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1,994 project sites
Over 5 million children
in East & Southern Africa

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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
EAC	East African Community
FHI	Family Health International
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HWWK	Hope Worldwide Kenya
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MT	Master Trainer
NFSD	Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OVC(Y)	Orphans and Vulnerable Children (and Youth)
PCI	Project Concern International
PSS	Psychosocial Support
PSSAT	Psychosocial Support Assessment Tool
RAANGO	Regional African AIDS NGOs Network
REFA	Regional Facilitator for REPSSI
REPSSI	Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative
RIATT	Regional Inter-Agency Task Team for Children and AIDS in Eastern & Southern Africa
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SARCS	South African Red Cross Society
Sida	Swedish International Development Agency
SDC	Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation
UNICEF (ESARO)	United Nations Children's Fund (East and Southern Africa Regional Office)



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ABOUT PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

LOVE. CARE. PROTECTION.

All children have material needs such as food, shelter, health care and education. But children also have the right to be cared for, loved, encouraged and protected from harm.

Children and youth exposed to the devastating effects of poverty, conflict, HIV and AIDS are especially in need of care for their emotional and social (psychosocial) wellbeing. Many have lost parents and family, experienced deprivation and abuse, been stigmatised, witnessed atrocities, and suffered overwhelming grief.

With the right social and emotional support, these children are resilient enough to grow into capable and compassionate adults, who contribute to a bright future for us all.

WHAT IS PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT?

Psychosocial support is love, care and protection. It is support for the emotional and social aspects of a child's life, so that they can live with hope and dignity.

Psychosocial support includes ensuring the meaningful participation of children in issues affecting them, listening and responding to children's problems, helping children to appreciate their history and identity, encouraging children to set goals and reach their potential, and ensuring that children have positive relationships in their lives.

Psychosocial support is best provided by families and communities.



ABOUT REPSSI

Who are we?

At REPSSI (the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative), we help children get the crucial emotional and social support to which they are entitled.

We are a non-profit organisation working to lessen the devastating social and emotional (psychosocial) impact of poverty, conflict, HIV and AIDS among children and youth across East and Southern Africa. Our aim is to ensure that all children have access to stable care and protection through quality psychosocial support. We believe that the best way to support vulnerable children and youth is within a healthy family and community environment.

We partner with governments, development partners, international organisations and non-profit organisations (NGOs) to provide programmes that strengthen communities' and families' competencies to promote the psychosocial wellbeing of their children and youth. We work within the framework of national government programmes, to promote a regional, coordinated response to supporting the psychosocial wellbeing of families and their children and youth.

Where do we work?

REPSSI is headquartered in South Africa, with offices in Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In 2010, REPSSI worked in 13 countries in East and Southern Africa. See the map on page 20 for more details.

Our Vision

To see all children affected by poverty, conflict, HIV and AIDS access stable and affectionate care and support in order to enhance their psychosocial wellbeing.

Our Mission

REPSSI exists to provide leadership, quality technical assistance, and knowledge generation and transfer in the field of psychosocial care and support for children in communities affected by HIV and AIDS, poverty and conflict.

Our Reach

In 2010, the REPSSI network achieved the following reach:

- **13 countries** of operation in East and Southern Africa
- **56 partner NGOs** across the region
- **494 graduates** of the Certificate Course in Community Based Work with Children and Youth
- **Over 1000 current enrolees** of the Certificate Course in Community Based Work with Children and Youth
- **1,994 project sites** where affiliates apply REPSSI approaches
- **5 million children and youth** being supported by the REPSSI partner network.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

We welcome you all to our 2010 Annual report. We thank all our implementing and funding partners who made it possible for us to celebrate yet another year of success. Given the regional deepening economic and social hardships, our continued operations would not have been possible without your unyielding support and the commitment from the REPSSI team under the directorship of a very highly skilled and committed Board of Directors. As the Board Chairperson, I am greatly honoured to be leading such a great team of genuinely committed men and women; our sincere gratitude to them all.

Formulating the new 2011 - 2015 strategy took a great part of our time during this year. The process was internally driven and developed from our own experience of what works and what doesn't work. The participatory process undertaken in its drafting yielded insights that have informed the new strategic phase, and we are appreciative of our valued partners' contributions to the process.

The new strategy announces bold shifts that REPSSI is taking in ensuring that psychosocial support programming is informed by evidence and quality-assured. Hence, under the new strategy REPSSI intends to build on indigenous African knowledge, conduct more rigorous research, and work more closely with government national programmes in mainstreaming psychosocial support and influencing policy change to include psychosocial support.

REPSSI will explore social enterprise and cost recovery mechanisms to sustain its mandate and provide its technical assistance to a broader audience. Our communication, advocacy and knowledge management areas of work will continue to receive the necessary attention, ensuring that REPSSI profile and expertise remain prominent in the region.

Given the constant changing economic, political and social factors that influence the children's wellbeing, we are convinced there is an ever-greater need to promote children's rights to protection, love, care and support. Psychosocial support remains of central importance for continued, sustainable responses to the children's crisis in the region. For this reason, a significant aspect of our strategy continues to develop flexible user-friendly products that are adaptable to different community situations and life circumstances of the children and youth.

Without losing its regional identity, under the new strategy REPSSI will improve its country presence, engaging national stakeholders to prioritise psychosocial support in their responses.

Our governance capacity was enhanced this year by the appointment of Professor Lorraine Sherr, Dr. Lucie Cluver, Anne Lindeberg and Dr. Constance Kganakga to the Board. We welcome them and their invaluable contributions.

Mr. Kaumbu Mwendela
Board Chairperson



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year has been extraordinary, as REPSSI continues to grow and develop at unprecedented levels.

Building on partnerships with academic institutions, the University of KwaZulu Natal and the African Centre for Childhood, REPSSI has firmly demonstrated the value of reaching community caregivers for children and youth with the accredited "Certificate in Community Based Work with Vulnerable Children and Youth". Equipping these caregivers with appropriate knowledge and skills has immediately transformed their capacity to care and support the children and youth.

In cementing our regional leadership in psychosocial support capacity development, REPSSI and UNICEF-ESARO assisted SADC in formulating the draft Minimum Package of Services for Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Youth (OVC&Y) and Psychosocial Support Conceptual Framework. These two documents will offer crucial guidance to governments and all social development sectors in providing comprehensive care and support, which includes psychosocial support. There is no doubt that REPSSI's assistance will be in great demand in taking psychosocial support work forward.

Being regional, and indigenous, REPSSI has successfully provided leadership to the Regional Inter-Agency Task Team (RIATT) on Children and AIDS over the past year. With a new focus on advocacy, this platform presents an opportunity for keeping emotional and social issues on the regional agenda. The right to emotional and social wellbeing for children and youth can never be underrated in this region if governments are to make meaningful strides towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

As more and more partners embark upon providing psychosocial support, REPSSI's role will shift towards providing quality assurance

through becoming an accrediting authority for psychosocial support in the region, and promoting learning opportunities for quality care, protection and support for the vulnerable children.

The ongoing collaborative study with the Swiss Academy for Development, Child Fund Zambia and REPSSI in Kafue concluded the data collection before year end, and internal discussions are underway on the preliminary report.

2011 marks the transition year for the current and the new strategies. REPSSI will be ensuring the foundation for the new Strategy 2011-2015 is firmly in place. Realising the new strategic objectives under the Strategy will require significant growth. This year REPSSI began conducting its internal skills audit and acquiring the critical missing ones. Among others, the expertise of Lynette Mudekanye, Dr. Tapfuma Murove, Dr. Lisa Langhaug, Nicholas Ntinika, George Murewa and Riona Judge McCormack were secured. We are confident that our enhanced capacity will enable REPSSI to maintain its position as a leader in the field of psychosocial support.

We invite you all to read the report that follows, which records the progress made by REPSSI in fulfilling its objectives during this year. We hope our successes will inspire you to support REPSSI's vision where communities and families nurture, protect and empower children and youth to enhance their psychosocial wellbeing.

As always, our partners, staff, international cooperating partners and the Board have rendered their services exceptionally. We acknowledge and thank all without reservation.

Noreen M. Huni
Executive Director

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010**
WORK WITH THE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY

WORK WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

REPSSI has seconded an Orphans and Vulnerable Children & Youth (OVCY) officer to the Southern African development Community (SADC) since November 2006. One of the major achievements of having a person in this post was the development and adoption of the SADC Strategic Framework and Programme of Action: comprehensive care for OVCY 2008–10 and an accompanying Business Plan for OVCY in 2008.

In 2009, REPSSI and UNICEF supported SADC to conduct a Situation Analysis of OVCY in the SADC region. In 2010, this Situation Analysis informed the development of a Minimum Package of Services for OVC&Y and an accompanying Psychosocial Support Conceptual Framework.

The first drafts of these documents were presented to a regional consultative forum of government representatives in September 2010, and adapted. The final version will be presented to all Ministers in 2011 for endorsement. These documents are a direct output of REPSSI's investment in the SADC Secretariat, and represent a substantial achievement in securing regional awareness of, and commitment to, providing psychosocial support for children and youth.

In 2010, SADC officially recognized REPSSI as a technical partner, demonstrating one of the key advantages REPSSI holds as a regional organisation. As a result, REPSSI is currently receiving numerous requests from Governments, ICPS, and partners to work with them on mainstreaming PSS. REPSSI provides technical assistance to five governments that are now working on national psychosocial support frameworks, guidelines or standards.

REPSSI will continue to work with SADC in taking forward the Minimum Package of Services for OVC&Y and Psychosocial Support Conceptual Framework. REPSSI will also seek a similar collaboration with the East African Community (EAC).



**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010**
SKILLING THE WORKFORCE FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE
REGION



A group of students enrolled in the Certificate in the Situated, Supported Distance Certificate Course in Community Based Work with Children and Youth at their regular facilitated meeting with their mentor, in Zambia. Photo © REPSI, 2010

SKILLING THE WORKFORCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE REGION

The Certificate Course in Community Based Work with Children and Youth:

All across Africa, dedicated men and women provide care and support to millions of children affected by poverty, conflict, HIV and AIDS. Until now no relevant, accredited learning programme existed for these community workers.

The Situated, Supported Distance Certificate Course in Community Based Work with Children and Youth was developed by REPSSI and UNICEF-ESARO as a standardised, accredited course for the region. It offers quality training in child support work, and specifically social and emotional (psychosocial) support, child protection and promotion of children's rights. It is accredited by the University of KwaZulu Natal, and delivered at country level through local academic institutions and REPSSI partners, with support from the African Centre for Childhood.

The Certificate uses an innovative, supported distance methodology, whereby students study on their own, but meet in groups with a trained mentor every 3 weeks for facilitated discussions.

In May 2010, 494 community-based care providers from 8 countries became the first graduates of the Certificate. In 2010 year, funding from AusAID facilitated enrolment to double, with over 1000 more students from 10 countries in East and Southern Africa set to graduate in February 2012.

Table 1: Students currently in the Certificate Course

COUNTRY	PARTNERS	STUDENTS
Kenya	Hope Worldwide	115
Lesotho	Institute for Education, NUL	124
Malawi	Magomero Institute; MAGGA; UNICEF	112
Mozambique	None	15
Namibia	Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL)	76
Swaziland	UNICEF, NCCU, UNISWA	128
Tanzania	Institute for Social Work	123
Uganda	TPO, Nsamizi Institute for Social Development	135
Zambia	Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation	135
Zimbabwe	None	125

TOTAL: 1088

An independent assessment, conducted by the South African Institute for Distance Education, found that the Certificate is an excellent example of a well-designed distance education access programme which offers an innovative learning and teaching model.

REPSSI and our partners plan to offer another intake in January 2012, which will include expanding the Certificate to Botswana in conjunction with the Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL).

“Getting to know the feelings, fears and dreams of children takes time and can be challenging to one as a development facilitator. But the programme I must admit has armed me with the requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes to deal with such situations.”

- Eva Amooti Rwempango, Certificate graduate, Uganda

Towards the Development of a Teacher’s Certificate:

The links between schools and the social and emotional wellbeing of their students has become a critical issue, as countries such as South Africa have begun school-based campaigns for HIV counselling and testing. In response to great demand from teachers and teacher training institutes, REPSSI has initiated development of a certificate for teachers to help them to more effectively support children. HIV and gender will be central themes within the certificate.

In 2010, a conceptual framework was outlined in a stakeholders workshop. The new certificate will be developed in 2011 in collaboration with the SADC Care and Support for Teaching and Learning Programme.

Diploma and Degree Process:

Building on the success of the Certificate, REPSSI will be developing related diploma and degree programmes. A regional curriculum development workshop with stakeholders, which is the first step in the process, will be held in 2011.



**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010**
DEVELOPING RESOURCES TO
PROMOTE PSYCHOSOCIAL
WELLBEING

A boy creating his Tree Of Life, Zambia. *Tree of Life* helps community-based workers to talk with vulnerable children about family, relationships, loss and bereavement in a way that helps them share stories of hope, values and connections. Photo © Adrian Gschwend, Swiss Academy for Development, 2010



DEVELOPING RESOURCES TO PROMOTE PSYCHOSOCIAL WELLBEING

The development of quality psychosocial support knowledge, packaged to be easily applied at community level, is one of REPSSI's major strengths.

New Resources

In 2010, REPSSI developed the following easy-to-use and relevant tools for use at community level:

- *"Journeying Towards Our Dreams"*: a series of participatory activities for school communities to investigate and strengthen the role of schools as places of emotional and social care and support;
- *"The Client is the Expert: a guide for courageous adolescents working with adolescents and children"*: a manual on the solution-focused approach to help children find solutions to emotional and social challenges;
- *"A Glossary of Key and Related Psychosocial Terms"*: an important step in developing consensus on key terms. The Glossary is already being referenced by a range of stakeholders;
- *"Talking Book Guide: For Health Care Workers Facilitating Support Groups for Caregivers"*: to accompany the talking book *"Safe Disclosure to Children With HIV and AIDS"*;
- A comic booklet for adolescents living with HIV and AIDS.



REPSSI also worked with HelpAge International on developing *Guidelines for Support to Older Caregivers*, which will be published in 2011.

REPSSI's work is providing direction in defining the PSS field of practice. The above cited resources give REPSSI great impetus for working with both the education and health sectors, and *The Client is the Expert* adds to the tools for enhanced, practical child participation in the region.

During 2010 REPSSI collaborated with Child Fund Australia to develop a State of the Response report and recommendations on how psychosocial support can be mainstreamed into maternal and child health.

Existing Tools Revised

Two key REPSSI tools, *"Psychosocial Support: Facilitator's Guide"* and *"The Journey of Life"*, were revised extensively in 2010, and will be re-published in 2011.

Translations

There was an emphasis on translation in 2010, particularly into Portuguese. REPSSI also granted permission to two partners (terre des hommes and The International Organisation for Migration) to translate certain publications. The table below shows the resources translated during the year.

Resource	Portuguese	KISwahili	French	Arabic
Tree of Life	x	x	x	
Memory Work (terre des hommes Schweiz, with permission from REPSSI)	x			
Kids Clubs Manual	x	x		
Making a Hero Book (terres des homes – Schweiz, with permission from REPSSI)	x		x	
Weaving Hope for our Children	x			
Mainstreaming PSS into the Education Sector (The International Organisation for Migration – Jordan, with permission from REPSSI)				x
REPSSI Product Catalogue	x			
Information & Action Tool	x			x
PSS Assessment Tool	x			

Translation of the Certificate modules into Portuguese has also commenced.

This focus on translation renders REPSSI resources more accessible to a far wider audience. REPSSI now has a substantial repertoire of resources to support the mainstreaming of psychosocial support into many different child-care programme areas across the region.

Accreditation of Partner's Resources

During 2010 there were a number of requests for endorsement or "accreditation" of resources developed by others for distribution through the REPSSI partner network. REPSSI is developing the procedures to be able to provide this service in 2011.

"I started the [Hero] book last year. I did it with my grandmother. It tells the whole story of my life – how I grew up, who I am, where I come from, my problems in life and who helps me through my problems... The book keeps me motivated and helps me to live on."

17-year old girl living with her grandmother, Swaziland (from Red Cross Swaziland, *A Landscape of Hope and Promise*)

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010**
MAINSTREAMING
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
IN THE REGION



“Master Trainers” from REPSI partner organizations across the region visit Buyamba Community Care Coalition in Dwaniro, Masaka, Uganda to learn how community members are using the REPSI tool *Journey of Life* to support children. This field visit is part of the Master Trainer development process. Photo © REPSI, 2010

MAINSTREAMING PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN THE REGION

One of REPSSI's core objectives is to support NGOs and government partners to mainstream psychosocial support (PSS) into all areas of their work, including planning, policy development, resource-allocation, trainings, evaluations, research and programme delivery.

Enhancing Partner Capacity to Mainstream Psychosocial Support

In 2010, the Master Trainer Process remained the primary form of capacity building for REPSSI partners. Master Trainers are staff members of REPSSI partners, who are provided training in key REPSSI manuals and tools, and are supported to then deliver training within their organisations and for their affiliate partners.

The 3rd cohort of Master Trainers began their training in late 2009 and continued throughout 2010. Master Trainers have become a pool of National Psychosocial Support Technical Resource Persons, who provide technical assistance at national and organisational levels, and play a key role in the review and development of national frameworks and guidelines for PSS.

"The community is very different today than it was 5 or six years ago. Back then people suffered on their own in their houses. They did not talk about their problems and no one took the time to even think about the children in the community and what they needed. No one ever imagined that children could work and contribute to more than just their household but to the whole community. People are happier these days... and I think it is all because of the group work and the workshops that they held with the community and the children in the community."

Community member, Lesotho, supported by REPSSI partner Touch Roots Africa

Measuring Progress in Mainstreaming Psychosocial Support

REPSSI has developed the Psychosocial Support Assessment Tool (PSSAT), which is administered in a participatory manner with partners to determine the extent to which PSS has been mainstreamed into their organizations. The first time the PSSAT is administered, the results provide a benchmark, and identify strengths and gaps which are used to develop an action plan for capacity building. A comparison with the results of later PSSATs indicates the degree to which partners are incorporating PSS into their work.

In 2010, the PSSAT was re-administered to Hope Worldwide Kenya; World Vision Uganda; FHI / TUNAJALI Tanzania; South African Red Cross Society (SARCS); Lesotho Red Cross; and the Malawi Girl Guides Association.

The results in Kenya and Tanzania showed increased organizational capacity, and increased organizational commitment as evidenced by the provision of budget for PSS mainstreaming. FHI / TUNAJALI Tanzania has also scaled up its use of REPSSI PSS tools at the level of community, families and children.

"The REPSSI PSS model enabled a holistic approach to children and family needs; it is child-centered and it includes the community and other stakeholders."

The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund annual report, 2010

SARCS has mainstreamed well in all sections measured by the PSSAT; for instance, SARCS has a policy in place to make sure that PSS is being mainstreamed, and there is also a clear organizational structure to lead the process of mainstreaming. Other organisations showed improvements in some sectors, but identified sectors which still require additional progress.

CASE STUDY: KORDP, Kenya

According to the Kenya Orphans Rural Development Program (KORDP), psychosocial support (PSS) is what makes them stand out among other organizations undertaking similar work in HIV and AIDS, food security, early childhood education, health and sanitation.

“When KORDP started,” says Kathleen Okatcha, KORDP Executive Director, “a baseline survey in seven Districts revealed that many children orphaned by HIV and AIDS were taking care of other children. PSS became a priceless asset in our quest for an intervention to address the impact of HIV/AIDS. In order to help empower the caregivers and children to cope with the effects of HIV and AIDS, PSS was especially instrumental in the reduction of trauma among the children and their caregivers. PSS has also helped communities that host KORDP to deal with emotional issues associated with the loss of close relatives and stigma, denial and discrimination.”

Citing examples, she says that psychosocial support has helped engage community members, reduce conflicts and foster unity at both family and community levels.

CASE STUDY: PCI, Botswana

In 2009, Project Concern International-Botswana initiated the “Building Bridges” Program to build the capacity of civil society organizations to deliver sustainable, community-based HIV and AIDS services. REPSSI trained PCI partner organisations and government departments on the child focused community mobilisation tool, *Journey of Life*.

Journey of Life workshops were held for both adults and children. The children then presented their views on issues facing the community, and the possible solutions, to the adults. The children’s views were then incorporated into a community action plan.

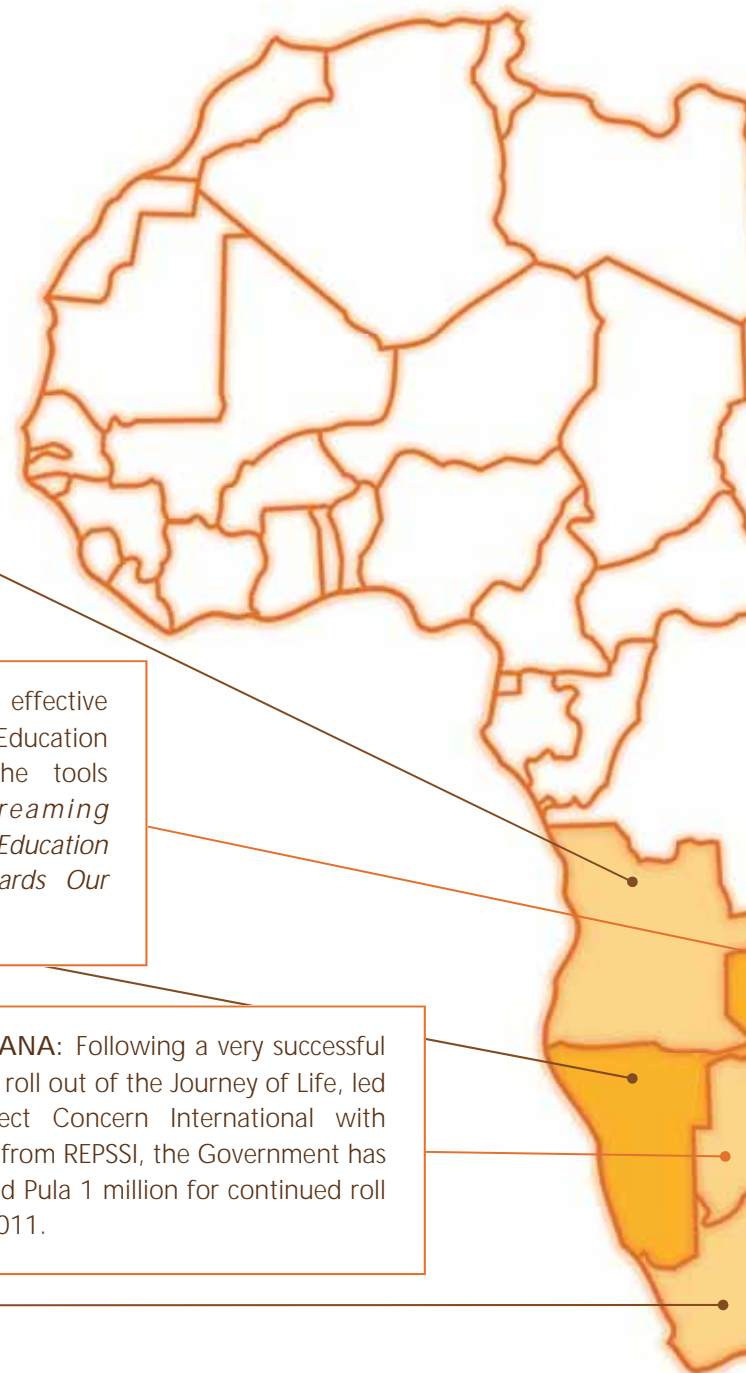
Community trainers were also trained to coordinate the plans developed by community members to ensure that they are implemented. Kids clubs that have been formed at community level have been very successful, with children developing their self confidence and self esteem.

The trainings have also targeted teachers and school-children. Cases of abuse have been identified in schools as a result, and the guidance and counselling departments have been strengthened to deal with these cases.

As a result of the success of PCI’s programmes, the Department of Social Services has set aside a budget to support 17 further trainings in Botswana. Significant demand for *Journey of Life* has been created, and over 100 copies have been ordered by one organisation.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS THE REGION

In 2010, REPSSI worked in 13 countries in East and Southern Africa. The map illustrates activity highlights for the year, the location of REPSSI offices, and the countries within which the Certificate is delivered.



ANGOLA: REPSSI has presented to the technical group responsible for implementation of the National Plan for Children, and has been invited to participate in the annual Council for Children, where Ministers report on progress for children.

NAMIBIA: REPSSI partners play a critical role in the national coordinating bodies for orphans and vulnerable children, which has resulted in PSS being integrated into the Nation Plan of Action in Namibia. In 2010, the Government of Namibia funded training of caregivers in psychosocial support conducted by REPSSI.

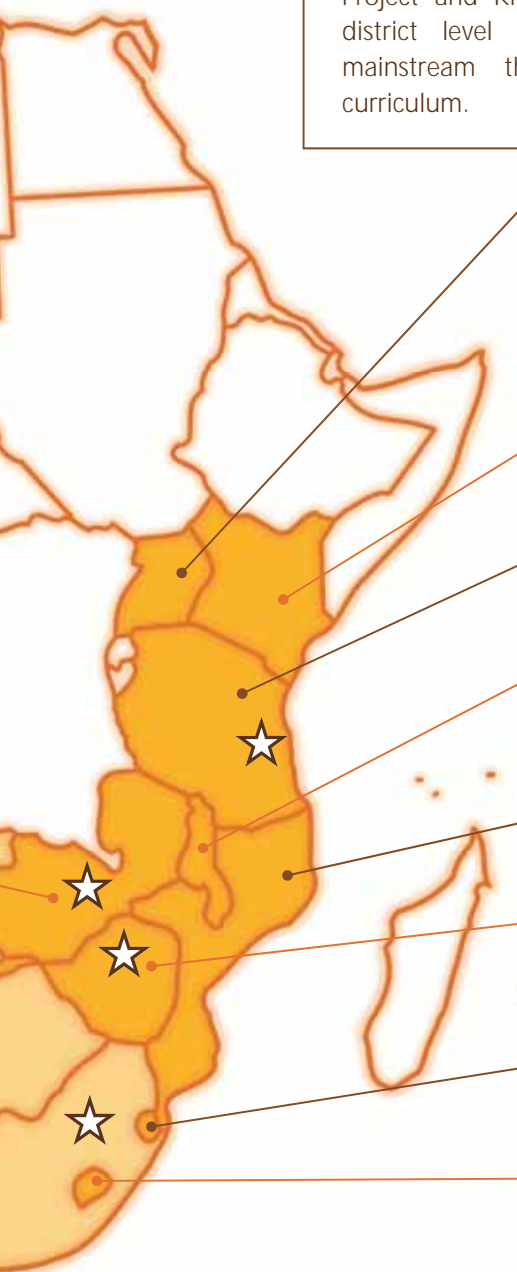
ZAMBIA: REPSSI has a very effective partnership with the Ministry of Education in Zambia, through which the tools "*Guidelines for Mainstreaming Psychosocial Support within the Education Sector*" and "*Journeying Towards Our Dreams*" were developed.

MAP KEY

- Country Certificate not delivered in
- Country Certificate delivered in
- ★ REPSSI Office

SOUTH AFRICA: Fanang Diatla, Huresic and the Far North Centre, all partners of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, are piloting implementation of the Mainstreaming PSS into Economic Strengthening Programmes with technical support from REPSSI.

BOTSWANA: Following a very successful national roll out of the Journey of Life, led by Project Concern International with support from REPSSI, the Government has budgeted Pula 1 million for continued roll out in 2011.



UGANDA: Mt. Elgon Community Development Project and Kitovu Mobile have worked with the district level of the Ministry of Education to mainstream the Hero Book into the school curriculum.

KENYA: REPSSI partner Hope WorldWide Kenya (HWWK) is actively involved in standardization of OVC service delivery at the national level, ensuring that PSS is well defined in the national standards. HWWK has been selected to pilot the minimum standards for OVC services. After the pilot, all children's programmes will use the standards.

TANZANIA: REPSSI is working closely with the Department of Social Welfare in the implementation of the National Plan of Action for most vulnerable children. This includes training government trainers in PSS, and engagement in the development of a National Psychosocial Support Framework. The Framework will include a standardized definition of key terms, an inventory of approaches and tools to facilitate PSS provision and key indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation.

MALAWI: REPSSI partners in Malawi are members of the national coordinating bodies which oversee the implementation of programmes for orphans and vulnerable children. UNICEF funded PSS training for government facilitators.

MOZAMBIQUE: REPSSI conducted training for UNICEF partners on the Introduction to PSS in Gaza, Beira and Nampula.

ZIMBABWE: REPSSI has had successful meetings with the Ministry of Education at provincial and national level, and held a cost-shared training for 17 district officials on mainstreaming PSS into education using "*Journeying Towards our Dreams*".

SWAZILAND: REPSSI is becoming involved with the Care and Support for Teaching & Learning programme in Swaziland. One of the REPSSI Master Trainers in the Ministry of Education has conducted workshops for more than 100 teachers in conjunction with the Catholic Education office.

LESOTHO: REPSSI is supporting Touch Roots Africa in Lesotho to develop national PSS Guidelines. A new relationship with the Department of Correctional Services has been initiated in Lesotho, at the instigation of a Social worker who participated in the Certificate Course.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010**
MEASURING THE
DIFFERENCE: SUPPORTING
5 MILLION CHILDREN



Regional Training for new REPSSI Tool, "*Are We Making A Difference*", East Sub-region. Photo © REPSSI, 2010

" ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE" ?

In 2010, the new REPSSI monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) resource, "*Are we Making a Difference?*", which provides tools for assessing the psychosocial wellbeing of children, was first implemented. Three dedicated trainings were conducted on the new tool, for 37 partner organisations across the region, including a special session for "Master Trainers" from REPSSI partners.

Feedback received from these regional workshops indicates that all partners who attended the trainings have since begun to include PS wellbeing indicators in their Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) frameworks. The partners have been supported to develop evaluation plans for their different projects, which have been factored into their 2011 budgets for monitoring and evaluation.

Participants generally reported that the trainings were very empowering, as they provided guidance in priority areas of PS wellbeing, defined a set of indicators for PS wellbeing, and offered a set of tools and activities for measuring PS wellbeing. Partners said they could now measure PS wellbeing against set indicators, and that they found the tools provided very practical and user-friendly.

Child Fund Uganda reported, for instance:

"Building PSS indicators in our M&E system enabled us to deliberately track and measure changes in the lives of the children beyond their physical needs. The organization has monitoring tools such as the child monitoring benefit tracking tool where PSS is now part of our routine reports".

In Zimbabwe, Batanai HIV and AIDS Service Organisation (BHASO), Midlands AIDS Service Organisation and Bethany Project have all created M&E plans for their projects using the activities from "*Are we Making a Difference?*". Hope WorldWide Kenya reports that the training from REPSSI has influenced the development of qualitative indicators to measure psychosocial wellbeing within their organization, thus adding more qualitative value and clarity to their PSS programming.

This feedback demonstrates that REPSSI is successfully filling a critical gap in PSS monitoring and evaluation.

"One of the things that psychosocial support training has done for me is to push me to set goals. I want pursue my education so now I'm doing distance learning. In the end I think I want to do social work. I've seen how PSS has helped me and I've also seen the need that exists in my community, the youth and young children. I feel it's important for me to do something for my community."

Peer educator from ChildFund Zambia project, Chongwe District, quoted in a story commissioned by the Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation

REPSSI PARTNER NETWORK: SUPPORTING 5 MILLION CHILDREN

More than 5 million children across East and Southern Africa now have access to some form of psychosocial support through our partner network.

The total number of children that have received psychosocial support through partner programmes in the current strategic period is detailed in the table below.

These figures indicate that REPSSI has met its target in the current strategy of 5 million children being able to access PSS services through its partners.

Apart from these quantitative figures, REPSSI also collected anecdotal evidence of the impact of our tools and assistance, in the words of our partners. This is gathered through partner reports, visits, reflection meetings and interviews. In 2010, REPSSI began videoing some of these interviews and discussions, so as to produce more accessible, audiovisual-based materials about REPSSI's impact.

“Growing up without parents is not an easy thing. I never knew my father and my mom passed away in 2002 when I was 11. I really missed her and the kind of love I used to get from her, the kind of guidance she used to give. No one in the family supported us and we were left to fend for ourselves. When I had problems I didn't have anyone to talk to. [...] Now I have people who are making my life better. I have to do the same for other people. If I didn't feel like that I'd be off doing other things that are not related to psychosocial support.”

18-year-old, Zandspruit, South Africa, quoted in a story commissioned by the Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation.

Sub Region	Affiliate Partners/ sites	Actual Reach 2007	Actual Reach 2008	Actual Reach 2009	Number new children reached 2010	Cumulative Reach 2010
Central	178 catchment sites	206,808	404,986	202,694	66,062	880,550
East	800 catchment sites	617,709	318,729	2,307,361	59,737	3,303,536
North	543 catchment sites	216,242	278,067	132,819	73,339	700,467
South	473 catchment sites	126,049	293,801	126,751	5,100	551,701
Regional	1,994 sites	1,166,808	1,295,583	2,769,625	204,238	5,436,254

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND
HIGHLIGHTS 2010:
REPSSI'S ROLE IN THE REGIONAL
INTER-AGENCY TASK TEAM FOR
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REPSSI'S ROLE IN THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK TEAM FOR CHILDREN AND AIDS

The Regional Inter-Agency Task Team (RIATT) for Children and AIDS in Eastern & Southern Africa continues to be a key forum for REPSSI to elevate the central role of families and communities as indispensable for comprehensive care, protection and support responses.

Amongst other successes, in 2010 REPSSI worked through RIATT to provide technical support to SADC for the OVC&Y Minimum Service Package and Psychosocial Support Conceptual Framework. Regional partner NGOs are committed to supporting implementation of the SADC OVC&Y Minimum Service Package and PSS Framework as per their organisational mandates.

Besides providing leadership through our executive director, who currently chairs RIATT, REPSSI also represents the Regional African AIDS NGOs network (RAANGO) on RIATT. This has resulted in significant inputs from RAANGO partners towards the regional responses to the challenges facing children and youth in the region. In collaboration with all other RIATT partners, REPSSI has also secured funding for RIATT operations for the next three years, and REPSSI will continue to provide the administrative support for this fund.

Other benefits from REPSSI's active participation in RIATT include:

- Understanding the emerging trends and issues affecting children in the region, and the proposals being developed in response, helps REPSSI to
- Participating in the task teams for advocacy and knowledge management helps REPSSI champion the PSS agenda.
- Access to regional economic bodies such as SADC and EAC, and other regional partners who may be interested in supporting our efforts.

The recommendations from the RIATT 2008 Dar Conference significantly place the community and family at the centre of care and support for the vulnerable children and youth. This aligns very well to REPSSI's operational strategy. Hence, ensuring PSS is central for vulnerable children and that REPSSI's mandate remains relevant to these regional responses is critical.

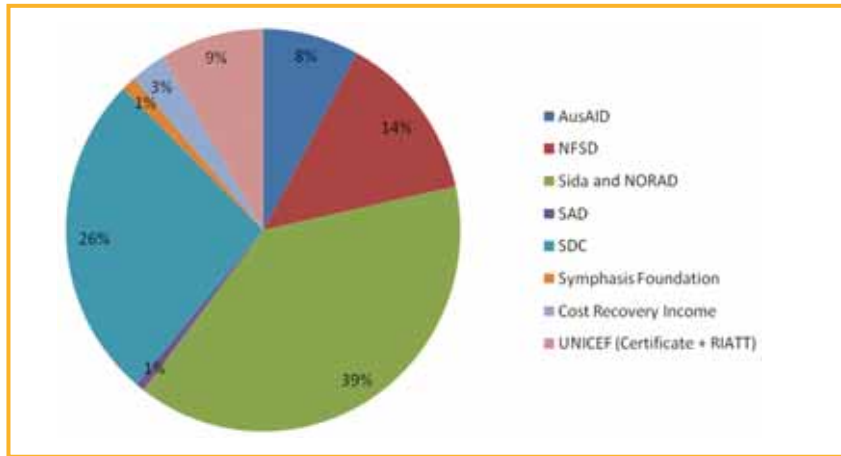


REPSSI FINANCIAL REPORT 2010

BASED ON AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REGIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE			
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010			
	2010 Income	2010 Budget	Budget Var
	Euro	Euro	Euro
<i>Incoming Resources 2010</i>			
Donations/Grant Income	3,649,090	2,647,567	1,001,523
Other Income	164,199	148,346	15,853
Total Income	3,813,289	2,795,913	1,017,376
<i>Expended Resources 2010</i>			
Programming Expenditure	3,001,392	2,165,175	836,217
Organisational capacity strengthening & management cost	695,009	628,356	66,653
Total Expenditure	3,696,401	2,793,531	902,870
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources for the year	116,888		
Fund Balance on 1 January 2010	438,904		
Fund Balance on 31 December 2010	555,792		
<i>Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2010</i>			
Furniture and Equipment	62,138		
Current assets	2,029,643		
Deferred Income	(1,287,584)		
Current Liabilities - Accrued expenses	(248,405)		
Net Assets	555,792		
Represented By			
Retained Income	555,792		

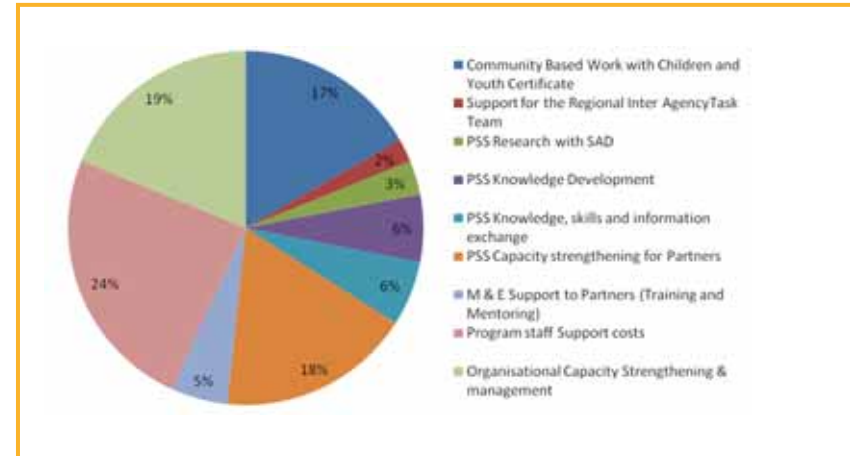
FIGURE 1: income contribution by partner, 2010



In addition to income received from the three main funding partners, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) & Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development (NFSD), REPSSI's 2010 revenue was significantly increased with funding for the Certificate Course received from Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and UNICEF who together contributed 14% of the total funding for the year.

Interest income remained low due to the slow recovery of markets since the 2008 economic slump. Funding partners' disbursements were received in advance and any carryover funds are recognised as deferred income in the 2010 Statement of Financial position.

FIGURE 2: EXPENDITURE BY OBJECTIVE



98% budget utilization was achieved in 2010. Programming costs constituted 57% of budget, and 24% of budget was spent programming personnel, with the balance of 19% spent on organisational capacity strengthening and management.

REPSSI is audited by PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The 2010 financial statements have been audited and an unqualified audit report received for the year. Full audited financial reports are available at the REPSSI secretariat for inspection by interested parties.



LIST OF REPSSI PARTNERS

Country	Government / Academic	Civil Society
Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Institute for Children Ministry of Social Welfare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Children World Vision Child Fund
Botswana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Social Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marang
Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministério da Assistência e Reinserção Social 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Child Development Programme Wona Sanana Save the Children World Vision International Federation of the Red Cross
Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health and Child Welfare Ministry of Labour and Social Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospice Association of Zimbabwe Farm Orphans Support Trust Farm Community Trust of Zimbabwe Midlands AIDS Service Organization Batanai Bethany Project Batsirai Salvation Army - Masiye Camp
Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development (Department of Children's services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hope Worldwide Child Fund Kenya AIDS NGOS Consortium Kenya Orphans Rural Development Program KICOSHEP Mothers Delight Moments
Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (Department of Social Welfare) Institute of Social Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Health International / TUNAJALI Africare PASADA Humuliza KwaWazee Salvation Army
Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Gender Labour and social development (Youth and Children Department) Nsamizi Institute of Social Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Vision Child Fund Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Kitovu Mobile Mt Elgon Community Development Project CRO
Malawi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Gender, Children & Community Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malawi Girl Guides Association; Consol Homes; National OVC Committee

Country	Government / Academic	Civil Society
Namibia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Gender Equality & Child Welfare NAMCOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic AIDS Action (CAA) Churches Action for Orphans Philippi Trust
Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Fund Zambia Campaign for Female Education Kondwa Home based and Child care
Lesotho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOCC Ministry of Correctional Services Institute of Education – National University of Lesotho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGOC Red Cross Society Touch Roots Africa Sentebale
South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Action Committee for Children affected by HIV and AIDS Department of Basic Education DOH Department of Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Child Welfare Association of South Africa South African Red Cross Society Echo Clinics Health Development Africa Olive Leaf Foundation
Swaziland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Children's Coordination Unit in The Prime Minister's Office Ministry of Education University of Swaziland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Children UNICEF

Regional & Strategic Partners:

- Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN)
- Regional African AIDS NGOs Network (RAANGO)
- Swiss Academy for Development (SAD)
- Western Cape Education Department (WCED)
- VSO Regional AIDS Initiative of Southern Africa (VSO-RAISA)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Save the Children UK
- Save the Children Sweden
- ChildFund
- MIET Africa
- Southern Africa AIDS Trust (SAT)
- UNICEF – ESARO
- Regional Inter-Agency Task Team (RIATT) for children affected by HIV
- MHPSS Reference Task Team
- Swiss Academy for Development (SAD)
- FIDA (Missions & Development Co-Operation Organisation, Pentecostal Churches of Finland)
- World Vision International

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- Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- The Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
- The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
- The Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development (NFSD)
- The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- United Nations Children's Fund - East and Southern Africa Regional Office (UNICEF-ESARO)
- Symphysis Foundation

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