



#YOUTHCAN2020

AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF OUR 2020 ANNUAL
REPORT

ABOUT DSW KENYA

DSW Kenya is a non-governmental organisation registered in Kenya as one of the East African country offices of Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), a global development organisation founded and headquartered in Germany.

DSW Kenya focuses on the needs and potential of the largest youth generation in history.

We are committed to creating demand for and access to health information, services and supplies for the youth, and to securing their right for a brighter future. We achieve this by engaging in advocacy, capacity development, and family planning initiatives, which make sure the youth of today are empowered to lead healthy and self-determined lives.

DSW Kenya was established in May 2000 in Nairobi. We have additional offices in Mombasa and Kitale with presence in 15 counties: **Bungoma, Embu, Kakamega, Kilifi, Kwale, Laikipia, Meru, Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Nandi, Nyandarua, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, and West Pokot.** We have active programmes in 13 of these counties.

FOREWORD



Evelyn Samba,
Country Director.

DSW Kenya was able to implement its programmes despite challenges experienced from the beginning of the year 2020.

Internally the exit of a number of staff across levels led to loss of organisational capacity resulting in a slowing down of activity implementation.

To ameliorate the effects of this transition, we initiated a rigorous recruitment supported by a robust on-boarding process that ensured a seamless transition. At the close of the year, a team of qualified and competent staff fully aligned to the organisational values was in place.

Externally, there was fear and anxiety among our stakeholders at the onset of COVID 19. Containment measures instituted such as school closures, limitation of movement, ban on public gatherings and the requirement to use facemasks and sanitize while in public brought its own share of challenges. First, access to affordable, stable and reliable internet connectivity as an alternative mode of working was a major setback for majority of our constituents. Second, the costs related to compliance with these measures were not planned for, meaning that we had to redirect resources to meet the emerging needs.

To ensure continuity of programme implementation, DSW Kenya successfully supported staff and young people to access internet connectivity and deployed use of digital tools for online working. Activities targeting adolescents in school were moved to the community setting through our Youth Empowerment Centres in DSW Kenya programme localities. This allowed young adolescents to continue accessing life skills education and sexual and reproductive health information. Peer-to-peer education continued virtually using online tools such as WhatsApp, Zoom and Skype. At the same time, DSW Kenya trained and supported youth champions continued to influence the policy and budget making process using virtual campaigns, maintained online engagements with legislators and submitted memos online.

While these adjustments ensured that DSW Kenya was still able to implement its activities, across board sexual reproductive health information and service provision was not prioritised. This left thousands of young people disenfranchised. DSW Kenya stepped in to support Youth Empowerment Centres to provide youth friendly information and services. We also supported convening of Technical Working Groups at the county to ensure that the sexual and reproductive health/family planning agenda was not lost during the crisis. Additionally, the Youth Empowerment Centres stepped up to complement government's efforts in disseminating COVID 19 prevention measures and the COVID 19 Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) guidelines.

Overall, DSW Kenya was able to sustain both its programme priorities for the year. We look back with pride in the way we have held out in the midst of a challenging period. We are particularly encouraged by the zeal and agility with which the young people we work with have moved to embrace the challenges and turn them around to opportunities.

But we also see the need to learn from the experiences of the past year and rethink our programme designs and approaches so that DSW Kenya emerges stronger. This is our commitment going forward.

FOSTERING DEMAND FOR, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION, HEALTH SUPPLIES AND YOUTH FRIENDLY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.

12,019

Young people reached with sexual reproductive health information and services.

Out of the 12,019 young people reached, 5848 were male and 5873 were female.

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The number of young people trained as peer educators.

Out of the 63 trained peer educators in 2020, 20 were male and 43 were female.

17,880

The number of condoms distributed.

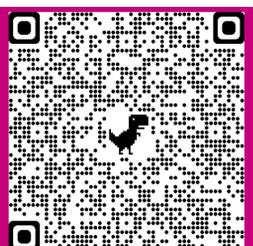
Out of the 17,880 condoms distributed, 17,856 were male condoms and 24 were female condoms.

18,763

The number of social and behaviour change communication materials distributed.

The distributed materials included brochures, comic books, posters and fliers.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to read more about our work in supporting community action for sexual and reproductive health and rights of young adolescents in Kenya.



DSW supported youth from Meru County prepare to conduct peer education on World Contraception Day 2020.
PHOTO: Brian Otieno/DSW



ADVANCING THE RESPECT AND PROTECTION OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, WITH A FOCUS ON ELIMINATING GENDER-RELATED DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUALITY.

135 Young people trained on advocacy and leadership

Out of these 135 young people, 64 were male and 71 were female.

125 were trained to advocate for increased family planning budget allocation both at the national and at county level.

10 were trained to advocate for the elimination of Violence against Women and Girls (VaWG) in Busia County.

11% The average increase in family planning allocation in the 11 counties DSW Kenya works in

130 youth champions collaborated with other civil society organisations and county governments to secure this family planning budgetary allocation.

5 The number of bills and policies DSW Kenya supported to be developed

They included the revision of the Population Policy for National Development (2012); and the Reproductive Healthcare Senate Bill No. 23 of 2019.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to read about our advocacy for domestic investments for reproductive health/family planning in Kenya.





EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES AT LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL LEVELS.

28 adolescent champions trained

The 14 boys and 14 girls from Kaloleni (Kilifi) and Kacheliba (West Pokot) were trained and mentored to improve their advocacy, media, communication & leadership skills.

2 adolescent advocacy networks established

2 Adolescent Advocacy Networks were established and supported to conduct advocacy dialogues on adolescent sexual and reproductive health issues.

Subgrantees and allies mentored

Young people mentored and have improved advocacy, media, and communication skills.

Our sub-grantees and allies implemented advocacy strategies resulting in the completion of three youth-friendly centres in Kilifi county.

Further, the county government of Kilifi allocated KES. 5.2 million for the completion of the renovation works and the equipment of youth-friendly centres through the supplementary budget of FY 2020/2021

Young people mark International Youth Day 2020 in Githurai, Nairobi. PHOTO: DSW/Brian Otieno



IMPROVED AND EQUAL ACCESS TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE

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VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATIONS FORMED

The Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) were formed with the aim of empowering vulnerable caregivers of our target young adolescents economically.

80 vulnerable parents benefited from group loans to boost their income generating activities.

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YOUTH SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATIONS FORMED

The Youth Savings and Lending Associations (YSLAs) were formed and linked to government development funds.

One of the groups benefitted from a KES 50,000 grant from the County Government of Busia's Ward Development Fund to expand their income generating activities.

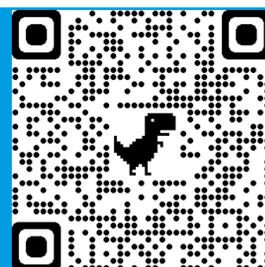
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GIRLS SUPPORTED TO GO THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

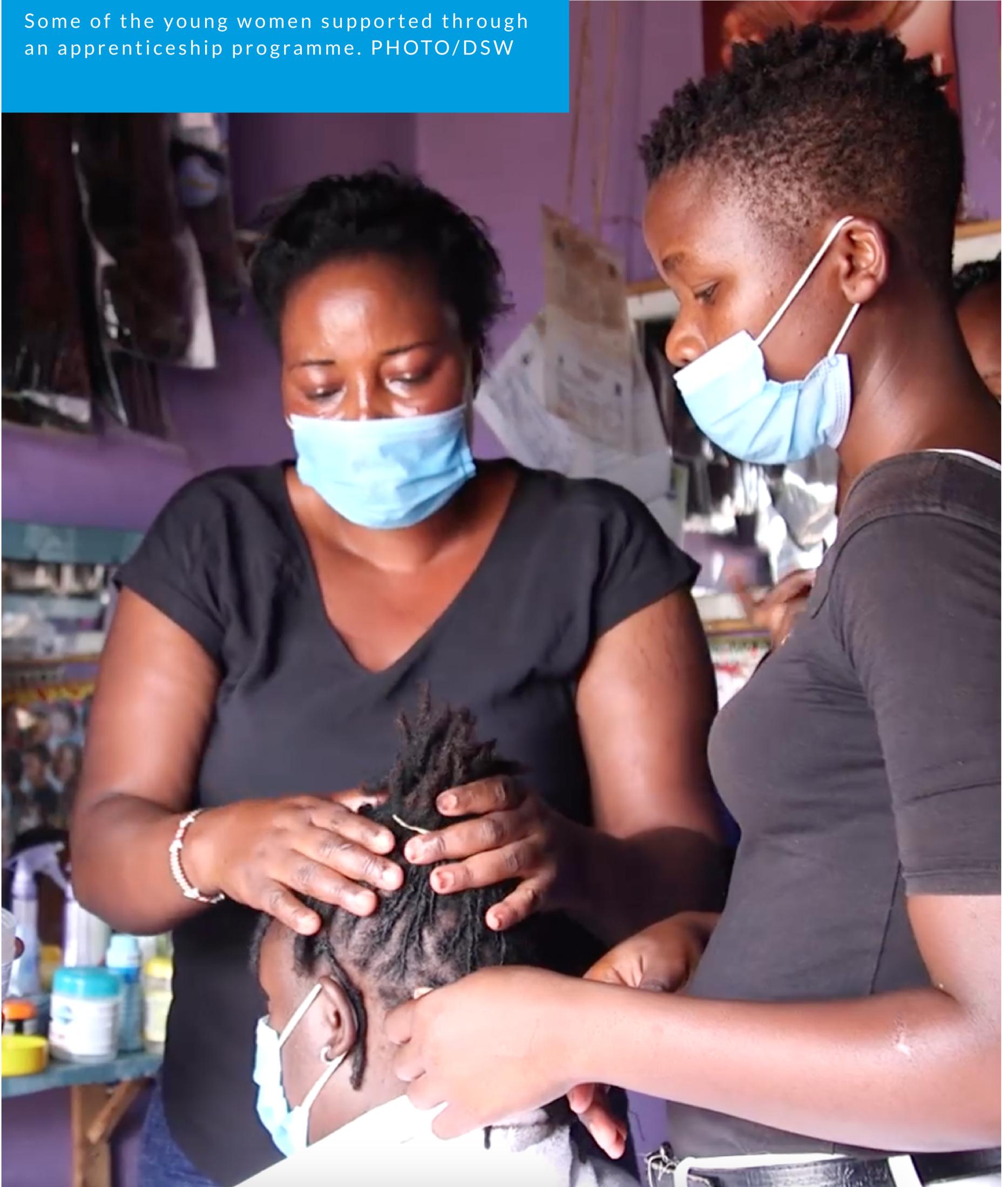
The 65 girls were equipped with entrepreneurship skills to enhance their livelihoods.

Out of the 65, 49 took hairdressing, 6 took tailoring, 7 took catering and 3 took mechanics.

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to watch the story of  our work on eliminating violence against girls and women in the fishing communities of Bunyala West, Busia County.



Some of the young women supported through an apprenticeship programme. PHOTO/DSW



STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING DSW KENYA'S ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH, SUSTAINABILITY AND VISIBILITY



New M&E system rolled out

M&E system, WebMo 2.0, was rolled out and was adopted by DSW Kenya. All programmes staff were trained on WebMo 2.0.



New IT tools adopted

DSW Kenya migrated to Microsoft 365 to facilitate remote working and collaboration.



2 million people reached with key messages

2 million newspaper readers, TV viewers, social media users and radio listeners in Kenya with key messages. DSW Kenya earned approximately KES. 8 million (80,000 USD) in media airtime/space value.



5 proposals for funding submitted

One proposal successfully funded.

DSW Kenya staff join their colleagues from other DSW offices in a virtual work planning workshop at the height of travel restrictions related to COVID19.
PHOTO: DSW



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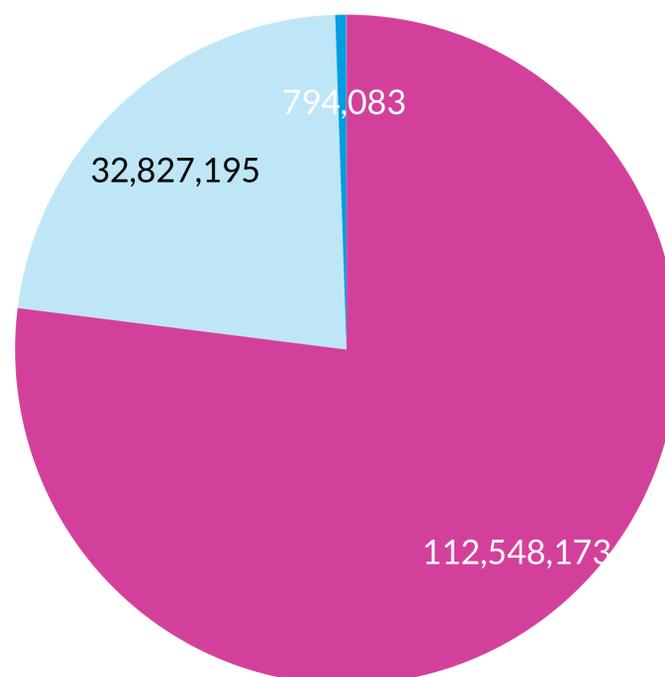
FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME (2020)

146,169,451

(KENYA SHILLINGS)

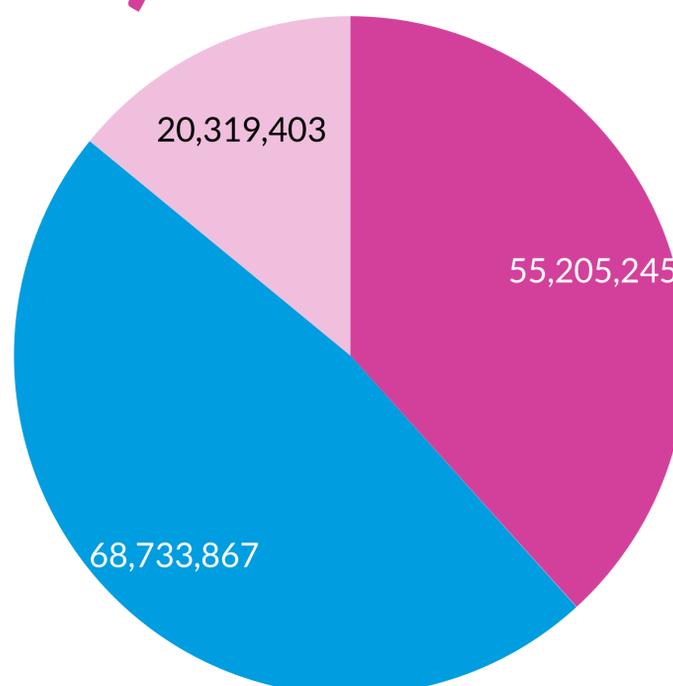


■ Restricted funds (77%)
 ■ Unrestricted Funds (22.46%)
 ■ Other Incomes (0.54%)

EXPENDITURE (2020)

144,258,515

(KENYA SHILLINGS)



■ Programme Expenses (38.27%)
 ■ Personnel Expenses (47.65%)
 ■ Administrative Expenses (14.09%)

*Programme expenses and personnel expenses are both direct programme costs

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