DSW is a non-governmental organisation that works with young people to advocate for their sexual reproductive health and rights, gender equality and access to quality health services and to strengthen their livelihoods.

Vision Statement

A world where all youth—especially girls and young women—live free from disease and make independent and informed choices over their sexual and reproductive lives with full access to sexuality education, health services and modern contraceptives.

Mission Statement

DSW addresses youth challenges through creating enabling environment for improving access to SRHR services, gender equality and livelihoods.
OUR FOCUS AREAS

1. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
   Build youth's awareness and demand for sexual reproductive health rights through age appropriate and gender-sensitive sexuality education and training.

2. YOUTH FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES
   Provide youth with access to quality reproductive health services within their communities, in youth centres and youth empowerment centres.

3. GENDER EQUALITY
   Strengthen girls' rights, advance gender equality as an enabler for sexual reproductive girl rights and eliminate harmful practices.

4. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
   Identify opportunities to support livelihoods and advance youth economic empowerment.

5. CAPACITY BUILDING
   Build and nurture youth-led organizations and strengthen their institutional and programming capacity.

6. ADVOCACY
   Advocate for increased investments in youth and adolescent SRHR through a multi-sectoral approach.
Young people in Kisumu participate in a team building exercise. Peer learning boosts confidence of young people and gives them a platform to learn in a way that resonates with their age group.

PHOTO: DSW Kenya
2023 Achievements

- Trained peer educators: 1045
- Youth reached through peer learning sessions: 73,644
- Awareness raising sessions on SRHR with young people and target communities: 75
- Community members reached with SRHR information in support of young people: 30,251

Youth Empowerment
Youth-Friendly Health Services

A young woman registers for health services at the Link Empowerment Centre in Nairobi. Youth-friendly health services empower young people to take charge of their well-being.

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2023 Achievements

Youth-Friendly Health Services

- 27,964 Referred youth accessing youth-friendly SRHR services
- 4,924 Total services offered to young people
- 7 Youth Clubs and Youth Empowerment Centres with active FP infrastructure
- 132 Healthcare workers trained on youth friendly service provision
Young women from Kwale participate in the Feminist leadership session. Empowering young people through gender equality fosters innovation, builds stronger communities, and ensures a brighter future for everyone.

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2023 Achievements

- **118** Awareness raising sessions on SGBV, including FGM and other harmful practices.
- **121** Legal stakeholders DSW cooperates with to respond to SGBV
- **23** Peer educators with special expertise on girl’s rights and gender equality
- **25** Advocacy asks on SRHR, girls rights and gender equality presented

GENDER EQUALITY
Kuzaa Sanaa theatre group entertain an audience in Nairobi. Supporting the economic empowerment of young people unlocks their potential, drives innovation, and paves the way for a prosperous future for all.

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3,528 young people accessing to socio-economic opportunity

3 youth driven FP/SRHR focused start-ups and entrepreneurship initiatives supported

15 IGAs supported in YECs & YCs

VSLAs strengthened to boost economic capacity of young people
Kigen Korir, Programs Specialist at UNFPA with Menza Mghendi and Kiti Chigiri Madvocate CBO, the winners under the SRHR category. Through the youth-led innovative solutions under the 10th GOK-UNFPA Country Programme, DSW Kenya is building the capacity of three youth-led organisations to implement their projects that seek to enhance SRHR and address SGBV in their respective counties.

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2023 Achievements

Capacity Building

57 Youth Clubs and Youth Empowerment Centres supported through institutional capacity building measures, conducted by DSW and partners.

426 Youth champions trained on key advocacy skills (and engaging in advocacy with decision makers).

23 Engagements with key decision makers conducted via social media by youth organisations.

8 Youth-led organisations capacitiated in SRHR programming.

60 Members (# of active county-based alumni networks).
Members of Msambweni Girls participate in a discussion about the Kwale SGBV Bill provisions. In 2023, DSW Kenya celebrated the enactment of Kwale County’s SGBV Protection Act, which aims to address the SGBV, protect the survivors and ensure perpetrators face the full force of the law.

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2023 Achievements

2. Budget analyses and reviews conducted

4. Community score card exercises conducted to contribute to improved governance and accountability in health

18. TWGs meetings with focus on SRHR/FP and youth friendly services

18. Action points from community scorecards reflected in sub-national budgets and plans
Average Annual Operating budget ranges from KES 210M to 285M
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