

**Oral statement from Rabelani Mudau, Youth Activist, Afrika Tikkun and Action Aid South Africa**

Your Excellencies, distinguished speakers, honourable members and delegates

It is a privilege to be invited to speak to this Assembly. I thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the young women I live and work with in South Africa. My name is Rabelani Mudau. I am a

Diepsloot in Johannesburg. Allow me to share a few stories of our experiences.

**Story 1**

I grew up close to my sister but I couldn't talk to her about sex since she never provided a space. All I