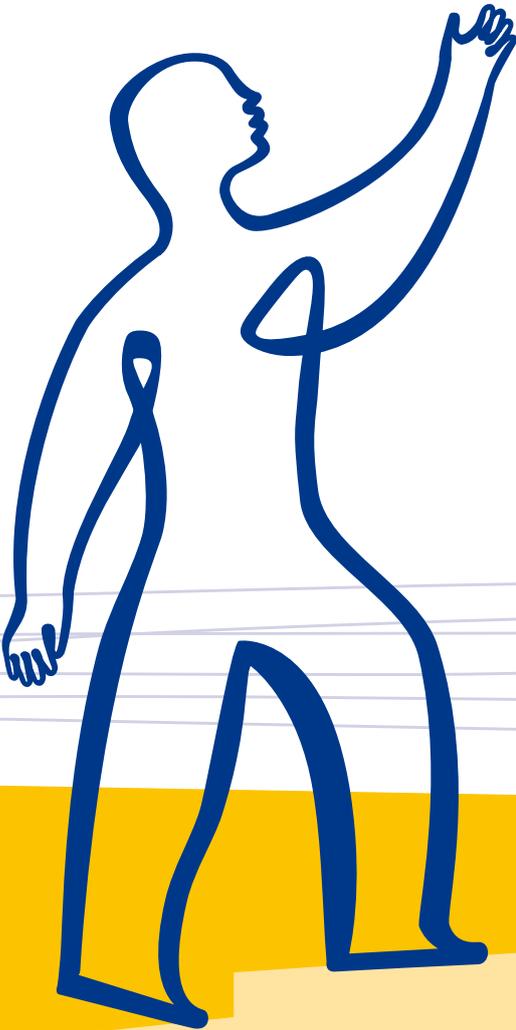




2009 Impact Awards





Once again, the bright lights of STARS have unearthed hidden gems from the fields of health, education and child protection the world over. This year's Impact Award winners showcase the best of local solutions to local challenges: using art to educate, teaching deafblind children, sheltering those vulnerable to trafficking, driving mobile health clinics to remote areas and creating a network of mums to help others in need.

As STARS expands, the skies above 80 nations, from Africa to the Middle East to the Pacific, are illuminated, and our search for new unsung heroes who make a difference to children every day continues.

Thank you STARS; in supporting these inspiring organisations, you are not only helping children in need, but spreading the secrets of their success to others. And as you do so, you light up the lives of our world's most precious citizens.

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah



Foreword

Children are the world's natural visionaries, remarkable in their ability to laugh, play and dream when times are hard, and always ready to seize opportunities to build brighter futures. The vision of the STARS Foundation is for young people facing poverty and insecurity to have such chances for empowerment.

The STARS Impact Awards are committed to helping already effective organisations become even better by enhancing their capacity to deliver vital services on the ground. By supporting these outstanding organisations, and recognising the deep and lasting impact they are having on entire communities, the Awards also inspire others to reach similar standards of excellence, resulting in increasing numbers of vulnerable children being given the chance for a happier, safer life.

STARS is proud to be associated with the six exceptional organisations in Africa and South Asia being recognised with Awards in 2009, and excited at the prospect of building lasting partnerships with them. Learning more about their incredible achievements has also reinforced our resolve to encourage more organisations to follow such examples of effective practice. We are therefore delighted that the Impact Awards will extend their range even further in 2010 by opening up to the Middle East, East Asia and Pacific regions.

The STARS Impact Awards are now realising their objective of generating positive change in communities around the world. Achieving this vision owes much to the unwavering dedication of the many invaluable supporters who have guided this initiative, and to whom we extend our warmest gratitude.

With their help and yours, STARS intends to make an even greater impact strengthening the ability of development organisations to provide children with life-changing opportunities.

Amr A. Al Dabbagh
Founding Chairman

Left:

Children at school in Rabai taking part in SAFE's follow up education day

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Our Approach

"I can't thank you enough for this detailed feedback. We really appreciate that you took the time to help us self-reflect – on both our organisation and our application... We will certainly keep this information in mind as we apply for other grants, and definitely as we work on our STARS application for 2010."

2009 Applicant

"The STARS assessment in choosing the Award recipients is comprehensive and its commitment to organisations receiving the Award is remarkable – this is not a donor organisation, but a true partner."

**Island Hospice, 2007
Health Award recipient**

We have always believed that local organisations are best-placed to respond to their communities and the children in their care. All too often, these organisations are constrained by an over-rigid approach to funding which can limit their effectiveness. By providing unrestricted funding and tailored consultancy support, the STARS Impact Awards offer organisations the flexibility they need to respond to local challenges and plan for the future. This package of support has helped our recipients secure additional funding, expand their services, build new partnerships and raise their profile considerably.

Our Awards application process has been designed to identify organisations that can demonstrate their positive impact on the lives of children and have strong management practices in place to deliver their services. The process offers applicants an opportunity to assess themselves against a range of criteria that reflect the hallmarks of effective practice. Many of our applicants have found this self-assessment very worthwhile.

We have maintained close relationships with all our recipients, offering them ongoing support and helping them to monitor the long term impact of our Award. We have been working with Mkombozi as it has welcomed its new CEO and have been supporting SIDAREC after devastating fires burnt down its library and community radio station. We are also developing a marketing plan with Island Hospice for its 30th anniversary, which it is celebrating this year.

We share what we learn openly and regularly seek the feedback of our stakeholders. As a result of this, we have simplified our application process to reduce the administrative burden on applicants. We also provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications, which many applicants find to be a valuable part of the process in its own right. Our commitment is to continue refining our process to meet the needs of the organisations, and ultimately the children, we are seeking to serve.



Above:
Children dancing, Kamatipura
Centre, Prerana



Above:
Child doing his homework, Jyoti
Street Project, CWS Nepal

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Our Expansion

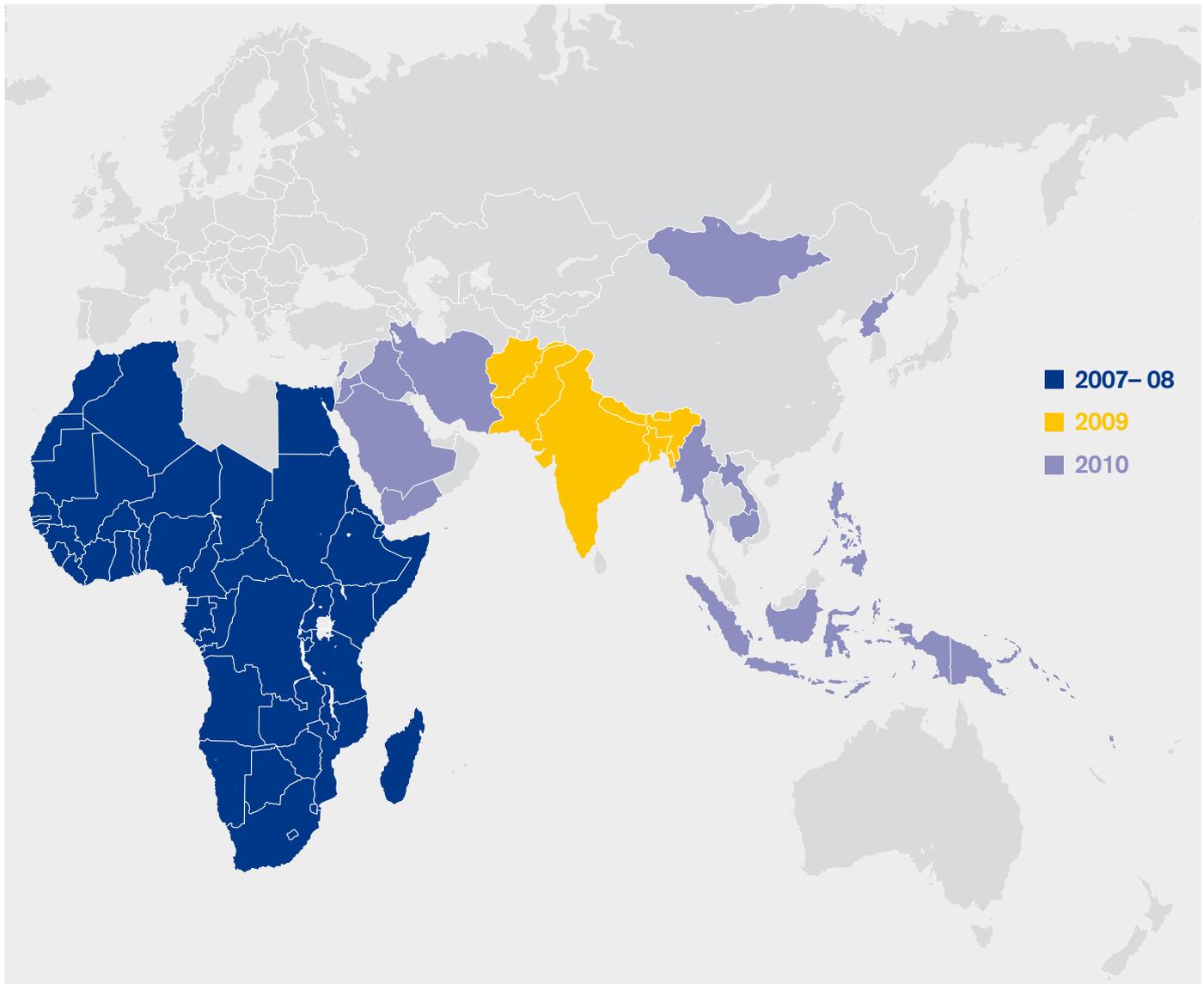
"We are happy to see the STARS Foundation supporting programmes across a greater number of regions in order to build a safer, more equitable world for children."

Aflatoun

The STARS Impact Awards first launched in 2007 in Africa, before expanding into seven countries in South Asia in 2009. A further 24 countries from the Middle East, East Asia and Pacific will be brought on board in 2010. With these new additions, STARS will cover 80 countries in Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia and Pacific.

New countries include:

Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kiribati, Laos, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Yemen.



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Our Aims

“RAPCAN staff are extremely proud of the achievement as the Award is an affirmation of the quality of our work. Staff always make special reference to this Award when we receive visitors. The Award also impresses potential and current funders when they conduct a site visit of our offices.”

RAPCAN, 2007 Protection Award Recipient

“Unrestricted funding is vital for organisations to focus on their core competencies and build stronger programmes. The more the international donor community can work together with grassroots organisations to fund their priorities, the stronger, more empowered and less fragmented the NGO sector will be.”

Dasra

The STARS Impact Awards support organisations achieving excellence in the provision of services to vulnerable children, and encourage the replication of effective approaches and practices.

In 2009, five Impact Awards recognise the outstanding work carried out by local organisations in Africa and South Asia in the fields of health, education and protection. Each Award provides US\$100,000 of unrestricted funding as well as tailored consultancy support. In addition, a smaller Award is being given to recognise the work of an organisation that has demonstrated potential as a ‘Rising Star’. The STARS Foundation is offering US\$10,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support to this Rising Star.

Award recipients are selected against the following criteria:

- Delivery of programmes that positively affect disadvantaged children and an ability to measure and demonstrate impact
- Good governance and accountability to stakeholders
- Effective finance and administration
- Use of technology and ICT to enhance delivery
- Innovation and flexibility
- Networking and collaborating with other organisations
- Development of staff and volunteers
- Inclusion and access

This publication celebrates the six extraordinary organisations which have been selected to receive STARS awards in 2009, and revisits their predecessors to see how the Awards have made a difference to their work.



Above:
Play time at Afrikids Ghana's Next
Generation Home for street children

2009 Africa Impact Award Recipient

Afrikids Ghana

Category: Education

Excellence in: Delivery and Impact; Networking and Collaboration

Website: www.afrikids.org

The challenge

Northern Ghana is one of the poorest areas of the country, with much of the population surviving on subsistence farming. Many migrate south to seek a better life, or turn to dangerous occupations like small-scale artisanal gold mining in order to make a living. As a result, the region's children are some of the most disadvantaged in the country.

The response

Afrikids Ghana, established in 2002, is a grassroots organisation based in Bolgatanga, northern Ghana. Its ambition is to ensure that all children in the region enjoy basic human rights. Afrikids Ghana takes a holistic approach in its communities, offering services such as healthcare, education and access to microfinance. It also tackles the sensitive and complex problems of child trafficking, child labour and child abuse.

Education projects include Operation Sunlight, which rescues children from gold mining and associated activities, resettling them in education or skills training, while raising awareness about the wider problem of child labour. Operation Fresh Start targets children and young people who have either been trafficked or have migrated south, offering them the training they need to have a viable future in their home community. Both projects work closely with children themselves, as well as their parents and community members to meet their needs. This approach exemplifies the key principles informing Afrikids Ghana's work. It is not just about removing children from danger and getting them back into education: creating sustainable change also involves helping their families to care for them in the long term.

Afrikids Ghana has developed a talented and focused team of local experts to deal with children's issues. The organisation has an impressive track record of following up with each child with whom it works. As a result, Afrikids Ghana has an acute awareness of the needs of the people it serves and the impact it is having.

Afrikids Ghana works actively with other organisations, from small local groups to government and NGO partners. Projects are run with the support of local authorities, making them more sustainable for the future. Working with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has given Afrikids Ghana experience of using robust reporting methods. As a result, the ILO now holds the organisation up as an example of best practice in this field.

The results

Afrikids Ghana currently has 21 projects benefiting over 103,453 beneficiaries, 31,746 of whom are children and young people. The organisation has been recognised for excellence in its field; in 2008, it received a national award for Operation Sunlight on the International Child Labour Day hosted by the ILO.



Main photo:

Cultural troop girls dancing at Zuarangu School, built with support from Afrikids Ghana



Small photos from top to bottom:
 1 Modesty, beneficiary of Operation Fresh Start, receiving skills training, Pelungu, Upper East Region

2 Laboratory scientist working at Afrikids Medical Centre, Bolgatanga
 3 Children studying at Zuarangu School, Upper East Region

4 Woman breaking rocks as part of the gold extraction process, Terkwe mining community, Upper East Region

5 Afrikids Ghana Team

2009 Africa Impact Award Recipient

Mums for Mums, Ethiopia

Category: Protection

Excellence in: Innovation and Flexibility; Delivery and Impact

Website: www.mumsformums.com

The challenge

Years of war, drought and famine have left the northern part of Ethiopia vulnerable to extreme poverty. Unable to make a living, many mothers end up on the streets where they turn to begging or prostitution to survive, facing the risk of starvation and HIV/AIDS. This jeopardises the welfare of their children. Mums for Mums, together with other organisations, is working hard to change this reality.

The response

Mums for Mums is based in Mekelle, Tigray Province, and has been working since 2001 to protect children by tackling the root causes of poverty in the region. Through its training centre, Mums for Mums gives young women the skills they need to earn a living, helping to break the cycle of poverty for both themselves and their families. The training covers traditional disciplines like embroidery and tailoring. It also includes innovative programmes to help women improve their families' nutrition as well as increase their income. Examples include the pioneering use of the cactus leaf as an effective alternative food source, and giving loans to enable women to set up small businesses.

Although Mums for Mums' primary focus is pre-emptive intervention, the organisation has responded quickly and effectively to the needs of the local community by running a successful food scheme for orphans and vulnerable children in partnership with the World Food Programme. The organisation has also taken on the management of the Geza Margerita home, providing vital shelter and support for 50 street children.

As a further example of its innovative approach, Mums for Mums provides HIV education training, as well as care and support to people living with HIV through its door-to-door campaign staffed by specially-trained young female volunteers. Many of these young women began as beneficiaries to Mums for Mums programmes. Both the organisation's commitment to tackling issues affecting children in Tigray and its development of innovative approaches to doing so have made Mums for Mums stand out for this year's Impact Award.

The results

At present, Mums for Mums is looking after 2,369 orphans and street children, and helping many young mothers escape the downward spiral of poverty. Close to 100 women benefit from training courses every year, and over 750 have been reached since 2002. As a result of the training they have received, 80% of the women reached by Mums for Mums have found regular employment or have set up small businesses or co-operative work groups, while some have gone on to become trainers themselves. Through the additional income raised, they have been able to support their children and protect them from the risks associated with poverty.



Main photo:

Beneficiary family of Mums for Mums' food distribution programme, Mekelle



Small photos from top to bottom:
 1 Children and staff of Geza Margerita home for street children, run by Mums for Mums

2 Salamoit and Fortuna, beneficiaries of Mums for Mums' food distribution programme, Mekelle
 3 Abdit in skills training

4 Mums for Mums crèche
 5 Zenebech (right), Mums for Mums volunteer, teaching Abeba embroidery skills



Small photos from top to bottom:
1 Staff of SAFE Pwani gathering an audience for theatre performance

2 Schoolgirl receiving a prize for correctly answering questions relating to SAFE's theatre performance

3 Children watching SAFE Pwani's theatre performance of 'Masika'

4 Children from school in Rabai attending SAFE's follow-up educational workshop day

5 SAFE Pwani performing 'Masika'



2009 Africa Rising Star Recipient Sponsored Arts for Education, Kenya

Category: Rising Star

Excellence in: Staff Development; Delivery and Impact

Website: www.sponsoredarts.org

The challenge

UNICEF estimates that 52% of the 18 million children in Kenya never receive any secondary school education, and that the number of AIDS orphans has reached close to one million. The two problems are directly related, as many young children are being forced to take on adult responsibilities when their parents fall ill or die. As a result, they are missing out on vital opportunities to gain knowledge that will help them protect themselves from the risks and dangers of HIV/AIDS.

The response

Sponsored Arts for Education (SAFE) is a dynamic social change organisation that aims to tackle discrimination and ensure that all young people have access to basic health education in the most deprived areas of Kenya. SAFE harnesses the powerful local traditions of theatre and storytelling to communicate about HIV/AIDS through large-scale free street theatre tours, educational workshops and youth-led community events. The organisation believes this is the best way to challenge discrimination and stigma, and encourage people to discuss taboo issues, eventually leading to a change in behaviour.

In partnership with local, national and international organisations, SAFE also provides access to basic medical services. By combining the power of theatre to communicate complex messages with access to mobile health services, the organisation is bringing together the requirements for short and long term behaviour change: knowledge and access to resources.

Although only established in 2006, SAFE is emerging as a strong organisation, with a young and capable team of local staff, that comes from and understands the needs of the communities it serves. Staff members are involved in decision-making at all levels of the organisation, demonstrating SAFE's commitment to adopting a bottom up approach. Staff also benefit from in-depth training, both in performing arts and in skills such as project management, counselling and facilitation. Through expanding the skills of its team, SAFE has been able to deepen its services and activities. This has been key to its growing success.

The results

SAFE may be a young organisation, but it is already producing results. In 2006, an independent impact assessment was conducted by the Ford Foundation, which concluded that SAFE's work is a highly effective way of communicating complex social, emotional and physiological information, and that its work produces a high level of intended and actual behaviour change.

As a Rising Star recipient, SAFE will be receiving US\$10,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support.

Main photo:

Children from Rabai village running to see SAFE Pwani's theatre performance of 'Masika'

2009 Asia Impact Award Recipient Child Welfare Scheme Nepal

Category: Health

Excellence in: Staff Development; Delivery and Impact

Website: www.cwsn.org

The challenge

Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world, with low levels of employment, high child and maternal mortality rates, and poor access to basic healthcare services. Nearly half of the country's children are malnourished or underweight, 42% are involved in child labour and 30% do not attend school.

The response

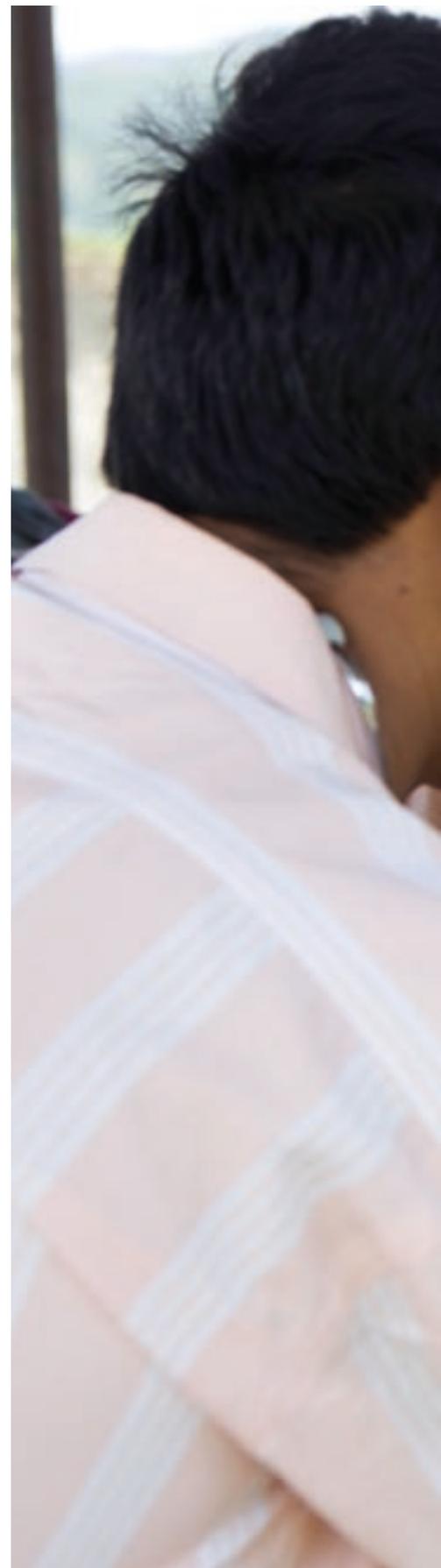
Child Welfare Scheme Nepal (CWSN) is based in Pokhara, Western Nepal, a region of some 85,000 people. Established in 1997, it aims to bring about sustainable positive change for marginalised children and young people living in the city's urban slums and remote villages. In practice, this means CWSN offers long term health and education programmes to people who have no other alternative. The main focus of the organisation's health initiatives is the Asha Clinic, an extensive modern medical centre which has been running since 2000. The clinic offers basic healthcare and medication, alongside education on nutrition, safe motherhood and immunisation. Not only does CWSN offer these much needed services free of charge, but it also adapts its approach to the needs of a largely illiterate population. An example of this is the use of sunrise and sunset symbols to indicate what time of the day medication needs to be taken.

CWSN also runs three mobile health clinics around Pokhara and 14 rural day care health centres in remote villages, each one managed by a committee of local people supported by CWSN staff. As well as its far-reaching health initiatives, CWSN operates education and social opportunities programmes including one for street children and a vocational training centre for marginalised young people.

Since its foundation, CWSN has always encouraged the local community to get involved in the planning, development and evaluation of its programmes. Just recently, CWSN trained local community mothers on safe motherhood issues. Trained volunteers talk to mothers about their child's illness and assist with basic medical procedures. CWSN also invests in the development of its own staff by offering secondments with other NGOs, extensive in-house training and access to the local government Regional Health Training Centre. This gives staff members the opportunity to strengthen their skills, grow and develop within the organisation.

The results

Close to 4,000 children and women attend the Asha and mobile health clinics on a monthly basis. As a result, the organisation is providing essential primary healthcare to those who would otherwise go without. As CWSN grows, it is also sharing its experience with other organisations in the region in order to deliver comprehensive and holistic services to more communities in Western Nepal.



Main photo:

Check-up at a mobile health clinic, Kashi



Small photos from top to bottom:
1 Mr Pahair examining one of the children at a mobile health clinic, Gagan Ganda

2 Children from the Jyoti Street Project, Pokhara

3 Vocational training at Jyoti Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Centre

4 CWSN Team
5 Day and night symbols used for prescriptions, Asha Clinic, Pokhara

2009 Asia Impact Award Recipient

Sense International (India)

Category: Education

Excellence in: Innovation and Flexibility; Delivery and Impact

Website: www.senseintindia.org

The challenge

Deafblindness – a combination of vision and hearing loss – is a unique disability which creates its own challenges in relation to communication, mobility and access to information. Many deafblind children develop additional physical, sensory and learning difficulties. In developing countries, the lack of adequate support services means these challenges are even more acute. In India, it is estimated that there are 450,000 deafblind people, many of them facing a lifetime of isolation and exclusion.

The response

Sense International (India) is the only organisation in the country which is developing services for deafblind and multi-sensory impaired children and adults. Established in 1997, it aims to ensure that all deafblind people have access to education, advice and support, so they can become full and active members of society.

Sense International (India) believes that no deafblind child should have to travel more than a day to get access to appropriate services. This is why its communication, mobility, literacy and vocational skills programmes are either delivered at home, in the community, or in day care centres through local partners. The organisation is flexible enough to adapt to individual and family circumstances, which means each child has a personal education plan. Sense International (India) is also working hard to increase the number of properly qualified teachers. In addition to regular training workshops, it has started a specialist teacher training course on deafblindness, the first of its kind in South Asia. More than 2,000 education professionals have already attended the programme. These teachers go on to act as mentors for community-based rehabilitation workers, who also benefit from the regional learning centres run by the organisation.

Sense International (India) is actively lobbying to have deafblindness included in state disability policies across India. It has worked with the Ministry of Human Resource Development to include the education of deafblind children in an 'Education for All' scheme, and has encouraged the development of advocacy networks of families, teachers and deafblind people across the country.

The results

Sense International (India) is currently working with around 27,000 deafblind people and their families, through a network of 37 partners across 19 states. It aims to have at least one service in each state of India by 2017, which means it will provide quality services to approximately 70,000 deafblind adults and children. The organisation is well on its way to meeting its goal.



Main photo:

Deepak working with Sheetal
at the Ashirwad Trust for
Disabled, Sayla



Small photos from top to bottom:

1 Tanvi making lemon juice with her teacher Jyoti, Deafblind Centre, Ahmedabad

2 Hansa working with her teacher Deepak at her home, Dhanki

3 Sense International (India) Team

4 Rajesh with his mother Veena Ben at their sweet shop, Limbadi

5 Meena at home with her mother Ganga and her sisters, Sunendranagar

2009 Asia Impact Award Recipient Prerana, India

Category: Protection

Excellence in: Networking and Collaboration; Delivery and Impact

Website: www.preranaatc.com

The challenge

The trafficking and sexual exploitation of young women and children have become serious issues in South Asia, and particularly in India where 40% of the three million trafficked people in the country are children. Poverty, illiteracy and a lack of access to education are significant factors related to the problem, making women and young people more likely to be at risk.

The response

Prerana is a pioneering organisation based in Mumbai, which seeks to protect children born to women living in the red light districts and thus vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking. The organisation offers these children comprehensive protection and an opportunity to lead a life full of dignity, self-fulfilment and free from exploitation. Prerana's first night care centre was set up in 1986, in collaboration with the local community. Since then, two more centres have opened. The organisation now provides further services ranging from the immediate protection of vulnerable children to the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those who have been trafficked and rescued. These include shelter, nutrition, health, education programmes, life skills and vocational training.

Prerana is a passionate public advocate for these young people. It works hard to share its know-how and build collaborative networks with other organisations in the same field. It has shared a software programme that helps to track rescued girls and to monitor their recovery and rehabilitation. At a regional and national level, Prerana has set up functional anti-trafficking networks with NGOs from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and various states of India. The organisation's Anti-Trafficking Centre is also an important shared resource, offering training for enforcement officers and others in the public sector.

Prerana has been successful in influencing Indian policy-making at various levels. The organisation was instrumental in persuading the government to integrate a child trafficking policy into the country's 1998 National Plan. Its work has also been acknowledged internationally: Prerana received the International Anti Slavery Award from ECPAT International in 2002, and their founder was nominated by the US government for the position of United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking in 2004.

The results

Prerana's three night care centres are currently providing shelter to approximately 250 children every night. Another 800 children are being supported through educational programmes, shelter homes and a residential training centre for rescued girls. Since 1986, around 5,000 children have benefited from Prerana's work, and over 1,000 have been removed from the red light areas and sent to children's shelters for long term protection, care and development.



Main photo:

Children sleeping, Night Care Centre, Kamatipura Centre



Small photos from top to bottom:

1 Children having lunch,
Kamatipura Centre

2 Rehan's Dancing Feet class,
Falkland Road Centre

3 Ms Sonali holding a class with the
children, Kamatipura Centre

4 Children and their artwork,
Kamatipura Centre

5 Child drawing with dhaal
beans, Vashi Centre



Above: William, Lucy and Ali, Directors of the three 2008 Impact Award recipient organisations, celebrating their achievement in Nairobi, Kenya

One year on...

Our 2008 Recipients

"Our relationship with the STARS Foundation is not going to end at the Awards ceremony. This is the beginning of our partnership."

**SIDAREC,
2008 Education
Award Recipient**



SIDAREC (Kenya)

Many Kenyan children have little or no access to basic education and recreation. This problem is more acute for those between the ages of two and five living in slum areas like Pumwani and Mukuru Kwa Njenga. These are the areas where Slums Information Development and Resource Centres (SIDAREC), our 2008 Education Award recipient, works with vulnerable children, families and communities.

SIDAREC created its Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme in collaboration with local authorities and young people from the district. Most of the STARS Award funding has gone towards the existing ECD centre in Pumwani. Our consultancy support has enabled a specialist from the Innovations Housing Group to help with the design and construction of the ECD centre extension. He is now training local builders in the use of a low-cost block-making technique. STARS has also offered consultancy support for SIDAREC's partnership with the Resource Alliance, which is delivering fundraising training and mentoring support for the rest of the year.

In addition, the STARS Impact Award has helped SIDAREC strengthen its financial position, with part of its funding invested for the future in a sustainability fund.

Disability Action Network (Somaliland)

The political and economic situation in Somaliland has been unstable in the last year, with increased levels of insecurity in the capital Hargeisa. Despite this difficult context, Disability Action Network (DAN), our 2008 Health Award recipient, has continued to work with disabled young people, ensuring that these children have access to healthcare and the therapeutic rehabilitation services that will help them integrate fully into society.

The flexibility of the STARS Award means that DAN has been able to split the funding over three years. To date, DAN has used it to purchase raw materials and equipment, and provide physiotherapy services and orthopaedic appliances to 1,500 children. It has also run a number of parent group workshops and awareness raising events, including the Day of the African Child.

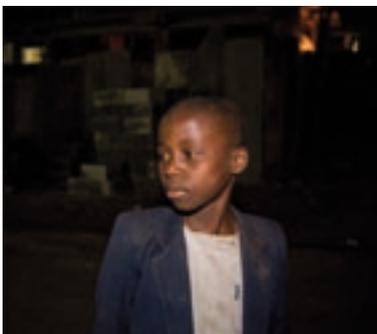
DAN is using the STARS consultancy support to offer its staff updated training in occupational therapy, which is not currently available in Somaliland.

Mkombozi (Tanzania)

Mkombozi, our 2008 Protection Award recipient, was set up in 1997 as a direct response to the needs of Tanzanian street children, and has continued to bring its expertise to meet urgent local needs. Mkombozi offers a holistic programme of protection services, research and campaigning.

Part of the STARS Award funding has been invested in an endowment fund for the Education to Empower programme, which gives 25 young people access to higher education every year.

STARS consultancy support is being used to provide leadership training from the East African Support Unit for NGOs for the Chairperson of Mkombozi's Board and its new Executive Director.



Above, from top:

Children in Pumwani lining up to wash their hands before breakfast (SIDAREC)

Abdulaziz, age 14, has been a patient at DAN for nine years

Amani, age 13, on the streets of Moshi (Mkombozi)

Two years on...

Our 2007 Recipients



Island Hospice (Zimbabwe)

Island Hospice, our 2007 Health recipient, was the first organisation in Africa to provide palliative care and support to people with terminal illnesses, their families and carers, as well as a comprehensive therapeutic service for the bereaved. The organisation is based in Zimbabwe, where economic conditions continue to worsen and HIV/AIDS rates are on the rise.

The STARS Impact Award has allowed Island Hospice to reach out directly to many more marginalised children by expanding its work into three new paediatric clinics and offering counselling to over 400 new children.

In the last year, we have supported Island Hospice in securing a permanent place on GlobalGiving, which provides an online platform for fundraising globally from individual donors.



Students Partnership Worldwide Tanzania

Students Partnership Worldwide (SPW) Tanzania, our 2007 Education recipient, works with young Tanzanians on issues relating to sexual reproductive health. The organisation is now widely recognised as an authority in its field in Tanzania, and an expert in the use of young peer educators to convey health education messages. 97,000 young people have benefited from this work already.

The STARS Impact Award has allowed SPW Tanzania to extend and consolidate its already well-established activities, reaching 20,000 additional people with sexual reproductive health training through increased numbers of volunteer peer educators. The Award has also enabled SPW Tanzania to secure new strategic partners and additional funding, which in turn is enabling its expansion into new regions.



Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (South Africa)

Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RAPCAN), our 2007 Protection recipient, works throughout South Africa and the region to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote children's rights.

RAPCAN's Award funding has been invested in core infrastructure to support the organisation's delivery of services and in the creation of a long term reserve fund. The financial stability this has provided has been particularly critical in the current economic environment and has helped the organisation to continue to provide its services to children free of charge.

The tailored consultancy support offered by STARS has also enabled RAPCAN to strengthen its internal policies and procedures, as well as explore new methods of engaging donors.

"We have noted an impact in terms of attracting potential partners as a result of the Award... We have used the Award in all our strategic and publicity documents and presentations, this has given us a high level of credibility."

**SPW Tanzania, 2007
Education Award Recipient**

Above, from top:

Hazel, age seven, at an Island Hospice paediatric clinic in Mufakose

Children from Ikuna village primary school at a sex education class led by SPW Tanzania

Gino, age three, carrying a RAPCAN healing card



Above:
2007 Award recipients with STARS
Trustees, London



Above:
Tadour (meaning 'Chance') and Huat
(meaning 'Life') – children of one of
Mums for Mums' bed-ridden patients

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Getting involved with STARS

"The entire team joins me in expressing our gratitude to the STARS Foundation for this Award. This is indeed a big honour and achievement for us and would go a long way in bringing meaning to the lives of deafblind children in India".

**Sense International
(India), 2009 Education
Award recipient**

As the stories of our Impact Awards recipients show, the STARS Foundation's mix of unrestricted funding and tailored consultancy support is enabling organisations to think more strategically and tackle the challenges they face with more creativity and independence. There is, however, much more we must do.

Similar challenges confront many organisations working with children; examples include a shortage of technical skills, insufficient resources to allow organisations to measure the impact of their work on children's lives, and a lack of sustainable funding free from restrictive conditions.

If we are to help create a world more responsive to the needs of vulnerable children, we must find ways to give more practical assistance to the organisations serving them. Our distinctive approach offers our Award recipients the opportunity to use our support where it is most needed. STARS is now inviting like-minded individuals and organisations to partner with us in building on the work that we have started.

We must strive to make more Impact Awards available, to promote more broadly the inspiring examples of effective practice that the Awards uncover, and to create more pragmatic ways of supporting organisations that improve the lives of children. By working together we can multiply our impact and persuade others that a different approach to philanthropy is possible.

STARS wants to hear from you if you are excited by our philosophy and want to join us in creating a brighter future for children. We look forward to working with you.

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Thank you

STARS is deeply indebted to all its partners and supporters.

In particular STARS would like to thank the members of its 2009 Independent Awards Panels for Africa and South Asia – Sulemana Abudulai, Rachael Barber, Shaun Collins, Sarah Cornaby, Susan Elizabeth, Helen Gallagher, Sue Gilbert, Stephen Jacques, Nikhil Roy and Joan Watson – for volunteering their time and expertise so generously.

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As we continue to grow, we look forward to building new partnerships with those who share our aim of bringing hope to the world's brightest and most important stars – its children.



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