buyers and not making profit.

Someone said, You are saying the fact for it was even written in the Bible that it will come a time whereby buyers will cry and sellers happy and will have no mercy in Trade (this time he was saying these words he was even smiling/friendly). The fish seller said, "Even in the radio there is a programme called KULELA in which they say the badness of having so many children in a family. And the end result is you fail to eat a good balanced diet ratio for you flock to a food large in quantity, less in price but of poor quality and non-nutritious. 'Buy this one! (he rifled up one of chambo fish) The men were only laughing. "KUDYETSA MOYO"—the seller continued. NB \*By saying 'KUDYETSA MOYO'the seller said this in Chichewa language simply meaning "feeling life". We both drew near, reluctant to choose fish.

Seller: Buy, people nowadays its better that you may be feeding your lives than taking economy measures because people are dying and in large number before they thoroughly utilize their money by eating. And don't be cheated it's not only AIDS which is killing ys there are so many deaths like accidents, falling down and even by eating Nsima itself after Nsima one can die—"Death has no limit"(IMFA ILIBE PENIPEN in Chichewa).

We both laughed and we were now able to choose the fish for he was the only person selling this small chambo type of fish and the rest were selling KAMBULI (small fresh fish).

And off we departed, each to his own home.

19<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

I went to the lake to buy fish myself as my little business sale I undertake. It was around past 12 noon when I visited Chawala fishing ground. I began to notice the difference with that of my village area. At the lake we could be in a bare ground on sand and be watching canoes and boats as they are coming, going, catching fish and the like. People were taking bathe all over along the bank, only having or wearing pants. Girls, women could be taking a bath just 10 metres from where a man is taking his bath. I was very startled with this system. And I asked my friend (I can call him my friend, he sat close to me, because from that time onward, we turn up to be friends), "This is the system by which people follow when bathing here?"

Friend: Yes, this is so, and we are used to. But people like you coming from "KUMTUNDA"—meaning "uplands"offshore—you see new things. There are more beautiful girls here. Some does this (meaning bathing public) with the aim of attraction. Ladies here are after money; if you have money and you want to have sex you just go straight and talk to any wife/ladies you wish and ask her about that and say I will pay you then you can definitely go and sleep (having sex) with her. They are money hungers"WASALA MBIYA (Yao language we were speaking now).

Simon: Okay!

Friend: Yes and they don't consider whether they are married or not both men and women here, and the end result you can be hearing everyday people crying here because of their loved ones dying. They are dying not by kinds of disease no, but because of Henzi (the way he pronounced the disease, meaning "AIDS"). Because people here consider sex as a special particular enjoyment.

Simon: You are saying people here, where are you from?

Friend: I am from here as well but somehow different because I can say because I went to school and I sometimes read myself about the dangers of AIDS and protective measures like the only one of refrain from casual sex. The only way which takes the majority to the graveyard.

Simon: You mean you don't have sexual partner?

Friend: I have, 2 of them but they are both at school.

Simon: They know each other?

Friend: They know each other since they school at the same institution but each don't know about my relationship towards individuals of them. (one don't know about the other - secret). Simon: So how do you protect yourself since you have moreover 2 sexual partners?

Friend: (laughing) only 2? People here have more than this including hit runners (WAGAMBA KUTENDA LEROPE –Yao) and me having 2 feels reasonable than having say 6 of them. I don't go for hit runners and I only trust these girls for they trust me as well.

Simon: Do you meet each other indeed 2 of them?

Friend: Yes, indeed I goes to their home night for they are school girls.

Simon: How often? (We were indeed chatting and he was open enough. I was indeed researching).

Friend: A week, I make sure that I have met 2 of them once.

Simon: In these small groceries I see can one get or buy condoms there?

Friend: No, there are condoms there, people here don't use for they pay money when they want sex. So wearing a condom means you won't feel sweetness you wanted to feel. ("Asambaga Kutenda Yoyo" Yao meaning "they just do it plain"

Simon: You just do it plain yourself (in Yao as well).

Friend: Yes I do. Because I know they don't have AIDS for they don't move around (meaning his sexual partners). And besides, this girls here refuses condoms and claim saying a condom has a certain oil inside which brings vaginal sores to them and lasts long to be cured hence they refuse to be used; but some like bargirls on allows and some bar girls refuses.

Simon: A bargirl refuses and one chose to sleep with her still?

Friend: So many as I said men do pay money ranging from K100 and above to have sex with a particular woman—For they say AIDS can't be avoided and there is a tendency in saying like people here say everyone has AIDS only that we will be dying at intervals.

--We chatted until some boats came with fish on the coast so we rushed to see if it was that we can take and buy. (we departed after introduction.) We chatted long enough, I forgot other conversations for it was a long one and these are the

only points I remember right now (NB: Man's contradiction: first, no plain, later, plain.)

26<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

An uncle, my uncle, visited us (he visited us 2000 as well). He lives in Blantyre and now given a pension as well he came to tell us about his pension. Since we migrated from Blantyre in Matulino area and came to stay here at Balaka district, seeking fertile land for cultivation for in Matulino the soil demanded a lot of chemical fertilizers to harvest. My late grandfather was the one who came all the way from Blantyre to here in Balaka, that was in 1975. (I remember late g/father telling me this and said when I was one month old for I was born 75).

He came to the chief Mbusa to ask for the land and was given (and I remember late grandfather saying he came all the way from Blantyre cycling his bicycle with a \_ bag of beans for he said they [parents] were growing them when they were still in Matulino, in Blantyre district. The \_ bag was given as a traditional custom started long time ago as respect to a chief).

So since it was given to use we migrated in 1975; the same year. Only remained an uncle working and married at Matulino still. When he visited us on 26<sup>th</sup>/03/2001 evening as we all gathered, he was talking actually with my mother. He started telling me about many things which one of the issues was the high rate of death in Matulino due to witchcraft. He said apart from real AIDS which of course is killing people there but the majority of death is occurring because of witchcrafts there.

He started to mention so many names that had died adding to what mom knew and the number was high. He said witchcrafts bewitch people and be suffering all the symptoms and signs of AIDS. Hair becomes scraggly and vomits frequently. And he added saying actually young men and women are in the major risk. For witches know that because they are the youth so other people might be thinking that "they are suffering from AIDS because of moving around without knowing that they have been bewitched. And talked of so many other issues we can't (me and younger brothers) can't contribute anything for we were young (for me one month old and young brothers before birth). And then we all went to sleep. He remember him saying other names died he also mentioned 2000 to Mum when he visited us.

27<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

I was escorting this uncle who arrived on 26<sup>th</sup>/03/01 and on the way to the bus deport he started warning me, "Be careful with ladies nowadays. You are married and though you are young but the father of two. You have a great responsibility to look after the whole family here, I live far. You are the one responsible I understand you sometimes work with the Europeans (ASUNGU—in Yao—for we were talking Yao). And most of the ladies knew and know that you do have money and may be flocking to you so that you have to be seduced and fall in

love with them. Be careful (I did not answer—I only listened). Continued uncle: "Girls will come for the money and not for loving you personally, the end result is that you may die fast with AIDS. 'When one has lot of money she or he thinks that AIDS irrational, the thing which she/he wasn't supposed to do is the thing she/he prefers to be doing.

So as I was telling your mother yesterday night about the witchcrafts and AIDS. May be you can't catch the disease because of 'MALABALA'—Yao meaning rubbers (condoms)—but maybe witches might be looking upon your moves and bewitch you signs of AIDS and people will be connecting with your moving around with girls. So be careful, I just wanted to tell you this, I don't mean I heard or assume that you go for other sexual partners besides your spouse. I know you are married. Respect your spouse.

Eventually, the talk ended silently and we reached at the deport and few minutes later a minibus came and my uncle ran to board the minibus and give me MK50.00 through the window and shouted "I will come back again soon!" Off he went.

3<sup>rd</sup> April

Situation: I sat on my veranda with my wife. In front of us there is a footpath. And it is in this footpath that a neighbour of us Mr. Fedson (Nickname Rocky). His nickname is this because the time he was taking/drinking beer, he used to be fighting with people and people say he did not loose the battle/fight.

This man, married and father of daughter and sons. By guessing/judging he should be 50 something by age. He was taking this path going to his home.

MY WIFE STARTED: This man no doubt has AIDS. Look! (The man is innocently thin very thin as compared to the past years--laziness in walking, hair scraggly.

Simon: Mm-mm.

Wife: I heard that he was sleeping (having sex) with his late daughter, Abiti Fedson (name of late daughter).

Simon: Okay! (As I don't know anything. But I also heard this rumour.)

Wife: Yes, one day he was passing by the Borehole and I heard Mrs. Fundson saying "Don't be surprised about this thinness. The man has a bad tendency of sleeping with his daughter, all the daughters starting from Alesi and Chrisae. And late Abiti Fedson the prostitute was the one who gave this man a disease. That is what he wanted because a man who is reasonable enough can't sleep with his own daughter. (Wife reported directly.)

Simon: Maybe he is suffering from another kind of disease than you people think?

Wife: Ooh! No, AIDS can be notified by the signs he shows. He suffers frequent Malaria like him, he has sores around his whole body even if you see him close (I

know this, for one day I met him, and indeed he had sores all over his body).  
Ooh! No, sleeping with a father? (she paused)

Simon: Then it's dangerous.

Wife: Yes, because the late daughter, without asking, to everyone who knew and saw her, definitely died of AIDS and transfers that to her father and definitely the man transfers that to his spouse. And even if you can see his little children and Ovinson, his nephew all has Body sores around their bodies he transfers to them.

Simon: Indeed? (I had never met these children to have a proof)

Wife: Yes, and we people we had born different up the extent of sleeping with your own father! And it happens perhaps that even Alesi and Chrisae notice these signs and symptoms on him may be when a father asks them to sleep with one of them, probably they accept!

Simon: Yes, they accept. So AIDS can't come to end with this system. But here there are so many people practicing this tendency. Like Billati sleeps with his daughter Timu and now she suffers ZOTUPA (Oedemic bowels) and Mr. Billati as well, there is Abiti Alids on top there sleeps with his [her?] father and mother (spouse) found them in their own house.

Simon: Okay! (I didn't know of these rumours of Ndiwozanji and partly about Billati, I know.)

Wife: Yes.

Simon: How did it went?

Wife: Husband said if she discloses the matter to the public, he will divorce her; and a wife did not disclose; but since there is no secret under the sun, it happens that one day Mr. Richard the counsellor of this marriage was told by the wife now after it was said 'she finds them again having sex—that the wife was furious and packed but few days she came back and still is living there.

WIFE ADDED HER OPINION: "Maybe because the man is rich."(For indeed he has cattle, goats, corrugated iron sheet house, burnt bricks, ducks, pigeons, chicks, granaries/nkhokwes, which lasts for a whole year every year. He is a great farmer indeed and everyone around here in Ngatume village pays "respect"by acknowledging that he is a man of everything--"MWANA ALILENJI"by a term. He is short, black in complexion, always bare and wearing a short and sometimes long shirt. One leg is lame, but he manages to walk, even when farming. He likes most of the time to graze his cattle in the field.)

WIFE ADDED: But with this nowadays of AIDS people the end is result is these what we are talking about (the issue we are discussing). HE HE DE! (wife laughing). Everyone is responsible for his/her own life.

Simon: You are laughing even you can do (joked)

Wife: laughing- And be living with you?

Simon: Yes, why not?

Wife: You? Hee! (Laughing) and went on to the kitchen. (The talk dissolved)

14<sup>th</sup>/03/2001

Sumani my confidant friend came home around past 5 evening. He was coming from Vingula to meet his fiancé/girlfriend.

He wore a wristwatch on his hand which he told me as I was escorting him where he told me many things happened to him today on 14<sup>th</sup>. For he found me a s on in my hands and wife busy preparing supper and she could move to and fro hence we were just chatting about the issue happening to his Catholic Mission Choir at Masanjala Catholic Church.

As I was escorting him, Sumani started to say to me, "Friend today I went to Vingula to visit Judy. I hired a bicycle K20 to go. I found her waiting me on the Road, a junction leading to the Mission"(the girl lives at Mkono Village—he told me one day). "And without hesitation, we went far from the road until we reached Nkhunda River/to the Reeds"(laughing—I laughed too). "And it's where we had met"(had sex).

Simon: Today?

Sumani: Yes, today. And she has given me this wristwatch for she said I have to go again tomorrow and says she loves me. That's why she gave me this wristwatch of her Brother Simon: These watches are for men indeed. But do you believe that it is her Brother's?

Sumani: I didn't believe. How come she takes her brother's property and able to give someone? I coaxed her to tell me more the truth about this watch. She only said it is her brother's. If I don't want to take it, it's better I return it. So I just wore it and off be coming out (from the reeds in Nkhunda River Bank).

Simon: So you enjoyed?

Sumani: Really, today she was very willing as compared to other days before. I took condoms in my pocket to test her that I will use these while knowing that I can't use them to see her reaction. But when I introduced them (condoms) to her she refused and say its better what we should not have sex because she can't feel sweet and said "SWITI SADYELA MPEPALA"(Chichewa meaning "We don't chew sweet while it is in a wrapped paper"). So I didn't go further for I knew I was testing her.

Simon: But you could have used them for protecting purposes!

Sumani: No, it brings cancer, both you and a wife/woman because of the liquid oil found inside the CHISANGO (condom) so cancer is like AIDS has no medicine. So it's better to be doing plain. I can't use. And Judy always tells me that Chisango brings vaginal sores and she when used most of the times brings diseases and one becomes barren.

Simon: What kind of diseases did Judy mean?

Sumani: She didn't mention, probably she was meaning cancer or T.B.

Simon: Okay! T.B. as well, I never knew.

Sumani: Yes, the government is so clever, after seeing that the population is so high that they have introduced condoms with the aim of lessening the population, for everyone using it catches cancer dying and those using plain (not using condoms) dying as well. No escape. Since it is time. It's a worldwide crisis. And Judy always says she wants to be fertile and not barren, she needs children to have in future, so she can't accept.

Simon: Okay, and tomorrow you're going to have sex again?

Sumani: Yes, why not. (laughing)

Simon: Okay for it now dark, so let's meet tomorrow if possible.

Sumani: Thank you and tomorrow I am going again. If it is AIDS case, then she has given me or I have given her already always plain "PAYELE PAYELE"(Chichewa term meaning "Come what may come,"challenging). –Off we separated and I was rushing home to take supper.

28/03/2001

Today I was coming from the market and on the road I found a paper wrapper of condoms. Someone was coming behind me a man I hope [think, believe] aged 30 above we were taking the same road. I was going home and he was going home far, at Usufu Village I learnt in the end after a short chat as were walking towards one direction, before we separated each to his home. I took the condom wrapper and I was reading the instructions written on it about the proper use of the condom. As I was reading the man was interested to read also after me, there were sentences in English as well as Chichewa sentences. He could read Chichewa alone. And he read: "VALANI KONDOMU JONI A TADZUKA"(This expression means, "wear a condom after your penis has erected"). And he began saying, "Look! The government is not shy, even by drawing these stupid pictures" (for they drew a penis erect and wearing a condom as an instruction). And I responded indeed, they could have only be disseminating the message alone and without drawing this. Man continued, indeed this way the government is encouraging people to still practice adultery (CHIWELEWELE) if it gives condoms and encouraging people to use them instead of telling people to stop using. Look! He showed me one of the condom plastic laid down on the road, I hope not used.

I saw it!

Man: The Government distributes the condom but people are not interested to use, and even a wife/woman can't accept that for she wants real sweet and children (he started laughing). I laughed too and I added "Indeed man!"

Sure and these condoms are plastic and subject to breaking apart.

I asked, indeed?

The man answered: Yes, condoms are subject to breaking ([???) because of a woman's vaginal heat inside and expanse of the penis. So why are people using these, the man asked me.

I responded: I think the Government wants people to use them maybe for family planning for instance.

The man responded: Yes, I do hear on the Radio but this is coming against God's plan. If God wants or made you to have 10 children and I wish to have only 4 children, is that right? God made everything, including man, for a purpose. And I do even hear (continued the man) from the radio that this (meaning condoms) prevents from catching AIDS, but this is false, when then people are dying, is that not people who use condoms die? They die, the man added.

Of course, I answered.

Man added: AIDS is an English name. This disease was there long ago—we call it KALIWONDEWONDE [translation is unclear]. One shows exactly signs of this

disease even now exist but of little scale in our culture. AIDS can't end and with this tendency of distributing these condoms hence encouraging sex and get AIDS because people may think to use and condom break or change decision not to use even if these (condoms) are in possession.

We crossed the River Masanjala still chatting until, after crossing the river a few [???] 2 metres I diverted to the right, our [???] borehole towards west, so we separated.

17<sup>th</sup>/04/2001

I was chatting with a certain neighbour by the name Andrew Ngasale. There was a radio with us. It was noon. There was a programme called UTHENGA WA CHISONI. (In this programme they read letters of which they announce death messages to other relatives for to catch the message.)

So there were so many names mentioned who had just died that day and including these day (for example just yesterday).

Andrew Ngasale started: Look, many people are dying and the other names will announce this evening during Radio 2 programme apart from these names.

And I added indeed, friend.

And he continued but most of them are dying of AIDS mostly girls. For example in Mangochi, girls are the major carriers of the disease. I have been in Mangochi for several years and I have experience. People only find their enjoyments just along the roadside itself, for instance at Mulenga Trading. You will find many young girls and boys around, moving along the roadside even at midnight and mostly in Beer centers where they catch this disease. They go for money. Money is satanic.