



# AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF DSW KENYA 2021 ANNUAL REPORT (HIGHLIGHTS)

# 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

In 2021, DSW Kenya implemented its programmes against the backdrop of a very fluid external environment owing to a number of factors.

Firstly, the impact of the enforcement of COVID-19 containment measures and further spread of the disease continued to slow down the economy, affecting public life and hindering project implementation. At the same time, the industrial action by health workers that commenced in the later part of 2020 persisted in the first quarter of 2021, further exacerbating an already difficult environment for health service provision. However, the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations for frontline workers in the first half of the year and the campaign for mass vaccinations later in the year resulted in an improved working environment as the spread of the disease was managed.

Secondly, in 2021 the clamour for constitutional change reached its peak, ushering the country into a full-blown campaign for the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI). This hindered the policy-making agenda by the legislature and slowed down DSW Kenya's policy work, especially budget advocacy. containment measures.

Thirdly, the ongoing drought was declared a national disaster in 2021 by H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta as reports of millions of Kenyans joined the ranks of those facing starvation. DSW Kenya's programme implementation was slowed down significantly in the affected counties.

Despite all this, DSW Kenya was able to implement its programmes successfully by scaling up use of digital solutions, adopting innovative ways of implementing activities such as blended approaches where virtual meetings and in-person meetings were combined and ensuring strict adherence to COVID-19 containment measures.

Internally, the exit of staff in 2021, especially at field level was a challenge to implementation of projects. Such transitions occasion loss of skill and organisational capacity, thus negatively impacting project implementation. To mitigate this, the organisation fast-tracked recruitment to replace lost capacity and proactively recruited new staff from among the youth champions who are already well-trained and understand DSW Kenya's mission work.

To reinvigorate its programme presence and capacity, DSW Kenya invested in supporting the formation of new youth clubs and groups in the counties of operation and building Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) knowledge through peer education training and life skills training. At the same time, the organisation scaled up its use of digital solutions for programming by designing an online platform that will enhance access to SRHR information by young people.

Additional investments were made in the area of capacity building for staff including in social accountability and peer education Trainer of Trainers. This has ensured that the organisation has a good pool of staff with requisite skills to lead the growth of our social accountability work and education training.

As we look ahead into the new year, we are confident the investments we are making now will serve us well to meet the ever-changing environment and needs of young people and will position DSW Kenya as the go-to organisation when it comes to SRHR programming for youth and adolescents.



Evelyn Samba,  
Country Director.

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

# 11,690

Young people reached with sexual reproductive health information and services.

# 25

The number of young people trained as peer educators.

Out of the 25 trained peer educators in 2021, 12 were male and 14s were female.

# 13,032

The number of male condoms distributed.

# 58

Number of Sexual and Gender based violence cases reported in 2021

# 28

The number of young adolescents trained as in-school change advocaes.

Out of the 28, 14 were male and 14 were female.

DSW supported communities in Kilifi to set up VSLAs and enhance their income-generating activities and savings.

PHOTO: DSW



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

**126** Young people trained as youth champions

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

12 youth champions networks were strengthened to engage with policy makers

**21%** Average increase in family planning allocation in the 11 counties DSW Kenya works in

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

They included the Adolescent Health Strategy, YFS Standard Operational Guidelines, and National Plan to End Teenage Pregnancy.

**120** Opinion leaders trained on gender-based violence prevention, human rights and alternative access to justice

Young people perform a skit during the DSW @30 Celebrations in West Pokot County in December 2021.  
PHOTO: DSW



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

## **138** Young people trained on advocacy

114 were trained to advocate for improved SRHR/FP policies and more budgetary allocation for family planning at county and National level

24 champions were trained on Social Accountability

## **28**

young adolescents trained on and supported to make contributions to the national and county level advocacy agenda

## **6** county-based youth groups supported and leadership strengthened

The process involved mentorship, institutional capacity strengthening and leadership training to improve their participation in the decision-making spaces at the county level



A young person demonstrates condom use during a session in West Pokot County. PHOTO: DSW/Brian Otieno



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

**14****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.

**20****AVERAGE NUMBER OF VULNERABLE CAREGIVERS IN EACH VSLA**

The project aims at helping improve the entrepreneurial capacity of highly vulnerable parents, inculcate the culture of saving and increase community access to credit to embark on income-generating activities to diversify and sustain their livelihoods

**80****PARENTS FROM VSLAS BENEFITTED FROM LOANS OBTAINED FROM GROUP SAVINGS**

The project also supported the VSLAs by providing seed capital to enable them buy assets for joint business ventures

Celestine Ndinda and DJ Moz, the digital influencers for DSW's World Contraceptive Day 2021 campaign. PHOTO: DSW/Brian Otieno



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



## 3 policies developed

The Child Protection Policy, ICT Policy, and Code of Conduct and DSW Kenya Standard Operating Procedures for working with young people



## 2 guidelines approved

Cost Allocation Guidelines and the Value for Money Guidelines



## 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

Three proposal successfully funded.

DSW Kenya staff participate in the annual planning meeting in January 2021.  
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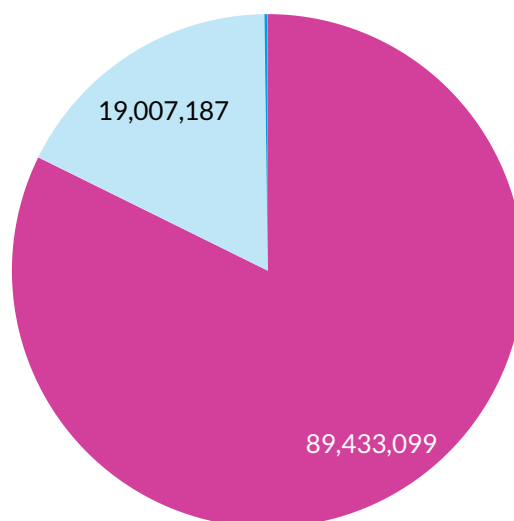
# FINANCIALS

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

### INCOME (2021)

**108,675,504**

(KENYA SHILLINGS)

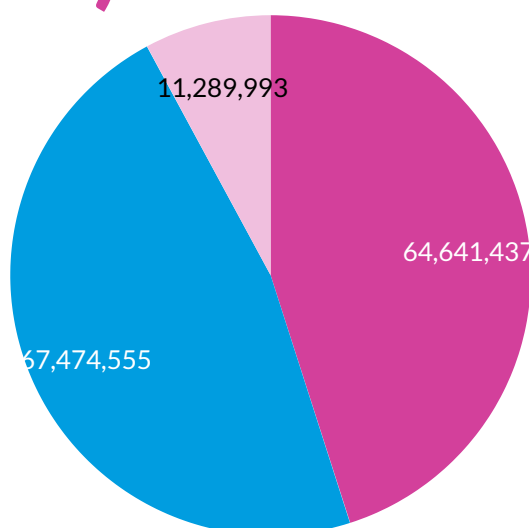


■ Restricted funds (82.29%)
 ■ Unrestricted Funds (17.49%)
 ■ Other Incomes (0.22%)

### EXPENDITURE (2021)

**147,711,865**

(KENYA SHILLINGS)



■ Programme Expenses (45.08%)
 ■ Personnel Expenses (47.05%)
 ■ Administrative Expenses (7.87%)

\*Programme expenses and personnel expenses are both direct programme costs

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