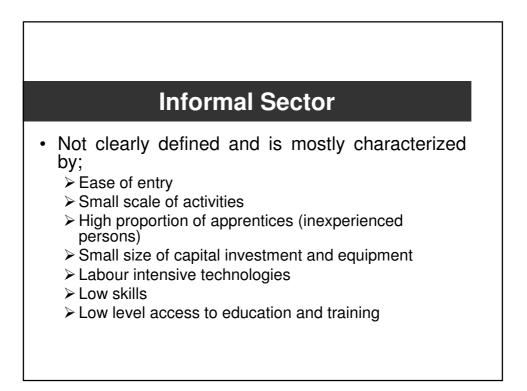


Girls and Economic Activities

- Unemployment remains a serious problem among youth
 - A significant factor is limited education: only 30% of eligible young people attend secondary school; almost 10% of the population has never attended school, (*Ministry of education 2004*). Though rate has improved to with construction of secondary schools at ward level
- Most join informal sector work
- Informal employment accounts for over 56% of total urban employment in Tanzania, (ILO's World Employment Report 1998-99).



Types of Informal Sector Work

 Work in bars, restaurants, hair salons, commercial sex, open markets, food stalls, hawking, domestic work, small scale enterprises, work in guest houses, groceries, second hand clothes, tailoring and dressmaking etc

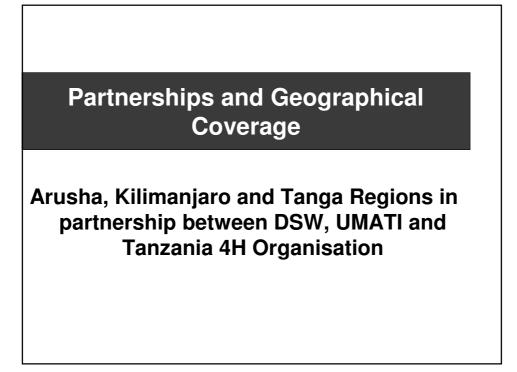
Girls and SRH Complications – Contributing Factors early debut sexual activity unwanted pregnancies transactional sex multiple partners cross generational sex unprotected sex unsafe abortion pregnancy-related complications sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS

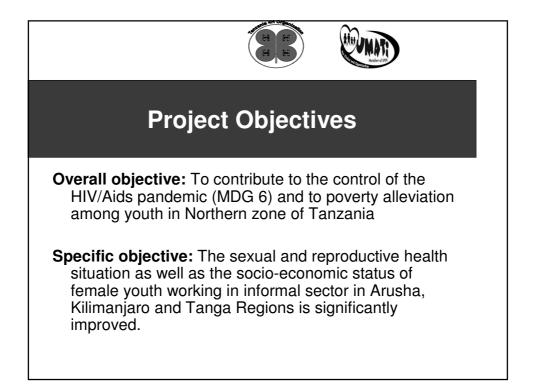
Vulnerability to SRH Complications: some causes

- lack of right information on SRH how HIV/AIDS is spread, methods for prevention, management of AIDS victims, family planning methods and symptoms and proper management of STIs
- cultural and traditional practices like FGM, early pregnancy, early marriage, access to FP, GBV, boy preference.
- poverty living below poverty line
- unfriendly youth SRH services government with standards (initiatives under AYA in Tanga, Dar and Arusha
- · lack of post abortion care
- unemployment
- low education transition low vocational skills
- · poor and sometimes abusive work environments

DSW's Response: Fit for Future Project

A Rights Based Project Addressing SRH in Work Environments for Female Youth Working within Informal Sector





Project Contribution to national policy and strategies

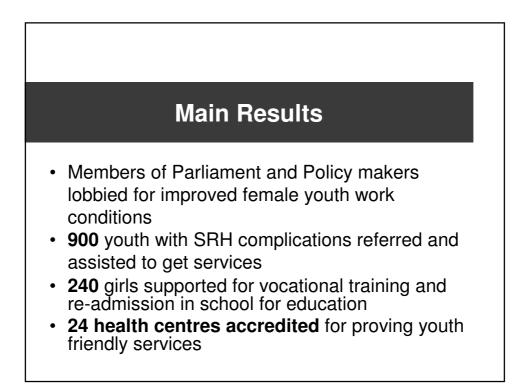
- The National Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction (NSGPR)
- The Tanzania Reproductive and Child Health Strategy (RCH
- The National Youth Policy.

Project Outcomes

- 1. Increased awareness and knowledge on ASRH, incl. HIV/AIDS/STI prevention and management
- 2. Quality youth friendly ASRH services (including referrals) provided
- 3. Profitable IGAs and other employment opportunities for female youth workers established
- 4. Awareness of employment and SRH policies among employers, workers and other stakeholders and advocacy for the enactment of supportive laws enhanced

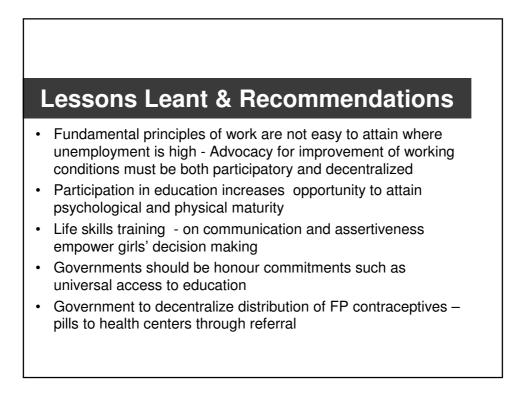


- Support from **9** district councils
- Established and trained **90** youth clubs each with a minimum of **30** members in each operational region for a total of **2700** members
- Trained 72 health service providers on provision of youth friendly services
- Established/strengthened ASRH youth friendly services in all **6** project clusters
- Strengthened 6 VCT centres



Lessons Leant & Recommendations

- There is need to integrate education, vocational skills training and IGAs in projects targeting youth in areas where rights are violated.
- A project targeting out of school girls should have a child care component some girls have children due to violations of rights.
- Youth friendly services depend on training of service providers and supporting with of health facilities with equipment and supplies
- The justice system should consider violations of girls' rights speedily to ease pain and restore hope in life



Lessons Leant & Recommendations

- Work with employers is not easy. Suspicion of intention of working with youth as covert way towards agitation for better salaries or unionisation. You address working conditions on periphery and concentrate on SRH before you can build adequate confidence to address working conditions and terms.
- Community participation leads to acceptance, contribution to and sustainability of projects
- Conditions to access credit are not youth friendly there should be youth led microfinance institutions with technical support and guidance from experts
- Commitments to poverty eradication must be matched with resources shifting of donors