

KEY OUTCOMES ON OOSY 2003-06

Focus group discussions with Out of school youth accessing the OOSY programme revealed the following outcomes for 2003-6:

- **Increased knowledge on sexual and reproductive health issues amongst students, including**
 - ⇒ Improved knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention
 - ⇒ Better identification of correct and incorrect methods for pregnancy prevention
- **Increased life skills and ability to make and act upon good decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive health amongst target groups:**
 - ⇒ Young people reported an increased ability to refuse unwanted sexual advances from age-mates, teachers and older relations, particularly girls
- **There was increased support amongst students for young people's sexual and reproductive health rights**
 - ⇒ For example, the number of both male and female students who believed that pregnant girls should be expelled from school significantly decreased
- **There was also increased support for the rights of girls and women amongst Youth, Government leaders, and community members**
 - ⇒ Belief in the right of girls and women to refuse unwanted sex increased significantly amongst all groups, but particularly amongst female students with the number that agreed that they had this right rising from 39% to 71% over one year

- **Surveys and discussions also indicated behaviour change amongst young people in key areas as a result of the programme**

- ⇒ Both young people themselves and community members agreed that young people were drinking less and no longer hanging around the village late at night
- ⇒ By the end of the programme young people were more likely to attend a hospital if they were showing symptoms of both general health and sexual health problems, and were more likely to be able to identify the relevant services available locally
- ⇒ There was a reported uptake in services including VCT, STI diagnosis and treatment and condom purchase

QUOTES FROM RECENT 2004-5 EVALUATION FIELD VISITS

"SYDP programme is so important to us youth because we start sexual relationship at low age so we need preventive education"

Female - Wazushi camp, Kinondoni DSM

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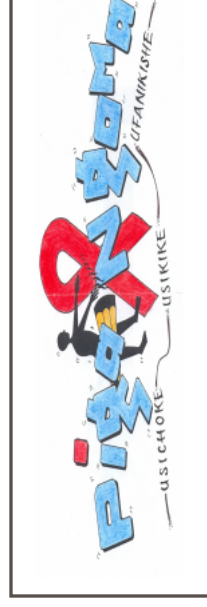
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WHAT IS SYDP?

Sustainable youth development partnership (SYDP) is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit making organization formed in February 10, 2001 and became fully registered in March 2003. SYDP involves all youth of schools and non-schools and work Under the Ministry of Labour Youth Development and Sports in collaboration. In Kibaha the SYDP offices are temporarily situated at Mlandizi where Out of School Youth Network (OOSY) head office is found about 64 km from Dar es Salaam. In DSM the office is Located at the Centre for Youth as Resources in Kinondoni ward behind Vijana Social Hall. Youth-led NGO placing Young People at the forefront of development issues, in particular Young People's SRH and HIV/AIDS

OUR BELIEF: Working directly in the communities is the best positioned way to communicate life-saving information, and lead comprehensive behaviour change that bring about improved livelihoods for Young People and their families including: Lower HIV infection; and Better health outcomes

SYDP use interactive and non-formal teaching methods that involve in and out-of-school youth (**non-formal education**):

- Engages whole communities in awareness-raising activities such as large-scale health days or inter-community football leagues
- Builds relationships with Young People and encourages them to talk openly about sensitive and taboo health issues such as HIV and AIDS
- Develops life skills, such as leadership and self-esteem, that empower Young People to change their behaviour

PARTNERS:

Ministry of Labour and Youth Development, Ministry of Health Office of the Prime Minister, TACAIDS, NGOs and International organization, SPW Tanzania, and University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Radio Times FM, TVT: while Volunteers are key partners in the organization. We look forward for more partnership!

VISION:

"Society- with less diseases, no poverty and that value youth as resources".

MISSION:

SYDP is committed to contribute towards Social, Economic and Education transformation leading to a vibrant society that values youth as resources in decision making, leadership and development perspectives. In alliance with others we seek to help, shape a future that ends global poverty and delivers and sustains efficient and equitable management of the world's natural resources.

SYDP ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMME

Community Seminars and Symposia: Volunteers, Local experts and members of community based organization facilitate a programme of seminars and symposia on community prioritized health, environmental and social topics, including child rights and training on appropriate rural Technology (ARTs.)

OUTREACH – OOSY 2003-06	TOTAL
SYDP Volunteer Peer Educators	35
Placement Out of school Youth Camps	71
Out of school Youth directly and consistently reached (~100 per camps)	> 12,500
Outreach Primary Schools (min. 4 schools)	680
Regions (Dar es salaam, Pwani)	2
Districts (Tlala, Kinondoni, Kibaha, Kisarawe and Bagamoyo)	5

Above Figure indicate the number of volunteer, out of school network reached and the region covered for the year 2003-2006

Peer Counselling Services: SYDP youth centre provide friendly counseling to youth by using its staff who have received training in year 2004. We have a total of 26 volunteers a number that we feel is quiet sufficient to begin with. Peer counselor normally come at the end of each week and sometime even during week days provided if the assigned counsellor have that chance. We believe that Out of school Youth (OSY) will definitely continue to benefit from peer counselling services offered by these volunteers and we are looking forward to scale up this services.

Information Resource Centre (IRCs): Stocked with user-friendly and appropriate IEC materials, IRCs provides Out of school Youth (OSY) and community members with a reliable and confidential source of information and serve as a focal point for ongoing community education and development.

OUTPUT (Selection of Main Activities) –	TOTAL
HIV/AIDS/SRH Activities/Lessons	> 1500
Community Seminars	75
HIV/AIDS/SRH Festivals	31
Sports Leagues	25
Out of school Youth Network established	71

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“Football is a universal language. It can powerfully assist us in combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, particularly among young people. We welcome this initiative with open arms.”

Mr. Brendan Bowles; Director, Goal Action



Outreach campaign by SYDP at Mandela Ground reaching in and out of school youth h. Pictures by Wilson Waitara