

Overview

OneVoice South Africa is a vibrant and unique non-governmental organisation, which uses innovative and creative ways of actively involving young people in HIV and AIDS prevention. Our programme is appealing to young people because it provides them with a platform to discuss and address HIV and AIDS, life skills, sexual reproductive health, gender and human rights issues.

Our target audience is young people, 13-19 years. We believe it is crucial to target these young people seeing as they are in a stage of transition from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, which is both a time of risk and opportunity for change. We are passionate about working with young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, from different geographical areas and from various settings, including in education and in the community for the following reasons:

- most young people become sexually active between 13 and 24;
- most new infections are between 15 and 24, mainly among young women;
- young people's minds are more receptive to creative and inclusive messaging; and
- young people are our future leaders and role models.

Currently we are implementing a Schools Programme with Grade 8 learners in 74 schools, across three provinces, including KwaZulu-Natal (34 schools), Eastern Cape (12 schools) and Western Cape (28 schools).

Vision

A safe and creative environment where young people are part of the collective voice to develop positive lifestyles in the HIV and AIDS response.

Mission

To promote meaningful participation of young people in making informed decisions about health and lifestyle, including sexual reproductive health within our communities.

Core Values

Our work is guided by:

- Integrity
- Openness
- Transparency and accountability
- Dignity, respect and empathy
- Promoting diversity and equity
- Defending human rights

Strategic Approach

OneVoice South Africa aims to achieve its Vision and Mission by:

- Designing and implementing age, gender and culturally appropriate prevention programmes.
- Combining education, information and creative expression to engage young people.
- Building involvement with parents/caregivers, families, peers, communities, schools and workplaces.
- Contributing to knowledge production through programme development, by conducting high quality monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Raising public awareness by disseminating evidence and experience-based information to stakeholders.
- Creating a safe environment for young people's voices to be heard.



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