

# Grassroots comics

a versatile communication tool



# Grassroots comics are made by NGO activists, not professional artists.

- local distribution
- linked to NGO activity
- photocopying or simple printing

The **story** is what matters, not the drawing!



# TAKE A SHEET OF PHOTOCOPYING PAPER...



THEN DRAW A BOX ON ONE SIDE...



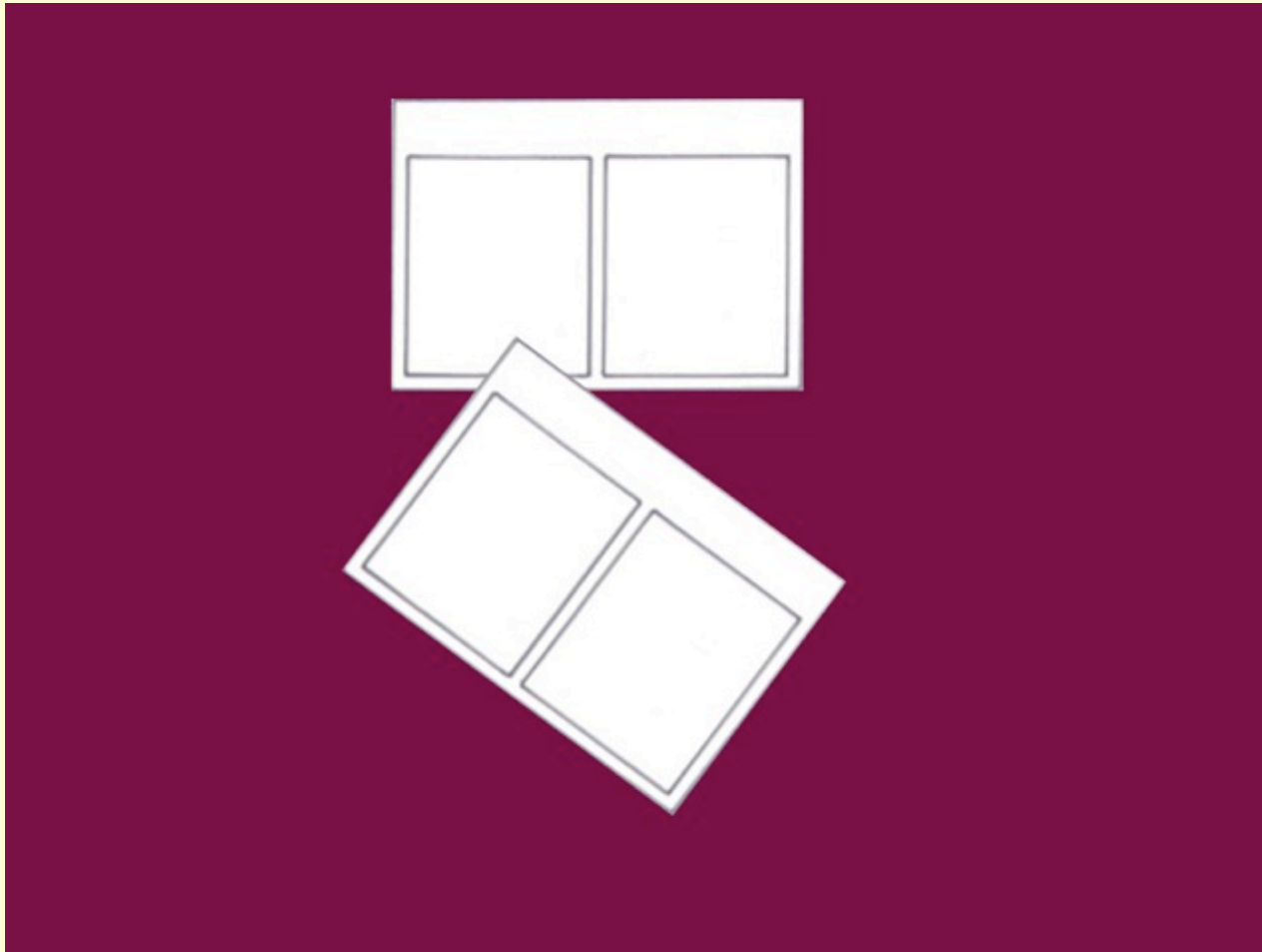
# THEN ONE MORE...



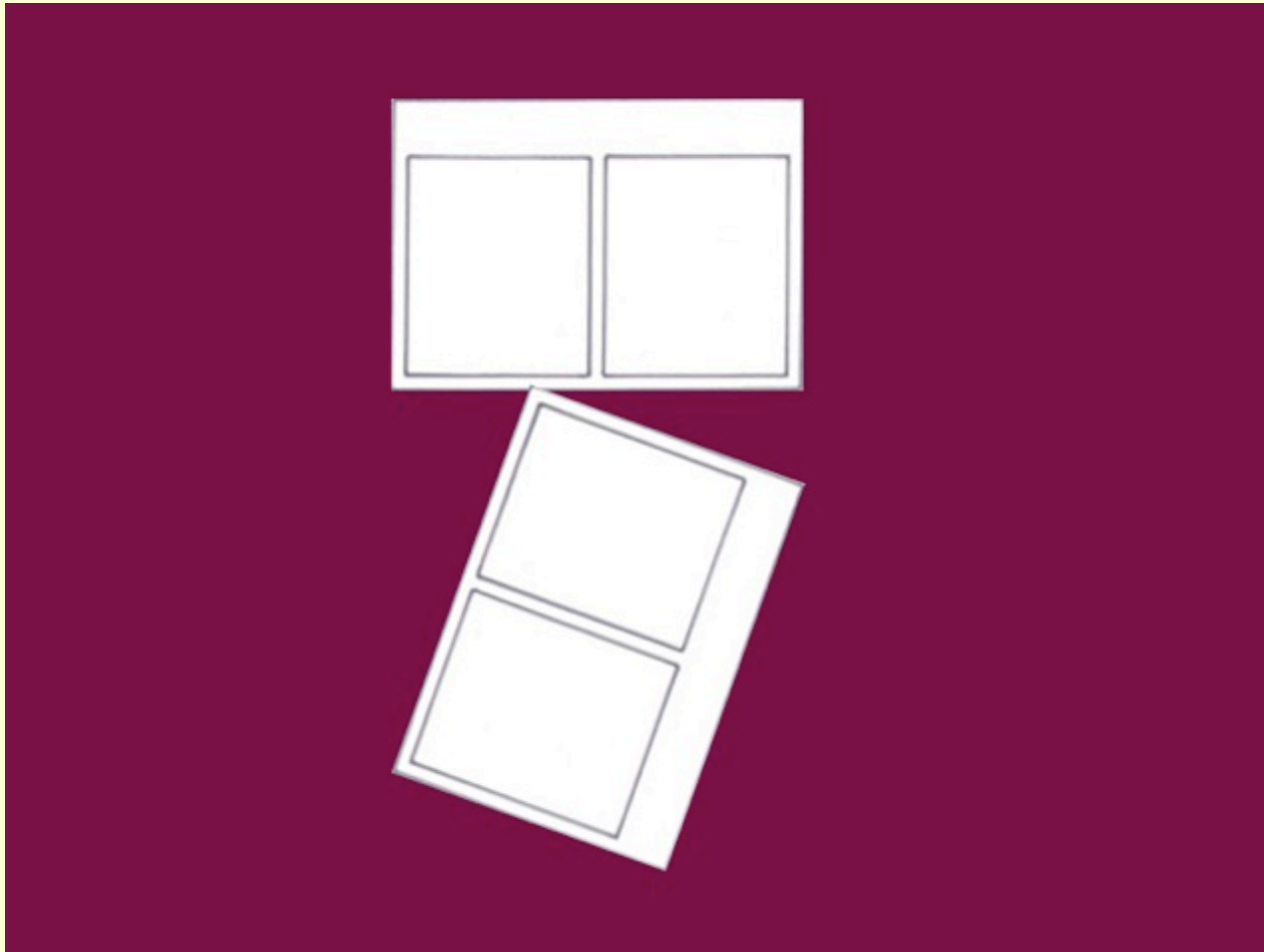
# THEN ANOTHER ONE...



# TURN THE LOWER PAPER AROUND...

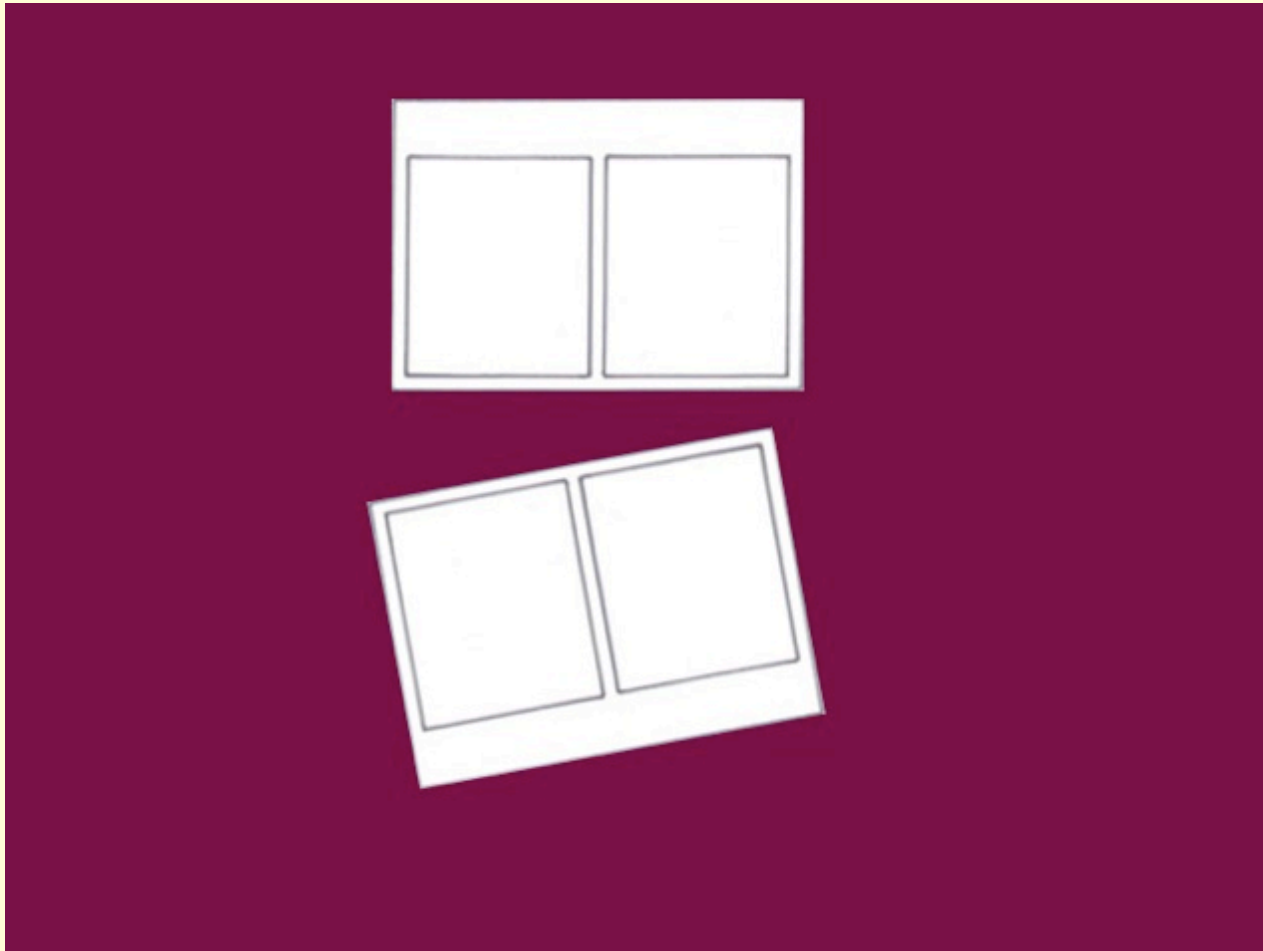


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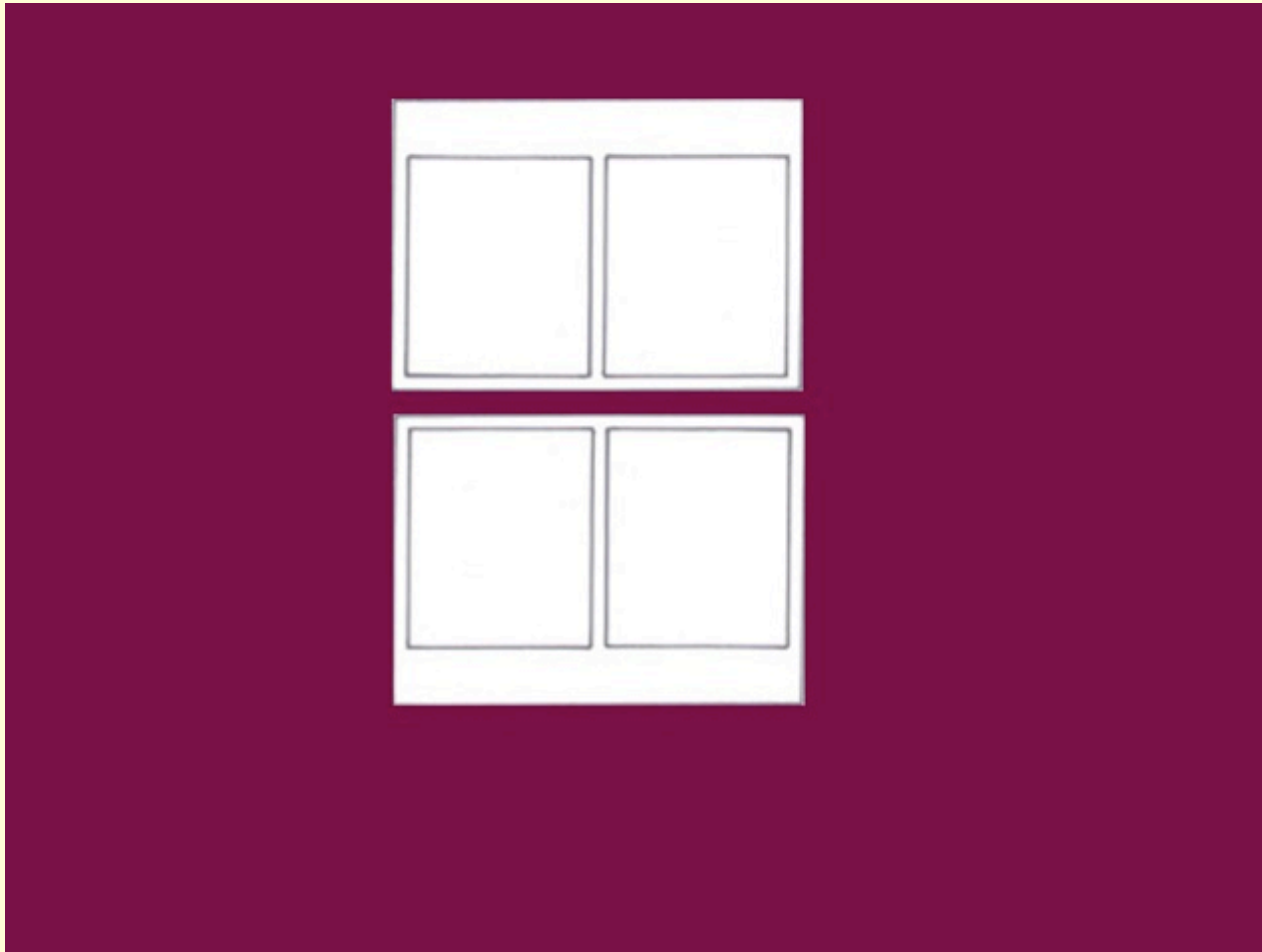




# AROUND, UNTIL...



# THE PAPERS FACE EACH OTHER...



JOIN THEM, THIS IS THE BASIC IDEA  
FOR A WALLPOSTER COMIC...



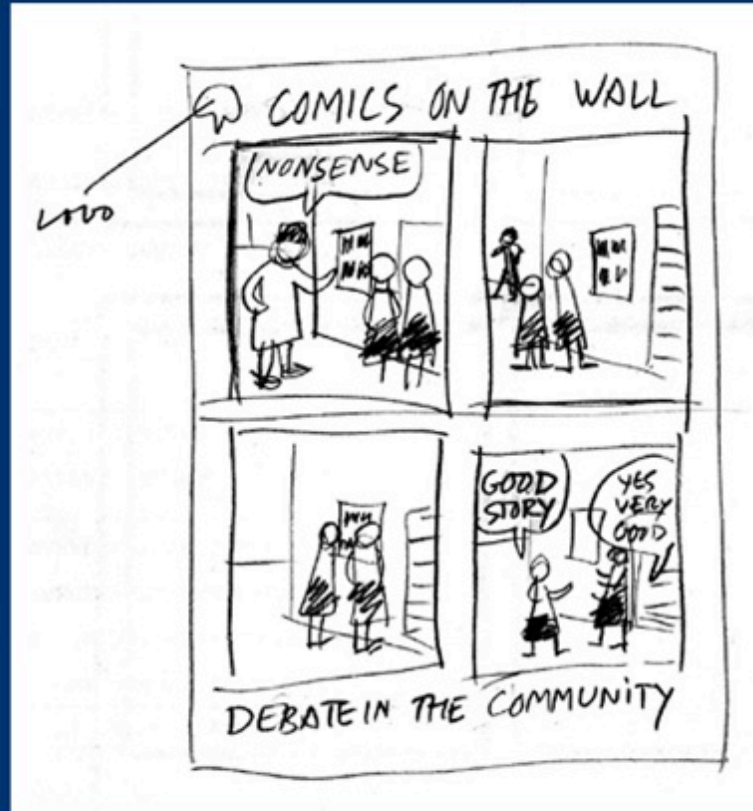
# NOW, MAKE A STORY WITH A BEGINNING, AN END, AND A MESSAGE...

A wallposter comic is displayed on a wall in a village. An old man looks at it annoyed. Two girls look at him. He says "NONSENSE" and then walks away. The two girls take a closer look at the comic and are happy about the story in it.

# DIVIDE THE STORY INTO FOUR PARTS...

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# MAKE A MANUSCRIPT WITH ROUGH SKETCHES AND TEXTS...



# SKETCH THE FINAL ARTWORK WITH PENCIL, THEN INK THE LINES...



# ERASE THE PENCIL SKETCH, AND FINISH THE ARTWORK AND LETTERING...

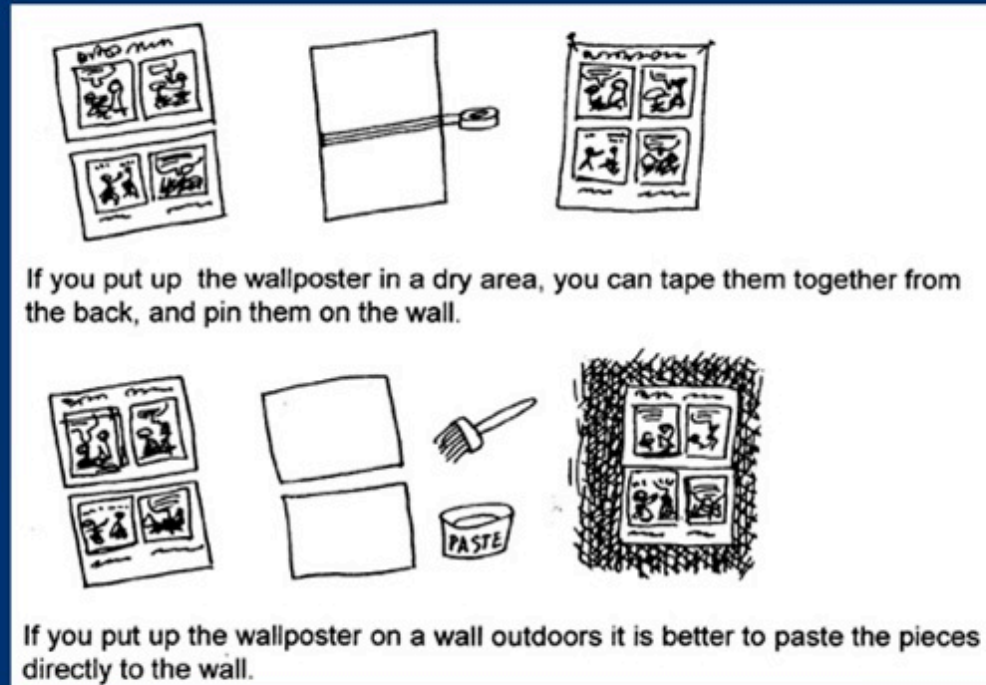




# YOUR COMIC IS READY FOR PHOTOCOPYING...



# PREPARE THE COMICS for DISTRIBUTION...



# Wallposter comics in Africa



# UKWATA (Christian Youth), Njombe, Tanzania





# SHIVYAWATA (organisation for the disabled), Mwanza Tanzania



# TGNP (Gender network), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania





# Youth alive! Kenya (ngo-network), Nairobi, Kenya

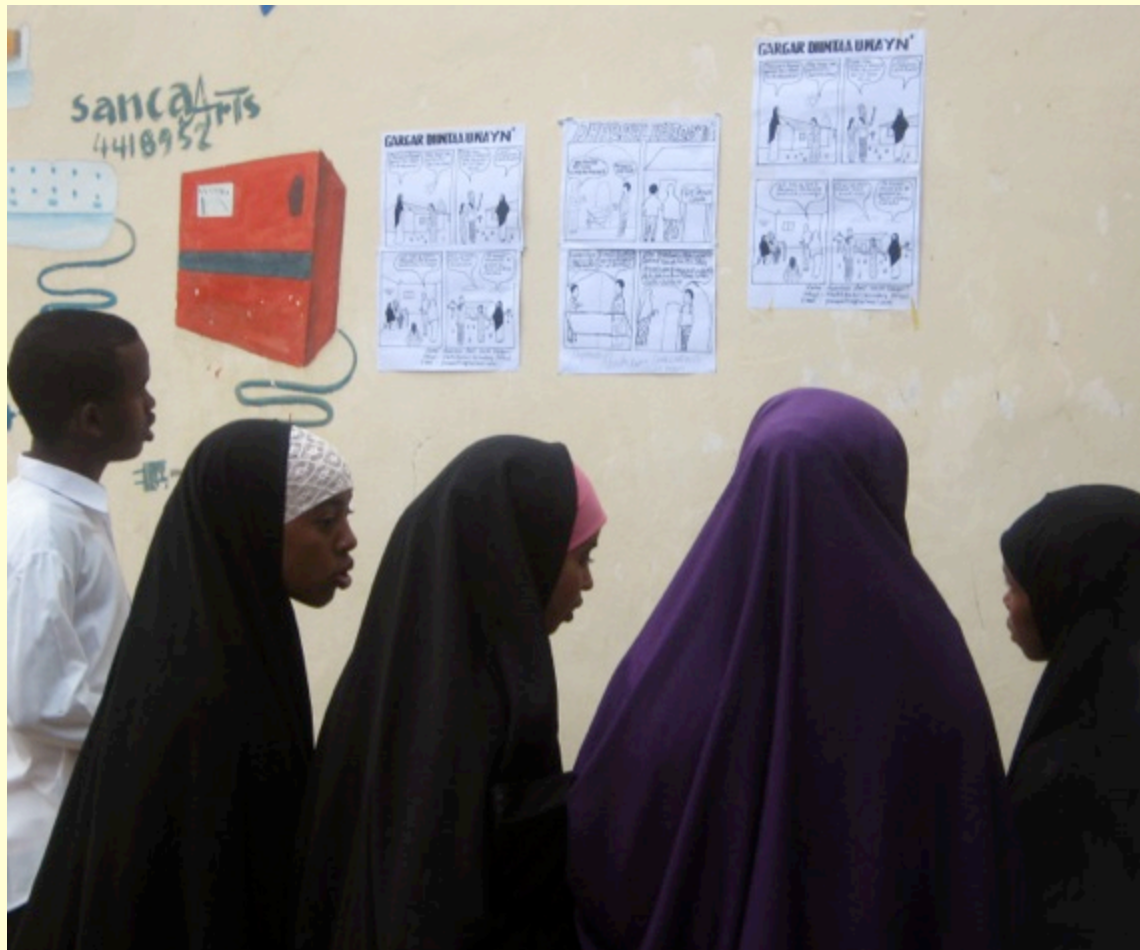


# ADPH (Peace and Human Rights organisation), Ngozi, Burundi





# Candlelight (Health Education Organisation), Burcao, Somaliland



# EPF (Teacher training college), Chimoio, Mozambique



# LDH,(Human rights organisation) Nhamatanda, Mozambique





# HOPE Esperanza (hiv/aids campaign), Beira, Mozambique



# African Movement for Working Children and Youth, workshop, Cotonou, Benin



# MS/ActionAid, Yei, Sudan



# **Wallposter comics in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Lebanon, and Europe**





# Vikalp, Rajasthan, India





# SPO, Kashmir, Pakistan



# Hatemalo, Katmandu, Nepal





# Oxfam, Sri Lanka



# BAS, Shatila Camp, Lebanon





## Asylum seeking kids, Espoo, Finland



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