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FOCUS ON FCM

Our Family and Community Motivator programme started up again in the first few weeks of 2015.

FCM has spread to the most needy areas of Site C and an area called Khunkqu has opened its doors for Sikhula Sonke to offer FCM services.

Playgroups are continuing and registration of children is growing daily

The FCM numbers in Enkanini have increased faster than other areas; we had 51 registered families (reaching 68 children) at the end of March.

Our FCM participants received toy packs that they can use to stimulate play and thus learning in the children they reach. Along with the toy packs, caregivers are given "toy training". Our thanks to FNB for making this intervention possible; the caregivers received the toys with much joy.

In a community with strong ties to the Eastern Cape, families often join the programme but then spend several weeks or months each term outside Cape Town, refusing to de-register from FCM. 2015 has seen a high demand for FCM services. Unfortunately the programme is fully subscribed and has no more space for new applicants without de-registering "absent" participants.

YOU CAN'T TEACH HUNGRY CHILDREN...

Joint Aid Management has partnered with Sikhula Sonke to identify centres which feed children regularly with the aim of providing nutritious porridge for the children.

We're excited to announce that the number of centres receiving regular "JAM porridge" has increased from 48 to 80 ECD centres this quarter.



TOY LIBRARY NEWS

When the Toy Library doors open at the beginning of the year we always see children streaming in. This term we have seen institutional membership increasing significantly as practitioners make use of our resources for their schools.

Not only are local ECD teachers making use of the Library in Harare Square, we're finding that the Mobile Bus is hugely popular whenever we take it out into the community.



Toy packs donated by FNB



It takes the whole village to raise a child.

*“Wake up, South Africa!
This is the future generation
of our economic active leaders
and citizens.”*

2015 started out with some housekeeping. The Sikhula Sonke team were given an opportunity to revamp our offices and wholeheartedly took on the tasks of painting and turning the building inside out. The offices are now looking good and are an attractive space to work in. Our thanks to the NewDay United who made this possible.

PROGRAMMES...

All the programmes started smoothly and the team have slotted into their roles well.

Our Imbewu Training and Support programmes have partnered with Unlimited Child to provide NELDS-based curriculum for preschool children. This curriculum is very practitioner/teacher and child-friendly and encourages participation of all parties involved. The training comes up with a full practical kit of toy equipment to be used in the development of young children. This is one of the greatest features that come with this training.

The Funda Udlale toy library service is so instrumental in the support of all programmes within the organisation. It has kept its momentum in ensuring that it supports the ECD facilities who do not have all the developmental age-appropriate materials for the stimulation of children. We have seen a steady increase in the number of ECD facilities using the toy library as a resource and place of safety.

The mobile toy library is also on the road, thanks to our great partners VPUU and the City of Cape Town. The mobile toy library is well-received wherever it goes, and has increased links with ECD sites in further areas of Khayelitsha.

Both the outreach programmes, Emthonjeni and Family Community Motivator had a very slow start of the year. I think this was due to the large numbers of children who graduated from both programmes at the end of last year. There has been a lot of recruitment to replace families that exited the programme.

Through our first quarter cluster workshops we have seen 21 families with at least 71 children participating at Emthonjeni, and another 84 FCM families (with at least 184 children) at Emthonjeni. Funda Udlale was used by 80 children, and 36 children were reached via the mobile toy library.

BEHIND THE SCENES...

A personal highlight for me is seeing many of our staff committing to developing themselves professionally. We have people enrolled as Social Workers, others as auxiliary.

LINKING HANDS...

Lastly, this quarter we've also been focussing on actively developing and strengthening our partnerships with other community organisations and ECD facilities who have a heart for the children and families of Khayelitsha. We are encouraged by their stories of hope and their commitment.

INVESTING IN OUR NATION'S CHILDREN...

We invite you to join us; through financially supporting our programmes, praying for our staff, and sharing our stories on Facebook. Consider visiting us at story time and playing a game with a child. Sponsoring a toy kit or some paper for one of the ECD centres we support. Email us and ask us about our wish list. Maybe you have a connection who can make our dreams a reality?

Together we **can** do so much more. You are part of our village. Let's raise some children!



Mdebuka Mtwazi
(Executive Director)

IMBEWU UNLIMITED CHILD CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to the following practitioners who recently received their Unlimited Child certificates:

Anelisa Ngcozelo, Masibambane ECD
 Bulelwa Plaatjie, Masibambane ECD
 Buyiswa Mamfengwana, Ntsikelelo ECD
 Ellen Lento, Thembela ECD
 Lusanda Mava, Little Star ECD
 Lydia Mzamo, Thembela ECD
 Nonkosi Songa, Zamokuhle ECD
 Nontutuzelo miselo, Ukhozi ECD
 Nonzukiso Pama, Zamokuhle ECD
 Pamela Menziwa, Vuka'ukhanye ECD
 Regina Zozwana, Vuka'ukhanye ECD
 Thuliswa Zondani, Sunshine ECD

IMBEWU TRAINING 2015



Our IMBEWU programme started with an introductory session for principals from local Khayelitsha schools. This looking-in time informed the principals of the objectives and value of our IMBEWU training for their teachers. Sikhula Sonke then facilitated an orientation for those teachers who were selected to attend from the approximately 25 schools represented at the principals' looking-in sessions.

There are approximately 45 teachers participating in IMBEWU training this year; our goal is to equip and energise these individuals to maximise their potential, so that they become outstanding teachers who make a lasting difference in their classes and schools.

EXCELLING IN LEARNING

Two of our Sikhula Sonke senior staff members received a bursary to do a course on National Early Childhood Development Leadership.

We say "Halala!!!" to two motivated ladies, Mrs Gazi and Miss Lindiswa Ngwendu.



PARTNERING WITH LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS



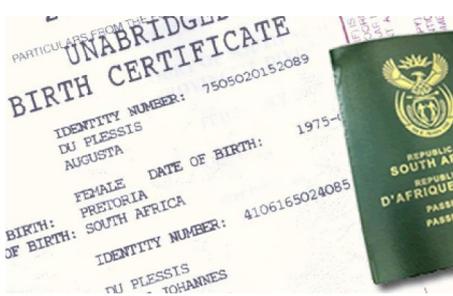
Our deepest gratitude to several Khayelitsha-based primary schools enrolling late registration students for Grade R and Grade 1: Vuzamanzi, Chumisa, Sikhokhele, Mthawelanga, LuDwe Ngamlana, Chuma, Luleka, Isiphiwo, Ntshayelelo, Njongo, Kuyasa, Hopulang, Sivuyiseni, Yomelela and St Michael.

Thank you to the principals and the FCM and Emthonjeni fieldworkers who worked hard to get children into schools! At least 61 children who would have been denied access have safely joined these mainstream schools in Grade R and Grade 1.

TOY LIBRARY ON THE MOVE

The increase in partnership to promote ECD within our communities has risen to another level. Sikhula Sonke fieldworkers take at least

one day a week to promote ECD via the ECD mobile/toy library bus. The bus moves around Harare, Monwabisi Park and Kuyasa, stopping in public spaces and at ECD facilities to make ECD resources available to local ECD practitioners, caregivers and children.



NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NO SCHOOL

Avile M. received his birth certificate for the first time at the age of eight. Through Sikhula Sonke's facilitation and assistance, he finally managed to get a birth certificate and register at a primary school for Grade 2.

Well done to the FCM team who actively reached out to this family, helped with developmental stimulation and laid the foundation for a young boy to go to school. We wish Avile all the best!

SIKHULA SONKE ECD IN ACTION

Sikhula Sonke has four active early childhood development-related programmes, reaching out to Khayelitsha's children, caregivers and families.

- The **Funda Udlale Library Project** provides a range of educational toys and books, individually and through ECD centres;
- **Emthonjeni** is a community-based programme, offering ECD sessions out in the open, around the communal water taps of the informal settlements (hence the name, which means 'well');
- The **Family Community Motivators Programme** takes ECD interventions into individual households, with its main goal being a reduction in the number of children who do not access early childhood development services;
- The **Imbewu Training, Coaching and Support Programme** actively trains and supports enrolled ECD practitioners.

Partner with us

Sikhula Sonke is wholly funded by donations. Would you consider partnering with us in reaching the children of Khayelitsha and giving them a solid foundation to start their school years?

We have a track record of faithfulness in our spending, and are happy to share our financial information with you. All donations can be EFT'd directly to our account.

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