

Welcome to Global Visions - February 2010

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## **SPW Sierra Leone is NGO of the Year!**

SPW Sierra Leone emerged as the winner for 2009 'NGO of the Year award' in a National Achievement Award ceremony held on 24th December 2009. SPW was notably recognized by the Awards Committee for our outreach to rural communities, our commitment to hiring local staff, as well as the sustainability of our programmes. SPW SL was up against Campaign for Good Government and Network Movement for Justice and Development in the best NGO category. This year the awards ceremony was attended by the Vice President as well as a host of other notable guests from all sectors.

## Ultimate News Quiz raises £22,000 for SPW

For the fourth year running, media geniuses and corporate brains battled it out in The Ultimate News Quiz. This year we were delighted to be hosted by Google, who put on a fantastic Valentine Day themed event with a red carpet, beautifully iced cupcakes and balloons. As usual questions caused passionate debate amongst teams who were kept in their place by the Queen of the Raised Eyebrow and this year's Quizmistress—Anne Robinson.



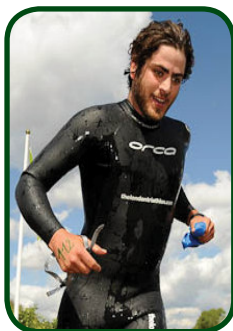
## Give our Triathlon a Tri

On Sunday April 18, 250+ competitors will be swimming, cycling and running their way round Hyde Park - all to raise essential funds for the work SPW does with young people globally.

This is a fun and friendly day - suitable for all levels of athlete from the complete beginner to the seasoned tri-athlete. The race is sprint distance:

400m swim, 15km cycle, 5km run.

We would love to invite you to take part this year. To register or find out more, check out [www.spwtriathlon.com](http://www.spwtriathlon.com).



## Be a Superhero for SPW!

*Do you like dressing up? Looking for a fun way to support SPW? Haven't got much time?*

If this sounds like you - SPW will be entering runners into the 5km 'Superhero Fun Run', taking place in London (on Sunday June 13) and Manchester (on Sunday 26 September). Participants will need to pay a £20 entry fee and will be asked to fundraise a suggested target of £100 for SPW.

Contact Liz to find out more!

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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 one for the area of Youth Participation & Leadership, extracted from our Monitoring and Evaluation systems:

- 27 advocacy meetings organised or facilitated by SPW, with relevant government, donors, INGOs and NGOs to advocate for the inclusion of young people in the policy formulation process and operations
- 184 events led or organised by Young People through SPW support at district, provincial or community level
- 3064 young people reported attending workshops, seminars, talks or sessions organised by SPW on gender issues

## SPW Zambia and the World Cup

SPW believes that partnerships are essential in order to share best practice and achieve common goals. In Zambia a young SPW staff member, Benjamin Mwape (Partnership and Communications Coordinator), has been taking the lead role in coordinating Zambia's contribution to the Fair Play for Africa Campaign.

The Fair Play for Africa campaign is seizing on the platform offered by the FIFA World Cup in SA to mobilise and build on existing campaigns in Africa that target some of the regions' most chronic humanitarian problems. Ben is part of a steering committee which was initiated by Oxfam GB with the support of World Bank, who are currently hosting the planning meetings.

Among the activities included are lobbying, popular mobilisation, media campaigns, use of ambassadors such as footballers and football tournaments. A significant number of these activities involve young people and so it is appropriate and important that SPW and other youth-led organisations are sitting on the national steering committee.

One of the exciting opportunities that have been offered to SPW Zambia is that the campaign has been given responsibility by Oxfam GB to take over its Right to Health radio programme on radio Phoenix. This is to increase awareness of the campaign amongst young people, as well as share highlights of the individual organisations.

SPW look forward to hearing more about the campaign's successes as the World Cup gets ever closer!



# 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 one for the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), extracted from our Monitoring & Evaluation systems:

- 1028 SRH awareness campaigns undertaken in the form of workshops, talks, shows or sports events etc)
- 3886 SRH lessons organised and delivered by young people

## World AIDS Day - December 1st 2009

Across the whole of SPW, country programmes use various events and awareness raising activities to promote World AIDS Day.

In Tanzania, where 7% of adults aged 15-49 are HIV positive reaching over 10% in urban areas, the SPW Ex Volunteer Network organized an event to support World AIDS Day to raise awareness of the Aids Pandemic.

The event used Tanzanian popular artists and other public figures to promote and strengthen youth awareness for healthy behaviour through the provision of correct, appropriate and consistent information. Over 200 young people came together for the event and received material with current information on HIV/AIDS status in Tanzania and an address from the Ministry of Health and testimonies from people living positive with HIV for more than 10 years. Young people had an opportunity to discuss with them and ex volunteers. A female student living with the virus for 9 years also gave a testimony.

At the end of the event, people gathered together and made a circle and light candles as a sign of hope and deliberate efforts towards the fight against the spread of HIV/ AIDS.



*SPW Tanzania*



*SPW India*

Meanwhile, in India, out of school youth performed street plays and young people designed banners over 100 meters in length with appropriate messages about HIV&AIDS. The banner was taken in turns to all the schools in the area where students formed a human chain to display the banner in their communities.

# 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 one for the area of sexual and reproductive health from our Monitoring and Evaluation systems:

- 629 lessons organised on life skills for young people
- 451 Volunteer Peer Educators and Ex-VPEs reported participating in events and activities to build their management

## Expanding Young People's Horizons

The programme area of Life skills and Livelihoods is diverse. Youth led delivery can include subjects such as Professional Communication Skills, Financial Literacy, General Business Management and Marketing Skills whilst also promoting Gender Equality.

In the last quarter, SPW India established 23 resource centres for young people in Higher Secondary Schools. Resource Centres provide an integrated focal point for youth led activities – including learning new skills, but also for SRH.

Whilst training the new group of 15 Volunteer Peer Educators in the Sustainable Livelihood Programme, established volunteers were able to deliver 272 sessions on life skills for young people.

In addition, 38 schools took part in youth led discussions with regards equal participation and discrimination against women. Five of the schools also held self defence training.

***"I was thinking that being a girl I can become a teacher or Nurse but on seeing the confidence and listening to a exciting speech of the women police personnel during the Gender day in our school, I am clear that being a girl doesn't limit to select only particular careers, now I am determined to become a Police officer".***

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