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Introduction

The German Foundation for World Population (DSW) is an international, non-profit development organization founded in 1991. DSW helps young people in Africa and Asia to escape poverty by equipping them with knowledge on how to protect their health. To accomplish this, DSW builds the capacity of NGOs working in the area of reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS-prevention and family planning work for adolescents and young women, and implements innovative on-site projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America together with grassroots NGOs.

Headquartered in Hannover, Germany, DSW also has Country Offices in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda, as well as an EU Liaison Office in Brussels and close ongoing partnerships in the following focal countries: Burkina Faso, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, and Rwanda. DSW's work is supported by multilateral and bilateral donors, foundations, and corporate and private donors.

DSW also aims to create long-term improvements in policies and funding at local, national and global levels. Together with partners, DSW carries out advocacy work with political decision makers, to improve support from governments for gender equality as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of young people. DSW also helps build the capacity of local health organizations to advocate effectively for better national and international policies and funding and equips young people with the skills to advocate directly for the reproductive health needs of people in their own communities, particularly the rural poor.

DSW/Tanzania

DSW's history in Tanzania dates back to 1996, when DSW partnered with African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF) to establish the ANGAZA Training Institute. The country is now home to DSW's newest youth training center in Arusha, which will be the focal point for youth-serving activities, providing an ideal location for dedicated trainings, events, and activities initiated by youth clubs in the area. Work in Tanzania is supported by donors such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, the European Commission, the European Parliamentary Forum, the German AIDS Foundation (DAS), the European Alliance Against Malaria, the Alfred Bielek Foundation (ABS) and the RDM Foundation.

Advocacy for SRHR

DSW/Tanzania works closely with parliamentarians and maintains good working relationships with government officials at the local, regional and national levels. Collaboration with institutions, government agencies and other civil society actors is an important cornerstone of DSW's work. Together with other NGOs, DSW advocates for improved policies and programs for health, as well as greater transparency and civil society participation in the budgeting process.

Some of DSW's local partners include:

- Anti - Female Genital Mutilation Network (AFNET)
- East African Community Secretariat
- Economic Development Organisation for Rural Women in Tanzania (EDOWRTA)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT)
- Family Planning Association of Tanzania (UMATI)
- Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC)
- Tanzania 4H
- Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA)
- Tanzania Parliamentarians Against Malaria (TAPAMA)
- Tanzania Parliamentarians AIDS Coalition (TAPAC)
- Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group (TWPG)
- WAMATA Arusha

DSW also works in partnership with key Parliamentary committees, such as the Social Services committee and the Social Welfare and Community Development committee.

Over the past year, DSW stepped up its advocacy activities with an emphasis on the close connection between our core subject – sexual and reproductive health and rights – and other areas of health care, such as HIV/AIDS and the



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health of mothers and children. In addition, DSW works to build capacity among civil society actors in Tanzania to become effective advocates for SRHR. DSW/Tanzania also plays a key role in several multi-country initiatives:

Healthy Action

Healthy Action, funded by the European Commission, is a three-year project designed to empower East African non-state actors to advocate effectively on health issues. Carried out in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya, the project works with organisations in all three countries to increase their capacity to formulate policy priorities, monitor their implementation and hold decision-makers to account. In doing so, the program will contribute to more effective and inclusive health policies, programs and budgets, and thereby ultimately to achieving health-related MDGs. For more information, visit <http://www.healthy-action.org>.



Euroleverage

Euroleverage is a unique initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation designed to bridge the gap between the world's largest donors and the organisations that provide reproductive health information, services and supplies. The project runs from 2009-2012 and is implemented by DSW and its partners in 13 countries across the globe. It includes advocacy activities targeting decision-makers both in Europe and in developing countries, in order to increase European funding for RH/FP programmes. Simultaneously, *Euroleverage* also empowers NGOs to gain access to European funds through training and technical assistance in resource mobilization.

AHEAD for Reproductive Health

The international aid environment has undergone drastic changes in recent years, with increased use of budget support to governments, "harmonized" poverty reduction strategies and Sector-Wide Approaches (SWAp). Unfortunately, civil society actors in the reproductive health sector have not been able to participate sufficiently in these new processes, jeopardizing funding for reproductive health services. *AHEAD for Reproductive Health* strengthens the advocacy capacity of CSOs in East Africa, West Africa, South Asia and South East Asia to ensure government funding is increased and resources are sufficiently available for reproductive health in the new aid environment.

AHEAD for World Bank Advocacy

Following on the success of the *AHEAD for Reproductive Health* project, this new initiative will work in eight Sub Saharan African countries to empower NGOs to conduct effective SRHR advocacy targeting national level World Bank and government decision makers. The project's innovative approach includes an online training course that will support participating organisations to develop advocacy strategies and carry out results-based advocacy.

Program Implementation

DSW/Tanzania works in close collaboration with local partners to implement programs in the Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, and Tanga regions. The programs focus on the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs of adolescents, paying particular attention to the needs of underprivileged youth in rural and marginalized communities. Examples of DSW's current projects in Tanzania include:

Youth-to-Youth

DSW's flagship project in the East Africa region is the Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y) program, which is implemented nationally in Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. Since 1995, DSW has supported ever-growing networks of over 1,000 youth clubs for sexual and reproductive health education across the four countries. In these youth clubs, young people learn how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted infections, and unwanted pregnancies. To ensure sustainability, DSW provides youth clubs with the tools they need to generate



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their own income and finance activities. Training is provided in business management skills, enabling clubs to establish small business ventures independently and take control of their own future.

Y2Y involves an extensive range of activities, including:

- Establishing and supervising youth clubs
- Providing training courses for specific health issues and for key qualifications
- Developing and distributing information materials
- Providing referrals to youth-friendly services
- Maintaining an open dialogue with local and religious leaders
- Promoting and implementing income generating activities in youth clubs

DSW's Y2Y program – the core of our development programs – has reached more than seven million young people.

Fit for Future

In order to equip young girls with the skills and opportunities they need, DSW and its local partners established the four-year, cross-cutting *Fit for Future* project, which is funded by the European Commission. DSW has worked with over 60 youth clubs to combine sexual education outreach with much-needed skills training. The project is specifically aimed towards helping girls working in the informal sector where income is low and insecure. With lessons on business administration and dedicated support for young people, the project helps girls and young women earn their own income and contribute to the betterment of their communities. The program links young women with micro-credit institutions and government funds, supports re-registration at school or vocational training, and provides employment assistance. More than 15,000 girls and young women in the Arusha, Kilimanjaro, and Tanga regions have benefitted from this program.

DSW also works with public and private health service providers to build their capacity to provide youth-friendly SRH service; raises awareness of employment and SRH policies among employers, workers and other stakeholders; and advocates for enactment of laws to enforce employment and SRH policies.

Youth Truck: Mobile Sexual and Reproductive Health Education

DSW seeks to provide a health future for all Tanzanian youth, and reaching the most remote regions of the country is an important part of this goal. DSW operates a mobile youth truck that tours the country, reaching rural areas with poor access to health clinics and services. In the last year, the youth truck visited the Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara regions, conducting an active campaign of youth-friendly sexual health information and distributing 30,000 condoms.

The youth truck also enabled DSW to provide on-site training for youth clubs regarding income generation and peer education in hard-to-reach rural areas.



Working Together for Decent Work in East Africa

DSW's newest regional project is an excellent example of DSW's integrated approach to addressing the needs of vulnerable populations. This 3-year EU-funded program will work to improve the health and livelihoods of those excluded from the formal labour market, especially women and youth. By empowering individuals, supporting informed decision-making, and promoting innovative and successful approaches, it will contribute to the worldwide effort to ensure decent work, social protection and inclusion for all members of society. Using the context of informal employment as a strategic entryway, activities will address critical issues such as gender equality and sexual and reproductive health.