



## **Empowering Women in Sex Work – The Women of Dignity Alliance, Accra, Ghana**



### **Report to the Mercury Phoenix Trust Sept 2022**

**Project period January to July 2022**

## Progress against outcomes:

*Outcome One: Women in sex work are confident to use and access SRH services and assert their SRH rights*

**Output 1.1, 60 women in sex work take part in 60 participatory health and well-being workshops to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills to improve their sexual and reproductive health (2021 – 22: 30 women; 2022 -2023: 30 women):**

30 women attended 28 workshops in 2022.

**Output 1.2, 60 female sex workers HIV & STI quarterly tested and health checked (2021: 30 women; 2022: 60 women; 2023: 30 women):**

So far this year 50 women have tested - 30 new participants have tested and 20 former WODA participants from year 1. 10 participants from year 1 have moved away from Accra. We expected more to test over the course of this year. We have referred 8 women for external health services, 3 x HIV treatment and 5 for additional family planning needs.

*Outcome Two: Power holders demonstrate support for safety and SRH rights of women in sex work*

**Output 2.1: 50 members of police / health care / community chiefs participate in 20 workshops to improve the rights of women in sex work (2021: 20 members; 2022: 20 members; 2023: 10 members):**

28 targeted stakeholders attended workshops, (10 police, 2 health care providers, 10 community leaders and 6 media houses).

**Output 2.2: 36 women in sex work perform in 36 interactive performances that advocate for their rights (2021: 12 women; 2022: 12 women; 2023: 12 women)**

So far this year, 10 women have performed in 6 interactive performances. More performances are planned.

**Output 2.3: 25 members of police / health care / community chiefs attended interactive performances and made public statements of support for the rights of WISW (2021: 10 statements; 2022: 10 statements; 2023: 5 statements):**

24 stakeholders made public statements of support for the rights of WISW.

**Output 2.4: 60 female sex workers took part in 30 participatory workshops on gender-based violence and reporting abuse (2021: 30; 2022: 30):**

30 women took part in 6 participatory workshops on gender-based violence and reporting abuse to the police.



***Interactive Theatre Performance***

*Outcome Three: Women in sex work have increased skills, business knowledge and start-up capital, and they generate alternative income*

***Output 3.1: 3 training and business development partnerships developed to provide financial and economic opportunities for female sex workers (2021: 2; 2022: 3; 2023: 3):***

This activity has been replaced this year by the launch of WODA Cares, see more information below.

***Output 3.3 30 women complete a vocational/business start-up training or apprenticeship programme (2022: 15; 2023: 15)***

10 women are currently taking part in the apprenticeship programme, with more set to join later in the year.

*Outcome Four: The WODA Network has increased capacity to manage behaviour change and advocacy projects*

***Output 4.1: 11 WODA staff/facilitators take part in capacity training (TfaC methodology, project management and advocacy campaigning) (2021:11 members; 2022: 3 staff; 2023: 3 staff):***

16 WODA members increased their capacity through training in TfaC's project management and advocacy, including working with the media.

***Output 4.2: 16 WODA staff / facilitators take part in 12 facilitation workshops to enable them to facilitate TfaC workshops (2021: 4 workshops facilitated; 2022: 4 workshops facilitated; 2023: 4 workshops facilitated):***

16 staff/facilitators were trained and supported during 8 workshops and meetings. WODA have decided that shorter and more frequent workshops/meetings enable better support and development for facilitators that longer and less frequent ones.

