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# Speak Up- FP Youth Champions In Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania

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# Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)



**Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)** is an international development organisation that 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, and to securing their right for a brighter future.

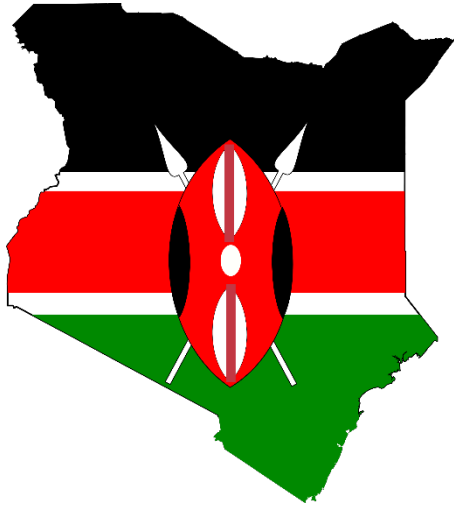
We achieve this by engaging in advocacy, capacity development, and family planning initiatives, which make sure the youth of today are empowered to lead healthy and self-determined lives.

With our headquarters in Hannover, Germany, DSW maintains four country offices in **Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda**, as well as liaison offices in Berlin and Brussels.

- The large youth population in East Africa means that a greater number of young people is entering reproductive age every year
- This influences the type and quantity of reproductive health commodities and services that young people need
- Yet, young people are ignored in decision-making processes hence supplies and services aren't responsive
- A move from passive recipients of services to active participants in decision making processes



# TARGET LOCATION



- National level +
- Kenya: 11 Counties
- Tanzania: 4 districts
- Uganda: 4

# Theory Of Change

Policy, Budget Analysis, and FGDs



# Youth FP/RH Champions

- Identification
- Training
- Network formation
- Ongoing mentorship and refreshers
- Advocacy plans



# Roles and Activities

- Participation in budget hearings from ward/village levels
- Meetings with decision makers
- Campaigns during national and international days celebrations
- Civic and peer education through drama, music and sports
- Cascade training to other young men and women
- Outreaches eg health storming, school talks

# Achievements

- Confidence, recognition and active participation in budget and policy/decision making processes
- Policies changes and implementation to include youth friendly SRH services e.g. One Plan II (TZ), CIPs, National Adolescent and youth policies
- Improved investments and disbursements: resourcing to implement policies and commitments – Mombasa, Uasin Gishu, West Pokot, Tororo
- Youth friendly centres and services: establishment and revival of dormant centres with attendant financial allocations
- Local to Global: bringing youth voices to bear at national, regional and international platforms – EU, Germany, training on story telling and nominations for 120 under 40 FP leaders



# Challenges

- Complex policy and budget-making processes
- Girls are still reticent due to socialization and gender responsibilities
- Resistance from parents, traditional and religious leader
- Transient nature of young people
- Trust-building with decision-makers – balancing tactics of confrontation vs complementary/'friendly' advocacy
- Growing expectations and need
- Language barriers

# Recommendations

- Shift from advocacy FOR to advocacy BY the youth themselves: build young peoples' capacity with deliberate support to girls and young women
- Important to go to the lowest level to reach all youth recognizing they are not homogenous
- Male involvement: men and boys as SRH/FP champions



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