Sonke Gender Justice

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Established in 2006, Sonke Gender Justice is a non-partisan, non-profit health and human rights organisation headquartered in South Africa and working in most of South Africa's nine provinces, in twenty countries across Africa, and globally. Sonke works to create the change necessary for men, women, young people and children to enjoy equitable, healthy and happy relationships that contribute to the development of just and democratic societies. Sonke pursues this goal across Southern Africa by using a human rights framework to build the capacity of government, civil society organisations and citizens to achieve gender equality, prevent gender-based violence and reduce the spread of HIV and the impact of AIDS.

Sonke's Vision is to create a world in which men, women and children can enjoy equitable, healthy and happy relationships that contribute to the development of just and democratic societies. Our mission is to work across Africa to strengthen government, civil society and citizen capacity to promote gender equality, prevent domestic and sexual violence, and reduce the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS.

Sonke's work has three major areas of emphasis:
- Rights: Sonke works to raise people's awareness of their rights and ensure that they are able to articulate these rights.
- Action: Sonke provides support and tools to individuals, institutions, organisations and communities, enabling them to put their knowledge into action for the enforcement of rights.
- Accountability: Sonke supports efforts to hold duty bearers accountable for their obligations in national, regional and international laws.

Sonke recognizes that changing deeply held beliefs about gender roles and relations requires comprehensive, multifaceted strategies and so uses the following mutually reinforcing approaches:
- Partnering with government to promote policy development and effective implementation;
- Advocacy, activism and community mobilisation;
- Networking and coalition work nationally and internationally;
- Capacity building and training with partner organisations;
- Innovative communication strategies for social change;
- Community education;
- Individual skills building;
- Research, monitoring and evaluation.
Dean Peacock is the co-founder and former co-chair of the Global MenEngage Alliance, and serves on many advisory boards, including the UN Secretary General's Network of Men Leaders formed to advise the Secretary General on violence prevention, the advisory board of the Nobel Women's Initiative to International Campaign to Stop Rape and Domestic Violence in Conflict, and the Expert Committee of the All Survivors Project. He currently serves as co-principal investigator on a number of GBV and HIV prevention studies, and has published widely on health and human rights in many major news outlets and in peer reviewed journals including The Lancet, The Journal of AIDS, the American Journal of Public Health, the Journal of Men and Masculinities, and the Journal of Gender and Society. Dean is an honorary senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town's School of Public Health, and an Ashoka Fellow.