



ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



Three Covid-19 waves later, the roll out of the vaccine and the lifting of many of the stringent lockdown requirements we are all still trying to deal with all the economic struggles, social and political challenges. We will need to do so for an indefinite length of time.

Now more than ever before, the work of our charities has become more relevant as we nearly reach breaking point because of all the loss and devastation as a result of the pandemic.

The continuous faithful support from our donors and stakeholders enables us to continue fighting the good fight.

We cannot say **Thank You** enough.

"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

- Horace Mann.

Some of the Highlights that makes us proud

- The Giving Organisation distributed R50 million to worthy causes
- A very thankful donor received a Mercedes Benz
- We welcomed Bidvest Prestige as a new Payroll Giving company
- Telkom & Telkom staff remains the biggest donor
- Dimension Data remains the fastest growing
- New charities have come on board

“Life isn’t perfect, but it has perfect moments”

HIGHLIGHTS: Prize Giveaway

The Giving Organisation Trust had a prize giveaway where one very lucky donor became an elated recipient of a sponsored brand new Mercedes-Benz.

Brand Ambassador for The Giving Organisation, Adv Madine Bowles attended the handover ceremony.

This is a true demonstration proving that “goodness is the only investment that never fails”.



“Life isn’t perfect, but it has perfect moments”

HIGHLIGHTS: Payroll Giving Companies



Bidvest Prestige



Telkom Foundation

“Life isn’t perfect, but it has perfect moments”

HIGHLIGHTS: Beneficiaries

Payroll Giving Company Specific Nominated Charities



TGO Previous Main Beneficiaries



TGO Main Beneficiaries



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Protecting forever, together.



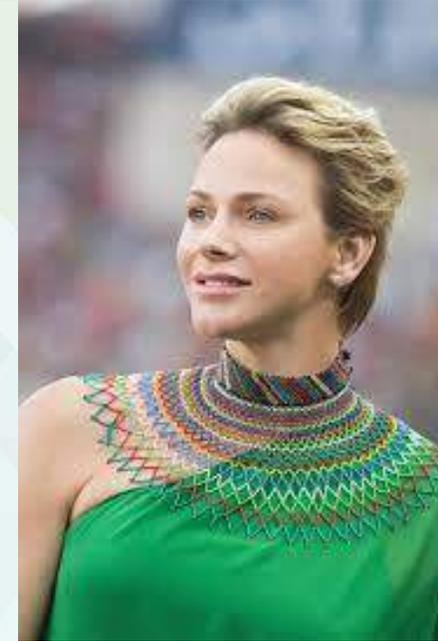
Gift of the Givers
FOUNDATION



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CARE AND PROTECTION

Our **sincerest appreciation** goes to in no particular order:-

- The Chairman and Trustees of The Giving Organisation
- Our Patron – HSH Princess Charlene of Monaco
- Our Charity Champions
- All stakeholders
- Our faithful donors
- Our Brand Ambassador – Adv Madine Bowles



Our Patron: HSH Princess
Charlene of Monaco

None of the above, could be achieved without the support and financial assistance of our partners and donors. We pay tribute to all of you. Thank you for staying the journey with us – it is only through perseverance and hard work that we will achieve our goal to lessen the burden on our communities – and save lives.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

As ACFS continuous to grow and adapt and respond to the changing needs of our children and communities, I would like to thank The Giving Organisation who has enabled the ACFS Community Education and Feeding Scheme to become the game changer we wish to become and a true builder and supporter of all children in vulnerable circumstances.

*“On behalf of the ACFS Community Education and Feeding Scheme, more especially our beneficiaries, we would like to **thank you for your love and support and for enabling the work that we do for our communities.**”*

Introduction

For 75 years, ACFS has been standing with the children and families of marginalised townships.

Our efforts have ensured that we provide the much needed food and nutrition into homes who would otherwise go hungry. ACFS also recognises that in order for children to do well holistically, they require a multi-pronged approach that includes early learning and stimulation and educational support interventions.

The multi-dimensional impact of poverty on children and communities was clear and that in order to change the trajectory of children's lives it was imperative that the organisation begins to address the educational deficits that existed in each home and community. The need to enable children to develop their full learning and development potential one of the additional pillar of support for children alongside the food and nutrition interventions.

The work that ACFS does, is located in the context that **more than 6 million children in South Africa continue to suffer multidimensional levels of poverty.** This compounding poverty, places a severe burden on the family, stifles the child's ability to develop fully and compromises and robs them of the opportunity to become a responsive, active and engaged citizen.

Our Vision

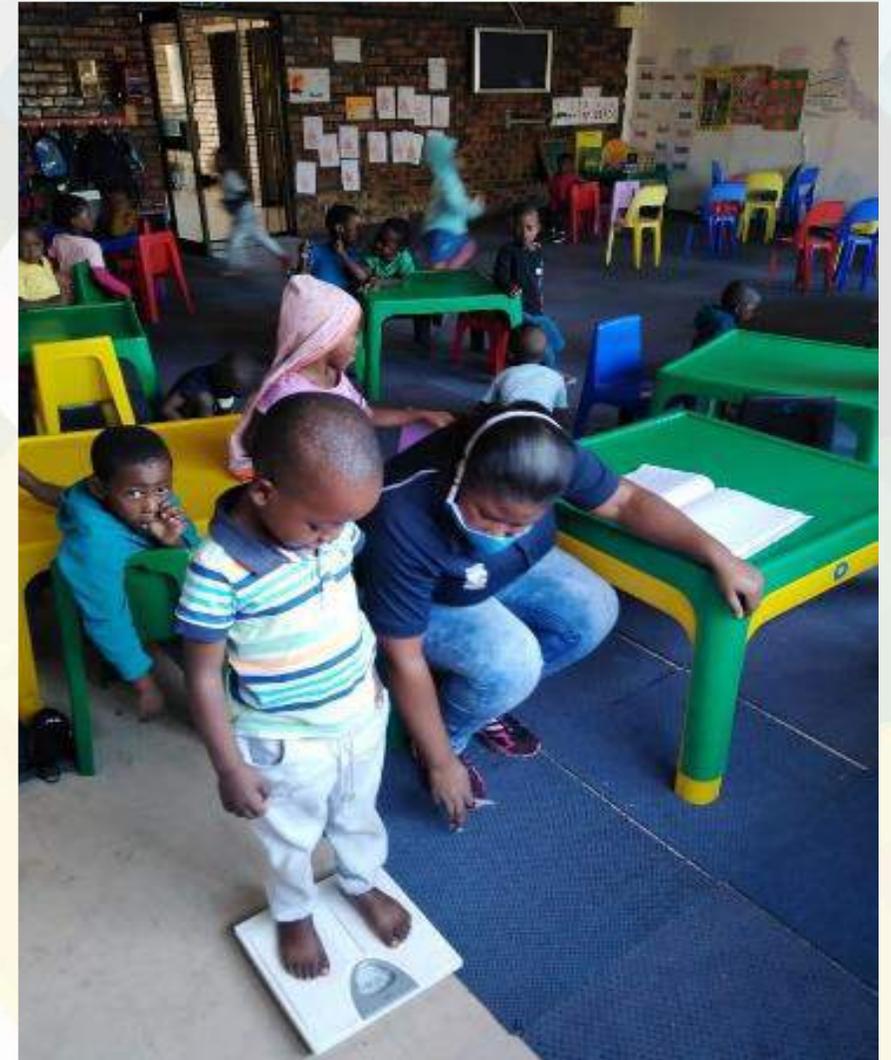
All children reach their full potential through nutritional and education support. We will reach this vision by providing a wide range of support as well as ensure a welcoming environment to enable all children to access meaningful interventions, support and referrals that will facilitate all children in ACFS programmes to:

- Gain confidence, pride but also humility
- Develop into ambitious leaders with a passion to achieve success
- Be advocates and champions of others
- Be Goal oriented and driven
- Be empathetic and compassionate
- Be resilient and persevere
- Be curious and explorative
- Be inspirational and helpful
- Have a sense of belonging and community
- Be active citizens

ACFS Key Programmatic Pathways

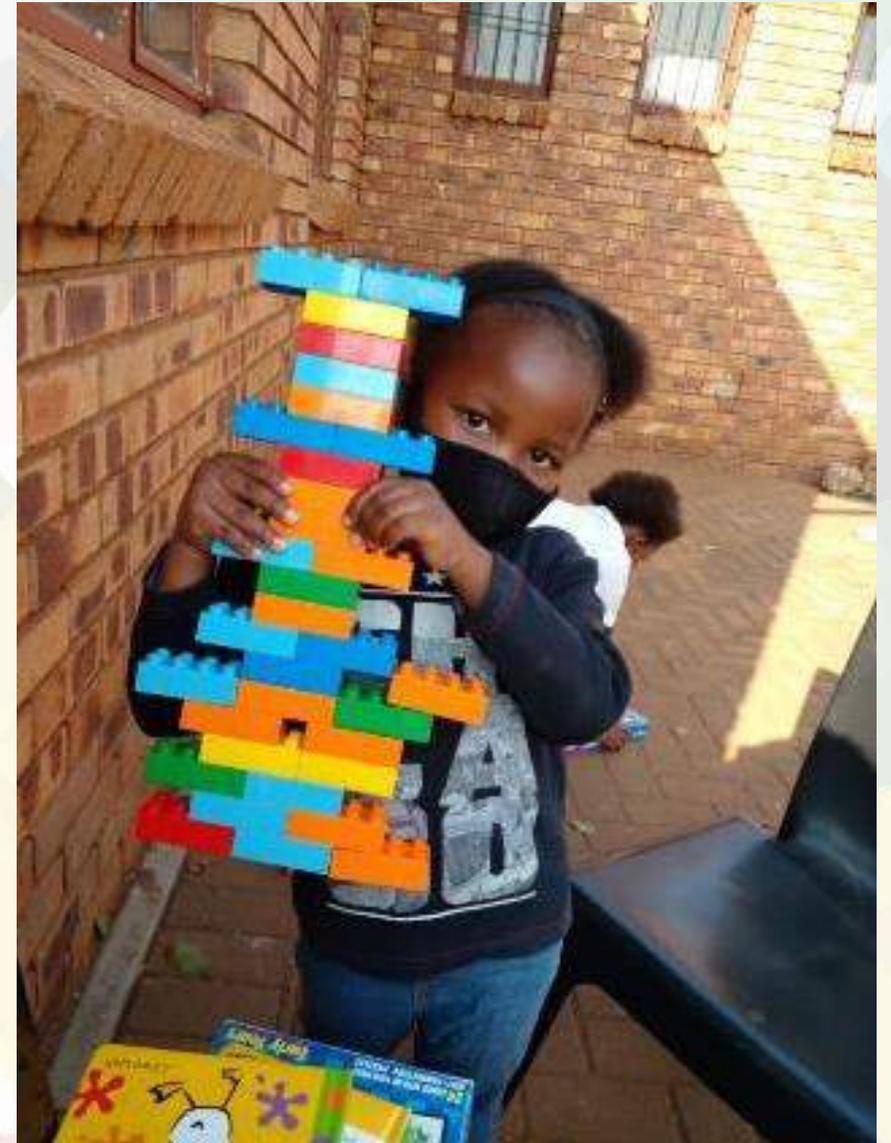
1. Nutrition and Health

This is the first and most critical need of any child born into poverty and deprivation. Without adequate nutrition there can be no growth and development – physically or mentally. Hungry children lack the energy to learn. And if they aren't able to learn in the vital early development years (from birth to 5 years old), they remain stunted for life. By identifying children at risk – and enrolling them in our feeding programmes promptly – ACFS plays a vital role in saving children from life-long disadvantage. We monitor the child's health and provide referrals to partner institutions where necessary.



2. Early Learning and Stimulation

All children are curious and enquiring by nature, as they strive to explore and understand the world around them. For the disadvantaged child, however, opportunities to discover concepts such as shapes, distance, colours, music, matching and building are severely limited. By providing educational toys and equipment to develop both fine and large motor skills, ACFS encourages children's curiosity and instils a lifelong love of learning that prepares them to enter the formal education system on the same level as their more fortunate peers. ACFS offers free early childhood development services to our poor and marginalised beneficiaries across our community centres as well as informal settlements. The services range from grade RRR to grade R these are children between the ages of 3 – 6 years of age.



Toy Library

The operation of the toy library will support our own ECD centres and other surrounding ECD centres with educational toys and books. The programme is currently led by UJ and Enke volunteers and benefits mostly the children that come in for afterschool academic programme. The holiday programme also utilises toys from the toy library as part of everyday play activities that happens on a daily basis in our centres. The primary goal for the toy library for using the toy library on a daily basis is for the promotion of 'learning through play' which is much prominent in our organisation.

Reading Areas

Reading equips children with language skills and the words they need for a coherent conversation. It also helps young children to gain the confidence to speak up and voice their opinions. In our toy libraries we also have reading areas, where we create an enabling space for a child to read. The reading areas are always opened and welcoming where a child can come in and pick a book and start reading.



3. Care for the Cares

Since children grow up within a family, it's important for parents and other care givers to be included in our programmes. ACFS staff visit children's homes and provide support for family members through psycho-social counselling and access to services such as grants.

Unemployed adults are encouraged to join our skills development programmes, to learn income generating skills such as food gardening, sewing, beading and baking. We also provide health and nutrition education.

Skills development programmes offered to the adult beneficiaries equips our beneficiaries with skills that they later use in order for them to start small businesses that enables them to generate income so that they are able to take care of their families and also enables them to become self-sufficient. Apart from Food Gardening, the beneficiaries also learn the art of beading and Sewing as well as learn how to bake in our bakery in Jabavu.



4. Skills and Personal Development

We work with youth and adolescents to develop resilience and life skills. Through our Teenage Girls' Clubs, adolescent girls are encouraged to make healthy choices about relationships, self-discipline, responsibility and independence. Teenage boys and girls are prepared to enter the world of work by developing skills around goal setting, communication, teamwork, initiative, responsibility and work ethic.

Teenage Girls Club

To get teenage girls in a position of understanding who they are as unique individuals, and to embrace body changes that will inevitably be experienced in their bodies as they embark on a journey of growth and to transform unequal power relations and patriarchal systems by transforming communities and creating safe spaces where girls are protected and safe to develop and experience their own personal power.



Safe Hubs

Despite the start of our teenage girl's project in 2019, we have already experienced 4 girls' teenage pregnancies. This is a testimony to the fact that teenage pregnancy is indeed a serious problem in our communities. Teenage pregnancy, as a prevailing issue in many South African communities, often leaves girls stigmatised and without career options.

ACFS wishes to help such teenage mothers to complete their schooling and to achieve meaningful job opportunities. This is hoped will help both teen mother and child to have the best chance in life. When teenagers become pregnant in this unplanned manner, their lives, after suddenly going from being a student to being a mother, can often cause untold emotional and financial hardship/ suffering. It is hoped that having a safe place to come to and to find other young women to confide in/ receive counselling and support, will be a lifeline and life changing experience for the pregnant and teen mothers. The teenage safe hub will also provide some of the practical and basic needs that these girls will have such as food, baby clothes, pampers and baby formula for those who are completely desperate.



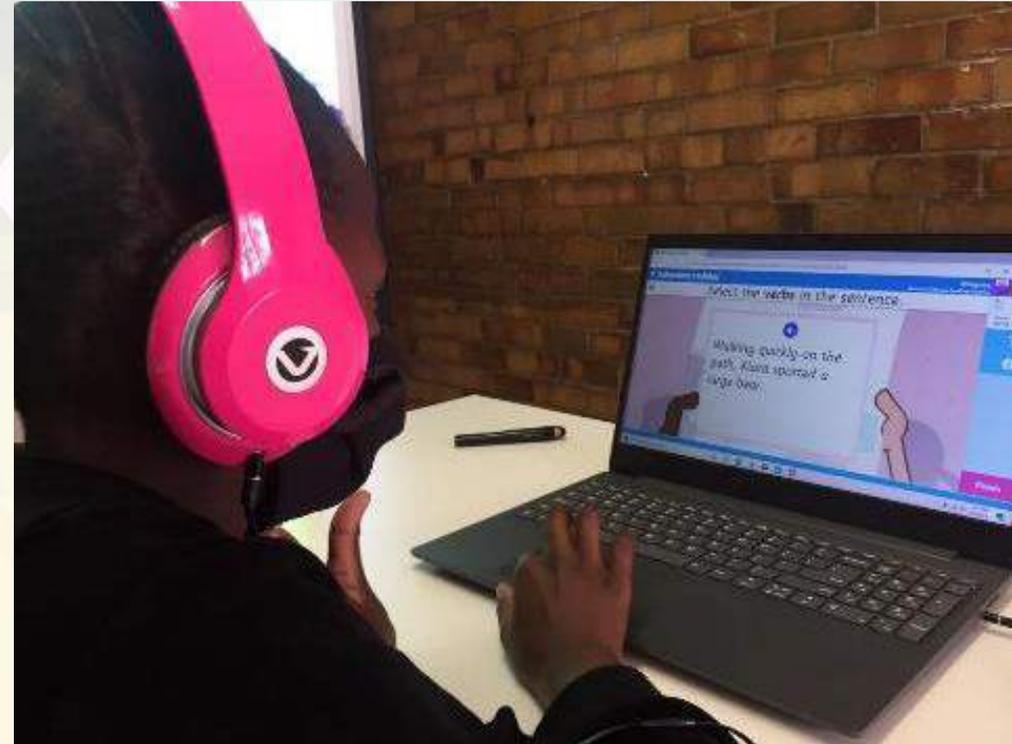
Computer Skills Lab

Our Computer lab in Meadowlands have been going from strength to strength and in such we have opened another one in our Pimville centre. The aim of the programme is to help these children not only with nutrition but also with academic support. We teach the children with basic computer skills as well as help them to improve their marks at school.

Psychosocial Support

Through our Psychosocial Support we are touching many lives. Our team are working on breaking the culture of silence. Our Social Worker does home visits and avail herself to the community and in such she is building a relationship with them and showing them that they can trust her and feel free to share their experiences with her.

We have also started support groups where our beneficiaries can share their stories. One of our beneficiaries said “Sometimes they are not always seeking for a solution to their problems, they just need someone to listen in order for them to heal”

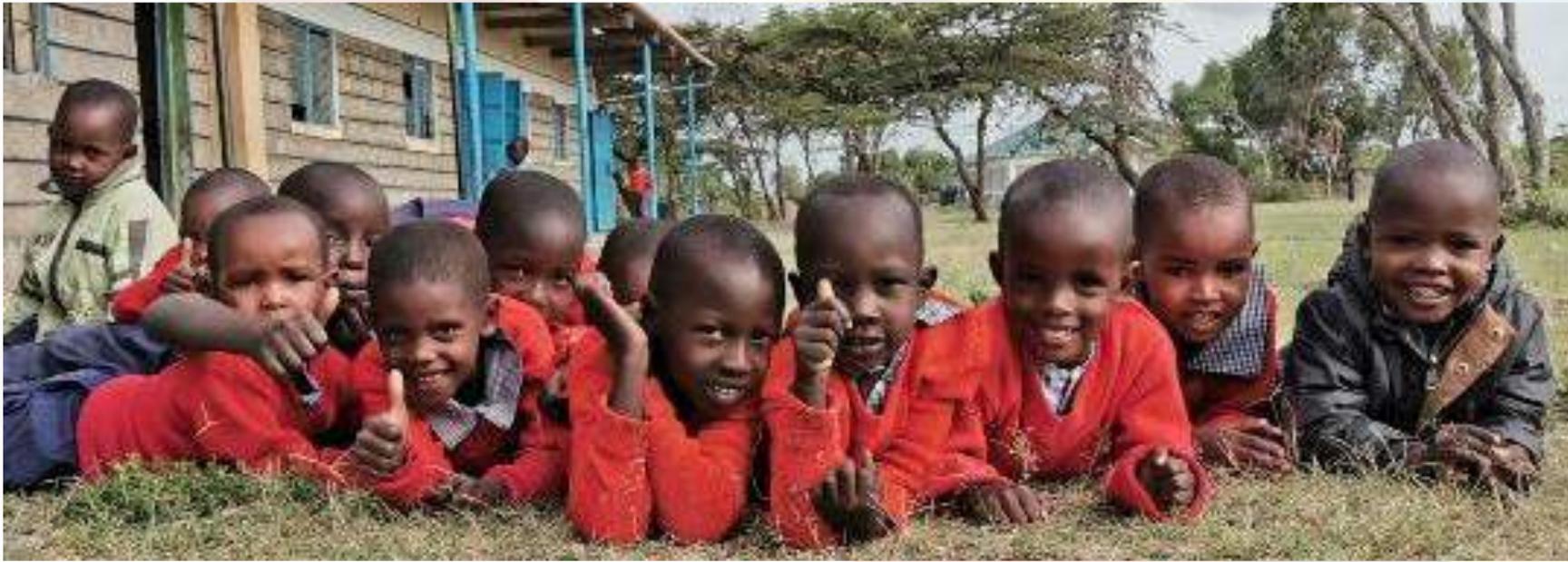


CHARITY REPORT:-

Africa Foundation would like to extend our deepest thanks and express our sincerest gratitude for the continued support we have received from TGO. The funds received in 2021 have gone towards our comprehensive COVID relief initiative –which has recently seen the pivot towards providing more sustainable support to guide our communities through this pandemic and into the future.

We would also like to thank all of the individuals who have donated to TGO .

Your generosity in giving has also directly supported the projects and programmes of Africa Foundation.



We are immensely grateful for the support given to us from TGO. Having funding that goes directly into admin allows us to operate efficiently and effectively in our regions and centrally.

Thanks to the support from TGO, Africa Foundation has been able to successfully implement comprehensive COVID relief in the region of Mpumalanga

Projects that were undertaken through our COVID relief efforts in MPU include:

- -Food relief through distributions of food parcels
- -Seeds distribution and garden support for future food resilience
- -Improving access to water through borehole drilling and distribution of Hippo Water Rollers

Each of these initiatives will be outlined in this report.



The COVID restrictions put in place in many countries meant that many children were not receiving the daily school meal that their families depended on. Opportunities to earn income were also removed for many people through the lockdown, and consequently many households have been struggling more than ever to stave off hunger. Furthermore, the effective complete closure of the tourism industry took away almost all of rural households' income. The majority of income that is generated for households living in the communities supported by Africa Foundation comes from informal trade, tips and gratuity-based employment and service-centred work – exactly the kind of business that was made difficult or impossible through social distancing and lockdown restrictions. These families are not able to continue working from home or online, and the complete removal of income has had a devastating effects on local economies.



Food parcels are not normally the kind of support provided by Africa Foundation, as it is unsustainable. However, the situation in many parts of the continent this year and last called for immediate action to prevent a disintegration into complete poverty.

Food Relief in Mpumalanga:

The food relief initiative implemented in our South African communities was expansive and far reaching. Regional teams used crechesto distribute food parcels, identifying the most vulnerable households in each community to receive the parcels. Identification criteria included families who were not formally registered with the government, and therefore could not access government-related assistance, families headed by children, and families with members with disabilities. The sheer number of parcels that were distributed is a huge testament to the generosity of donors, as well as the power of collective spirit, collaboration, and dedication from all those involved. Africa Foundation collaborated with government bodies, schools and creches, community leaders, SabiSand Pfunanani Trust, and Singita Game Reserve.



The result of this combined effort was the assistance of hundreds of families in Mpumalanga to feed themselves in a devastating time. As part of our COVID relief initiative, Africa Foundation was able to assist the communities in Mpumalanga on the following ways:

- **2,418** food parcels distributed to creches, in collaboration with Singitga Game Reserve
- **168** food parcels distributed in collaboration with Team Frank
- **88** food vouchers through our contractor programme
- **757** food parcels distributed in collaboration with SSPT

**Total food parcels or food
vouchers distributed in
MPU for COVID relief**

=

3,431

“Africa Foundation, as a responsible and agile development organisation, has managed to respond quickly for the most desperate rural communities throughout COVID-19 . We managed to distribute much needed food and water to all the vulnerable communities we work with to date. And we influenced other NGO’s to collaborate and do the same.”

Lotus Khoza, Regional Manager for Mpumalanga



Garden Support:

A standard supplementary food parcel for one month contained maize, sugar, rice, cooking oil, canned sardines, baked beans, peanut butter, salt, and cleaning/hygiene products including toothpaste and all-purpose cleaners.

While these food parcels were necessary to prevent many households from descending into poverty and starvation, an important element of Africa Foundation's ethos is sustainable support and building long term community resilience to shocks. In Mpumalanga it was decided that this was an opportunity to support the development of vegetable gardens at homes and creches.

Nearly 350 households from communities in rural Mpumalanga receiving a batch of seeds to plant. The seed packets included **beetroot, carrot, onion, green pepper, chilli, pumpkin and spinach.** Support from our donors also enabled the development of a simple information leaflet, explaining how to plant correctly, with water tips and other gardening information.



**Total number of seed packets
distributed in MPU, South Africa**

= 5,040

We are now facilitating the planting and maintenance of vegetable gardens attached to creches and HBC centres around Mpumalanga, to help provide food security into the future, and to build resilience to future hardships.



Boreholes

When the protocols for COVID prevention were first announced by the government, the response from many of the communities with which Africa Foundation works was the same. Regional Manager for MPU Lotus Khoza explains, 'if you don't have enough water to even drink, then washing your hands is impossible'.

Since the beginning of 2020, Africa Foundation has been working on projects to improve access to safe water for rural communities. Better access to water is a significant improvement in the lives of community members in Mpumalanga for several reasons. A borehole prevents the need to walk long distances to other water points, as well as ensuring the safety of the water used for drinking and cooking. Additionally, access to safe and running water is more important than ever in the context of a post-COVID world. In the light of the second, third and maybe fourth wave -to hit South Africa, the ability for communities to practice appropriate hygiene measure such as regular washing, will put them in a much better position to stay resilient in the face of a health-related pandemic.



Pictured are local children from the community of Lillydale collecting water from the borehole which was recently fixed and handed over by Africa Foundation and andBeyond staff. This borehole, which was previously broken, now services 200 families, with plans to have enough piping so that there is a tap easily accessible for every 5 families. Borehole drilling and repair has been one of the main focuses of COVID resilience in MPU, and the impacts are wide-reaching and significant. Number of boreholes repaired or drilled as part of COVID relief initiatives in MP and the impacts are wide-reaching and significant.



**Number of boreholes
repaired or drilled as part
of COVID relief initiatives
in MPU...**

= 7

**3 in Lillydale, and 1 in each in the
communities of Huntington, Kildare,
Jongilanga and Hluvekani**

Hippo Water Rollers

Households without a direct water source in their home are reliant on communal taps that are often many kilometers away, and the burden of collecting water from these taps falls primarily and disproportionately to women and children. Carrying heavy buckets of water on the head over long distances can cause premature ageing of the spine, and multiple trips are often required to collect the necessary water for the day, taking up valuable productive time during the day for women and causing many children to miss school.

We chose the most vulnerable households to distribute the Hippo Water Rollers – households that were headed by children or young people, or those with members with disabilities.

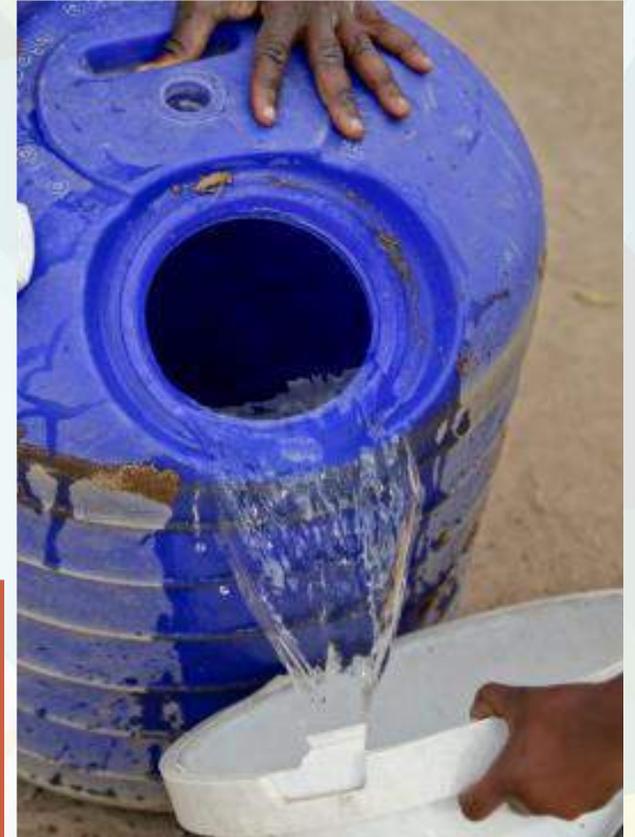
Lotus Khoza, Africa Foundation MPU Regional Manager



A Hippo Roller, in contrast, is able to transport 90 L of water in one journey without any requirement for carrying. The handle of the roller enables the robust barrel to be pushed or pulled over even the roughest rural terrain. Transporting five times the volume of water in one journey results in more time for education, economic prosperity and improved health. With two mechanisms for pouring water from the barrel, the Hippo Roller is not only practical for decanting water for cooking and cleaning, but also a cost-effective tool for irrigation on small farms -improving crop production and increasing income potential. The durability of the Hippo Roller (5-7 years) reduces plastic waste, eliminating the need for multiple buckets with short shelf lives, and the quality of the plastic leads to the roller being transformed for other household uses once its life as a hippo roller has expired. As part of our COVID-19 efforts to improve access to water, 115 Hippo Water Rollers were distributed in Mpumalanga, and another hundred are planned in the coming months!

**Number of Hippo
Water Rollers
distributed so far...**

= 115



CHARITY REPORT:-



Cancer organisations like ours have always been at the centre of the fight against cancer. Those closest to the effects of the disease are first to mobilise. In many countries, communities were the first to mobilise to care for cancer patients and their families and to educate those at risk, with official resources coming later, but not sufficient to address the full extent of the challenges of cancer.

This is a significant reason why CANSA was established as a community-driven and volunteer-based organisation, fighting cancer for the past 90 years. We believe the gateway to success is building community teams, which is why community development and mobilisation is an underlying approach to execute the CANSA mission.

CANSA recognizes that to survive, we need strong partnerships that will help us to reach our mission and objectives. We need to align ourselves with those that have a passion for our South African communities and recognize their duty to act in the best interests of their environment and society as a whole.

WHO WE ARE

The Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) is a leader in the fight against cancer since 1931

PURPOSE

CANSA's purpose is to lead the fight against cancer in South Africa.

MISSION

Our mission is to be the preferred non-profit leader that enables research in lowering cancer risk, educating the public regarding symptoms, screening and risk reduction, and providing care and support to all those affected by cancer.

OUR VALUES

Accountability

Do what you say you are going to do

Leadership

Take responsibility

Passion

Strive to be true to the organisation and ourselves

Integrity

Operating with integrity

Improvement

Continually improving all aspects of the business

CANSA is a level one BBBEE company with a Black Beneficiary Base rating of 77%

THE CANCER CHALLENGE IN SA

- 90% of cancers are caused by environmental and lifestyle factors, such as smoking, diet and lack of exercise
- More than 115 000 South Africans are diagnosed with cancer every year
- South African cancer survival rate is 6/10

WHAT WE DO

OUR RESEARCH

CANSA plays a leading role in cancer research. The scientific findings and knowledge gained from our research are used to realign our Health Programme and strengthen our watchdog role to the public's greater benefit.

OUR ADVOCACY ROLE

CANSA's Advocacy team performs an important watchdog role by striving to influence South African policymakers in important cancer-control issues, creating public awareness of known cancer-causing factors, and giving those affected by cancer a voice and protecting their right to healthcare.

Our CANSA Seal of Recognition (CSOR), underpinned by research, is awarded to products promoting a balanced lifestyle and contributing to cancer risk reduction through their absence of cancer-causing substances.

OUR SERVICES

CANSA offers a wide range of services to those affected by cancer:

- **Health Awareness Programmes** - comprises health education campaigns centred on creating awareness of cancer symptoms, the importance of screening and lowering cancer risk
- **Mobile Health Clinics** – bring awareness to men and women in rural areas who would otherwise not have access
- **Promote early detection** - CANSA Care Centres countrywide offer screening and early detection programmes
- **Stoma clinics** operated to support patients with products, emotional support and advice
- **CANSA Care Centres** - offer care and support services to those affected by cancer, including employee wellness programmes, stoma support, wigs, prostheses, assistive devices and medical equipment hire, clinical support, counselling (face-to-face and Tele Counselling), support groups and home-based care
- **CANSA Care Homes** – provide patient care and support to the main metropolitan areas for out-of-town cancer patients undergoing treatment

OUR SERVICES

CANSA TLC Lodging – provides lodging and support services for parents and guardians of children undergoing cancer treatment

- **CANSA Help Desk line** – offers information, support and referrals to local CANSA Care Centres and the WhatsApp helplines offer multilingual support services in English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sesotho and Siswati
- **Online support groups and platforms** – help patients and loved ones cope with a cancer diagnosis or connect with others walking a similar path as they fight cancer
- **Social media platforms and CANSA website** – make information available to the public
- **CANSA Tele Counselling** – offers a confidential, professional, cancer-related telephonic counselling service to cancer patients, caregivers and their families, and parents or guardians of children living with cancer. This service is free of charge and available in seven languages - English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa, isiZulu, siSwati, Sesotho and Setswana.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



CHARITY REPORT:-

HOW WE OPERATE



OUR VALUE CREATION STORY

#CANSAResearch

- External research - projects conducted at universities and research organisations aligned with our priority research areas
- Internal research – CANSA's research related to:
 - lowering cancer risk
 - risk behaviours (including tobacco and alcohol use, poor diet, lack of exercise and sun exposure)
 - protective behaviours (such as vaccination and screening)
 - exposure to environmental carcinogens (cancer-causing substances)
- Behaviour influencing – using established research findings on cancer risk to influence behaviour change at an individual, community and structural level
- Care and support - applying research findings to enhance care and support for cancer patients

HIGHLIGHTS of 2020/2021 on HOW EDUCATED, SUPPORTED AND FOUGHT CANCER

CARE & SUPPORT

#CANSACareAndSupport

- Supported over **228** patients through **23** online support groups facilitated by just over **1 066** trained care and support volunteers
- Over **2 237** patients stayed at our CANSA Care Homes
- Enabled Home-Based Care for **2 746** patients
- More than **9 470** home visits made
- Accommodated **829** parents and loved ones in CANSA TLC facilities and gave support to children and teens with cancer
- Loaned medical equipment to over **1 300** patients and gave stoma support to more than **693** patients (stoma support continued during COVID-19 lockdown period as an essential service)

CANSA TLC CARE & SUPPORT

#CANSACareAndSupport

- **165** support group sessions were hosted reaching **2 864** parents, guardians and children
- Provided virtual and tele counselling sessions to **1 404** beneficiaries including **533** bereavement counselling
- Distributed **740** food parcels and **645** care packs
- Made **3 0 94** oncology visits (service was made essential during lockdowns)
- **1 777** parents accommodated at CANSA TLC facilities, and **835** patients were cared for

UTILISATION OF TGO INCOME

We utilised TGO funds supplementary to other income received towards covering the costs of delivering the following essential services:

- 9 CANSA Care Homes have a total of 172 beds. We average a 70% bed occupation rate. Which means we keep on average 120 beds occupied for 300 nights per year @ R 150.00 per night. R150.00 does not cover our actual expenses per day, the rest needs to be made up of donations and we are not getting in enough. This service ensures that cancer patients can start or continue their treatment at a total cost of - **R5 400 000.00 p. a**

- In addition, we have four TLC Lodges with *118 beds* at a total cost of **R1.3m**.
- To sustain our home base care programme, we require **R4.2m p.a**
- Telephonic counselling, airtime costs and data for staff to have WhatsApp sessions with patients are unplanned and expensive. Due to social distancing, we have had to keep many staff working from home, and they cannot access the office phone lines to contact patients like they would usually do. In many cases, we have even been doing end of life preparation WhatsApp video calls with families. Total costs of **R450 000.00 p. a**
- The full phyco- social support programme costs **R1.9m p.a**
- Stoma Support Service which covers delivery, stock and specialized staffing costs **R1.1m**

The basic cost to deliver the total spectrum of our care and support services for 12 months is R14m



Cotlands is a registered non-profit organisation (NPO) that has been serving children since 1936. Cotlands is committed to creating access to quality early learning experiences, aimed at improving children's school readiness.

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CHARITY REPORT:-

Our impact



9 383
total number
of children we
reached



129^{LA}
employees



46^{LA}
early learning
playgroups



40 054^{LA}
meals served



291 000
users registered
for playsa.org



65^{LA}
learners
enrolled on
CotlandsIgnite™



5 698^{LA}
toys lent out



9
Cotlands-owned
and -operated
toy libraries



84^{LA}
toy library
members



12
Board members

Key highlights and challenges

We continued making major strides in creating universal access to quality pre-school education in South Africa on a number of fronts.

We are extremely proud of our many highlights this year:



Our online training initiative – Playsa.org – remains the largest of its kind in ECD in South Africa. In its third year, over

291 000

participants

have registered to date, with over

195 000 learners

completing one or more of the four online-based learning courses.



Enrolled the first cohort of

32 learners

embarking on an e-learning journey to obtain an accredited level four QCTO Occupational Certificate Early Childhood Practitioner (SAQA ID 97542: 131 credits). The accreditation of such an online course in the ECD sector is also a national first.



Launched the first accredited toy library skills course in the country. A total of

33 learners

are completing an online Services SETA New Venture Creation: Toy Library Skills Development course (SAQA ID 66249: 28 credits).



Pioneering an **electronic**

portfolio of evidence

where the learner completes the portfolio online, uploads the evidence, and an e-assessor completes the assessment and provides real-time feedback to the learner.



Developed a

zero-rated website

where the caregivers of children enrolled in Cotlands ELPGs can access videos and content relating to our early learning programme.

Message from the chief executive officer



Dr Monica Stach
Chief executive officer

I am deeply humbled by all the rethinking, reorganising and reigniting I was part of. When I reflect on the year that was, I see 129^{LA} Cotlanders, supported by 12 incredible Board members, touching the lives of so many children and adults.

Our vision

To see children thrive in their formative years

Our mission

To increase access to play-based early learning opportunities

✓ Our values



Play

Play is at the heart of what we do. We encourage children, their parents, toy librarians and ELPG practitioners to create the time and space to play every day to help children learn, develop and grow.



Impact

We focus on increasing our effect on, and reach to, those accessing our programmes, which in turn has a positive social impact on future generations.



Responsibility

We are responsible to our stakeholders, to serve and to deliver positive outcomes.



Possibilities

We make the impossible possible by taking early learning services to vulnerable and marginalised children so that we can ignite the infinite potential within them.



Excellence

We strive to do every aspect of our work with the utmost care, professionalism and distinction.



Responsiveness

We innovate, iterate and create solutions that respond to the needs of children, their parents, and adults working in the ECD sector.

CHARITY REPORT:-

Cotlands





These children playing together is the start of teamwork and collaboration. It enhances their social skills while they connect with each other. These skills are important in future jobs such as nursing, teaching and leading teams.

CHARITY REPORT:-

Creating opportunities for children to reach beyond their serious illness and challenges and discover joy, confidence and a new world of possibilities, always free of charge, in a safe, nurturing, fun camp environment backed by appropriate medical support.



14 257
BED NIGHTS



4 429
CAMPERs



6
REGIONS IN SOUTH
AFRICA

Camp Footprints Camps

93

Camps

11

Years of Camping

1,944

Volunteers (Camp Crew)

Our beneficiaries are identified from associated organisations in marginalised communities and households, where financial resources have been strained by medical costs and treatment and the family would never be able to afford a holiday.

We have identified six groups of beneficiaries. They are:

- Children diagnosed with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders
- Children with chronic illnesses
- Children infected with/affected by HIV, including orphans and vulnerable children
- Children whose siblings have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness
- Grieving children who have lost a sibling and/or grieving parents and primary caregivers
- Children with disabilities and their siblings

CHARITY REPORT:-

Camp Footprints Camps

14 257 total bed nights in 11 years of camping



Just Footprints Foundation | www.justfootprints.org.za

CHARITY REPORT:-

Camp-On-The-Move Day Programmes

2599 Beneficiaries

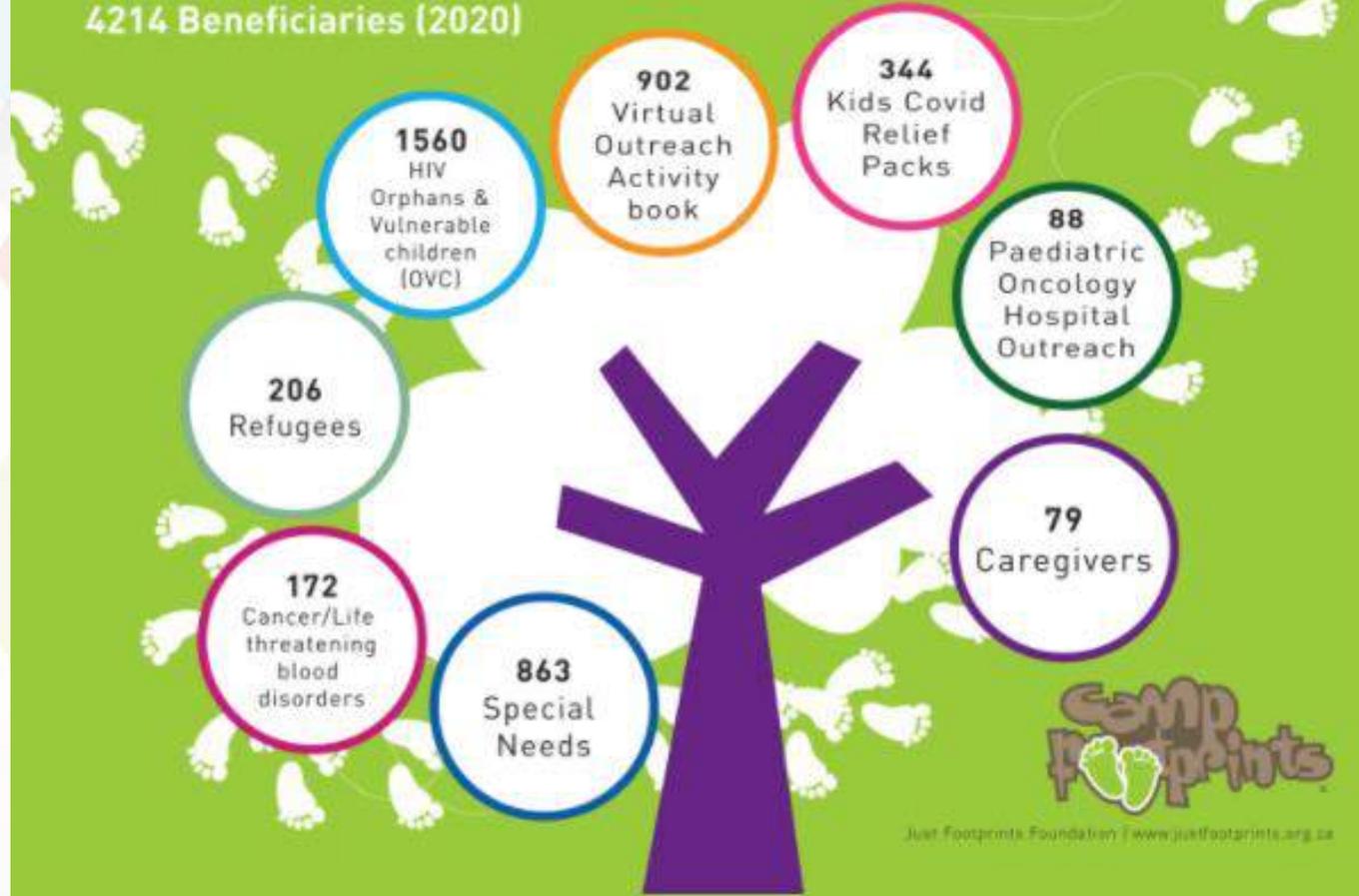


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At CHOC we aim to provide the best possible support for children with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders, and their families.

CHOC Childhood Cancer Foundation was established in 1979 as a support group to parents of children with cancer, by parents of children with cancer. Having experienced the immense emotional and financial toll that cancer takes they recognised there is more than one victim in the family of the child with cancer. Their aim was to ease the burden on parents facing the same journey by providing access to relevant, accurate information, as well as emotional and practical support.

From the onset CHOC provided support in the hospital wards, hence the name Children's Haematology Oncology Clinics, or CHOC. Gradually parent groups were set up in other key centres, where the major state-funded academic hospitals are located and paediatric oncologists practice.

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CHOC has 13 accommodation facilities across South Africa. This includes 11 CHOC houses and two lodges. In total CHOC has 76 rooms available per night and can accommodate 193 people per night.

The CHOC accommodation facilities are home-away-from-home where children undergoing treatment for childhood cancer can come and stay with their parents or caregivers. The accommodation facilities provide a therapeutic environment that helps patients and parents/caregivers maintain a positive attitude during the cancer journey.

All meals are provided, as well as transport to and from the hospitals. It is a clean and safe environment with caring and understanding staff, a place where new friendships are formed.

CHOC opened a 5 bedroom house in Port Elizabeth. Accommodation was provided to 1 313 people (28 746 bed nights) in 13 CHOC accommodation facilities throughout the country.



We wake up each day with the purpose to serve and support the children, parents, families and communities through their cancer journey to keep more than hope alive.

CHOC INTERACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME (CILP)

Where there is not a hospital school linked to the paediatric oncology ward, CHOC offers the CILP programme. Currently the programme is being implemented in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal Natal with great success and aims to complement the child's education and development by implementing programmes whereby, children and teenagers can learn motor and cognitive skills and have fun through learning and play.



PARENT-SUPPORTING-PARENT PROGRAMME

One-on-one parent support is provided by parents at the Donald Gordon Medical Centre in Johannesburg, Netcare Unitas in Pretoria and at Frere in East London.

We have seen an increase in the number of fathers starting to get involved as traditionally this has been mostly the mothers. This group of parents have walked the childhood cancer journey before and are able to provide support to families going through similar experiences.

Informal parent-to-parent support is facilitated through sessions held at the wards under the guidance of the psychosocial team. Weekly tea and sandwiches are served at the out-patients ward at paediatric oncology units and this helps facilitate support to parents whereby they can meet, chat and get to know each other.



POST-TREATMENT SUPPORT

Post-treatment support to survivors is very complex and most persons post treatment have physical, emotional, mental and/or spiritual issues that needs to be addressed and supported.

There are also practical issues that affect the patients' independence and integration into society to become a socio-economic independent individual with or without cognitive challenges and or disabilities. This new programme is currently being developed, and aims to act as a resource to refer patients to professional post treatment support.

It will also focus on educational and nutritional support, as well as long-term effects information. We continue to support services such as the field of neuropsychology which specialises in the assessment, diagnosis, and intervention of psychological disorders in patients with neuropathology or compromised central nervous system functioning.

POST - TREATMENT SUPPORT

Among the reasons for referral for neuropsychological assessment included, concerns regarding school progress, specific cognitive deficits, and developmental delay. Deficits in neuropsychological functioning – which encompasses cognitive, behaviour, and emotional functioning – can impact significantly on academic attainment and other areas of daily functioning.

The main purpose of the assessments was therefore, to determine the patient's neurocognitive status, as well as to identify areas of strengths and weakness to inform further educational support needs.

Some patients were recommended for and referred to LSEN (learner with special educational needs) schooling. Others were found to be appropriate for mainstream schooling but required remedial support and ongoing monitoring. Other identified needs and recommendations for these patients include social behavior intervention, and encouragement on early application to high school.

Transport Funds

CHOC provides bus or taxi fares to patients and parents/caregivers to ensure that no child is precluded from access and adherence to treatment.

CHOC vehicles are situated at CHOC accommodation facilities and are used to transport patients and parents/caregivers to and from the house and hospital. These vehicles are also used to transport families from airports, bus stations and taxi ranks when required.



PRACTICAL SUPPORT

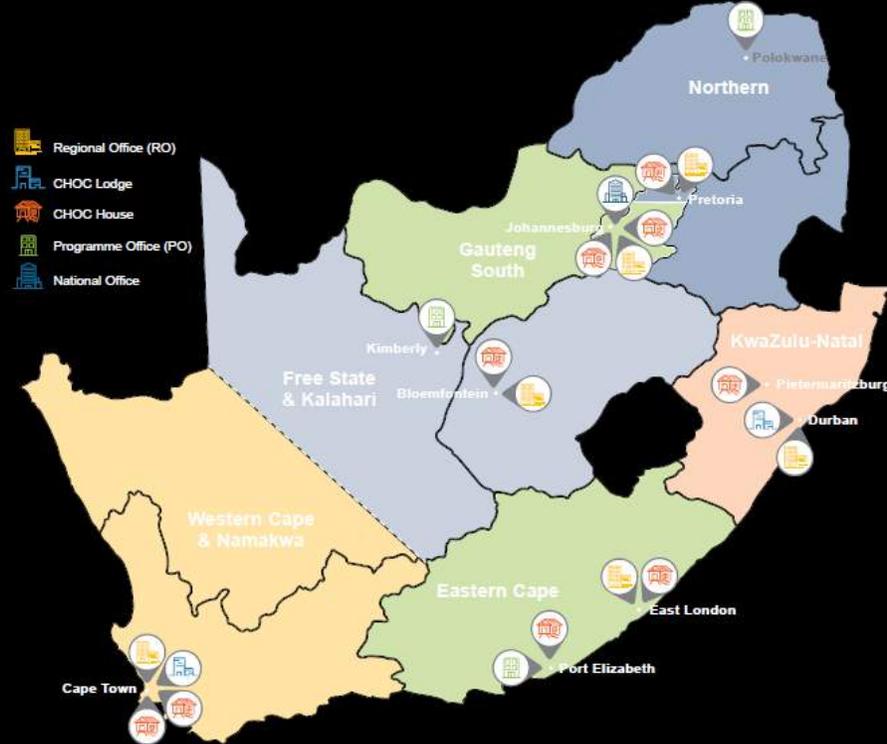
CHOC offers basic necessities such as Carebags, Nutritional Support and Financial Bereavement Support to the children and their families. The majority of families CHOC assists come from extremely impoverished areas. In most cases, one, or both parents, can no longer work because they need to take care of the child during the treatment cycle. This can mean that children do not have access to basic necessities such as toiletries and nutritious food to ensure they remain healthy during treatment.



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CHOC's simple beginnings belie the tremendous growth that followed such a humble start



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The Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation (DTHF) is a registered non-profit company established in association with the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, an accredited research centre within the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town. Bridging rigorous academic research with community development programmes, the DTHF collaborates with those most at risk to find innovative solutions in the prevention and treatment of HIV and related infections.

Established at its present headquarters in 2004 the Foundation includes research centres in some of the poorest and under-resourced communities in Cape Town. With divisions that include men, key populations, adolescents, women and children, HIV prevention, HIV treatment and tuberculosis, our staff are committed to finding workable solutions to some of the most pressing public health issues facing Africa today.

Well-connected to international research networks, the DTHF is an influential stakeholder in the global health and HIV arena.

Our Patrons

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and Leah Nomalizo Tutu

Our Vision

To lessen the impact of the HIV epidemic on individuals, families and communities through innovation and our passion for humanity.

Our Mission

The pursuit of excellence in research, treatment, training and prevention of HIV and related infections in Southern Africa.

Our Values

Passion, Innovation, Progress, Respect, Integrity, Excellence



ADOLESCENT & YOUTH FRIENDLY PUBLIC CLINICS

Young people tend to avoid public health clinics. Additional to the Zimele project the Western Cape Department of Health partnered with the DTHF to assist in creating “youth-friendly” clinics that would better serve the needs of young people.

Each selected facility had a Peer Navigator, trained to assist adolescents to access services. Twenty three clinics in the Klipfontein/Michells Plain subdistrict participated and now provide services specifically tailored to the needs of young people.



EMAVUNDLENI PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTRE

Emavundleni is the flagship prevention research site for DTHF. Numerous vaccine, PrEP and other prevention trials are currently underway at this site.

As a result, space has been a major challenge and led to the expansion of the upper storey of the building and the incorporation of the latest compressed filing technology. Despite these developments, we were still short of accommodation and have established a satellite office at nearby Philippi Village.

In addition, we have designed and completed an adolescent friendly clinic on the ground floor at Philippi Village, easily accessible to learners at local schools. The MTN 034 (vaginal ring and PrEP study) focused on young women has been initiated at this site.



VACCINE STUDIES AT MASI

The HIV vaccine trial known as HVTN 705, Imbokodo (“You strike a woman, you strike a rock”) was initiated in late 2017.

Masi is one of numerous excellent sites in Eastern and Southern Africa. The study is investigating whether the candidate vaccine regimen will protect women in sub-Saharan Africa from HIV infection.

Despite the onset of COVID related lockdown, the site was able to complete all vaccinations in their participants. The site has also been called out on a number of occasions for excellent performance. Sponsors of the study, Jansen & Jansen, sent a team to visit the Masiphumelele research site. The guests included the study chair Dr Glenda Gray (Perinatal Research Unit, Soweto) and co-chairs Frank Tomaka (Jansen & Jansen) and Susan Buchbinder (San Francisco Department of Public Health).



GUGULETHU RESEARCH SITE

Groundbreaking adherence research is being done at GRO using technology to monitor and improve HIV treatment uptake and adherence. The results of the three-year META study were disseminated in early 2018 and revealed that the Wisepill was a useful tool yet to record adherence. The ADD-ART study monitors the use of antiretroviral drug levels in dried blood spots to assess and manage antiretroviral adherence continues. With treatment readily available the greatest challenge for those working to end the HIV epidemic is to ensure that individuals living with HIV remain on treatment.



Masiphumelele research site

Headed by Professor Robin Wood, this new facility will enable critical and fundamental understanding of TB transmission in communities and critically inform the likely necessary control measures. Professor Phakeng delivered a memorable address underscoring the value of research.

Although TB is curable and preventable, South Africa has one of the highest incidences of tuberculosis in the world. TB – in association with HIV, is the leading cause of death due to natural causes in our country. This custom-designed building with its state of the art biosafety level 3 laboratories completes the development of our property at the Masiphumelele site that now comprises the Youth Centre, the Masi Research Centre and the TB Aerobiology Research Centre.



The financial support from The Giving Organisation has enabled the National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) not only to handle issues affecting individual animals but also to address matters which impact a far bigger picture.

OVERVIEW

Our Mission is to prevent cruelty and promote the welfare of all animals, whilst our Vision is to end animal cruelty in South Africa and engender compassion for all animals.

The NSPCA operates on a national basis with teams of dedicated Inspectors, who are specialists in their fields dealing specifically with farm animals, wildlife, research animals, equine, and working animal issues. Animals used in entertainment and sport also receive our focussed attention, as do aquatic species that fall under the banner of aquaculture.

The National Council of SPCAs extends its heartfelt thanks for the worthy and meaningful financial support, for which we are most grateful.

TRAINING UNIT

As the name indicates, this Unit handles the internal training of inspectors, field officers as well as that of committee members for all of the 76 SPCAs countrywide. Our Training Unit ensures that all SPCA Inspectors receive a high standard of training to equip them in undertaking their field duties and enforcing the Animals Protection Act No. 71 of 1962 when deliberate cruelty takes place.

We were very pleased to again work with the North West University to provide training to Animal Health Technician Students. A record number of 85 very keen students attended the lectures. We presented an intense but comprehensive 4-day training programme including an Introduction to Animal Welfare, Animal Protection legislation, Working Donkeys, Domestic Animal Welfare and Farm Animal Welfare.



WILDLIFE PROTECTION UNIT

The Wildlife Protection Unit has long been actively involved in addressing the cruelty within the captive lion industry – starting with the breeding of animals held in captivity to the hand-rearing of lion cubs for entertainment purposes and the eventual end to the cycle in ‘canned lion’ hunts or slaughter for lion bones. The lack of regulation within the industry frustrates efforts by the Wildlife Protection Unit to prevent cruelty and the Unit has numerous criminal cases pending for contraventions of the Animals Protection Act No. 71 of 1962.

Following intensive research and investigation and decades of work in the field, the National Council of SPCAs compiled a comprehensive report on the cruelty behind the scenes in the captive lion and lion bone industry. The report which challenges the captive lion industry was released in February 2021.

FARM ANIMAL PROTECTION UNIT

Farm Animal Protection Unit Inspectors operate nationally and undertake random, proactive inspections. All complaints received are also fully investigated. Facilities inspected included: abattoirs, feedlots, poultry farms, hawkers, sale yards, dairy farms, pounds, pig farms, correctional facilities, rabbit farms, crocodile farms, cull outlets, aquaculture farms, petting farms, alpaca, mohair and agricultural farms. Appropriate action was taken to address any welfare concerns encountered during inspections. This action included recommendations for improvements as well as warnings to correct shortcomings.

An extraordinary amount of time has been spent by Inspectors from the Farm Animal Protection Unit in dealing with the export of live animals by sea. Physical inspections, monitoring the loading of animals and legal action stop the animal suffering which goes hand in hand with this cruel and unnecessary practice have formed part of committed actions to protect animals.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

This Unit's focus is on both broad-spectrum and specific investigations into the areas of animal fighting and its driving dynamics, working events/ shows that use fighting breeds of animal.

The Unit continues to secure successful prosecutions in dogfighting cases with the Regional court sentences having steadily built-in severity laying a strong punishment precedent.

SPECIAL PROJECTS UNIT

Our Special Projects Unit carries out investigations on diverse issues ranging from pigeon racing to airport inspections. The Special Projects Unit continues to research the use of various methods and apparatus to control unwanted animals and deter unwanted behaviour to ensure compliance with the Animals Protection Act.

Thousands of animals are moved annually through OR Tambo International Airport both internationally and nationally, and this airport, as well as others around the country, are closely monitored by our Inspectors. The welfare issues encountered involve sub-standard crates, insufficient ventilation, overcrowding, long periods of travelling and stand-overs in warehouses due to delays in legal clearances, the incorrect loading and handling of crates containing live animals as well as the lack of care in placement within the warehouses and outside in a variety of weather conditions.



DONKEY UPLIFTMENT PROJECT

The Project's focus is largely on empowering owners, drivers and animal caregivers.

Working donkeys are often required to transport water in remote areas. Their work is made easier if they have more humane harnessing which our Inspector teaches owners to make.

Wherever possible presentations are given to learners at schools and this is supported by the teachers and principals. For many of the children, this is their first exposure to the SPCA and the message about animal protection.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By improving the welfare standards of animals, we contribute to the upliftment of impoverished communities and empower owners who benefit all their animals in the future. During the projects teams of specialist staff provide on-site home inspections and support which may include replacing inhumane equipment, primary health care, sterilisations/vaccinations, skills empowerment on harnessing, handling, housing and care. Our strategies improve the whole lives of all animals.

Because so much of our work is proactive our Inspectors go into areas where animal welfare is unknown. Basic education is a core function and assisting very compromised, neglected and abandoned animals.

Many of the problems we find are related to a lack of knowledge or empathy. Although owners are educated wherever possible there are still consequences for abusing or neglecting an animal. Owners are guided and assisted to make the necessary welfare improvements and then warnings are also issued explaining the law and responsibilities of the owner. The warnings are filed and followed up on to ensure the welfare is maintained.



What does WESSA do?

WESSA is a 93 year old youthful organisation and a leader in South African conservation and environmental education. WESSA researches, develops and implements both accredited and nonaccredited environmental, sustainable tourism, education and youth development programmes throughout South Africa.

WESSA is the sole implementer of all International Foundation for Environmental Education programmes in South Africa and is also the implementer of choice of various youth development programmes on behalf of the government and private sector.

Collectively, the various WESSA youth programmes touch the lives of more than a million young people and more than 40 000 teachers every year. More than 800 unemployed youth are receiving hands on training through the Blue Flag and Green Coast endeavours. WESSA has been appointed custodian of the YES programme in the Northern Cape and Free State.

An active volunteer membership throughout the country is at the forefront of WESSA's work to ensure the restoration of ecosystems, improvement of the school curriculum, the creation of job opportunities, tourism growth, and the responsible management of our coastline.

WESSA IN NUMBERS



WESSA FOOTPRINT



-  WESSA Offices
-  Blue Flag Site
-  Green Coast Site
-  Green Key Property
-  Schools
-  WESSA Bush Plots
-  WESSA Sishen
-  WESSA Treasure Beach
-  WESSA Twinstreams
-  WESSA uMngeni Valley

The WESSA Education Centre's division is on a firm footing since its restructuring in October last year. Key positions and operational requirements are now in place for an aggressive phase of growth.

Two experienced new Education Principals were appointed: Buyisiwe Nakpan at WESSA uMngeni Valley, and Siphesihle Bukhosini at WESSA Sishen who are committed to driving the organisational goals. They come with outstanding experience in the South African Education system and have skills and knowledge to grow our teacher training and science centre focus areas.

Teacher feedback, stakeholder engagement, and social media endorsements speak of a favourable public disposition towards the WESSA Education Centres. The support serves as inspiration for the team to realise the full potential of the Education Centres. It is also a key indicator that we are on track to position WESSA on the path to Greatness.

Considerable investment in equipment and facilities has positioned the WESSA Education Centres for higher-level school groups. The resources include new desktop computers and software for GIS, data loggers, weather stations, science equipment and specialised equipment used when hosting the President Award's programmes.



Located in the Limpopo bushveld at the foot of the Waterberg mountains, on a 350-hectare reserve, WESSA Bush Pigs Environmental Education Centre is characterised by a variety of landscapes, including a riverine setting and a mountainous ridge. A subdivision of the Savannah biome, the predominantly mixed bushveld zone makes for an innovative and creative approach to outdoor learning, underpinned by a unique indigenous knowledge experience.

WESSA Bush Pigs targets school groups of all ages at its four unique camps. However, the centre has diversified its offering to include high schools and university groups.

The WESSA Bush Pigs team prides itself on its flexibility and the experience and expertise to create specialised and age-appropriate programmes suited to the needs of schools. Feedback from primary school learners and educators suggest the courses are appropriate for the different age groups. Popular themes include the Conservation Game, Waddle in the intricacies of Wetlands, Branch out into the world of Indigenous Trees, Get Carbon Smart, and Splash Out during National Water Week.



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In 1952 the first school children camped in the forest at Twinstreams – the start of an initiative that has now been underway for almost 70 years, and the first of its kind in the country. The WESSA Twinstreams Education Centre, near Mtunzini on the KwaZulu-Natal north coast, continues to be popular with visitors appreciating the network of trails through coastal forests, along mangrove swamps and estuaries, and proximity to a stretch of deserted beach.

Countless learners have experienced first-hand the array of offerings at Twinstream and last year – during the 2018/19 year under review – nearly 3 000 students participated in programmes offered by the Education Centre.

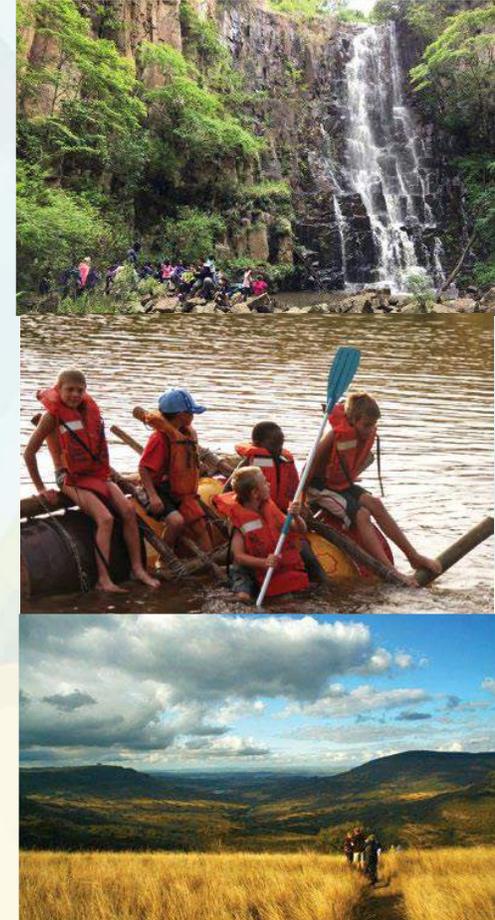
The cross-curricular links and trans-disciplinary approach ensure real-life learning for a sustainable future, evidenced by the feedback about the value and impact of the programmes on offer. Of particular pride to the team at the WESSA Twinstreams Education Centre is the shared experience, and the joy of being part of the natural world.



The WESSA uMngeni Valley Education Centre continues to be the division's flagship. Easily accessible on the outskirts of Howick in KwaZulu-Natal, the 900 hectare reserve is popular with nature lovers on account of its panoramic views, diverse walking trails and mountain biking routes that traverse mist-belt grasslands and indigenous forests.

On May 16, 2019 uMngeni Valley was officially proclaimed a Nature Reserve, a place of special value contributing to the aesthetics and sense of place of Howick. The reserve also has significant habitat value, aiding in the hydrological functioning, ecosystem and biodiversity of the uMngeni River catchment, a critically important river system in KwaZulu-Natal. Its tourism activities add to the economic sustainability of the region.

WESSA uMngeni Valley is equipped with state-of-the-art resources, including a full ArcGIS computer suite, data loggers, weather stations, probes for abiotic factor testing, digiscopes and microscopes, environmental applications, drones and go-pros. The e-STEAM and curriculum-based programmes boast strong mathematics and science themes aimed at preparing youth for 21st century careers.

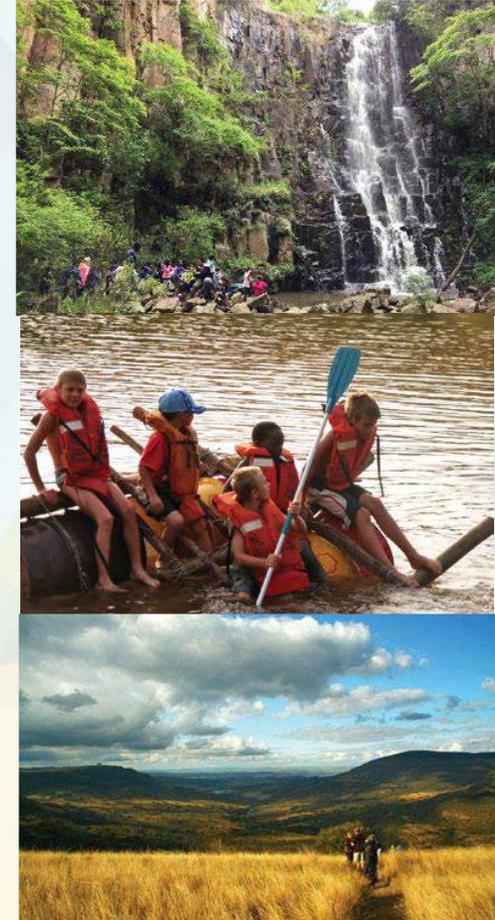


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Located on the Bluff, South of Durban, WESSA Treasure Beach Education Centre is uniquely positioned to offer a comprehensive coastal marine experience, only 20 minutes from the city. Boasting panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, WESSA Treasure Beach has offered hands-on, experiential programmes for the past 30 years.

The selection of courses, workshops, presentations and projects are designed to build knowledge, skills and attitudes of people, young and old, towards a more sustainable future. A new marine science lab provides practical programmes for research purposes, while field trips to uShaka Marine World and the Beachwood mangroves add value to the Treasure Beach experience.

Efforts to promote occupancy during quiet times are starting to pay off, thanks to the hosting of President's Award groups and camps during July and December. Revamped teacher accommodation, fresh decor in the dining room and new equipment have met with a favourable reception. More effort is needed to promote the offerings, from the diverse accommodation to the state-of-the-art conference facility.



SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The WESSA Schools Programme provides a range of projects that are ideally positioned to respond to the challenges presented by the formal education system and out-of-school youth in a time of economic austerity.

Not only do the WESSA Schools programmes promote skills development and foster project-based learning, they are also aligned with policy frameworks at a national, continental and global level, notably the National Development Plan, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals.

The Schools programme offers a holistic environmental education solution through its complementary offerings. These include the International Schools Programme comprising Eco-Schools, Young Reporters for the Environment, and Learning About Forests. The WESSA-developed Early Childhood Development Programme, Head Start, has been favourably received, while the implementation of the Sustainable Schools in Rural Communities initiative in the Eastern Cape, is on track.



WORK SKILLS

The WESSA Work Skills division provides effective training, education and skills development programmes to private individuals, corporates and all spheres of government through an extensive range of courses designed to address the critical scarcity of green and blue economy skills.

To date, two qualifications have been submitted for accreditation approval to the relevant sector training authorities – an SMME Development course (SERVICES SETA) and an Environmental Scientist qualification (QCTO) – the first level NQF 6 qualification.

Other qualifications in the offing are Environmental Practices, Environmental Management and Environmental Education.

The Work Skills division successfully implemented the first delivery of two new CATHSSETA qualifications – Tourism Guiding and Resource Guardianship – to more than 400 learners in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Free State and Northern Cape.

The YES Programme graduation events, attended by the lead facilitator for each group, showed that strong bonds and rapport had been developed with learners. Emphasis on monitoring and evaluation by experienced facilitators – registered as assessors and some also as moderators – ensures continuous improvement of course material and the development of new training content.

2022

Environmental Days



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January

- 20 Penguin Awareness day
- 26 World Environmental Education Day
- 31 International Zebra Day



February

- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 15 World Hippopotamus Day
- 19 World Pangolin Day
- 20 World Whale Day



March

- 3 World Wildlife Day
- 11 Solar Appreciation Day
- 14 International Day of Action for Rivers
- 18 Global Recycling Day
- 20 World Frog Day
- 21 International Day of Forests
- 21 Human Rights Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 20-26 National Water Week
- 23 World Meteorological Day
- 26 Earth Hour

April

- 3 World Aquatic Animal Day
- 7 World Health Day
- 13 International Plant Appreciation Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 World Penguin Day



May

- 1-7 International Compost week
- 2 World Tuna Day
- 3 International Leopard Day
- 14 World Migratory Bird Day
- 20 World Bee Day
- 20 Endangered Species Day
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
- 23 World Turtle Day
- 25 Africa Day

June

- 1 World Reef Day
- 5 World Environment Day
- 8 World Oceans Day
- 16 Youth Day
- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 21 World Giraffe Day
- 22 World Rainforest Day



July

- 14 Shark Awareness Day
- 14 World Chimpanzee Day
- 15 World Youth Skills Day
- 16 World Snake Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela Day
- 28 World Nature Conservation Day
- 31 International Ranger Day

August

- 4 International Clouded Leopard Day
- 9 Women's Day
- 10 World Lion Day
- 12 Elephant Day
- 22-26 World Water Week
- 26 World African Wild Dog Day
- 30 International Whale shark day
- 31 African Traditional Medicine day
- 30-5 Arbor Week

September

- 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 17 International Coastal Clean-up Day
- 18 World Water Monitoring Day
- 21 Zero Emissions Day
- 22 World Rhino Day
- 25 World Rivers Day
- 26 World Environmental Health Day
- 27 World Tourism day

October

- 3 World Habitat Day
- 4 World Animal Day
- 5 World Teachers Day
- 5 Energy Efficiency Day
- 8 African Penguin Day
- 14 E-Waste Day
- 14 Sustainability Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 21 National Reptile Awareness Day
- 21 Earth Worm Day
- 24 International Day of Climate Action

November

- 6 International Children's Day
- 19 World Toilet Day
- 20 National Children's Day
- 21 World Fisheries Day



December

- 4 International Cheetah day
- 4 Wildlife Conservation Day
- 5 World Soil Day
- 11 International Mountain Day
- 14 International Monkey Day



Remember to align any planned activities on special days to the SDG goals!



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Not much could be achieved without the support and financial assistance of our partners and donors.

We pay tribute to all of you.

Thank you for staying the journey with us – it is only through perseverance and hard work that we will achieve our goal to lessen the burden on our communities – and save lives.