

Global Visions

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Thank you again for your interest in SPW! Global Visions is a simple way to learn about SPW and follow its evolution regularly. If you would like more copies of this issue, please do not hesitate to let us know, we will be delighted to share our successes with more people, and institutions.

SPW has entered financial and programmatic year 2008-09! We have therefore launched new projects, started working with new Volunteer Peer Educators (VPEs), initiated innovative partnerships, developed our programmes, and already collected and analysed the latest up-to-date information on our achievements between December 2008 and February 2009.

Please find in this issue some of our latest highlights, showing how SPW supports young people in addressing the urgent health, education and environmental issues which affect their lives, communities and countries.

SPW UK - Advocates for Action



The Advocates for Action programme empowers young people in the UK to push the government to step up its efforts to address the inadequate Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and rights of young people around the world.

Planning week end

Project Leaders – the small group of young people who lead the advocacy programme – and SPW staff spent a two day weekend for reviewing, objective setting and activity mapping for the year. The sessions were particularly useful for laying out in detail the timings of activities and identifying individual responsibilities for taking action. Key plans were made to increase the number of Project Leaders – in particular younger volunteers – and youth engagement in DFID’s Youth Working Group.



DFID Youth Consultation

Following a request from the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Civil Society Youth Working Group (YWG) led the Youth Consultation on DFID’s new White Paper long-term strategy document. This was a fantastic opportunity to engage with those writing the document that will shape the future of the UK’s International Development agenda, and a real step forward in DFID’s engagement with young people and the YWG.

SPW’s Campaigns & Advocacy Coordinator led the consultation process, designing the sessions and leading the facilitation of the day.

Recruitment of our Young Advocate from Zambia

Following an intensive search involving staff and ex-volunteers from across SPW, SPW has recruited a new International Intern. Chinyanta Chimba will be with SPW for six months to lead Advocates for Action’s work.

SPW India - Enhancing young people's work prospects

The Centre for International Social Work, Madras Christian College has accredited SPW India's Programme.

This has resulted in 35 young Peer Educators being certified with a Diploma in Community Initiative and Youth Development, improving their employment prospects following their service with SPW. The graduation ceremony was held at the Centre for International Social Work at the Madras Christian College, and was attended by SPW Directors and the SPW International Senior Management Team.

"I never thought that I would be able to go into higher education after my schooling, but SPW made it possible for me, with this certificate from a prestigious college in India. I'm sure that this will enable me to find a suitable job"



Rekha, 08-09 SPW Peer Educator after receiving a certificate in Community Initiative and Youth development



35 Volunteer Peer Educators certified in India

Youth Information Centres in Sierra Leone

After a number of years of a successful volunteer-led HIV & AIDS intervention programme in rural local communities in Sierra Leone, SPW is now implementing a high-profile, multi-media HIV & AIDS programme in urban areas of Sierra Leone.

It targets students of the country's major universities: Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone in Freetown, Njala University in Bo and Northern Polytechnic in Makeni. This quarter saw the opening of Youth Information Centres (YICs) in the Universities of Bo (south of Sierra Leone) and Makeni (north).

Ex-volunteers run YICs, providing accurate information on Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV & AIDS, (prevention, care and support), Youth Development Issues, Human Rights and Gender-based Violence on a daily basis. Activities being conducted at YICs include the setting up of Student Action Groups, computer training, training on CV writing as well as interview techniques, health talks, voluntary counselling and confidential testing for HIV supported by the National AIDS Secretariat, educative debates, radio discussions and video shows, as well as outreach programmes to the surrounding community.

SPW Hyde Park Triathlon

April 26th saw Hyde Park come alive for SPW's 3rd annual Triathlon. One of the biggest and most important events in our calendar, SPW aimed to raise over £80,000 for its activities across the globe.

With the sun shining on the cold serpentine, the first set of competitors largely made up of seasoned tri-athletes, took the plunge at 8.45am. As they prepared to swim, the event was officially opened by SPW Chief Executive Eric Levine.



The event, sponsored by long-time supporter Speedo, was a great success! Over 200 competitors took part in this year's event, individually or as team members.

One of the highlights of the day was the

participation of corporate teams (Pentland, Brand Nation, Base Creative) and school and college participants (Rugby School).

This made the race even more exciting, and was *a great opportunity to strengthen students and colleagues' team spirit and cohesion.*

A great occasion for a team away day!

To date, the event has raised over £25,000, with sponsorship still coming in.

Want to get involved next year?

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SPW at the South African AIDS Conference

SPW South Africa were invited to a conference with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in order to present the 2008 Impact Assessment of SPW's Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP).

Five representatives of SPW South Africa attended the conference held in Durban between March 30th and April 3rd 2009. The conference is the largest conference on AIDS in South Africa and gave SPW South Africa a chance to demonstrate the success of the Youth Empowerment Programme over the past two years. The presentation of the YEP was a success with hundreds of people attending the two sessions where SPW South Africa presented to other NGOs, donors and government officials.



SPW involved in AIDS Conference in Durban, with UNFPA

Pienaar Motabene, Programme Coordinator and Ex-Volunteer also chaired the Youth Plenary Sessions held each day, which gave young people a chance to discuss issues brought up at the conference.

In addition to representing SPW at a high-level conference, this was also another opportunity to implement SPW's youth-led methodology, advocating to place young people at the forefront of change and development!

SPW Facts & Figures

Working across **6 countries in West Africa, Eastern Africa and Southern Africa**, as well as **2 countries in South Asia**, SPW carries out several programmes. These programmes are based upon SPW's values and objectives, and harness young people's qualities and potential across the globe to make change happen, however the area or country.

Nevertheless, programmes are also adapted to local needs, cultures, and individuals. Consequently, programmes do differ from one country to another.

The following figures are collected all year long, to ensure adaptability of activities and to measure success. They result from SPW's core activities, meaning that *they are carried out in all SPW programmes, worldwide* (figures achieved between December 2008 and February 2009).

SPW country programmes	Number of lessons on SRH* (in school, out of school, communities)	Number of awareness raising events, with a focus on SRH*	Number of events on life skills for young people	% of SPW resource centres where support and advice is available	Number of young people attending events on gender issues
Sierre Leone	1,579	742	1,048	54	242
Tanzania	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Uganda	143	67	53	100	1,878
Zambia	161	84	80	0	0
Zimbabwe	514	93	39	25	445
South Africa	255	136	364	100	N/A
India	530	89	735	100	10,400
Nepal	30	2	31	35	137
TOTAL	3,212	1,225	2,350	414	13,102
Average per country	458.9	153.1	335.7	59.1	2,183.7

**SRH: Sexual Reproductive Health*

Did you know that...

- SPW outreaches to **more than 400,000 young people and community members on a weekly basis**.
- SPW carries out most of its activities through young motivated and professionally trained Volunteer Peer Educators (VPEs). **Each year, more than 1,000 VPEs** undertake training and work in placements within the community, implementing sustainable, cost-effective action...
- **SPW also implements non VPE-led action**. Ex-Volunteer Networks are taking an increasing role in making SPW's action more sustainable once placements are finished. SPW also trains staff from other charities, as part of a multi-year programme placing SPW not only as a programme implementer, but also as a **strategic adviser and capacity builder**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us! We will be very happy to answer your questions, provide more information on aspects you have special interest in, and discuss any of our programmes with our supporters!

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