

## What Do We Want to Achieve?

The MDGs, in particular those related to improving maternal and child health and to ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and information by 2015 and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), are a significant foundation of our work.

To contribute to the achievement of the MDGs, DSW advocates and raises awareness among political decision makers of the close links between health, poverty and development in Germany and on the European level but also in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

DSW envisages a world free of poverty. Therefore, DSW helps young people in Africa and Asia to escape poverty by equipping them with knowledge on how to protect their health. Unwanted pregnancies and HIV/AIDS compound poverty and lead to the death of many young people. Therefore, we support health initiatives, sexual and reproductive health and rights education and family planning projects in developing countries that aim to tackle these issues.

*“DSW is a strong advocate for improvements in global health as it promotes the development of adequate, adapted and affordable health products as a milestone to achieve the health related Millennium Development Goals.”*



Dr. Chris Elias

Partners for Appropriate Technologies in Health (PATH)

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# DSW

## A Brief Profile

Meeting the Needs:  
Programmes for Population, Development  
and Global Health



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## Who We Are

The German Foundation for World Population (DSW) is an international development organisation, founded in 1991 as a private non-profit foundation. Since then, DSW has grown to an international organisation focusing on development programmes, advocacy and awareness raising. Besides its headquarter in Hanover, DSW has offices in Berlin, Brussels, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda including advocacy teams in each office.

DSW is partner of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Germany, co-operates with recognised international organisations and research institutes focusing on global health in general and on sexual and reproductive health and rights in particular. DSW has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

DSW is a member of numerous national and international networks and forums, such as the Association of German Development Non-Governmental Organisations (VENRO), where DSW's Executive Director is a board member, the Action Against AIDS Alliance, the European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs), the Reproductive Health Supply Initiative (RHSC) and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH).

Within its engagement for global health improvements, DSW co-operates closely with health related Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), such as selected Product Development Partnerships (PDPs), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI).

## How Do We Work?

DSW promotes family planning and sexual and reproductive health and rights projects in Africa and Asia. It advocates for health and development concerns towards key political decision makers in Germany, on the European and international level and in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

### Advocacy and Awareness Raising

DSW motivates parliamentarians, government officials and organisations to promote global health issues in general and sexual and reproductive health and rights in particular. DSW integrates its experience gained from its development programmes into evidence-based arguments directed towards decision makers.

In Germany, DSW serves as the secretariat of an All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development consisting of more than 33 German Parliamentarians. The group puts pressure on the German Government to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Furthermore, DSW advocates for improved European Union (EU) policies for global health and sexual and reproductive health and rights issues.

### "Youth-to-Youth" Initiatives

Most young people in developing countries lack sexual and reproductive health and rights education and access to contraceptives. To combat this, DSW designed the "Youth to-Youth" initiative in which young people themselves become agents of change: in a youth club network, young people talk to their peers about sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS issues.

### Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Projects

High population growth rate, largely due to the unmet need of contraceptives, can push poor countries to the limits of their economic and ecological capacity. Where vital resources become scarce, people suffer. In regions facing such problems, DSW supports projects linking family planning, the protection of natural resources and the environment.



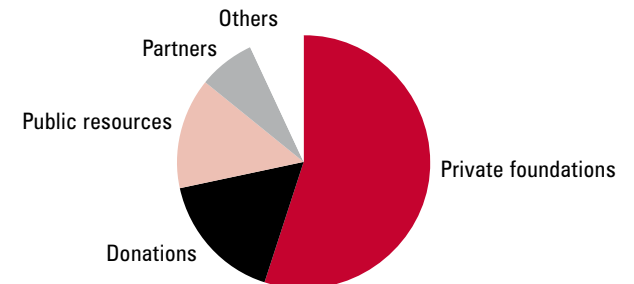
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*Renate Baehr, DSW's Executive Director and DSW's advocacy staff regularly meet with political stakeholders to bring forward health and population related development concerns.*

## How Are We Financed?

DSW has a balanced mix of funding from the public and private hand as well as from national and international sources. DSW also receives donations from individuals, as well as companies.

### Composition of Grants (2009)



## Why Do We Do what We Do?

- Worldwide more than 200 million women have an unmet need for contraception.
- Every year about 7 million girls have an unwanted pregnancy.
- HIV/AIDS and pregnancy are the leading causes of death among young women aged 15 to 19.
- Every day more than 35,000 people die of preventable and treatable diseases such as AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and other neglected and poverty related diseases.
- Nearly one third of the people currently living with HIV/AIDS are aged between 15 and 24.
- Every day 7,000 people are newly infected with HIV/AIDS, including 1,000 children.

