

Annual Report 2020



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Letter from Tommy Clark

Dear Friends,

To say that 2020 was a year unlike any other still feels like an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects throughout the entire world, including in the communities in which Grassroot Soccer (GRS) and our partners work.

In Africa, even before the onset of the pandemic, the largest generation of young people in the world were facing the greatest health challenges. In 2020, the pandemic only added more obstacles to their paths to healthier lives: reduced access to critical health services, interruptions to HIV testing and treatment, an increase in gender-based violence, and rising mental health challenges.

COVID-19: Tackling a New Opponent

This dramatically changed context only accelerated the urgent need for GRS's work. And while the pandemic posed significant challenges for our programming in 2020, GRS didn't close up shop and wait for better days to reemerge. Instead, we quickly took action to meet that need — listening, adapting, and innovating to continue providing adolescents with life-saving health information, services, and support during a critical stage in their lives.

I'm extremely proud of the creative, locally led solutions that our teams developed in 2020 to meet the unique contexts and needs of different

communities. From soccer-themed SKILLZ Magazines with critical health information in Zimbabwe and Nigeria, to interactive virtual WhatsApp programs in Zambia, to the rapid creation of a "Call a Coach" call center in South Africa, we seized opportunities for greater impact as the pandemic highlighted the effectiveness and adaptability of the GRS model.

We've long known that GRS Coaches are literal lifelines and stabilizing forces in their communities, so in 2020 we also piloted new ways to expand a Coach's role in linking youth to crucial services. In Zimbabwe and Zambia, for example, Coaches were trained as Youth Health Assistants and certified as essential workers so they could continue reaching young people, even during lockdowns. Through all these efforts, we come away from 2020 stronger, with key lessons learned that are helping us scale what works.

The Power of Partnerships

The pandemic also reaffirmed our commitment to working in partnership, and our firm belief that we can achieve more when we work together remains unchanged. In 2020, GRS partnered with more than 119 organizations across the globe to provide expertise in engaging youth in their communities around tough topics related to their health. In doing so, our programs reached dramatically more young people than we could have alone.



Thank You

With unprecedented challenges came unprecedented support. GRS could not have had the impact we had in 2020 without our donors and partners who stood with us to make sure young people in Africa weren't left out, left behind, or left isolated.

I invite you to read more about GRS's work and impact in 2020 in this Annual Report.

And while we enter 2021 filled with hope, we also know that significant challenges lie ahead. Together, we remain steadfast in our commitment to helping young people live healthier, more productive lives.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TSC".

Thomas S. Clark, MD
CEO & Founder

Notes from GRS Local Affiliates

2020 was an eventful year, to say the least. I could define it as the year of evolution towards stronger innovation in difficult times. True for many other entities across the globe, COVID-19 affected every aspect of GRS Zambia, from our staff to our activities to our beneficiaries.

Despite the challenges the year 2020 came with, GRS Zambia managed to wade through these challenges and remained available to the youth and communities we serve, continuing in our resolve towards supporting Zambia's attainment of improved health outcomes for adolescents and young people, in line with Zambia's Health Strategic Plans. We developed phone-based small group SKILLZ programming to continue reaching youth ("5-a-side", as a nod to a soccer match with five players), and worked with the Ministry of Health to ensure our community-based support clubs for youth living with HIV could continue throughout the pandemic.



Boyd Mkandawire
Managing Director,
GRS Zambia



Bhekimpilo Moyo
Managing Director,
GRS Zimbabwe

In spite of the negative impacts of the pandemic, 2020 was a year where the GRS Zimbabwe team exhibited their resilience and ability to adapt in difficult circumstances. The team used the challenges to innovate and come up with programs and products that responded to the restrictions and effects of the pandemic.

For instance, in order to ensure young people had continued access to critical health services throughout the pandemic, we partnered with the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council (ZNFPC) to train GRS Coaches to serve as Youth Reproductive Health Assistants (YRHAs). Stationed within their communities, these YRHAs delivered comprehensive, youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information to adolescents. The GRS team realized the potential for YRHAs to address service gaps exacerbated by COVID-19, and scaled the program to connect over 6,700 participants to family planning services in 2020.

As we are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great impact on all of our lives. GRS South Africa has taken major steps at both an institutional and impact level to ensure the health of our adolescents and beneficiaries.

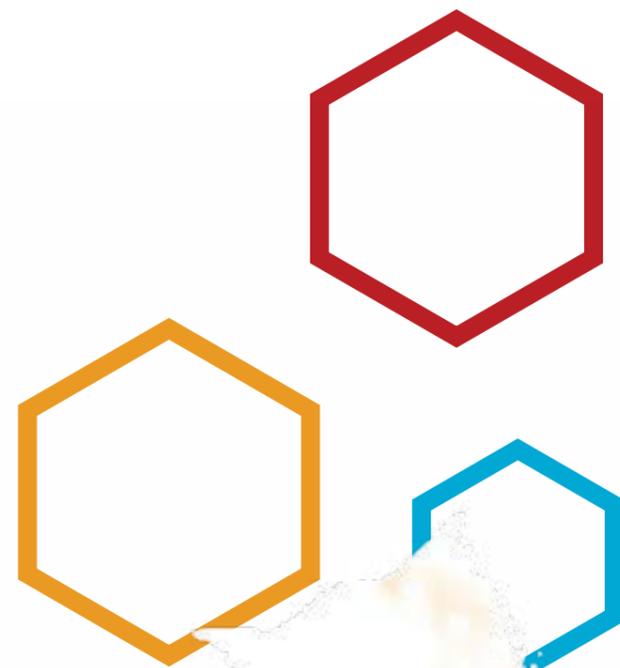
We remain resolute in our endeavor to build the health and life skills assets for youth, facilitating access to a wide range of youth-friendly health and social services, and promoting adherence to long-term healthy behaviors. In this regard, GRS South Africa has developed innovative programs and operational adaptations to reach its beneficiaries during this period. These include the uptake of technological advances and virtual platforms, as well as integrating these approaches with the relevant access, health, and psychosocial partners.



Mbulelo Malotana
Managing Director,
GRS South Africa

Our Mission

Grassroot Soccer (GRS) is an adolescent health organization that leverages the power of soccer to educate, inspire, and mobilize youth in developing countries to overcome their greatest health challenges, live healthier, more productive lives, and be agents for change in their communities.



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Curriculum

SKILLZ soccer-based health curriculum



Coaches

Caring adults and mentors



Culture

Vital conversation, safe spaces, inspiration, and fun

OUR MODEL

OUR IMPACT

3A's



Assets

Increased health knowledge and the confidence to use it



Access

Increased uptake of high-quality health services



Adherence

Adherence to medical treatment, therapy, and healthy behaviors



The Challenge

Even before the onset of COVID-19, young people in Africa were already facing the highest burden of health challenges. Africa is the

only place globally where adolescent mortality has increased over the past three decades. HIV/AIDS continues to be a leading cause of death among adolescents in the region and is a particularly acute challenge for girls – despite accounting for just 10% of the population, girls make up 80% of all new HIV infections (Avert). On top of this, almost half of adolescent girls in Africa have been pregnant before their 18th birthday and over 30% of girls are victims of sexual and gender-based violence (likely much higher due to lack of reporting) (Avert). There is clear evidence that an unintended pregnancy puts girls at greater risk of HIV infection and pregnancy-related complications, the leading cause of death globally for adolescent girls 15-19, and makes it harder for them to finish school (WHO).

It was into this context that the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in 2020. As the virus spread throughout the continent, school closures and lockdowns significantly altered life in the communities where Grassroot Soccer works.

The knock-on effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are having an outsized impact on adolescents in Africa. In addition to the direct health risks of COVID-19, challenges include:



Increase in gender-based violence

Within the first week of a nationwide lockdown, South African Police Services saw a 37% increase in reports of gender-based violence. (UN Women)



Rising stress, depression, and mental health challenges

Mental health services have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 93% of countries, with a majority (72%) indicating disruptions specifically for adolescents. (WHO)



Disruptions to education

School closures impacted approximately 250 million students in sub-Saharan Africa (adding to the already 100 million out-of-school children prior to the pandemic), disrupting or completely stopping learning – and putting more than 120 million girls at high risk of not returning after the pandemic. (UNICEF)



Reduced access to crucial health services, including family planning

A 12% decline in modern contraceptive use among girls 15-19 led to an estimated 734,000 unintended pregnancies across low-to-middle-income countries in 2020. (Guttmacher)



Interruptions in HIV testing and treatment

A six-month interruption of HIV treatment supply for people living with HIV could lead to more than 500,000 HIV-related deaths in sub-Saharan Africa. (UNAIDS and WHO)



2020 Impact and Reach

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, Grassroot Soccer innovated and adapted – impacting millions of young people with life-saving health information, services, and support.

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Reached nearly **150,000** youth through SKILLZ programs

Launched SKILLZ COVID-19 Response curriculum — downloaded **800+** times across **35** countries in **8** languages

Distributed **24,100+** SKILLZ Magazines reaching **120,600+** adolescents, families, and caregivers with critical health knowledge in Zimbabwe and Nigeria

Delivered SKILLZ messaging on radio and TV to **26 million +** people in Nigeria and Mozambique

26M+

people reached with critical health information, services, and support in 2020

Improved boys' knowledge of positive gender norms by **43%** through the adapted "5-a-side" cell phone-based SKILLZ Boy program in Zambia

Increased adolescents' overall SRHR, gender norms, and life skills knowledge in Zimbabwe by **21%** after interactive SKILLZ Magazine distribution

Launched **pilot to integrate mental health** into SKILLZ Plus programming for youth living with HIV in Zambia

Improved contraceptive usage among adolescent girls in GRS Zimbabwe programs by **250%** with the launch of Coaches trained as Youth Health Assistants

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To be frank, I only came here at the Football for Hope Centre to play soccer, but then I got to do the SKILLZ sessions, which I realized that they teach me important things in life. Most of my peers are addicted to something — it might be cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs, but with me it's different. I was fortunate to attend Grassroot Soccer sessions at the Football for Hope Centre because they help me make better choices about my health and life.

Kgosi Modise
GRS Participant, South Africa

Tackling a New Opponent

COVID-19

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the world, Grassroot Soccer focused on adapting its methodology and impact model to provide life-saving COVID-19 information and sustained sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) support for young people and their communities. Throughout the year, GRS quickly responded to

the evolving needs of adolescents through listening, innovation, and collaboration. None of this could have been achieved without GRS Coaches, who are critical stabilizing forces in their communities, along with GRS staff, partners, and funders who collectively jumped into action to make a difference.

Reaching Adolescents in a Remote World

GRS established remote SKILLZ guidelines to help GRS Coaches and facilitators deliver modified interventions through virtual and other socially distanced platforms. From the onset of the pandemic, the flexibility and support of long-time funders including — the ExxonMobil Foundation, Vitol Foundation and the Risk Pool Fund, MAC VIVA Glam Foundation, and Nike — was instrumental to GRS's ability to continue its critical work during unprecedented times.



Creating an Open-Source COVID-19 Curriculum

In April 2020, GRS moved quickly to develop a play-based SKILLZ COVID-19 RESPONSE curriculum to help youth, families, and communities build resilience in the face of the pandemic's challenges. Based on WHO guidelines, the curriculum includes activities on topics like hand washing, debunking myths about COVID-19, and mindfulness. To make this urgent resource widely accessible, GRS made the curriculum free to download. Partners have found this incredibly useful — downloading the curriculum (which has been translated into eight languages) over 800 times across 35 countries..



Playing "5-a-Side"

GRS Zambia debuted a cell phone-based version of SKILLZ Boy to reach adolescent boys during the COVID-19 pandemic. "5-a-Side" — named as a nod to a smaller soccer match — consists of five participants and a GRS Coach discussing important information about COVID-19 prevention, SRHR, and mental well-being. This unique approach created a safe space for adolescent boys to connect with a GRS Coach at a time when personal connections matter more than ever, and has been scaled across GRS programs in Zambia.

Maximizing Impact Through Magazines

With changing restrictions around in-person gatherings, GRS scaled its SKILLZ Magazines to make its life-saving health curricula more accessible than ever. SKILLZ Magazines are fun, interactive versions of GRS's in-person SKILLZ curriculum that use soccer metaphors to communicate comprehensive health information on topics like SRHR, HIV, and COVID-19. In 2020, GRS Zimbabwe and partner organization Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (YEDI) in Nigeria engaged nearly 40,000 young people through SKILLZ Magazines.



GRS Coaches as Essential Health Workers

When COVID-19 made it even more difficult for adolescents to access family planning and other health services, GRS Coaches trained as Youth Health Assistants were a vital lifeline between young people and clinics. Originally deployed as part of GRS's flagship Total Health project,



Youth Health Assistants were classified as essential health workers by some governments in 2020. GRS partnered with the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council to train Youth Health Assistants who could provide youth with SRHR information, counseling on contraceptive options, short-term contraception and other health products, and referrals for long-acting reversible contraception and other clinic-based services. In Zambia, GRS worked with the Ministry of Health to train Coaches as Youth Health Assistants for rollout in 2021.



Answering the Call

GRS South Africa established new outbound call centers in Khayelitsha and Alexandra to continue reaching adolescents in GRS programs despite the pause of in-person learning. Through these call centers, GRS Coaches lead group calls with 10 participants in which they implement SKILLZ curricula, facilitate access and adherence to available services, and maintain meaningful relationships.



Developing Digital SKILLZ

To keep youth engaged and supported during an isolating time, GRS worked with Viamo, a digital technology platform, to design a mobile game that allows young people to continue accessing targeted health content in a



fun format. The game is accessible for free, from any type of mobile device, across Mozambique and Nigeria. GRS also worked with Viamo to pilot a WhatsApp "Chatbot" to share critical COVID-19 messaging in South Africa and Nigeria.

Program Highlights

Reaching the Most Vulnerable

Grassroot Soccer helped some of the most vulnerable young people overcome their greatest health challenges through SKILLZ programs, including:

Zambia

Strong Bodies, Strong Minds

GRS launched a three-year project to integrate community-based mental health support into its SKILLZ Plus programming for youth living with HIV in Zambia, in partnership with StrongMinds Zambia and with support from Comic Relief. To address the link between mental health and treatment adherence, GRS Coaches are being trained to engage with

youth living with HIV through Interpersonal Group Therapy (IPT-G), which holistically treats depression. As the COVID-19 pandemic compounded challenges with HIV treatment adherence, GRS worked with the Zambian Ministry of Health to expand its community-based SKILLZ Plus model in Eastern and Lusaka Provinces, with support from the Bohemian Foundation.

Zimbabwe

DREAMing of a Healthier Future for Girls

Through 2020, GRS has empowered nearly 45,000 girls in Zimbabwe through PEPFAR/USAID's flagship DREAMS program, which addresses factors that make girls vulnerable to HIV. Now working with FHI360, GRS is building girls' knowledge and life skills for preventing HIV and gender-based violence (GBV) and linking them to health and social services.

South Africa

Empowering Orphans and Vulnerable Children with Life Skills

In 2020, GRS, in partnership with mothers2mothers, provided 17,700 of the most vulnerable young people in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa with key information on HIV and GBV prevention as part of the five-year USAID Children and Adolescents are My Priority (CHAMP) Project.



Increasing Access to Youth-friendly Services

GRS promoted youth-friendly services to ensure that young people have the proper care and guidance they need to navigate the health system, including:

Nigeria

Improving Adolescent Health in Nigeria's Largest Cities

GRS, along with Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI), Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (YEDI), and other local partners, launched USAID's flagship family-planning initiative in Nigeria: the Youth-Powered Ecosystem to Advance Urban

Adolescent Health (YPE4AH) project. As the expert on engaging adolescents, GRS is innovating, testing, and scaling approaches to improve youth-friendly SRHR services to 2 million vulnerable, out-of-school adolescents across Nigeria's two largest cities.

Malawi

Strengthening Gender-Based Violence Prevention

GRS and Partners in Health Malawi (known locally as Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo) launched Clinical SKILLZ, which supports health service providers to deliver stigma-free, youth-friendly services as part of Global Affairs Canada's five-year No Woman or Girl Left Behind project. GRS is also empowering very young adolescents with SRHR knowledge and increased awareness on their rights to access health services and report gender-based violence (GBV).

With technical assistance from GRS, 30,000-40,000 young people across eight of Malawi's high-HIV burden districts will be reached through USAID's flagship Ana Patsogolo Activity (APA), launched in 2020 in partnership with The Bantwana Initiative of World Education Inc. GRS is providing expertise to strengthen HIV prevention and GBV post-violence care services for vulnerable youth, working with clinical partners and health facilities, as well as SKILLZ curriculum.

Scotland

Fostering Healthy MINDSETS

In Aberdeen, Scotland, GRS has continued its partnership with Aberdeen FC Community Trust (AFCCT) to roll out MINDSET, a program that engages and empowers young people to develop knowledge and skills that promote mental well-being. In the MINDSET program, Coaches encourage participants to talk openly about their mental well-being and help them develop ways to regulate their emotions and strengthen their interpersonal skills.



The Power of Partnerships

Navigating the challenges of 2020 would not have been possible without Grassroot Soccer's dedicated network of partners.

Together we found innovative and flexible solutions to ensure that young people continued to have access to life-saving information, mentors, and support structures, highlighting our commitment to working in partnership as a positive multiplier. Throughout 2020, GRS collaborated with 119 partners across 21 countries, showing that the power of partnerships is stronger than ever.



Partner Spotlight

Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (YEDI), Nigeria

2021 will mark 10 years of partnership for GRS and Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (YEDI) — a local adolescent health organization based in Nigeria. Together, YEDI and GRS have equipped over 256,000 young people since 2010 with knowledge, confidence, and services to lead healthy lives. In 2020, YEDI and GRS rapidly adapted to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic to continue reaching young people. YEDI Coaches utilized radio, TV talks, WhatsApp, social media platforms, interactive SKILLZ Magazines, and webinars to engage youth in dialogue around sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), HIV prevention, and malaria. GRS and YEDI also signed on to an exciting new USAID partnership to engage adolescents around their own family planning, as we continue to scale our delivery of SRHR education and services for young people living in Nigeria.

Maximizing Impact: Global COVID-19 Curriculum Adaptations

Across the world, our partners have taken GRS's open-source SKILLZ COVID-19 RESPONSE Curriculum back to their communities and made it their own. Here are some examples:

Local Government Partners

GRS was invited to present our SKILLZ COVID-19 curriculum to Mozambique's National Working Group for COVID-19 Communication.

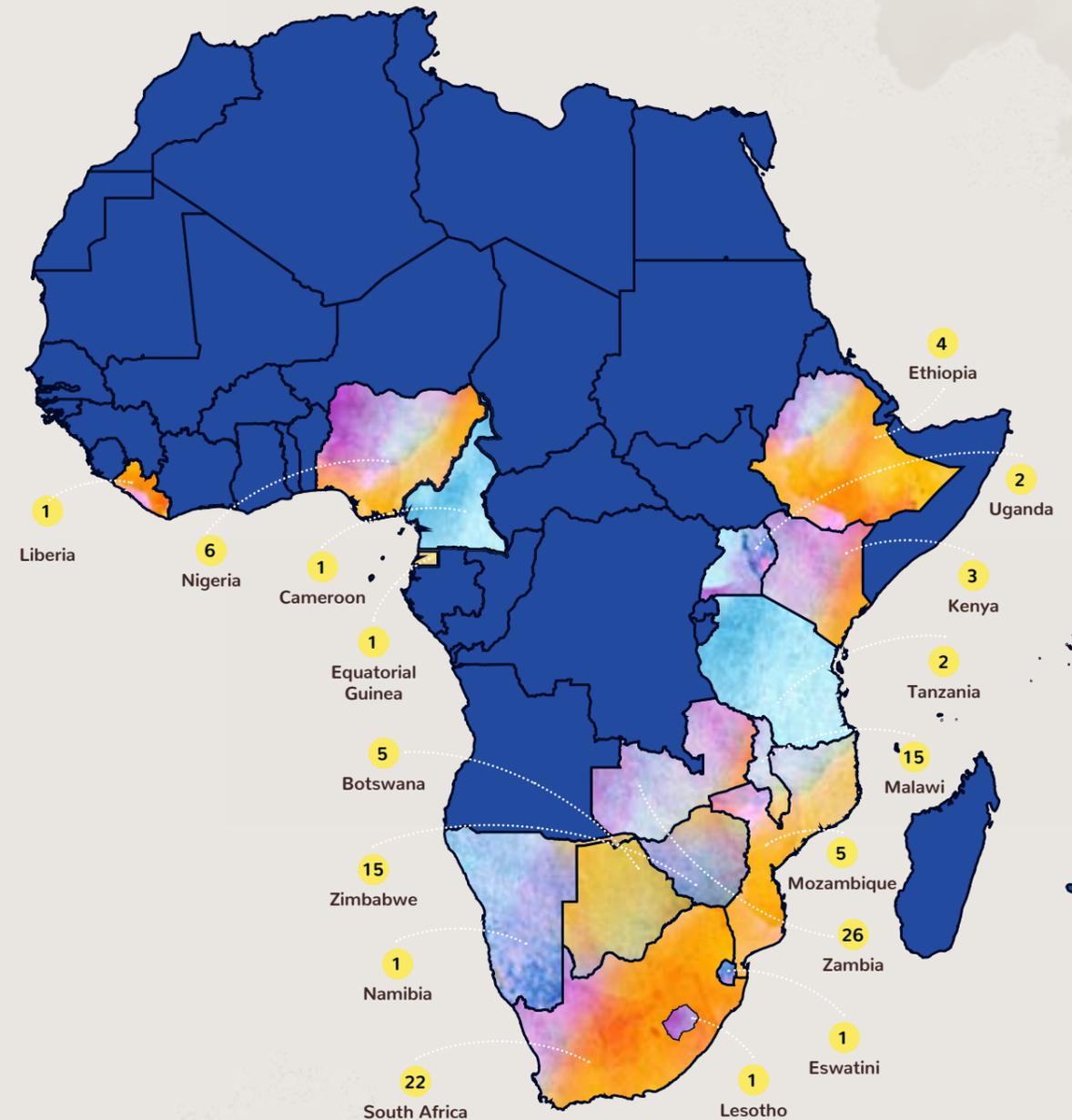
International Partners

When Peace Corps Volunteers were recalled due to the pandemic, Peace Corps Malawi and Lesotho staff members took it upon themselves to deliver GRS's SKILLZ COVID-19 curriculum to local youth groups.

Community-Based Partners

Girl Child Rights worked with GRS to curate short videos of the SKILLZ COVID-19 practices to share with their partners and implement innovative sport-based health interventions in communities across Mozambique.

This map shows the countries where GRS collaborated with partners for impact in 2020. Numbers indicate how many partners in each country.



In addition to the African countries on the map, in 2020 GRS worked with partners in:

Dominican Republic	1	Scotland	1
Papua New Guinea	5	United States	1

Research Highlights

Research is weaved throughout the Grassroot Soccer approach – from integrating the latest evidence into our work to managing rigorous evaluations to conducting rapid impact assessments of program data, we aim to contribute to the global knowledge base in adolescent health and have the most impact possible. In 2020, GRS had six formal evaluations ongoing (including two randomized-controlled trials) in four countries. Some key new research initiatives launched in 2020 include:

Zambia

Reaching 90-90-90 in Adolescents: Using All Our SKILLZ

UNAIDS launched the 90-90-90 goals to end the HIV epidemic – 90% of all people living with HIV will know their status, 90% of all people diagnosed with HIV will receive treatment, and 90% of those on treatment will be virally suppressed. Working toward this goal, GRS is equipping adolescents in Zambia with key HIV-prevention knowledge and life skills. With funding from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), GRS and research partners Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), University of Alabama Birmingham, and University of California San Francisco (UCSF) are evaluating the impact of GRS's SKILLZ Girl curriculum through a two-year randomized controlled trial that will look at participants' contraceptive and HIV testing uptake, adherence to HIV treatment, and viral load suppression (a key adherence indicator).

Zambia

Strong Bodies, Strong Minds Evaluation

When youth living with HIV are on antiretroviral treatment and virally suppressed, they will live longer, healthier lives and be much less likely to transmit the infection to others. Adherence to treatment is a critical challenge for young people, and is even more so for HIV-positive youth who are depressed. To see if we can improve adherence by finding and treating depression, GRS is partnering with StrongMinds Zambia, with funding from Comic Relief, to integrate Interpersonal Group Psychotherapy (IPT-G) (a WHO-approved therapy for depression) with our SKILLZ Plus curriculum and support club for youth living with HIV. Utilizing mental health screening (via the PHQ-9 tool) and self-reported adherence data, we are conducting a three-year mixed methods evaluation to assess the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of an integrated sexual and reproductive health (SRHR), treatment adherence, and mental health support model for youth living with HIV in Zambia.

Malawi

No Woman or Girl Left Behind

Adolescent girls in Malawi are facing a lack of adolescent-friendly SRHR services, driving poor health outcomes and compounding high rates of gender-based violence (GBV). To combat this, GRS joined the Global Affairs Canada-funded No Woman or Girl Left Behind project, working with Partners in Health Malawi (known locally as Abwenzi Pa Za Umoyo), focusing on community engagement around SRHR and GBV, capacity building in health facilities to improve youth-friendly health services, and implementation of a community-based SKILLZ intervention in Malawi. In 2020, GRS and Partners in Health began planning a mixed-methods evaluation assessing the impact of different SKILLZ intervention models on adolescents' GBV and SRHR knowledge, attitudes, and practices in Malawi.

Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 Adaptations

In 2020, GRS made adaptations across SKILLZ programs to continue reaching adolescents despite COVID-19 restrictions. GRS conducted several rapid impact assessments to evaluate the extent to which these adapted programs are having impact, which has shown them to be equally effective with regards to outcomes – and in some cases leading to even greater knowledge change. Both parents and participants rated the adaptations positively, encouraging GRS to continue with some of these innovations to reach out-of-school young people beyond in-person programs.

GRS would also like to thank our many research partners in 2020, which include:



2020 *Virtual* World AIDS Day Gala

UNITED FOR HOPE

The COVID-19 pandemic meant that in 2020, Grassroot Soccer was unable to bring together supporters in person for its annual World AIDS Day Gala. But the impossibility of an in-person gathering couldn't stop GRS from putting on a star-studded virtual program to raise critical funds for providing young people in Africa with the support they need

to live healthy lives — a need which has become all the more urgent in the age of COVID-19.

1,146
virtual attendees

The virtual gala, titled "United for Hope," featured a dynamic program of musical performances, interviews, and special messages from luminaries like former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, global health

leaders and advocates like UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima, GRS Coaches and participants, and game-changing figures from the sports world like legendary Manchester United Manager Sir Alex Ferguson and Siya Kolisi, the first Black captain of the South Africa men's national rugby team who led the Springboks to a Rugby World Cup title in 2019.

\$1,050,000
raised



Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore addresses GRS supporters.

Grassroot Soccer programs set up adolescents for a healthy future which can bring broad benefits to the wider society.

Al Gore
Former U.S. Vice President

GRS makes people want to fight because they have something to live for.

Madame Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
UN Women Executive Director



UN Women Executive Director Madame Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka speaks while being interviewed by GRS Global Board Member and World Cup Champion Christen Press.

GRS can ensure that young people in really challenging circumstances can have the mentors and the support they need to thrive.

Christian Pulisic
Chelsea F.C. and U.S. Men's National Team Midfielder

[GRS is] using the power of the beautiful game to give youth life-saving skills.

Sir Elton John and David Furnish
Elton John AIDS Foundation
Founder and Chairman, Respectively



David Beckham OBE shares a special message with GRS supporters.

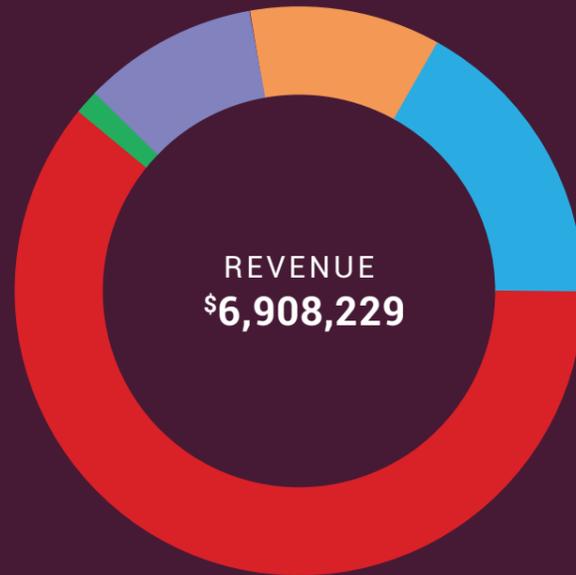
All the things I learned about life, I learned on the football pitch.

Jurgen Klopp
Liverpool F.C. Manager

Financials

The figures below represent unaudited financials for the year 2020. Full audited financial statements will be posted on our website when available.

- 1% Other Income
\$27,036
- 11% Corporate/Corporate Foundations
\$797,605
- 10% US Government
\$670,637
- 17% Private Foundations
\$1,202,952
- 61% Individuals
\$4,209,999



- 17% Management & General
\$1,164,940
- 14% Fundraising
\$970,378
- 69% Programs Services
\$4,632,286



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In the past, it was very shameful for me to get contraceptives, but now I know that I have the right to visit any health facility to get health services. And if am denied, I can always call [a GRS Coach] to go help me out.

Elizabeth Mwanza
GRS participant, Zambia

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In 2021, Grassroot Soccer is proud to be welcoming Dr. Akudo Anyanwu and Blaise Judja-Sato to the Global Board



Dr. Akudo Anyanwu MD, MPH

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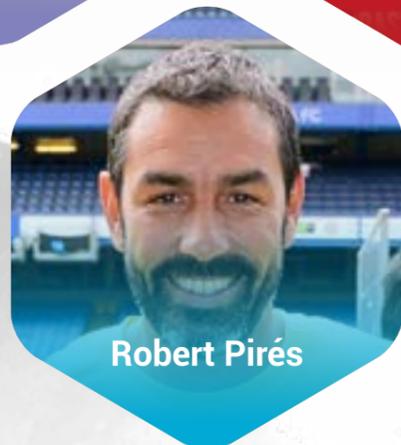
This year more than most, has shown us how tough it is for [our children] to make healthy choices. This is no doubt much harder for the youth growing up in the geographies where GRS works, who often face daunting social and systemic challenges...COVID-19 has sadly caused further isolation and restricted access to health services and mentorship. So the need for our support...is greater than ever.

Fiona Ferguson
GRS 2020 World AIDS Day Gala



Global *Ambassadors*

From raising awareness to inspiring our participants and Coaches, our international ambassadors are proud members of the Grassroot Soccer team.



2020 has tested us, but it's also brought connections. In countless communities, Grassroot Soccer Coaches are continuing to make connections with young people.



Christen Press
Grassroot Soccer 2020 World AIDS Day Gala

Our Supporters

Grassroot Soccer would like to thank our institutional donors and partners for their continued support. Because of their flexibility and sustained commitment throughout the challenges of 2020, we were able to continue providing important resources to adolescents across the globe.





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