

SAY WHAT

Students and Youth Working
on reproductive Health
Action Team



2022 Annual
Report

Foreword

SAYWHAT's 2022 Annual Report presents the significant strides we have taken in promoting the sexual and reproductive health rights of students and young people. Our unwavering efforts are evidence of our commitment to the envisioned generation of healthy and empowered young people across Africa.

2022 was a year of progress as the burden of COVID-19 on the nation eased due to decreased infection rates and more manageable programming. This allowed us to resume face-to-face activities in tertiary institutions and communities, while we intensified work in the Studio of Choice. Throughout the year, SAYWHAT worked collaboratively with our esteemed partners to foster diversity and strengthen our vision to ensure that all young people can fully enjoy their Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR).

Despite the challenges we encountered, our resilience and commitment to serving the student community and other young people never wavered. The organisation continued to grow as our programming went on to embrace other issues linked to the SRH of young people including Tuberculosis and climate change. Furthermore, we successfully hosted the National Students Conference, which brought together esteemed guests and government representatives. This event provided an essential platform for young people to collaborate and elevate the discourse on sexual and reproductive health rights, Tuberculosis and social justice to new heights.

I would like to express my gratitude for the partnerships that SAYWHAT established with various youth-serving organizations throughout the year, which have greatly improved our capacity for development. These partnerships have reaffirmed our role as a mentor and catalyst for youth-led advocacy, and we remain committed to leveraging them to strengthen advocacy initiatives, support other organizations, and strategically expand SAYWHAT's influence and reach. As the Board Chairperson, I am proud to commend the secretariat for their remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication towards improving the sexual and reproductive health rights of students and young people in Southern Africa. Our progress would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our committed staff, partners, and other stakeholders.

I hope that this report provides valuable insights into our accomplishments and inspires continued support for our mission. Let us continue to work together to empower and uplift the voices of students and young people, ensuring that their rights are protected and that they have a bright future filled with hope and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together towards a brighter, healthier future for all.

Mrs. J Mungofa
Board Chairperson

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

• AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
• BDPM	Business Development and Partnership Management
• CDF	Community Development Fund
• COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease- 19
• CRAFT	Creative Reproductive Arts For Transformation
• CRIF	Children's Rights In Full
• CSE	Comprehensive Sexuality Education
• CSO	Civil Society Organisations
• DSD	District Social Development
• ECOZI	Education Coalition of Zimbabwe
• EOL	Education Out Loud
• ESA	East and Southern Africa Ministerial Protocol on Education
• FACET	Farming Communities Education Trust
• GAYO	Girls Advocacy Youth Organization
• GBV	Gender-Based Violence
• GDP	Gross Domestic Product
• GEAR	Girls Education Advocacy in the Region
• HIV	Human Immune Virus
• JHWO	Jointed Hands Welfare Organisation
• KP	Key Populations
• LCC	Local Coordination Committee
• LEAD	Leadership Exploration and Development
• LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
• LUANAR	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
• MOHCC	Ministry of Health and Child Care
• MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
• NAC	National Aids Council
• NAQEZ	National Action for Quality Education in Zambia
• NCC	National Coordinating Committee
• NSYC	National Students and Youth Conference
• PAY	Parliamentarians and Youths
• PCC	Provincial Coordinating Committee
• PPCHTEISTD	Portfolio Committees on Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development
• PPCWACSMED	Women Affairs, Community and Small to Medium Enterprise Development
• PSEA	Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Abbreviations and Acronyms

• PSH	Population Solutions for Health
• PSHA	Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority
• PSZ	Population Services Zimbabwe
• PVO	Private Voluntary Organizations
• PZAT	Pangaea Zimbabwe AIDS Trust
• REAPS	Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Advocacy Project
• SAA	Society for AIDS in Africa
• SAFAIDS	Southern Africa AIDS Dissemination Service
• SAIH	Norwegian Students and Academics International Assistance Fund
• SARSYC	Southern African Students and Youth Conference
• SASI	Speak and Solve Initiative
• SAT	Southern African AIDS Trust
• SET	Sexuality Education for Transformation
• SGBV	Sexual Gender Based Violence
• SRH	Sexual Reproductive Rights
• SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Rights and Rights
• STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
• TB	Tuberculosis
• TOP	Termination of Pregnancy
• UN	United Nations
• UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
• UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
• UNHLM	United Nations High Level Meeting
• UNICEF	United Nations Children's Education Fund
• VFU	Victim Friendly Unit
• VTC	Vocational Training Centres
• WILD	Women's Institute for Leadership Development
• ZNFPC	Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council
• ZNNP	Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with
• ZRP	Zimbabwe Republic Police

Letter From the Executive Director

Reconsidering Disaster Preparedness

Jimmy Wilford
Executive Director



I am pleased to present the SAYWHAT Annual Report for the year 2022, which marks a significant milestone of innovation for our esteemed organization. We have adjusted to the new era post-COVID-19, but the pandemic has helped us drive towards digital communication as we now do most of our information dissemination through the Studio of Choice. Throughout the year, SAYWHAT has made use of the Studio of Choice to engage with young people in a meaningful way and expand our work in Zimbabwe and across the Southern African Region. With our strengthened multimedia programming and interactive engagements, we have successfully reached a larger number of students with essential information, making a lasting impact on their lives.

The organisation's social media presence has greatly improved with new initiatives such as podcasts, Legal Talk Shows and Power Talks being constantly published, signifying a strengthened social media content which engages young people. The positive engagement we have received from students and young people alike has been truly inspiring. Notably, our interventions, such as the Debate and Quiz Shows, have gained recognition and were even broadcasted on DSTV in South Africa, significantly amplifying our global reach. SAYWHAT has also expanded the Quiz and Debate competitions to include other tertiary institutions, which is a divergence from the traditional system where only universities were competing.

The outbreak of COVID-19 and its devastating impact on young people, as their education was seriously disrupted, served as a wake-up call and, as the organization grows, we have embraced the principle of adaptability and have strived to respond to changing environments.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2022, we are filled with optimism for the future growth of our institution. SAYWHAT remains steadfast in our commitment to the cause of youth empowerment and the realization of their Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). We acknowledge that innovation and adaptability are crucial in meeting the evolving needs of young people. Together, with your continued support and collaboration, we are confident that we can create a brighter future for all.

I thank our esteemed partners, the active young people and the hardworking secretariat for the success of the past year.

Stay Healthy!

Letter From the NCC Chairperson

Empowering Youth Through Partnerships

Panashe Chandiwana

National Coordinating Committee (NCC) Chairperson



2022 has been of long strides. In the SAYWHAT Annual Report for 2022, the voice of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC). Over the year, SAYWHAT has noticed a significant change in engaging more young people in Zimbabwe and the Southern African Region, a crucial milestone in our mission to address the diverse and challenging health-related issues faced by students and young people.

During 2022, our project endeavours were highly recognized and visible in various online platforms, offering many opportunities to amplify the voices of young people through meaningful lobbying and advocacy spaces. We are fully committed to promoting health and education as fundamental human rights and take pride in acknowledging the crucial role played by young people and students in contributing to positive health and education outcomes, working in collaboration with both state and non-state actors.

Our initiatives have been embraced with great enthusiasm by students and young people, who have shown great interest in participating in innovative initiatives. SAYWHAT has established itself as a trusted and visible entity among young people and our valued stakeholders. We have witnessed a significant increase in the number of students actively involved in local-level structures and peer education activities. Additionally, in 2022, SAYWHAT maintained strategic partnerships with institutions that prioritized the accessibility of services for young people, which has resulted in improved service delivery from partners such as PSI, PSZ, and ZNFPC.

We are thrilled to have witnessed the transformative power of our innovative approaches, particularly through online media platforms and the active engagement of young people. These avenues have opened new opportunities for effective communication, information dissemination, and meaningful participation, allowing us to reach a wider audience and create a lasting impact. As the NCC Chairperson, I am proud of our progress and the positive changes we have brought about in the lives of students and young people. Our journey is far from over, and we remain committed to driving youth empowerment through continued engagement, innovative strategies, and strategic partnerships. With your unwavering support, SAYWHAT will continue to champion the rights and well-being of students and young people.

Thank you for being part of this transformative journey.

About Us

The Students and Youth Working on Reproductive Health Action Team (SAYWHAT) is a student and youth social movement established in 2003 with the clear goal of promoting the well-being and empowerment of students and youth in Zimbabwe's higher learning institutions, ensuring their enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health rights. SAYWHAT has steadfastly pursued its mission through driving demand for SRH services, delivering student-friendly SRH information and education, and implementing gender-sensitive programming. The movement's impactful work is chiefly spearheaded by student structures in tertiary institutions and young community activists trained and supported as dedicated cadres.



Generations of healthy and empowered young people (students, youth, adolescents and children) across Africa.



To promote students, youth, adolescents and children's access to health and education rights, services & commodities across Africa.

Our Core Values

Focus: The SAYWHAT movement ensures that all interventions by the movement are deliberate and have a purpose while paying great care and attention to the interventions being students and youth focused.

Energy: the SAYWHAT movement and all who serve in its secretariat embrace the youth energy by being cheerful, lively, clear, vibrant, and intelligent.

Accountability: SAYWHAT takes the responsibility to explain and justify its actions and interventions and use of resources to all members of the movement and all external stakeholders it works with.

Responsive: SAYWHAT is driven by a desire to react quickly and positively to the needs of students and youth within and through their formations.

Innovation & Learning: the movement shall adopt and operate in synch with innovations and developments in information and other technologies which have a bearing on modes of reaching out to its target population with program interventions.

2022 At a Glance

We have made significant in students and youth's public health information generation and dissemination activities, campaigns, health service provision and child protection programming work. Remarkable strides have also been made by the Human Resources, and the Business Development and Partnerships Management (BDPM).

During the year under review, SAYWHAT embarked on programs meant to capacitate college and community cadres to effectively implement programs across different projects. It capacitated peer educators, College Healthcare Workers, TB Champions and SRHR Defenders through trainings applicable to their varying responsibilities in responding to the needs of young people. Efforts were also invested towards the generation of information and content for wider dissemination targeting different young people sub-groups.

Activities which sought to intensify information dissemination during the year under review include the Quiz and Debate competitions, the CHASE competition, the CRAFT festival, CONDOMIZE Campaigns, Radio listening clubs, podcast content creation, legal talk shows, power talks, and the messaging and designing of billboards. Furthermore, SAYWHAT engaged students during orientation programs to raise young people's awareness of key health and wellness issues affecting them in their respective institutions. The organization continued to organize Health Fairs, and online and physical dialogues in a bid to continue knowledge and information sharing.

Significant efforts were made to increase young people's access to quality and comprehensive health services through the introduction of the SRH service voucher system implemented through the Call Centre and Resource Centers dotted around the country's tertiary institutions. Young people also received psychosocial support and advice on issues such as unplanned pregnancies, relationships and abuse.

The organization is finalizing its strategic plan (2021-2050) which redefines the scope of the organization's work to embrace the broader public health and emerging needs of young people in tertiary institutions and beyond. New alliances such as the STOP TB partnership were introduced, and TB mainstreaming has already started across SAYWHAT program areas.



Students and Youth Organizing and Leading

SAYWHAT aims to empower students and young people to participate in public health, including SRHR education and child safeguarding programs. The movement's structure includes a membership system based in tertiary institutions, with an apex organization called the NCC overseeing the technical structure and the movement's operations.

The LCCs

Local Coordinating Committees (LCCs) are located in 42 tertiary institutions in Zimbabwe and coordinate students at a local level. During the year under review, LCCs facilitated and organised radio listening clubs that were conducted by resource centre minders. The LCC was coordinating the peer educators who are the foot soldiers. Radio listening clubs were a new initiative during the year under review as SAYWHAT sought to reach out to young people with ready-made SRH-related audio content aired through portable Bluetooth speakers. Over **200** radio listening clubs were conducted countrywide reaching out to over **50 000** young people (both students and the youth in general). The LCC was instrumental in providing leadership to peer educators who were involved in mobilising students into groups to show up for the radio listening clubs. The LCCs held planning meetings at their respective colleges countrywide to plan and review their work plans and coordination and mobilisation strategies. The review meetings also included the 2023 work plan which included the road map and preparations for the LCC and NCC 2023 elections.

In the wake of the drug and substance abuse scourge, the LCC coordinated the peer educators in mobilising students to show up at the drug and substance abuse awareness campaign in their respective provinces. It was also effective in scouting for facilitators of drug and substance abuse awareness campaigns conducted through online dialogues.

Online dialogues were one of the instrumental approaches the organisation used to reach out to young people with public health information to activate their health-seeking behaviours. Apart from coordinating online dialogues on drug and substance abuse awareness campaigns, the LCC was involved in other activities like health fairs, career guidance fairs and student orientations. It factually runs the day-to-day affairs at each college/university in matters that concern students' health.



Peer Educators

Peer education is one of the most effective traditional models used by SAYWHAT to encourage positive health behaviours among students in Zimbabwe. SAYWHAT recruits students from each tertiary institution and provides them with rigorous training on public health issues. During the year in review, SAYWHAT recruited and trained more than **500** peer educators from various tertiary institutions across Zimbabwe. While SAYWHAT has traditionally focused on sexual and reproductive health, it has now expanded its scope to include other public health issues in its programming work. These recruited and trained peer educators serve as ambassadors for smart public health choices and positive health behaviours for students. The peer education program has received support from UNFPA under the Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Advocacy Project (REAPS) project. SAYWHAT has also partnered with various stakeholders, including the National Aids Council (NAC), Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council (ZNFPC), and Population Services Zimbabwe (PSZ), to train more peer educators.



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TB Champions

During the year under review, SAYWHAT was awarded the Stop TB Partnership grant in 2022. The organization recruited and trained TB Champions to support their college and community-based TB programming work. SAYWHAT introduced TB champions in 2022 with a cohort of **30** males and **20** females who were trained to conduct rights-based advocacy for TB service provision including TB Literacy, TB Mental Health, TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment referral system. SAYWHAT strongly believes in empowering and amplifying the voices of young people to positively influence advocacy and policy. The organization has partnered with the Ministry of Health and Childcare (MOHCC), which is responsible for all clinical health issues, including TB. The TB Champions carry out several activities, such as street dialogues, radio programs, peer education, and writing articles for SAYWHAT's quarterly newsletter and website.



TB Champions participated in various high level platforms including the Nation Students Conference

College-based Healthcare Workers

SAYWHAT partners with tertiary institutions to ensure that the delivery of health services is efficient and effective. In 2022, college-based healthcare workers were trained to improve their understanding of service delivery to students. This training was geared towards capacitating them to deliver health services to students with the utmost urgency. The training was facilitated by the MOHCC, Jointed Hands Welfare Organisation (JHWO) and Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV (ZNNP), and it mainstreamed HIV testing and STIs screening and treatment with emphasis on confidentiality and non-discrimination. Furthermore, SAYWHAT equipped college-based healthcare workers with counseling skills to assist students who require psycho-social support.

SRHR Defenders

With the generous support of the Swedish Embassy in Zimbabwe, a team of dedicated SRHR defenders was recruited and trained in Harare and then deployed to represent their respective communities. These defenders, consisting of both students and community-based young people, are the voices of the voiceless and work tirelessly to combat a range of sexual rights violations, including poor healthcare service delivery, child marriages, sexually motivated gender-based violence, and inadequate policies. Working closely with the Communication and Advocacy department, these defenders can effectively deliver their important work and make a real difference in the lives of those they serve.

In 2022, the Defenders were very active in parliamentary-led public hearings with regards to the new Medical Services Amendment Bill/Act. As part of their advocacy activities, they participated in SRHR policy dialogues, podcast productions, radio programmes, online and in-person dialogues, attended Technical Working Group meetings, and webinars and contributed articles to the SAYWHAT Observer quarterly newsletter. They also took the leading role and were influential in the planning and execution of the 4th edition of the SARSYC conference in Malawi.



2.6 Call Centre Agents

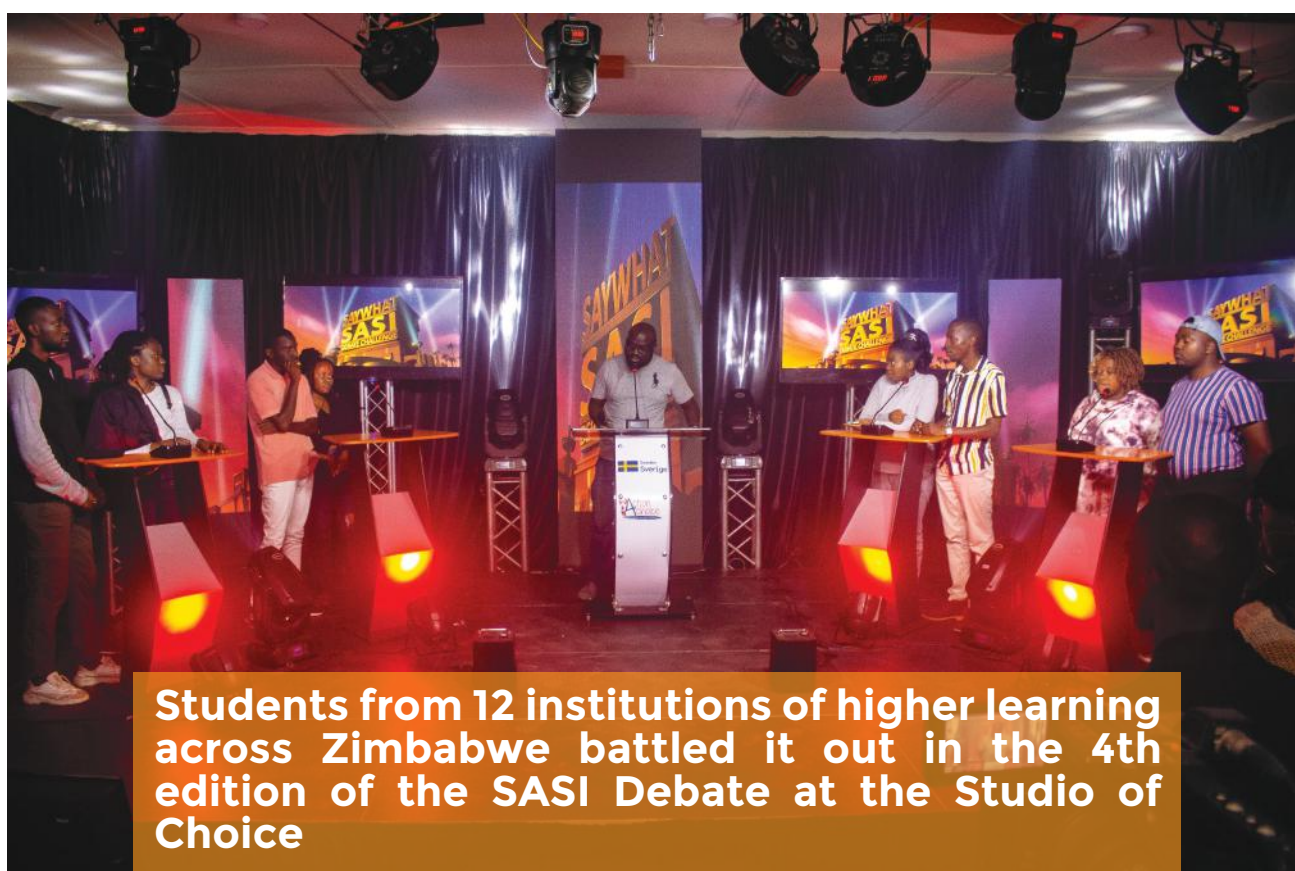
Call Centre agents are social workers who operate a 24-hour facility providing referral services, psycho-social support, SGBV and tele-counselling services to students and young people. They also address various child protection issues, including child abuse, reintegration of children in conflict with the law, and child marriages. During the year under review, SAYWHAT provided additional training to the Call Centre agents to enhance their professional skills and improve the quality of their service delivery. They work closely with the Department of Social Development (DSD) under the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, particularly on case care management assignments and child protection services.

Youth-Focused Knowledge and Information

SAYWHAT's focus is to provide information for adolescents, students, and youth to meet their sexual and reproductive health needs. The organization aims to be a leading public health information source. In 2021, the Studio of Choice was established to support this goal. Throughout 2022, SAYWHAT has produced and published numerous public health information through various programs such as Speak and Solve Initiative (SASI), Quiz Challenge, Virtual Condomize Concerts, Legal Talk shows, and more.

SASI DEBATE

SASI Debate Challenge, an annual program conceptualized by SAYWHAT, aims to involve students in the production and dissemination of health information while increasing their sexual reproductive health consciousness. It serves as a test of students' public health knowledge levels, which enables SAYWHAT to identify gaps and inform its programming interventions. The 5th edition of the SASI Debate Challenge was successfully hosted at the Studio of Choice in Harare from July 31st to August 1st, 2022. In contrast to previous editions, the 2022 edition was unique in that it started at the provincial level, with tertiary institutions such as polytechnics, agricultural colleges, and teacher colleges being allowed to participate for the first time. The SASI Debate Challenge is an effective advocacy tool and serves as a public health information generation engine.



Students from 12 institutions of higher learning across Zimbabwe battled it out in the 4th edition of the SASI Debate at the Studio of Choice

The Quiz Challenge

SAYWHAT employs the quiz model to produce public health information aimed at educating and informing young people. The purpose of this is to activate and improve their health-seeking behaviours, choices, and lifestyles.

With the support of the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe, SAYWHAT hosted the 4th edition of the SAYWHAT Quiz Challenge from August 2nd to August 3rd, 2022. The quiz challenge was held under the theme "Enriching the Mind: A Step Towards a Healthy Generation." This theme was a call to action to increase efforts towards mainstreaming Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE). CSE is a valuable investment because it empowers, builds self-esteem, informs about rights, and leads to better health and well-being for young people. Through the theme, SAYWHAT acknowledges that young people have human rights, including sexual and reproductive rights. Ensuring that young people are healthy is essential not only from a human rights perspective but also for the benefit of communities and society.

Like the 5th edition of the SASI Debate Challenge, the 4th edition of the SAYWHAT Quiz Challenge was unique in the sense that the competition started at provincial level for the first time. This saw 42 higher tertiary institutions participating with 84 students. The first three (3) editions of the SAYWHAT Quiz Challenge were a privilege of state universities only. Thus, the widening of the scope entailed Vocational Training Centres (VTCs), Agricultural Colleges, Teachers Colleges, Polytechnics and universities joining the fray. Institutions that took part at the national level include Harare Institute of Technology, Gweru Polytechnic, Midlands State University, Mutare Polytechnic, Great Zimbabwe University, Gwanda State University, Chinhoyi University of Technology, Manicaland State University of Applied Sciences, Harare Polytechnic, Bindura University of Science Education, National University of Science Technology, and Masvingo Polytechnic.

Quiz questions were derived from the following thematic areas

Category	
1	Family Planning and Contraception
2	STIs, including HIV/AIDS
3	SGBV and Sexual Reproductive Health
4	COVID-19, Malaria, TB, Mental Health, and Cancers of the Reproductive System
5	Climate Change and Environment



The 2022 Quiz Challenge in Pictures



The CHASE Competition

The CHASE competition is one of the 2022 outstanding initiatives SAYWHAT came up with in a bid to tap into young people's artistic talent to influence positive behaviours in communities as far as GBV and SRH are concerned. The 1st edition of the provincial-based 'The CHASE' competition was hosted in six (6) different SAYWHAT administrative provinces namely Harare, Mashonaland, Manicaland, Masvingo, Bulawayo and Midlands. Running under the theme, **"Amplifying Young People's Voices on Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence through Art"**, the programme attracted 360 young people from different places and settings. This competition inspired young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to showcase their talents and influence positive behaviour outcomes among other young people. Winners from the six (6) SAYWHAT operational provinces across the four (4) competition categories enrolled for a 6-week mentorship programme before heading to Harare for the national Creative Reproductive Health Arts for Transformation (CRAFT) festival which took place in October 2022.



The CRAFT Festival

The Creative Reproductive Health Arts for Transformation (CRAFT) festival is a graduation of The CHASE completion which had happened at the provincial level. Provincial winners from the four (4) categories of The CHASE proceeded to the CRAFT festival at national level. The first edition of the CRAFT festival took place on the 22nd of October 2022 at the Harare Gardens in the capital. It is one of its kind of competition involving young people as young as 10-year-olds to showcase their artistic talents to raise their voices against all forms of gender-based violence and sexual reproductive health information generation and dissemination.

Thirty-six (36) young artists who emerged as the winners during the provincial-based The CHASE competition were the contestants for the CRAFT festival. Winners of the CRAFT competition had the opportunity to be mentored by seasoned artists, collaborate with established artistic talent, as well as have their productions published with the aid of SAYWHAT.

The participants had this to say;

Many thanks to SAYWHAT and the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe. It is because of the CRAFT competition that I have stepped in Harare for the first time in my entire life. I am confident my participation at the CRAFT festival will open more opportunities for me



Simz Masuku

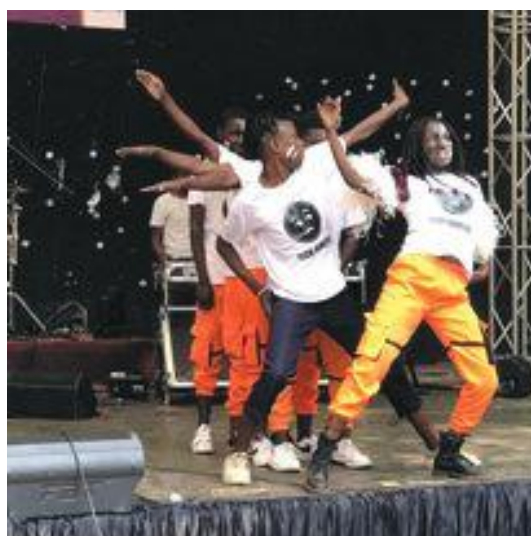


Aleck Chigwau

Art is a powerful tool in advocacy. An opportunity to participate at this competition was historic. This is my first time to perform in front of such a crowd. But I want to thank my parents and guardians for all the support. I am also grateful to my mentor.

Social media skits, national radio and television stations, newspapers (print and electronic), electronic fliers and posters and formal letters were among the communication tools and tactics SAYWHAT employed to mobilize young people from various settings and the public to attend the event. The national event featured three adjudicators who represented the competition categories of drama, music, poetry, and public speaking. These are Blessing Ndlovu (poetry and public speaking), Anita Jackson (music), and Nigel Maritinyu (drama). They are all seasoned judges with a wealth of experience.

Like The CHASE competition, the CRAFT festival was running under the theme: **"Amplifying Young People's Voices on Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence through Art."**



CRAFT Winners

Category	Full Names & Gender	Province
Music	Tamiranashe Dewa (M)	Mashonaland
Public Speaking	Rafiq Satiya (M)	Midlands
Poetry	Bridgetti Mambondiani (F)	Mashonaland
Drama	Loveness Ncube (F)	Bulawayo
Drama	Irvine Mandirawe (M)	Bulawayo
Drama	Subusisiwe Anna Mpofo	Bulawayo

Condomize Concerts



SAYWHAT has been implementing the CONDOMIZE Campaigns since 2015 in partnership with the government of Zimbabwe through the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Zimbabwe, the National Aids Council of Zimbabwe (NAC) among other partners. Virtual CONDOMIZE Campaigns were introduced as a response to the advent of the COVID-19 virus in March 2020 which made it impossible to conduct physical CONDOMIZE Campaigns. This was due to the nature of the pandemic itself and the restrictive measures that were instituted world over to curb the spread of the virus. This provided SAYWHAT with an opportunity to step up its virtual programming to strengthen its digital footprint by virtually producing public health information to young people.

During the year under review, with support from the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe, SAYWHAT produced four (4) Virtual CONDOMIZE productions that were published on virtual spaces like Facebook and YouTube reaching out to thousands of people across frontiers. Alick Macheso, Feli Nandi, Mark Ngwazi and Trevor Dongo were among the seasoned artists SAYWHAT engaged to produce persuasive messages to encourage young people to practice safe sex by adopting the use of condoms.

Virtual condomize campaigns were also introduced as a response to the rising cases of teen pregnancy and child marriages during the COVID-19 induced lockdowns. According to 2021 parliamentary report, about **5000** teenagers fell pregnant while 1800 entered early marriages with 33 adolescents testing HIV positive between January and March. This is evidence that some of the affected young girls did not use condoms when being intimate. The CONDOMIZE! campaigns also entail SAYWHAT's contribution towards the United Nations (UN)'s bold agenda of ending HIV/AIDS by 2030.

Online and Physical Dialogues

SAYWHAT conducted a combined 400 online and physical dialogues across the country. One hundred Peer Educators and Resource Centre Minders were trained and supported through the A4C Phase II project, and were instrumental in facilitating and mobilising students and young people for the dialogues. Facilitators with public health and GBV expertise were drawn from the SAYWHAT pool of partners which include NAC, ZNFPC, MoHCC, PSH, PSZ, Musasa, Legal Resource Foundation, After Rape Clinic, Sexual Rights Centre, and Friendship Bench among others.

Programs Reach

268 627



3 757



508 200



5 951 259

Advocacy and Campaigning

Advocacy is central to SAYWHAT's work at both national and regional levels. The organization aims to influence policies and structures related to health and education for students, youth, adolescents, and children in Africa. Advocacy and campaigns are essential for SAYWHAT's work, aiming to influence positive health behaviors and choices among young people. Activities include the National Students and Youth Conference, Parliamentary engagements, legal talk shows, research events, press statements, and virtual legal clinics.

National Students Youth Conference



The National Students and Youth Conference (NSYC) is an annual flagship event that brings students and youth from various corners of the country under one roof to reflect on their experiences robustly, frankly, and collectively in as far as accessing public health and educational services are concerned. Delegates of the NSYC were drawn from the National Coordinating Committee (NCC), TB Champions, SRHR defenders, Peer Educators, student leaders, Community Champions, Mugota/Ixhiba and Web for Life movements. It is one platform students take advantage of to heighten their advocacy work targeting several issues affecting their timely access to quality public health and educational services. Policy makers such as parliamentarians and government officials as well as strategic partners mostly feature at the conference to give students and young people an ear.

The 12th edition of the NSYC took place in Harare in October 2022. This edition was attended by **100** delegates (**52** females & **48** males) who were drawn from the above-mentioned groups of students and young people. The Parliament And Youth (PAY) round table was the major highlight of the conference as delegates had an opportunity to engage with policy makers on public health and educational services.

The PAY round table panel was formed by three (3) members of parliament namely, Honourable Bridget Mangura, Honourable Shakespeare Hamauswa and Honourable Oscar Gorerino. Honourable Gorerino represented the Transport and Infrastructure development committee speaking to infrastructural issues that affecting young people, this includes issues such accommodation issue in and out of college. Honourable Hamauswa represented the Higher and Tertiary education, innovation and technology committee and spoke on policies and issues relating to access to education.

Research Headways

The desire to generate and disseminate credible and evidence based public health information and programming interventions inspired SAYWHAT to conceptualise and establish the research unit in 2019. This is a testimony of creativity and innovativeness which have been part of SAYWHAT's two-decade story. True to this assertion, in 2022 the organisation revamped its research unit and took it to another height. The research unit is manned by fresh and young ambitious minds who against all odds hosted the first edition of the Research Indaba in Lilongwe-Malawi on the sidelines of the SARSYC conference. The unit further hosted the second edition of the Research Indaba in the same year in Harare-Zimbabwe. Since 2019, seasoned academics and research experts have been part of the SAYWHAT research journey. By and large, the research unit was established partly as a result of regular feedback from students during other SAYWHAT programmes.

During the year under review, the Research unit facilitated the submission of abstracts from young researchers focusing on the following themes (a) sexual and reproductive health rights, (b) mental health, (c) drug and substance abuse, (d) unsafe abortion and (e) education and well-being. It must be stated that these abstracts were presented at the SARSYC conference in Malawi before the launch of the mentorship programme to professionally guide the young researchers as they developed their papers. Seasoned researchers among them from local universities and regional experts supported the young researchers who presented their papers at the second edition of the Research Indaba in Harare-Zimbabwe.

Legal Talk Shows

Legal talk shows are television productions that were produced in the Studio of Choice featuring young people, legal and SRHR experts including parliamentarians and government officials, to interrogate policy gaps that affect young people to access sexual and reproductive health services among a wide range of services. Legal talk shows are an advocacy strategy that target to policy and structural changes as informed by students and young people's experiences. An assortment of topics was discussed including the following;



- **iSexual Harassment in Tertiary Institutions**
- **Disparities between the Age of consent to sex and the Age of consent to marriage.**
- **Reflections on Zimbabwe's education system.**
- **Marriage Law Reform in Zimbabwe.**
- **Calls for Menstrual leave.**
- **Highlights of the new Marriages Act.**
- **An analysis of the Medical Services Amendment Bill.**
- **viii. Unpacking the Termination of Pregnancy Act 1977.**

Press statements

Press statements are one of the tools of advocacy various organisations use to influence the media and to reach out to the public office bearers. During the year under review, SAYWHAT published press statements in local newspapers such as the Herald and the Newsday. These two (2) newspapers are strategic in their appeal across Zimbabwe.

Parliamentary Public Meetings

SAYWHAT facilitated and organised young people to participate at parliamentary public hearings such as the reintroduction of the National Youth Services Bill, new Medical Services Amendment Bill, and the 2023 Budget Consultation processes among other meetings. Parliamentary public hearing meetings are very strategic in SAYWHAT's advocacy work. They give young people an opportunity to contribute their thoughts on policy changes. In this case the listed above laws are very impactful to young people's sexual and reproductive health.

In-Studio PAY Platform

A Parliamentarians and Youth (PAY) Round Table is a meeting SAYWHAT facilitates to bring students and youth, and legislators into one room to discuss matters of concern within the education and health sectors in as far as service delivery is concerned. In response to reports of sexual harassment at higher learning institutions in Zimbabwe and to reflect on Parliament's Fact-Finding Mission report, a round table with legislators was conducted.

The legislators were representatives of a joint Portfolio Committees on Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development (PPCHTEISTD), and Women Affairs, Community and Small to Medium Enterprise Development (PPCWACSMED). The two portfolios also led the fact finding mission in the wake of sexual harassment allegations. Honourable Tatenda Mavetera, Honourable Joana Mamombe and Honourable Maxwell Mavhunga were part of the team which conducted an inquiry (in November 2021) into the prevalence of sexual harassment in the institutions of higher and tertiary learning. The meeting allowed students to interrogate and validate the findings of the Report and to identify key issues left out in the fact-finding mission report worth including in the bill. It also allowed students to appreciate the processes involved in policy making and actions required from the affected groups in pushing a bill into becoming an act of parliament. SAYWHAT will remain alert on the ongoing cabinet discussions on the Sexual Harassment Bill and will keep the student population updated and engaged on the process.



Health and Child Protection Services

SAYWHAT aims to strengthen partnerships and capacity to deliver health and child protection services and commodities for children, adolescents, students and youth. This strategic objective aims to ensure that adolescents and young people across Africa have unlimited access to a variety of health services that meet the required standard. During the year under review, SAYWHAT brought health services to young people through health fairs and the Call Centre. These two approaches were very influential in delivering streamlined health services to young people in various places in Zimbabwe.

Health Fairs

SAYWHAT uses Health Fairs as one of its vehicles to bring public health services to young people. In 2022, in partnership with various partners, SAYWHAT conducted health fairs at various colleges around the country. Clinical public health services and information were delivered to students through support from partners such as PSH, PSZ, ZNFPC, Musasa, and ARC. Young people received HIV counselling and testing, cervical cancer screening, TB screening, STI screening, and GBV information, among other services. Common during health fairs were also career guidance fairs where high school students were assisted in understanding their potential future careers.

The Call Centre

The Call Centre is one of the models SAYWHAT uses to reach out to students and young people with a broad range of services including psycho-social support, referral services and case care follow up management. The facility was established in 2020 after the organisation realised that young people needed a confidential and conducive platform to reach out to SAYWHAT for support when they face challenges such as accessing health services and all forms of sexual and reproductive health and rights violations including GBV. The Call Centre, accessed through the toll-free 577, is a 24-hour service facility manned by professional social case care workers who are regularly trained to deliver their work effectively.

During the year under review, the Call Centre received over **12,000** calls from different age groups who sought various services. The majority of the cases centered on sexual and reproductive health including STIs, HIV and AIDS, menstrual health management and pregnancy management. With support from the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe, SAYWHAT introduced the voucher system to support young people who needed clinical health services but could not afford the costs.

The voucher system supported young people between 18-24 years. Voucher slips were issued to young people from marginalized and less privileged families who then visited nearby health centers to receive treatment with SAYWHAT footing the bill. Over **1000** young people across Zimbabwe were supported to receive medical services at various health centers through the voucher system.

Services offered by the Call Centre

- **Cases care follow up management.**
- **Provide on spot SRH clinical referral services.**
- **Psycho-social support (survivors of drug and substance abuse and para-suicidal cases).**
- **Provide menstrual health management services.**
- **Legal referral services.**
- **Child justice referral services.**
- **Career guidance services.**

The Call Centre also received a fair share of cases of sexual reproductive health and rights violations. Working closely with law enforcement agents, SAYWHAT facilitated the arrest of perpetrators of sexual related violence cases. Child justice is at the heart of SAYWHAT's programming work. This was mostly supported by UNICEF under the Children's Rights In Full (CRIF) project that SAYWHAT successfully implemented in 2022. The project also included assisting children who were in conflict with the law to be reintegrated with their families and communities. SAYWHAT took a step further to support children who were in conflict with the law to return to school.

Additionally, SAYWHAT partnered with various organisations for the Call Centre to succeed during the year under review. The Department of Social Development (DSD) under the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP)'s Victim Friendly Unit (VFU), Musasa, Zimbabwe Women's Lawyers Association, Legal Resources Foundation, PSH and PSZ were very key. All the partners played a significant role for SAYWHAT to deliver child protection services through the Call Centre.



Services provided through the Call Centre

1895

HIV Services

755

Family planning

196

STI services

100

Cancer Screening

1409

**Non classified
services**

17

**COVID
Vaccination**

2

Antenatal Care

5

**Menstrual
Health
Management**

Regional Expansion

SAYWHAT's regional footprints can be traced back to the National Students and Youth Conference concept in which regional tertiary institutions would forward their students to participate. In the long run, SAYWHAT conceptualised the Southern African Regional Students and Youth Conference (SARSYC), a deliberate biennial programme that brings together young people from regional countries such as Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe to collectively reflect on matters that concern their access to public health and educational services. It is a regional advocacy strategy to lobby governments and relevant institutions to take care of young people's interests in as far as their health is concerned. During the year under review, SAYWHAT hosted the 4th edition of the SARSYC conference in Malawi and also secured a grant from the Education Out Loud (EOL) to implement a regional Girls Education Advocacy in the Region (GEAR) alliance project.

SARSYC

The 4th edition of the Southern Africa Regional Students and Youth Consortium (SARSYC) conference was held in Malawi under the theme: Reshaping, Re-planning and Re-Committing to the Youth Agenda in the Southern African Region! This theme was born out of the need to re-energize and redirect youth development conversations to the pre-COVID-19 commitments and priorities such as the SADC SRHR Strategy, the Regional Strategy for HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights among Key Populations adopted in November 2017, the SADC Protocol on Education and Training, East and Southern Africa Ministerial Protocol on Education (ESA), United Nations High Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB targets and commitments, Health and Wellbeing of Adolescents and Young People, Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063 and the Maputo Plan of Action. The conference was further designed to interrogate policy and practices in the quest to address SRHR challenges in the wake of new emergencies like COVID-19. The conference was physically attended by over **300** young people from nine (9) Southern African countries, namely Botswana, Kingdom of Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Conference Resolutions

Key among the recommendations for Governments in Southern African Countries from the conference were for them to:

- **Move from rhetoric to action and implement the commitments and policies signed at national, regional, and global level, and further increase financial investment and political commitment to the youth development agenda.**
- **Support the economic empowerment of youths by availing entrepreneurial opportunities and developing economic policies that create jobs and opportunities for the young people.**
- **Be pro-active in adopting protective initiatives that shield young people from the adverse effects of emergencies like COVID-19.**
- **Recommit and strengthen collaboration between governments and young people in addressing challenges affecting youths by not only consulting them in policy and program development but involving them across the cycle of policy and program implementation.**

Guests and presenters



Honourable MP Richard Chimwendo Banda

Guest of Honour, the Minister of Youths and Sports in Malawi and the leader of Government Business in the Parliament of Malawi, Honourable MP Richard Chimwendo Banda. Honourable Banda was standing in for His Excellency President Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera – President of the Republic of Malawi.



Berthollet Kaboru

Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe. Gave a technical presentation on the need for intersectionality in SRHR programming.



Honourable Dr David Parirenyatwa

Former Minister of Health and Child Care in Zimbabwe and the President of Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) Honourable Dr David Parerinyatwa.



Zimbabwe's Ambassador to Malawi Dr Nancy Saungweme

Provided technical support to the conference and guidance.



Michael Bizwick Usi

The conference concluded with a Culture Night hosted in the evening and was graced by the then Malawian Minister of Tourism, Culture and Wildlife Honourable Michael Bizwick Usi.

GEAR Alliance Project

GEAR project's primary objective is to ensure inclusive and equitable education systems for girls in rural and farming communities of Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe through the transnational education advocacy of GEAR Alliance members by June 2024. The GEAR project is designed to contribute to the operating component three (3) of the Global Partnership for Education which seeks to create a stronger global and transnational enabling environment for national civil society advocacy and transparency efforts. By design, the GEAR project has a significant representation of indigenous young people of Southern Africa in the core members of the GEAR alliance and this represents a unique opportunity to amplify youth voices in transnational education advocacy by SADC CSOs.

With SAYWHAT as a lead applicant, the alliance partners are Farming Community Education Trust (FACET) – Zimbabwe, National Action for Quality Education in Zambia (NAQEZ) –Zambia, and Girls Advocacy Youth Organization (GAYO) – Malawi.

During the year under review, as a result of NAQEZ's relentless persuasive advocacy strategies and efforts from other partners, the Zambian government yielded to the pressure and purchased school furniture for some schools in the rural areas of Zambia. The furniture included learning desks and chairs. This will have an impact on an increased enrolment rate and pupils' motivation to attend school.

Furthermore, a loan of 1.3 billion USD was approved by the IMF to fund the government of Zambia. This led to the country making investments such as the recruitment of 34,000 teachers thereby reducing the teacher-to-pupil ratios in classes and hence anticipated improvement in student performance and quality of education. Furthermore, the funds enabled the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to be increased from K1.6 million to K25.7 million. Because 5% of the CDF is mandated to sponsor vulnerable children to attend primary, secondary, and vocational schools, this is a positive development in education. The government also passed the Child Code Bill, which protects children from all forms of abuse and is expected to significantly reduce child abuse in the country, particularly among girls and young women, who are the most vulnerable groups.

Secondly, GAYO had the Malawian government making the following commitments in education after attending the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

- **Mandatory schooling up to secondary and ensure 100% completion rate in primary and 100% transition to secondary (At least 12 years of education).**
- **Strengthen foundational skills, resourcing and making the curriculum more relevant, and construct more schools and teachers' houses.**
- **Transform and upgrade the teaching profession to make it a prestigious, trusted, and accountable vocation and strengthen innovative practice.**
- **National scale-up of evidence-based education technologies including for STEM, and enhance equitable access: enabled with energy, connectivity, and digital skills.**
- **Support the New Global Compact on Education financing, increase the tax-to-GDP ratio to 21.4%, and sustain 15 to 20% of the national expenditure and 4 to 6 % of GDP allocation to education.**

Finally, the political environment in Zimbabwe has shifted positively, with remarkable collaboration between CSOs and Parliament (parliamentary Portfolio Committees) and local political leaders (Members of Parliament, Councillors, and Chiefs) noted. This has led to round table discussions with duty bearers and collaborative planning being conducted. FACET, for example, organized a meeting between the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Education and the Ministry of Education to discuss the 2023 budget. This aided because the meetings' discussions were debated and implemented in parliament (the free education declaration by the president in July 2022). However, the implementation of the declaration is yet to be fulfilled.



The Business Development and Partnership Management

The Business Development and Partnership Management unit is a vital component of SAYWHAT, assigned to develop proposals in response to the gaps observed by the organisation during its day to day activities. Proposals encapsulate ideas SAYWHAT intends to execute towards attaining healthy and empowered generations in Africa. In light of this, SAYWHAT uses proposals to reach out to funding partners to secure resources for the implementation of various projects. The BDPM further pursues strategic partnerships with bilateral, multilateral donors and the private sector.

During the year under review, the Business Development and Partnership Management (BDPM) secured four (4) grants from UNICEF, European Commission, Amplify Change, Stop TB Partnership and SAIH. These projects had specific objectives and target areas and groups.

Conclusion

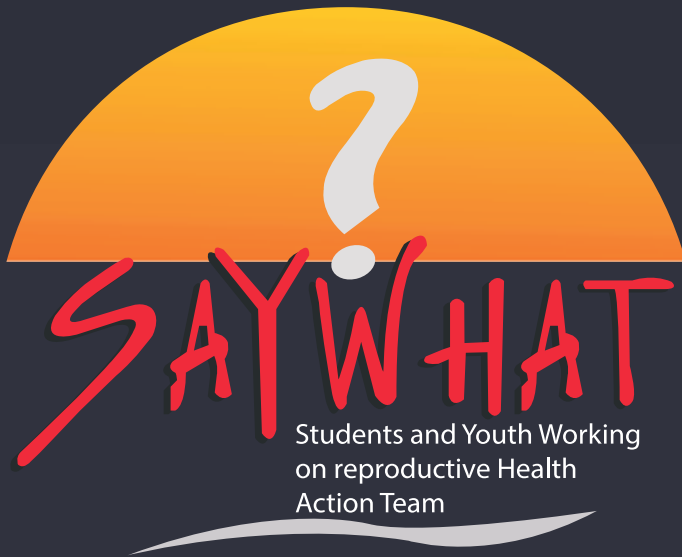
The year 2022 was a very fruitful year for SAYWHAT as a movement. During the year under review, SAYWHAT embarked on programs meant to capacitate college and community cadres to effectively implement programs across different projects. As a youth led organization, SAYWHAT's work continued to be fronted by young people. Various activities were implemented where young people actively participated in a bid to spread the knowledge on SRHR and other cross-cutting issues.

The year 2022 saw traditional competitions being showcased including the Quiz and Debate competitions, the CHASE competition, the CRAFT festival, and the CONDOMIZE! Campaigns. Radio listening clubs were done in different provinces as the hub and spoke model came into effect. The Studio of Choice hosted various shows where young people discussed several health related issues through podcast content creation, legal talk shows, and power talks.

Moreover, Peer Educators, College Healthcare Workers, TB Champions and SRHR Defenders were further capacitated through trainings applicable to their varying responsibilities in responding to the needs of young people. The trainings empowered them to make meaningful contributions towards initiatives where young people should take the lead in their advocacy bid. Students enrolling in institutions of higher education were introduced to SAYWHAT during their orientation programs where they received SRH information, while also being enlightened on college life for them to make informed decisions. They were also introduced to the Resource Centers in their respective tertiary institutions so that they could access services offered by the organisation.

The Centre was highly effective in providing psychosocial support and advice on issues such as unplanned pregnancies, relationships and abuse. Communities in Harare and other SAYWHAT operational provinces made calls to the toll-free number regarding issues varying from child abuse, GBV, and children's education rights among others.

All efforts were made possible with the support of various partners who continue to share the vision of healthy and empowered generations of young people across Africa.



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