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Who we are

The German Foundation for World Population (DSW), is a private foundation, that was founded in 1991 by two entrepreneurs from Hannover, Germany. DSW has since grown in response to its existing work from a small foundation based in Hannover, to an international organization with offices in Brussels, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burkina Faso. While the geographical focus is in Africa, DSW also supports projects in Western Africa, South Africa and Asia.

DSW is committed towards a sustainable development of world population. In this respect, it particularly supports demographic efforts, which contribute towards slowing down world population growth and preventing the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

DSW in Kenya

DSW's office in Kenya was founded in May 2000 and operates from Nairobi. DSW Kenya is committed to addressing the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs of adolescents and youth throughout Kenya.

DSW Kenya facilitates implementation of projects and programmes through capacity building among Government departments, NGOs and Community Based Organizations both at national and community levels.

To achieve its objectives, DSW works with youth serving organizations in reproductive health to educate youth, create awareness, support provision of reproductive health services and support income generating activities in Eastern, Coast, Nyanza and Western Provinces.

What we do

DSW raises awareness on the challenges presented by world population growth and HIV/AIDS and advocates for the improvement of the global reproductive health situation among decision makers and opinion formers in developed countries.

DSW also supports exemplary projects designed to empower people to make use of their basic right and responsibility to exercise freedom of choice for family planning and sexual and reproductive health.

DSW promotes activities designed to fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS and supports measures for the empowerment of youth at risk.

DSW knows that creating synergies, exchanging information and building capacities is a prerequisite for making projects sustainable. The information and communication concept aims at facilitating information exchange, building coalitions, networking and capacity building through digital and traditional devices.

Our Projects

YOUTH-TO-YOUTH PROJECTS

Based on the peer-education concept, DSW facilitates and funds the development of country wide adolescent sexual reproductive health youth club networks.

Through these, young people have access to sexual reproductive health and rights information and education; sexual reproductive health services, leadership development and support for small scale income generating activities

INTEGRATED PROJECTS

Based on the holistic development approach defined during the Rio Summit in 1992, DSW has developed an integrated project approach, which integrates resource conservation, reproductive health and income generation components.

SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROJECT

Contributes to the delivery of the Kenya essential package for health (KEPH) especially targeting young mothers and adolescents who are critical in reducing the high incidences of maternal and child mortality.

This is achieved by improving skills and operational capacity of various cadres of health workers in the provision of youth friendly safe motherhood and SRH services; increasing levels of awareness on and access to safe motherhood and SRH services among young mothers and community members and strengthening the health care service delivery system at the community level. The project is implemented in Mathare/Korogocho, an urban informal settlement in Nairobi and Kaloleni - an impoverished rural settlement at the Coast.

EUROLEVERAGE PROJECT

Aims at Leveraging increased funds for RH/FP from European Community ODA; Increasing EC budgets/allocations for RH/FP, and Increasing EC disbursements to RH/FP to Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) from unused and underused funds.

Other main activities include providing Technical Assistance to NGOs, Building Capacity in Resource Mobilization and Initiating Consortia proposals, Networking and Building partnerships. The project is implemented in 11 countries in Eastern Africa and Southern Asia.

HEALTHY ACTION

Aims to empower East African non-state actors to advocate effectively on health issues by increasing their capacity to formulate policy priorities, monitor their implementation and hold decision-makers to account.

DSW strengthens the advocacy capacity and financial basis of Non State Actors (NSAs) to develop and implement advocacy campaigns for pro-poor health services through training and technical assistance. Healthy action is designed to strengthen partnerships, collaborative networks and coalitions.

It Improves dialogue with decision makers on pro-poor health policy formulation, budgeting and implementation and enhance the ability of Non State Actors at local, national and regional levels to actively engage with local decision making processes involving vulnerable groups with the aim of positively influencing accountability and budget policies for the communities. The project is implemented in Kenya Uganda and Tanzania.

INVEST IN ADOLESCENTS

Aims at building the individual competences, collective capabilities and overall capacity of adolescent and youth serving CSOs necessary to advocate effectively for the development and implementation of adolescent and youth sensitive SRHR policies, programs and budgets.

The project is implemented in Eastern Africa in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi; in collaboration with the East African Community.

