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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ALWH Adolescents Living with HIV

ARV Antiretroviral

CBWCY Community Based Work with Children and Youth

COFA Country Facilitators

CSOs Civil Society Organisations

FNB First National Bank

GBV Gender Based Violence

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

NGO Non-Government Organisation

OVC Orphans and Vulnerable Children

OVCY Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Youth

PSS Psychosocial Support

REPSSI Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative

READY Resilient & Empowered Adolescents and Young people

RIATT ESA Regional Interagency Task Team East and Southern Africa

SADC Southern Africa Development Community

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

USAID United States Agency for International Development

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Kaumbu Mwondela Board Chairperson

During 2016, REPSSI embarked on the new 2016-2020 strategy which was adopted at the February meeting of the REPSSI board. During this phase, REPSSI is consolidating the gains in mainstreaming psychosocial support (PSS) into social services, health and education to improve the psychosocial and mental wellbeing of vulnerable families and their children.

The strategy focuses on:

- SDGs 3, 4, 5 and 16;
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights.

REPSSI is:

- Articulating a strategic implementation plan for each of the 13 countries in which it operates, allowing for a measure of autonomy within a coordinated regional approach through which lessons can be shared;
- Establishing the Africa Psychosocial Support Institute (APSI) to cement its position as an African thought leader in psychosocial support;
- Focusing much more on social enterprise to reduce REPSSI's reliance on funding from external agencies;
- Expanding its competence and presence in the field of Humanitarian Emergencies.



We look ahead to 2017 with excitement as REPSSI turns 15!

Core funding for the new strategy has been secured from SDC for 2016 to 2019 and Sweden/NORAD 2016 to 2018. We are grateful to both partners and hope more funders will support the REPSSI mission going forward.

REPSSI successfully made an offer to purchase property ERF 1761 FERNDALE TOWNSHIP, PORTION 2 WATERFRONT OFFICE PARK PTY LTD for the regional Head Office, in Randburg, about 3km from the offices that we currently occupy. The office address will be Unit 2, Waterfront Office Park, 266 West Avenue, Ferndale, Randburg.

Board Directors Professor Lorraine Sherr, Professor Lucie Cluver, Justice Eunah Makamure, Ms Nyambura Rugoiyo and Mrs Pelucy Ntambirweki retired. We thank them most sincerely for the diligent oversight and guidance during their tenure. We are pleased that they will continue to serve REPSSI in their new capacity as board members.

To keep abreast of governance issues, the REPSSI board directors and representatives of Country Advisory Boards received orientation on good governance.

REPSSI leadership, management and staff continued working very hard despite the challenges. We thank them sincerely.



VISION

That all girls, boys and youth enjoy psychosocial and mental wellbeing.





MASTER GOAL

By 2020, REPSSI will provide technical assistance and lead advocacy for sustained psychosocial support mainstreaming into programmes and services for girls, boys, youth, families and communities in East and Southern Africa so that they live with hope, dignity and happiness.

MISSION

REPSSI leads in mainstreaming psychosocial support into programmes and services for girls, boys and youth in East and Southern Africa.

REPSSI'S STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

REPSSI will achieve its Master Goal through five Strategic Outcomes (SOs):

- Psychosocial support knowledge is generated through research and informs advocacy and programme delivery;
- 2. Psychosocial support is integrated into social services, health and education programmes and services and reaches approximately two million children and young people annually;
- Capacity of government and non-government partners increased to implement psychosocial support in specific programmes based on the context of each country;
- 4. REPSSI is structured and operates effectively to best achieve its mission and its resources are diversified;
- 5. The Africa Psychosocial Support Institute (APSI) is established.

REPSSI'S CORE VALUES

REPSSI is guided by and exhibits the following core values in its organisational life and practices:

Integrity: We are committed to fairness, equity, accountability and

honesty in our internal and external relationships,

communications and transactions.

Collaboration: We value the collective wisdom that emerges when

individuals work together as a team both

internally and externally.

Excellence: We are committed to the highest professional standards. We are driven by research, learning, and innovation to

retain our leadership in psychosocial support. We value

indigenous wisdom, knowledge and practices.

Diversity: We believe diversity exhibited by our staff and partners

is an asset to our organisation.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Noreen M Huni

2016 has had its joys and tribulations. It has been a year of transition into the new strategy, including realignment of the organogram, with reduction in the number of permanent staff.

Five fully fledged offices (Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) have been maintained, with some presence in the other eight countries.

REPSSI now has strong emphasis on advocacy, social and behaviour change communication especially at national and community levels.

There were several significant achievements globally and regionally in 2016.

Together with The Coalition for Children affected by AIDS and the Regional Inter Agency Task Team of Children and HIV for East and Southern Africa (RIATT-ESA), we successfully advocated for children's issues and psychosocial support to be included in The Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast-Track to Accelerate the Fight against HIV and to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030. Resolution 62 (i). adopted by the General Assembly on 8 June 2016 reads:

62 (i). Encourage Member States to strengthen national social and child protection systems to ensure that, by 2020, 75 per cent of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV who are in need benefit from HIVsensitive social protection, including cash transfers and equal access to housing, and support programmes for children, in particular for orphans and street children, girls and adolescents living with, at risk of and affected by HIV, as well as their families and caregivers, including through the provision of equal opportunities to support development of children to their full potential, especially through equal access to early child development services, trauma and psychosocial support and education, as they transition through adolescence, and the creation of safe and nondiscriminatory learning environments, supportive legal systems and protections, including civil registration systems.

As children and youth have been included as a priority in SADC's revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) we anticipate more emphasis on their issues.

REPSSI supported the finalization of the SADC M&E framework for OVCY that includes psychosocial support indicators. RIATT-ESA is supporting the East African Community to develop Minimum Standards for Comprehensive Services for the Wellbeing of Children and Young People which will be launched at the PSS Forum in September 2017.

Partnerships remain central to REPSSI operations. REPSSI has embarked on a new regional programme as a sub-partner to the AIDS Alliance in collaboration with Paediatric AIDS Treatment Africa (PATA), Africaid, MC Saatchi, Y+ and CANGO. This programme, funded by the Netherlands, will support access to sexual and reproductive health for adolescents living with HIV in Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

By the end of 2016, REPSSI had commenced work on a feasibility study for APSI. The findings will shape REPSSI's vision of continued leadership in psychosocial and mental wellbeing in Africa. Country facilitators were assessed and endorsed in all 13 countries. REPSSI is calling on stakeholders and partners to access assessment and endorsement to promote safe and high quality PSS programming.

The REPSSI Tree of Life tool now has a global audience. In collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) one of REPSSI's premier narrative tools, the Tree of Life, was adapted for use in India in a programme to address human trafficking. CRS will also be using the tool in other programmes around the world. UNICEF has translated the Tree of Life into Arabic for use in conflict affected areas of the Middle East.

I would like to thank you all for the prayers and encouragement in my fight against cancer. "It takes a village to raise a child". You have been my 'village for resilience' to stay alive. You have helped me soar above the storm. I have experienced love, care and protection. Thank you.



GOVERNANCE

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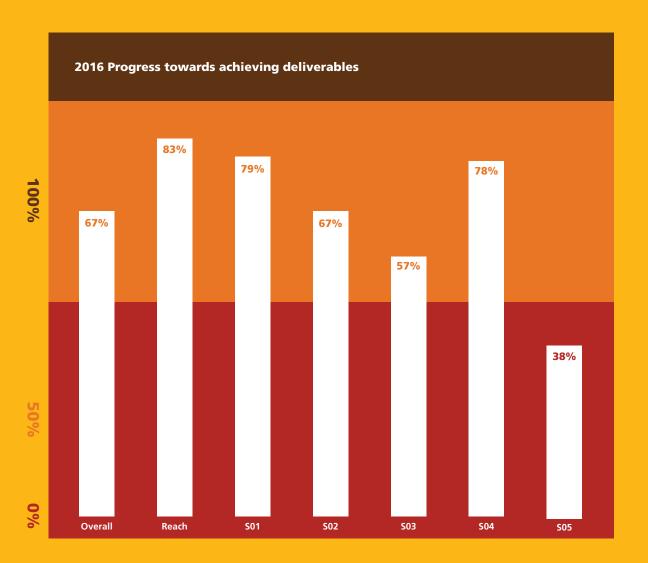


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2016 HIGLIGHTS

REPSSI achieved 67% of the deliverables in the 2016 Strategic Implementation Plan as shown below and in the country pages which follow:



NEW & REVISED PSS RESOURCES FINALIZED

- Social Connectedness Community conversation
- Tree of Life with CRS for global audience
- Modules for the CBWCY Diploma: Communication: Introduction to Computers and Entrepreneurship
- Say No to GBV (Peace is a Decision; Empowering Girls and Making our community safe)
- "Celebrating Life" (adherence conversation), which was translated to Portuguese
- REPSSI Product Catalogue

RESEARCH

- Assessment of the psychosocial situation of children of sex workers in Uganda completed and disseminated
- Follow up to the randomized control trial of the Teachers Diploma in Zambia was finalized
- Continuing studies in Zimbabwe Grief in adolescents living with HIV and Caregiver readiness to disclose HIV status to children
- Preparations are underway for studies on the Say No to GBV programme in South Africa and Psychosocial needs of children living with cancer in Zimbabwe

ADVOCACY



- Supported Malawi, Tanzania and Swaziland national meetings on the SADC Minimum Package of Services
- REPSSI and RIATT-ESA co-hosted the Children and Youth Networking Zone in the Global Village
- RIATT-ESA developed a Policy Brief on Stigma and Discrimination of ALWH
- RIATT-ESA was selected to be on the CSO Reference Group to the AU Campaign on Ending Child Marriage in Africa

FAST			
FACTS		Resources Mobil	ized (in Euro)
2016	$<$ \angle	Botswana	6, 755
	4	Lesotho	60,077
		Malawi	54,000
		Mozambique	36, 000
		South Africa	81, 900
		Swaziland	20,475
		Tanzania	9,900
		Uganda	98, 100
		Zambia	167,385
		Zimbabwe	170,769
		Regional	1,975,930
		Total	2,680,610

REPSSI is active in 13 Countries in East and Southern Africa and registered in 12 of these. The REPSSI headquarters are in Randburg, South Africa

FAST FACTS 2016

2016 REACH

In 2016, REPSSI partnered with 67 organizations in the provision of PSS to 721,074 boys and 937,113 girls (a total 1, 658,187 children and youth).

Students enrolled and graduating with REPSSI qualifications are shown in the table below:

	New	ly Enro	lled	Continuing		Graduates		s	Countries	
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
CBWCY certificate	105	490	595	316	724	1,040	217	595	812	B, K, L, Mw, N, SA, S, T, U, Zm, Zw
CBWCY diploma	227	338	565							Zambia
Teachers Diploma				267	229	496	201	186	387	Zambia
Total	332	828	1160	583	953	1,536	418	781	1,199	

REPSSI provided short trainings, as shown below, to a total of 2,646 people:

Trainings offered	Male	Female	Total	Countries
Short courses-Mainstreaming	273	640	913	K, Mz, SA, T, Zw
Short trainings – on request	638	1,095	1,733	A,B,K,L,Mw,Mz,N,S,T,U,Zm,Zw
Total	911	1,735	2,646	

Key: A Angola, **B** Botswana, **K** Kenya, **L** Lesotho, **Mw** Malawi, **Mz** Mozambique, **N** Namibia, **SA** South Africa, **S** Swaziland, **T** Tanzania, **U** Uganda, **Zm** Zambia, **Zw** Zimbabwe



15 MILLION

girls are married every year before they reach their 18th birthday.

Child marriage often leads to:

- The girl dropping out of school and being cut off from her family.
- Early pregnancy results in higher risks of maternal mortality and low birth weight infants.
- Higher HIV transmission to the child.

These all lead to fewer opportunities and deeper poverty. 15 of the 20 countries with the highest rates of child marriage are in Africa.

END CHILD MARRIAGE

REPSSI has embarked on a campaign to end child marriage in Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, the six countries with the highest rates of child marriage in this region. A community conversation on Ending Child Marriage has been developed for local level advocacy with communities. The campaign was kick started with Easter meetings with churches that are affiliated to the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe. Over 48 000 church members participated in the conversations. It continued with media coverage in Zambia and community conversations in Mozambique and Tanzania.



REPSSI is Now A Member of GIRLS NOT BRIDES, The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage.

ANNUAL REPORT





FIRST GRADUATION THE TEACHER'S DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE, SUPPORT AND PROTECTION

387 teachers (201 male, 186 female) successfully graduated with a Diploma in Psychosocial Care, Support and Protection. These teachers were among the 1, 223 graduates at the first graduation ceremony held by REPSSI partner, Chalimbana University, since it attained that status.

Speaking when he addressed students, Chalimbana University Acting Vice Chancellor, Mr. J.M Banda urged the graduates to put the knowledge that they had acquired to good use:

"The ultimate proof of the value of your training is through the application of what you have learnt while on the course. Go out there and demonstrate through the quality of your work, that further education is essential,"

The best graduating student, Kelvin Lungu, expressed gratitude to REPSSI for developing and delivering the course by saying:

"The course from which we are graduating today, has greatly transformed how we look at engaging children, whether they are in our classes, schools or communities. We now know that effective teaching is not just about how well a teacher delivers a subject, but his or her understanding of the learners' individual situations, capacities and collective influences on each other."

Judith Hamwela, one of the four graduates with a distinction, shared that the course helped her become a good teacher and also to solve personal challenges:

"I have had my own losses in life and it was difficult for me to get back to my normal state. This negativity in truth not only affected my personal relationships but also my work. However, the section on loss and grief in one of the modules helped me to deal with my grieving process in an amicable manner. This has then helped me to nurture good relationships with my pupils and co-workers."



Graduates Listening to Speeches



Graduates Preparing to Receive Certificates



Guests of Honour and Keynote Speakers

ANGOLA

CRIANÇAS & JOVENS ALCANCADOS

21, 256 Homens 33, 040 Mulheres

TOTAL: 54, 296

PESSOAS 25 TREINADAS: 25

Tipo	Homens	Mulheres	Total
Formação de curta duração	10	15	25
TOTAL	10	15	25

CONTEXTO DO PAÍS

Angola enfrenta problemas de violência no seio das famílias, especialmente o abuso sexual e abandono de crianças. A REPSSI está a responder a situação com um leque de parceiros, tais como o Ministério da Família e Promoção da Mulher (MINFAMU) e o Institute Nacionale de Crianza (INAC).



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PRINCIPAIS REALIZAÇÕES

A REPSSI começou interagir com o MINFAMU no âmbito da agenda de governo para os 16 Dias de Activismo contra Violência Baseada no Género em 2016. A REPSSI fez parte da Jornada dos 16 Dias e contribuiu com a formação dos conselheiros familiares que trabalham ao nível central, provincial e municipal. O treinamento baseou-se na Integração do Apoio Psicossocial no Trabalho com Famílias e Comunidades e proporcionou aprendizagem sobre como ajudar as crianças a construir a resiliência.

47 profissionais treinados em Luanda e Cunene no ano de 2015 durante a realização do projecto financiado pela BP Angola para promover a integração do apoio psicossocial nos serviços da criança em Angola, continuaram a implementar actividades de capacitação dos provedores e com crianças utilizando a abordagem da REPSSI. Os principais beneficiários e organizações parceiras foram a Acção para o Desenvolvimento Rural e Ambiente (ADRA) e seus parceiros, INAC e seus parceiros, Serviços Provinciais do MINARS, Brigada de Segurança Escolar, Direcção Nacional para o Ensino Especial e diferentes Organizações Baseadas na Fé.

Equipa Nacional de Facilitadores e Reforço de Capacidade:

- 11 facilitadores nacionais certificados
- 25 conselheiros familiares capacitados sobre a abordagem da REPSSI
- 5 Nacional de Facilitadores

Materiais de Apoio Psicossocial e Traduções em Português:

- 1000 cópias da versão revisada do Jornada da Vida disponíveis para formação
- 1000 cópias da versão revisada da Árvore da Vida disponíveis para formação
- Documentos para os facilitadores nacionais desenvolvidos

Trabalhar com os Medias para o Apoio Psicossocial

A REPSSI desenvolveu uma proposta de programa radiofónico para radios comerciais em Luanda e Benguela e está em está em negociação com a Radio NAcional de Angola e o MINFAMU no sentido de conseguir uma oportunidada para difusão desta iniciativa. O programa radiofónico vai mobilizar as comunidades e partilhar estórias de sucesso das comunidades resilientes bem como divulger os serviços públicos que oferecem apoio psicossocial. Um artigo sobre "O impacto Psicológico da Gravidez que Resulta em Violação Sexual & Revelação à Criança" publicado no Novo Jornal.

PARCERIAS: Aldeia SOS Crianças ; ADRA; CACAJ; MINFAMU; National Institute of AIDS; British Petroleum (BP).

BOTSWANA

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€6, 755

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

22, 879 Male 23, 503 Female

TOTAL: 46, 382

PEOPLE 115

Туре	Male	Females	Total
Short training CBWCY	s 18 7	36 54	54 61
TOTAL	25	90	115

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Botswana still has a high number of orphans, vulnerable children and youth living with HIV. REPSSI is addressing this through partnerships with Marang Child Care Network, Project Concern International (PCI), SOS Children's Villages and Department of Social Protection (DSP). Psychosocial support interventions that have been prioritized include the Journey oflife, Kids Clubs and Memory work.

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SOS Staff in REPSSI Training

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Journey of Life (JoL) Botswana Assessment

Data collection for the Journey of Life (JoL) assessment was completed. Impacts of the Journey of Life in schools include:

- Creation of support structures e.g. formation of school JoL clubs and Kids clubs.
- Improved academic performance e.g. increased class performance, concentration and pass rates.
- Improved future orientation e.g. participation in study groups, goal setting, assertiveness, reduction in school dropouts and teenage pregnancies.
- Improved parent-child and teacher-student communication.
- Improved problem solving processes such as communities helping children and youth cope with death and teaching them problem solving skills.
- Improved ARV adherence among children and young people.
- Communities used lessons from Journey of Life on working with others to build partnerships with local service providers such as social workers to identify and address challenges.

Community Based Work with Children and Youth (CBWCY) Certificate Programme:

REPSSI partners with the Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL) in delivering the CBWCY programme that has been accredited by the Botswana Qualifications Authority. 61 people graduated with the CBWCY Certificate in Botswana.

PARTNERSHIPS: Department of Social Protection; Marang Child Care Network; PCI; SOS; BOCODOL.





33, 000 Male 46, 000 Female

TOTAL: 79, 000

PEOPLE 129

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short training CBWCY	s 14 41	11 63	25 104
TOTAL	55	74	129



Harmful traditional practices persist with 32% of girls and women being circumcised in Kenya. Child labour in commercial and subsistence agriculture, fishing and domestic services is a problem along with HIV. In 2016, through partnerships with Hope Worldwide and the Department of Children's Services, REPSSI continued to respond to these challenges.



Country Representative



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 25 staff (14 male and 11 female) of the Department of Children's Services were trained on PSS concepts and orientated on sexual reproductive health for adolescents.
- 5 full and 3 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- The CBWCY certificate was delivered in collaboration with REPSSI partner Hope WorldWide and active engagement of the Department of Children's Services. 104 people graduated with the CBWCY certificate.

A Clerical Officer in the Children's office who was one of the graduates said;



"Forced marriages, poverty and neglect are common issues in Garissa. I did not have practical skills on how to gain entry into a community and find solutions without excluding the community. On this course I learnt to take care of myself, equip myself and network with others to avoid becoming overwhelmed thus not be able to offer support.

I also became aware that Psychosocial Support is very important, especially to the children in regions like ours, to improve children's self-esteem, self worth, future orientation and goal setting. Also, this will help them pursue education and will be a guarantee of a brighter future. This training is God sent! "

PARTNERSHIPS: Hope Worldwide; Plan International; World Vision; Kanye Administrative Authority; Ministry of East African Community, Labour and Social Protection - the Department of Children's Services.

LESOTHO

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€60, 077

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

45, 984 Male 29, 156 Female

TOTAL: 75, 140

PEOPLE 122

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short traini CBWCY	ngs 5 26	11 80	16 106
Total	31	91	122



The Lesotho government has developed the National Strategic Plan for Vulnerable Children, the Child Protection and Welfare Act 2011, the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Policy, and the recently completed Child Protection Strategy. REPSSI continued to collaborate with local partners to use these for the benefit of children and youth.



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- REPSSI was invited by University Research Company (URC) to support the mainstreaming of PSS into the programmes of 8 sub partners of the PEPFAR OVC programme in Lesotho.
- The existing status of PSS mainstreaming in the 8 sub partners was assessed using the Community Assessment Tool (COM-SAT) to guide planning for implementation.
- REPSSI delivered the CBWCY programme in Lesotho that is quality assured by the UKZN. 106 people graduated with the CBWCY certificate.
- TV Lesotho covered the Community Based Work with Children and Youth (CBWCY) Certificate Graduation Ceremony on 15th October 2016.
- Teachers' Diploma: In 2016, REPSSI signed an agreement with the National University of Lesotho to accredit and deliver the Teachers' Diploma in Psychosocial Care, Support and Protection. Delivery is planned for 2017 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sentebale.
- 4 full and 4 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.

PARTNERSHIPS: Ministry of Social Development, National University of Lesotho; URC; Baylor College of Paediatric Medicine; Sentebale; Touch Roots Africa; Centre for Impacting Lives; Serumula Development Association; Phelisanang Buphelong; Society for Women and AIDS Africa Lesotho; Lesotho Network of AIDS Service Organisations; Lesotho Inter-Religious AIDS Consortium; Lesotho Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS.

MALAWI

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€54, 000

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

34, 060 Male 44, 191 Female

TOTAL: 78, 251

PEOPLE 183

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainin CBWCY	gs 15 100	5 63	20 163
Total	115	68	183

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Poverty and inequality remain stubbornly high in Malawi. The 2010/11 Integrated Household Survey showed that over half of the population was poor and one quarter lived in extreme poverty. Malawi has a young population with 53% of its 17 million people being 18 and younger. 16.7% of children under 18 are orphaned and vulnerable. Prevention services and interventions for vulnerable children and youth and parenting support are still a priority.



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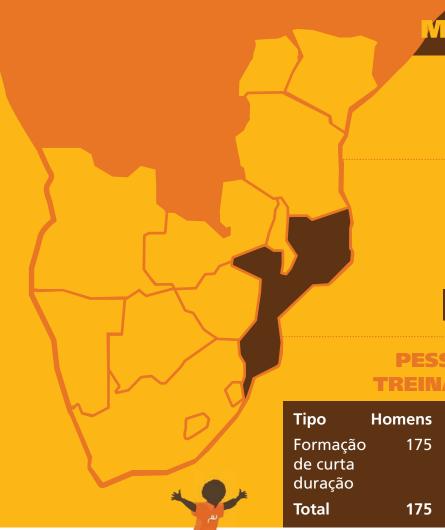
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

An assessment of the Journey of Life (JoL) that the Government of Malawi uses to create awareness and mobilize communities on all issues that affect the development of children found:

The impact of JoL on community development had been phenomenal. There had been increased social change in the manner communities viewed children issues. They were able to include children in decision making processes in all community development programs especially those that have an impact on their lives. This is more likely to improve child protection initiatives at community level. Another notable change is that in patriarchal communities, where women were never allowed to participate in development planning, they were able to present their views on what suits them best.

- Magomero Training College took responsibility for all aspects of delivery
 of the CBWCY certificate for the first time in this cycle. 163 students
 continued the cycle. Graduation will be in 2017.
- 3 full and 1 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- A Children's Corner Assessment Tool to assess a child's state of psychosocial wellbeing was developed through a partnership between REPSSI and the University Research Company (URC) with the Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability, and Social Welfare. This tool was pre-tested and piloted in 4 Children's Corners in Mangochi and Balaka. 317 children took part and provided feedback. REPSSI is continuing with the development of a tool that can be used by community caregivers to assess the impact of their work with children.

PARTNERSHIPS: University Research Company; Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare; Malawi Girl Guides Association (MAGGA); Southern Africa AIDS Trust (SAT); SOS Children's Villages; Young Women's Christian Association; Magomero Institute.



MOZAMBIQUE

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€36, 000

Crianças & Jovens Alcançados:

98, 546 Homens 117, 585 Mulheres

TOTAL: 216, 131

PESSOAS 384

Tipo	Homens	Mulheres	Total
Formação de curta duração	175	209	384
Total	175	209	384

CONTEXTO DO PAÍS

Moçambique tem sido afectado por uma seca severa nos últimos dois anos, cheias recorrentes e tempestades. A prevalência do HIV entre os adultos estabilizou-se ao nível relativamente alto de 11.5%. Apesar dos esforços empreendidos a fim de tornar os medicamentos acessíveis, tem havido pouca aderência ao tratamento devido a fome, tratamento inadequado por parte dos funcionários de saúde e baixo apoio emocional e social.



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PRINCIPAIS REALIZAÇÕS

Lançamento do Project Read Plus

A REPSSI é o parceiro que em Moçambique coordena este programa tão excitante que visa aumentar o acesso à saúde sexual e reprodutiva por parte de adolescentes vivendo com o HIV e SIDA, em colaboração com um consórcio de parceiros liderado pela Aliança Internacional de HIV e SIDA, financiada pelo governo do Reino dos Países Baixos. O programa foi lançado em Maputo em Dezembro com um número considerável de cobertura dos média.

Campanha Contra Os Casamentos Prematuros

A REPSSI é membro da CECAP, Coligação Para Acabar Com os Casamentos Prematuros. A dimensão psicossocial do casamento prematuro tem agora sindo reconhecida pelos parceiros nas diversas intervenções.

A REPSSI está de momento a trabalhar com um músico de renome, Justino Ubakka, para a produção de uma músisca e vídeo de sensibilização contra casamentos prematuros, o qual comportará subtítulos em Inglês. Ainda no ano passado, a organização levou a cabo um seminário de advocacia comunitária sobre os casamentos prematuros na província de Gaza, juntando vários parceiros para o efeito.

Capacitação em APS

- A REPSSI providenciou apoio ao FHI360, formando activistas sobre o papel do APS na melhoria dos índices de testagem, acesso ao tratamento e aderência. Foi desenvolvido um novo instrumento, designado "Celebrando a Vida" a fim de facilitar diálogo comunitário sobre estes assuntos.
- A REPSSI em colabporação com o UNICEF e com o Ministério do Género, Criança e Acção Social, tem levado a cabo uma capacitação dos Comités de Protecção Da Criança Em Apoio Psicossocial para melhoria da sua intervenção na gestão de casos comunitários.
- 11 Nacional de Facilitadores

PARCERIAS: MGCAS; Ministry of Health; Save the Children; World Vision; Nice Crianca Project; Terre de Hommes; USAID; Associacao Wona Sanana; SOPROC Network — BEIRA; REDE CAME Network; FHI 360; OASIS; Association Hixikanwe; Kindlimuka; ADECC.

NAMIBIA



5, 107 Male 6, 160 Female

TOTAL: 11, 267

PEOPLE 94

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short training CBWCY	gs 19 2	50 23	69 25
Total	21	73	94

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Namibia is a large, sparsely populated country. It is one of the most economically unequal countries in the region with deep poverty in some areas. Its vast size makes provision of quality services challenging. REPSSI has continued working with some local partners even without a local representative, with support from First National Bank (FNB).



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Delivering the CBWCY Certificate Programme

The certificate programme is delivered through the Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL). From 2016, NAMCOL began enrolling a group of students at the beginning of each academic year in 2016. 25 people graduated in 2016 with the certificate. A further 30 were enrolled in the new cycle in January. NAMCOL has applied for accreditation of the certificate with the Namibia Qualifications Authority.

Short PSS Trainings Conducted

69 participants from Katutura Youth Enterprise Centre (KAYEC) and LifeLine Childline (LLCL) in Otjiwarongo, Windhoek and Ohangwena were trained in three groups in the Journey of Life, PSS Concepts and the Tree of Life. All of the trainings were funded by FNB.

PARTNERSHIPS: LifeLine Childline (LLC); Katutura Youth Enterprise Centre (KAYEC); Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW); Churches Assistance for Orphas (CAFO); NAMCOL.



RESOURCES
MOBILIZED:
€81, 900

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

40, 937 Male 41, 649 Female

TOTAL: 82, 586

PEOPLE 936

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainin CBWCY	gs 103 6	505 322	608 328
Total	109	827	936

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Care and Support efforts to address barriers to education, health and social services were prioritized in 2016. To support a coordinated psychosocial support (PSS) response in South Africa, REPSSI continued to work with government agencies and non-profit organisations. The main focus of this work was on strengthening the ability of families and communities to provide care, protection and support for OVCY.



Country Director



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Day of the African Child and South African Youth Day was marked by a REPSSI online campaign that raised awareness on the rights of children and advocated for an end to all forms of abuse against them. Five child protection challenges and related recommendations were highlighted daily on social media.
- The National PSS guidelines were completed with the Department of Social Development and USAID to harmonize practices and offer practical guidance to those who deliver Psychosocial Support services to children, youth and their families. The guidelines were piloted with organizations working with children in Gauteng, Free state, and the North-West provinces.
- From July to September 2016, REPSSI with the support from Mott MacDonald trained 300 DSD partner organizations in 8 provinces to use the guidelines in their programme implementation.
- REPSSI maintained its accreditation for Child and Youth Care Training Programme with HWSETA and facilitation skills programme with ETDP SETA in South Africa.
- 328 community caregivers successfully completed the Child and Youth care work qualification.
- 7 full Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.

PARTNERSHIPS: NMCF (SeVissa); DSD; Mott McDonalds; Afrika Tikkun; CBWCY; Child Welfare; Department of Basic Education and Department of Social Development.

SWAZILAND

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€20, 475

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

65. 300 Male 127, 800 Female

TOTAL: 193, 100

PEOPLE 351

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainings CBWCY	5 59 21	94 177	153 198
Total	80	271	351



Swaziland has the highest adult prevalence rate of HIV of any country in the world. Though the country is classified as a lower middle income country, the majority of the population live in poverty. The Swaziland National Social Development Policy (2009) aims to protect and promote the rights of all children including meeting their basic needs. The policy seeks to provide psychosocial support and social assistance to orphans and other vulnerable children and their caregivers.



Country Representative



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- REPSSI was funded by Synergos to implement a project to promote social connectedness. In close collaboration and consultation with Synergos a pre-intervention survey was developed to determine the factors that promote social connectedness between children and care givers. Follow-up data collection after the intervention is also planned.
- REPSSI is providing technical assistance in PSS for the READY programme, targeting adolescents living with HIV, in Swaziland. CANGO is the coordinating organization in Swaziland.
- 7 full and 3 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- William Pitcher College of Education, which offers a 3-year Teachers'
 Diploma programme, has included PSS (the Teachers Diploma
 programme) as a required foundational course for all teachers that are in
 pre-service training. 200 students are now in their second year with PSS
 and 148 students are enrolled in the first year.
- The University of Swaziland (UNISWA) admits a new intake of students every academic year for a two-year CBWCY Certificate Programme which includes additional mandatory modules on Professional Communication, HIV and Computers. In 2016, 198 people who began the certificate in 2014, graduated. 223 students began their second year and 233 students enrolled to begin their first year.

PARTNERSHIPS: Save the Children; World Vision; Baylor Clinic; Moya Centre; AMICAALL; Imbita Swaziland; Women's Finance Trust; Salvation Army; UNISWA; William Pitcher College.

TANZANIA

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€9, 900

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

57, 217 Male 80, 879 Female

TOTAL: 138, 096

PEOPLE 235

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainings CBWCY	65 20	105 45	170 65
Total	85	150	235



Violence against children is a serious problem in Tanzania. REPSSI has worked with a range of strategic government departments and Non-Governmental Organizations to enhance and build the capacity of care takers, social welfare officers, teachers, volunteers, community health workers and health officers in PSS. The goal is for them to provide quality and professional services to children affected by HIV&AIDS and violence to improve their psychosocial wellbeing.



Country Director



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- REPSSI partner Humuliza, supports HIV positive children and youth through the Umoja support group which developed their Hero books, involving self- expression, reflection, goal setting and empowerment. The Hero book process enables support for one another, enhancing psycho social wellbeing.
- PASADA staff were trained in emergency response using Psychological First AID
- Department of Social Welfare worked with REPSSI to ensure that PSS was included in the response to the earthquake in Bukoba.
- REPSSI collaborated with AMREF Healthy Africa to provide PSS to fistula survivors and their families.
- REPSSI is one of the coordinating partners for the READY programme for adolescents living with HIV in Tanzania
- 7 full and 6 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- REPSSI delivered the CBWCY certificate programme in Tanzania with the Institute of Social Work. The programme is nationally accredited as the Basic Technician's Certificate in Community Based Work with Children and Youth by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE).
- 65 people graduated in 2016 with CBWCY certificate and 31 were enrolled to begin the accredited programme.
- REPSSI and ISW conducted a monitoring visit with students and mentors in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Iringa, Njombe and Songea.

PARTNERSHIPS: Humuliza; Kwa Wazee; WE SEE Hope; Zanzibar Association for Children Advancement; PASADA; Department of Social Welfare; AMREF; Salvation Army; Ministry of Health Zanzibar One stop centres; The Ministry of Health, Community Development; Gender, Elderly, and Children; Save the Children; SOS Children's villages.



2016 Graduation



Cover for Umoja Group Hero Book

UGANDA

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€98, 100

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

159, 345 Male 234, 564 Female

TOTAL: 393, 909

PEOPLE 414

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainir CBWCY-	ngs 47 185	41 141	88 326
Total	232	182	414



COUNTRY CONTEXT

The National OVC Policy, the National Council for Children's strategic plan, and the National Strategic Programme Plan for OVC (NSPPI 2) all identify rights and psychosocial support as integral to improving the lives of OVC through community driven approaches. In 2016, REPSSI closely collaborated with partners implementing the NSPPI 2 in psychosocial support services.



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Participants in the REPSSI parenting skills training

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- REPSSI collaborated with Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO)
 Uganda and the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development in reviewing the national para-social worker's curriculum.
- As a member of the Child Protection working group, REPSSI participated in the review and formulation of the OVC policy, child policy, alternative care framework and case management.
- In partnership with Women's Network for Human Rights Advocacy (WONETHA), REPSSI investigated the situation of children of sex workers to inform programming. The results were shared at the Children's Symposium hosted by the Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS, preceding the International AIDS Conference.
- REPSSI partnered with Mildmay Uganda in the Masaka Region to implement the Parenting Education component of the DREAMS Core Package using the SINOVUYO model.
- 6 full and 2 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- The CBWCY certificate, which is accredited by the National Council for Higher Education, is delivered in collaboration with the Nsamizi Institute of Social Development.
- In 2016 326 students continued with the programme and will graduate in 2017.

PARTNERSHIPS: COW Foundation; Kitovu Mobile; DREAMS Project; Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development; Nsamizi Institute of Social Development; MILDMAY; Ministry of Education; TPO.

ZAMBIA

RESOURCES MOBILIZED:

€167, 385

CHILDREN & YOUTH REACHED:

122, 451 Male 133, 662 Female

TOTAL: 256, 113

PEOPLE 1,151

Туре	Male	Female	Total
Short trainings	15	40	55
CBWCY-Certificate	57	87	144
CBWCY Diploma	227	338	565
Teachers' Diploma	201	186	387
Total	500	651	1,151

COUNTRY CONTEXT

REPSSI received remarkable support from government through the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of General Education and the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services. This greatly contributed to the country office being able to achieve its target of mainstreaming psychosocial care and support in the education sector and facilitating psychosocial care and support mainstreaming through strengthening the social workforce.



Country Director



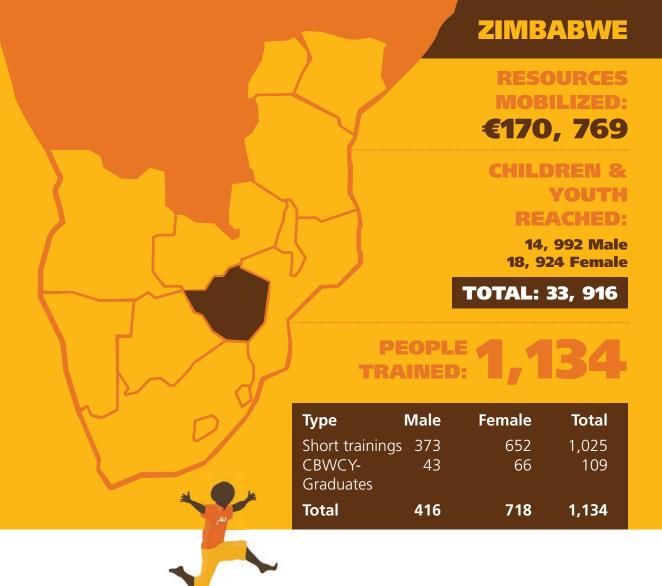
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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- REPSSI has been accredited in Zambia by the Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) to deliver the: CBWCY Diploma, CBWCY skills award programme and the Teachers Diploma in Psychosocial Care, Support and Protection.
- The Community Based Work with Children and Youth programme has been accredited in Zambia by TEVETA at the diploma level, offered as a 3 year, 18 module course. Work began on developing the materials for the full diploma programme.
- 144 people graduated with the CBWCY certificate and 565 were enrolled in the first cohort of the CBWCY diploma.
- 387 teachers graduated with the Diploma in Psychosocial Care, Support and Protection and the second cohort of 496 teachers completed their studies.
- An external evaluation of the full mainstreaming psychosocial support into education systems programme, funded by Comic Relief in Zambia, was conducted by consultants from the School of Public Health and Education faculties of the University of Zambia (UNZA). Findings suggest that the Teachers' Diploma in Psychosocial Care, Support, and Protection improves the school environment and the psychosocial wellbeing of teachers and learners.
- Follow up to the randomized control trial evaluation of the Teachers Diploma showed sustained change within teachers and their schools.

PARTNERSHIPS: Ministry of Education; (221 schools, 122 Eastern, Lusaka-33 and Western-66); Grass Roots Soccer (GRS); National Child's Rights Forum (NCRF), and Media Network for Child's Rights Development (MNCRD).



COUNTRY CONTEXT

In 2016, Zimbabwe was affected by drought, which exacerbated the overall macro economic situation. Extreme poverty which was estimated to have fallen during 2009-14, is projected to have risen in the past few years. HIV prevalence rates have dropped over the last decade and social services have improved. REPSSI continues to work with a range of government and civil society partners.



Country Director



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dialogues on child marriage were held in partnership with the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe (ACCZ).
- REPSSI trained government and adolescent leaders in eight districts to facilitate conversations using the Child Marriage Community Conversation tool, with support from UNICEF.
- Pre-trial diversion officers were trained on how to communicate with children in conflict with the law.
- 20 Officers from the Police training department were trained as trainers on pre-trial diversion.
- Conducted advocacy and communications strategy development with 198 adolescents from 8 Districts.
- Under the DREAMS project, in collaboration with SAFAIDS, 125 female facilitators were trained to support victims of acute gender based violence.
- Initiated a programme in collaboration with the Zimbabwe Early Child hood Development (ECD) network to integrate PSS into ECD.
- REPSSI is the coordinating partner for the READY programme in Zimbabwe.
- 11 full and 2 assistant Country Facilitators (COFA) were accredited.
- The CBWCY certificate was delivered by REPSSI with the UKZN in Zimbabwe. 109 people graduated with a CBWCY certificate.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bethany; Child Protection Society (CPS); Midlands AIDS Service Organisation (MASO); MASIYE; Hope for a Child in Christ (HOCIC); SIMUKAI; Million Memory Project Zimbabwe Trust (MMPZ); Shanduko Yeupenyu Childcare Trust; Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Ministry of Public Service and Social Welfare.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016

Statement of Comprehensive Income	2016 (Euro)	2015 (Euro)
Revenue		
Grants from ICPs	3,945,855	5,396,619
Income from Services	227,917	414,680
P & L on Foreign Exchange		174,579
Investment Revenue	6,799	4,192
Total Incoming Resources	4,180,571	5,990,070
Operating Expenses		
Programme costs	3,248,131	5,063,410
Governance & Admin Costs	583,007	757,941
Total Expended Resources	3,831,138	5,821,351
Net (outgoing) resources for the year	349,433	168,719
Fund balance as at 1 Jan	1,843,365	1,674,646
Fund balance as at 31 Dec	2,192,798	1,843,365
Statement of Financial Position		
Property Plant and Equipment	307,108	110,632
Current Assets (Trade & other receivables + Cash & Cash Equiv.)	2,822,050	2,943,499
Trade and other Payables	(615,066)	(271,783)
Deferred Income (Grants received in advance)	(945,687)	(938,983)
Net Assets	1,568,405	1,843,365
Represented by:		
Retained Income	1,568,405	1,843,365



PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE 2016

- Research, Resource Development and Accreditation
- Advocacy and Networking
- Mainstreaming Technical Assistance/Capacity Development
- Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Documentation
- Programme delivery costs
- Organisational efficiency and sustainability

PROGRAMME INCOME 2016



- Swish Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Sweden NORAD
- Comic Relief
- USAID South Africa
- Sweden/Norad RIATT Funding
- HDA MOTT McDonald
- UNICEF Mozambique
- OSISA Zimbabwe
- Duke University (R21 Project)
- Mildmay Uganda
- UNICEF SSFA Zimbabwe
- Alliance READY project
- First National Bank (FNB) Namibia Limited
- FHI Mozambique
- Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
- The Synergos Institute
- University Research Council (URC) Malawi
- DREAMS SafAIDS Zimbabwe
- World Education
- Standard Bank Botswana
- Helppage RIATT IAC Conference
- PATA- RIATT ESA AIDS 2016 Booth Contribution

LOOKING FORWARD



REPSSI and our partners host a biannual Psychosocial Support forum whichbrings together a unique combination of African academics, policy makers and practitioners to promote awareness and understanding of the importance of psychosocial support (PSS) and to share knowledge on approaches to providing it.

The theme "equity, equality for all girls, boys and youth" will highlight how PSS facilitates the realisation of equity and equality in the daily lives of girls, boys and youth as it helps them to thrive. Before the main forum there is a children's pre-forum which brings together children and young people from at least 13 countries of East and Southern Africa to deliberate their psychosocial needs and ways in which these can be addressed. For more information on the forum visit: http://www.repssi.org/event/2017-pss-forum/

CELEBRATIONS

REPSSI is celebrating 15 years of mainstreaming psychosocial care and support into work with girls, boys and youth. REPSSI has been achieving this through its partners, influencing relevant child and youth policies, processes and procedures.

Some REPSSI key milestones to be celebrated, within this are:

- strengthened focus on sustainability through the social business development,
- country office registrations, social behaviour change communication,
- on the ground advocacy through campaigns such as on child marriage,
- accreditation of REPSSI as a service provider and the new REPSSI academic offerings, to name a few.

REPSSI@15 CELEBRATORY EVENTS

REPSSI will have celebrations across all 13 countries on different dates. The main celebratory event will be held on the side-lines of the 2017 Regional PSS Forum in Arusha, Tanzania.



READY+

The READY+ (Resilient and Empowered Adolescents and Young People) is a four year programme aimed at improving the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and psycho-social wellbeing of more than 30,000 adolescents and young people aged 10-24 and living with HIV in Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

The programme is being implemented by a consortium of international and national NGOs including CANGO (Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations), REPSSI, Africaid, PATA (Paediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa), TACOSODE (Tanzania Council for Social Development) and Y+ (Global Network of Young People Living with HIV) all led by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the Alliance) funded by a grant of USD 10,367,889 from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands (EKN).



A range of interventions will be used for this purpose which include peer to peer support, work with parents and caregivers, provision of safe spaces, tailored psychosocial support and linkages to quality, integrated SRHR and HIV services.





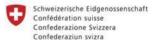












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