

Empowering households affected by poverty and HIV/AIDS

Project title

Children, adolescent and young women prevention, economic strengthening, care and support project in Somntongo and Lubulini Tinkhundla

About the project

Sahee has already supported three Compassionate Swaziland projects, (Fighting the World's Highest HIV/AIDS Infection Rate,

Child-Friendly Schools, and It is WORTH it!).

The current project builds on the previous project, with the goal of implementing what was learned in the new phase of the project.

The purpose of the project is to improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children, aged between 10-19 years, children and adolescent living with HIV, aged 5 – 19 years, young women aged 20-29 years, caregivers (30+ years) through prevention programs, ART adherence support, parenting skills and micro-business establishment resulting in more resilient youth and improved household economic status in Shiselweni region (Somntongo and Lubulini Tinkhundla).

Main activities are:

- Training of community volunteers on HIV prevention, teen clubs, parenting skills and household economic strengthening (WORTH)
- Provide access to comprehensive HIV prevention services to adolescents and young women (including Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) education, condom access and distribution, linkages to health facilities).
- To provide psychosocial care and support to Adolescent Living with HIV and linkage to care and clinical and viral load monitoring in teen clubs.
- To provide child protection interventions to adolescent and young women (strengthen gender based violence response initiative and linkage to post-care services).
- Capacitate adolescents, young women, and caregivers on financial literacy
- Capacitate young women and caregivers on parenting skills

Project site

Eswatini:

Shiselweni region (Somntongo and Lubulini Tinkhundla)

Beneficiaries

Female caregivers (Financial literacy + parenting skills): 800 direct, 1600 indirect beneficiaries Young Women (financial literacy + parenting skills): 200 direct, 800 indirect beneficiaries Adolescents (boys and girls) under age 20 years: 600 direct beneficiaries Adolescents living with HIV: 90 direct beneficiaries

Men: 800 indirect beneficiaries

Project costs

CHF 90'000.-

Project costs and assistance by sahee

The project is fully financed by sahee.

sahee is in regular contact with the project leaders, reviews the activities and visits the project once a year on site.

Duration of assistance

1st of January 2022 to 31st of December 2024

Local counterpart

Compassionate Swaziland





One of the clinics in cooperation with Compassionate Swaziland: there, HIV-infected children and adolescents can pick up their medication and meet in teen clubs.



In the teen clubs, children and adolescents learn about their illness, about prevention of gender based violence, and sexual and reproductive health in a playful way.



Young women meet on Saturdays as a savings group, but also to learn about various topics relevant to them.