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Welcome to Global Visions - August 2009!

In this issue, you will find SPW's latest achievements in some of its country programmes, including an article about how SPW Uganda supports young people in getting involved in high-level national consultation on development (p.2). SPW ran a Dance4Life showcase event: read p.3 what happened and how young people, teachers and corporate partners witnessed the impact of the Dance4Life model, uniting young people against HIV and AIDS with aspects of youth culture such as music and dance.

As you will see, the outline of Global Visions has changed slightly, so that it reflects *SPW's three global objectives*:

- Youth Participation and Leadership,
- Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH),
- Life Skills and Livelihoods.

Latest Facts & Figures

This section of Global Visions includes specific details on the latest facts & figures about SPW worldwide. The table below is a summary of some of the activities that are carried out on an ongoing basis across all 8 SPW country programmes, both in Africa and Asia.

	Number of lessons on SRH (in school, out of school, communities)	Number of awareness raising events, with a focus on SRH	Number of lessons on life skills for young people	Average % of SPW resource centres where support and advice is available	Number of young people reported attending event on gender issues
8 country programmes in quarter 3	7,802	2,302	2,460	75%	18,357
8 country programmes in quarter 1 to 3	20,771	5,454	9,485	75%	31,643

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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Youth Participation & Leadership

SPW's Objective: *Young people will take up significant roles in the policy-making processes which affect their lives*

Youth Participation & Leadership achievements in numbers

These are the key highlights of SPW's youth-led programmes in quarter three for the area of Youth Participation & Leadership, extracted from our Monitoring and Evaluation systems:

- 26 advocacy meetings were facilitated by SPW with relevant government, donors, INGOs and NGOs to advocate the inclusion of young people in the policy formulation process and operations in the country in SPW strategic areas
- SPW trained 400 young people on local, provincial and national governance issues
- 2,215 events were led by young people through SPW support at district, provincial or community level

Young people involved in the National Youth Consultation in Uganda

SPW Uganda, in partnership with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development the Uganda National Planning Authority and the UK Department for International Development (DfID), ran a National Youth Consultation on including young people in the national development decision making process. The Consultation provided a unique opportunity for Ugandan young people to analyse the National Development Plan (NDP) and have their voice heard in the planning process that will shape the development of Uganda over the coming 5 years.

"Without SPW, this event would never have happened, and young people would have been excluded from the National Planning Process".

Andrew Othieno, NPA Administrative Officer

Fifty two young people representing all regions of Uganda convened in Kampala on 18-19 May to participate in the National Youth Consultation on the NDP. Participants represented young people, who constitute more than 70 percent of Uganda's population, and advocated for the voice of young people to be heard and listened to by decision makers. Major stakeholders were present, including Honorable Alupo Jessica, Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs.

Ex-SPW volunteer Opito James, 26, described that *"Youth in Uganda had for too long been excluded from the decision making process...policy makers, planners have [now] become more aware of the interest of the youth."*



SPW Ex-Volunteer Enoch Mwanje voices his views on the National Development Plan to the Minister of State for Children and Youth Affairs

Sexual and Reproductive Health

SPW's Objective: *Young people will make responsible decisions regarding their Sexual and Reproductive Health*

Sexual and Reproductive Health achievements in numbers

These are the key highlights of SPW's youth-led programmes in quarter three for the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), extracted from our Monitoring & Evaluation systems:

- SPW organised 37 trainings for teachers and Governments staff in order to ensure sustainability of SPW's interventions
- SPW carried out 39 meetings with Government departments and officials to advocate for adequate attention towards the SRH needs of young people

Dance4Life London Showcase 2009



On July 10th 2009, SPW held a Dance4Life UK encompassing, inspiring and energetic event to launch a re-brand to its school and corporate partners.

Following an electric dance display by youth ambassadors the Stylinquents, over 100 young agents of change led the way to pushing back HIV and AIDS, along with teachers and corporate guests.

Pamela, 27, then took the stage to share her experience and describe how she felt and reacted to the news that she was HIV positive. The way she responded to the news and how she is so active in HIV campaigning was truly inspirational.

SPW Chief Executive Eric Levine was joined on stage by Kruti Shah (a young agent of change), Azara (a youth ambassador) and Colin Dixon (Dance4Life International) to promote Dance4Life's incredible message.

With such a captivating medley of energetic dance, panel sessions and personal stories, the audience consisting of corporate donors, were confident about dance4life's capacity to motivate and empower young people to push back HIV globally.

"United as one we all took responsibility, we all chose life, we all joined dance4life!" in an *"exciting, educational and emotional"* showcase by SPW and dance4life (Juliette Henry).

Start dancing. Stop AIDS.



Life skills and livelihoods

SPW's Objective: *Young people will have improved life skills and livelihood opportunities*

Life skills and livelihoods achievements in numbers

These are the key highlights of SPW's youth-led programmes in quarter three for the area of sexual and reproductive health from our Monitoring and Evaluation systems:

- 2,463 lessons on life skills and livelihood development were organised and delivered to young people in schools and rural communities.
- 42 current SPW Volunteer Peer Educators (VPEs) and Former VPEs took part in events or activities that helped build their management skills

Success of SPW South Africa's Youth Development Centres (YDCs)



In quarter three, SPW South Africa's Youth Development Centres (YDCs) reached **581 young people** with regular activities designed to help them address Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) issues.

YDCs are central in providing a youth-friendly learning space, as there are very few places and opportunities for young people to develop their skills and knowledge in the area of East London (map inset), O.R Tambo and Tsoilo.

The YDCs in Tsoilo, Libode and Kwelera, run youth-friendly activities to develop young people's skills and knowledge about SRH, as well as other life skills and livelihood opportunities.

For example, the Kwelera YDC works closely with the nearby health clinic. Clinic staff are invited to give talks on different topics, and raise awareness on clinic services with youth in the YDC. Sensitive topics such as HIV and AIDS, contraception, sexuality and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are discussed in a non formal manner.

The YDC also hosted the 'Youth Day' special event on 16 June 2009, based on the theme "Be the survivor of freedom - not the victim of freedom" (focusing on youth adopting health-seeking behaviour).

As shown on the picture inset, YDCs host youth-led event and rely on SPW's philosophy: young people are a great valuable but often untapped resource for development. **SPW places them at the forefront of change and development.**



'Youth day' at the Jongilanda YDC: young people sharing their experience and successes in acquiring skills and knowledge