

# Stepping Stones International

## Mochudi, Botswana



**Stepping Stones International empowers children and youth, enabling them to become leaders and achieve their dreams**

Using a holistic approach, SSI delivers tailored programming that equips children and youth aged 12-

25 with skills to be self-sufficient, make informed decisions, and become productive members of society, disrupting cycles of poverty and intergenerational abuse. In addition to its key programmes of after-school tutoring and life skills training, it offers these:

**LEADERSHIP.** Find the Leader Within is a 6-month leadership program that helps graduates age 18–25 years old find employment, start their own business or return to school. Participants learn: Leadership Skills, Career Skills, Business & Financial Literacy, Healthy Lifestyles, Computer Training and finish with 3-6 week job-shadowing

**PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT.** Our participants have already overcome seemingly insurmountable barriers before even coming to SSI. We honour their journey and seek to awaken the strength and resolve already within them. We teach coping skills to heal from past wounds, find positive outlets for feelings, build self-worth, and reduce high-risk behaviour. We host a Young Mothers support group, teaching mothers up to age 24 positive parenting skills, family planning & contraception, and career skills to provide for their little ones.

**DREAMS.** The DREAMS program reduces HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women aged 9-24 by ensuring they are Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored and Safe. Services include Child Protection, Sexual Education, HIV & Gender-Based Violence [GBV] prevention, Social Asset Building, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation.



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