

**Sikhula  
Sonke**

Early  
Childhood  
Development



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## Executive Report

South Africa is faced today with the prospect of dealing with a wide variety of different social ills which, in most cases, are the result of poor social systems and structures, corruption, complex education policies, poor service delivery and external factors like global warming, volatile economic markets and generally unstable societies. The young citizens of this country are often the hardest hit victims who have to deal with the repercussions. Many children face unbearable living conditions, societal and family neglect, abuse, poverty and all sorts of criminal activities and social challenges that many middle-class citizens would struggle to imagine or deal with.

Sikhula Sonke, like all other organisations in the social development sector, has in this year under review proved itself successful in reducing and combating many of these social challenges, particularly those most directed towards orphans and vulnerable children.

This has been done through a variety of interventions like the mental and creative stimulation of children within their home settings, the improvement of public spaces and the upgrading of ECD facilities and settings.

The staff of Sikhula Sonke have organised broad child protection campaigns in the community, public library days, children's outings, excursions and more. All of these efforts were successfully run with a view to fulfilling the mandate of the organisation by its stakeholders.

It is important each year for us to acknowledge the contribution that has been made by the partners, funders and stakeholders of the organisation.

We have found our implementing partners like Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading (VPUU), Heads-Up, Na'ibali, City Of Cape Town Health, Simameleni, Grassroots Soccer, FAMSA (and others) readily available to deal with difficult child-related issues and on-hand to journey with us through some difficult situations. These partners were also very instrumental in helping us to look at



children more holistically which has broad massive benefit to our beneficiaries.

On the same note, Sikhula Sonke is affiliated to the Connect Network, a network that has played a major role in capacitating our organisation at different levels, and it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge their contribution to our work. We are a more effective entity because of the collective efforts of this network and these partners. Thank you.

Sikhula Sonke has achieved many of its goals through the support of people and organisations that have placed their confidence in us. These funders and supporters include organisations like First National Bank Fund, the Childwick Trust, Jim Joel Foundation, the Western Cape Department of Social Development, Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading (VPUU), Cape Union Mart, Percy Fox Foundation, National Lottery Commission, R.B. Hargart Trust, Home Choice Development Trust, E.B Grove Helping Hand, ENS and individual donors who donate regularly and faithfully. Thank you to each of you.

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## Executive Report cont.

It is also important that we acknowledge the on-going commitment and dedication of our staff who make these programmes work on a daily basis. They have radically improved the quality and reliability of early childhood development services in the Khayelitsha community.

We salute you: **maqobo nani maqobokazana - ukwanda kwaliwa ngumthakathi.**

We are proud that the staff, management team and board of Sikhula Sonke have worked together to provide access to early childhood services to the most needy areas and desperate clients through creating an enabling and conducive environment for generating economic growth.

Sikhula Sonke has achieved significantly during the year under review despite taking a toll in terms of the emotional well-being of our team; this requires our deepest thanks and appreciation.

The management team and board of the organisation never disappoint in providing a direction at times and support, and for that we extend our thanks for their commitment to making Sikhula Sonke a success.

Lastly, we would like to thank the communities within which we work, for opening their doors and homes and trusting us with their children. Those communities are Enkanini Site B - RR section, Site C - Taiwan and Khunqu, Monwabisi Park and all other sections within which our coaches work.

**Executive Director**  
**Mdebuka Mtwazi**

**Chairman**  
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## Operations Report

### Family & Community Motivator Programme

The goal of the FCM programme is two-fold: to reach out and strengthen 200 families, and to transfer ECD skills to caregivers that have children who cannot access ECD centers.

Children were exposed to different age-appropriate activities covering different themes which helped them to develop more holistically through play and experiences. Caregivers also participated in ECD training, attended parenting skills workshops and received psycho-social support.



*Cluster workshop on head injuries*

QUARTER	FAMILIES REACHED	CHILDREN REACHED	PLANNED VISITS	ACTUAL VISITS	SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN	REFERRED CASES	ACHIEVED CASES
1 <sup>st</sup>	196	230	1230	836	6	33	34
2 <sup>nd</sup>	195	250	1234	1188	5	45	36
3 <sup>rd</sup>	195	248	1600	1338	5	42	25
4 <sup>th</sup>	195	248	1232	1120	5	20	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>5296</b>	<b>4482</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>110</b>

### Emthonjeni Programme

The Emthonjeni Programme contributes towards reducing the number of children who have no access to quality early childhood development services or resources in Monwabisi Park.

Children attended playgroups during the year and participated in various activities that help with holistic development. Emthonjeni make good use of public spaces to reach out to both children and parents/caregivers.

Caregivers also attended FCM cluster workshops to learn parenting skills.



*Emthonjeni children enjoying a farm visit*

QUARTER	TOTAL CHILD ATTENDEES	GIRLS	BOYS	SPECIAL NEEDS	REFERRAL CASES	ACHIEVED CASES
1 <sup>st</sup>	212	120	92	1	-	-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	306	180	126	-	1	-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	350	200	150	1	1	-
4 <sup>th</sup>	407	200	207	-	2	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>

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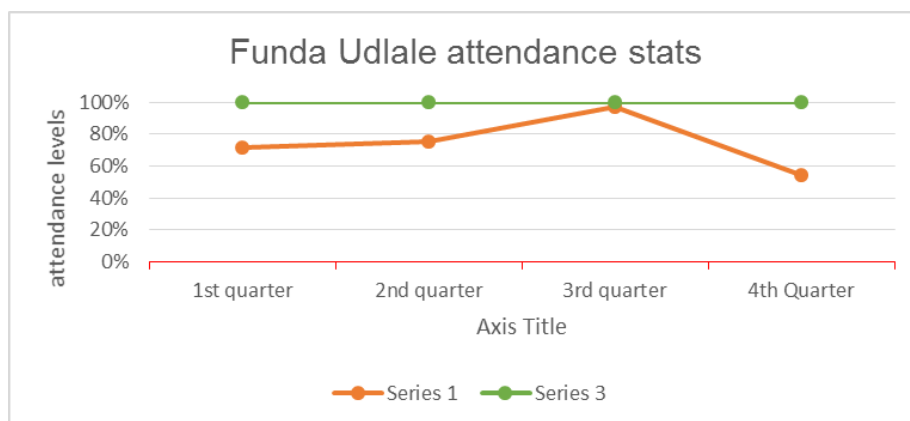
### Funda Udlale

The main goal of this programme is to provide educational toys, books and toy training to children between 0-9 years in the Khayelitsha community. Children were exposed to age-appropriate educational interventions through different library activities. Children from ECD centers and from the Outreach programs visited the library on allocated days from Monday to Saturday.

The mobile Toy Library bus also visited outlying areas, taking toys and facilitators to children who could not come to the Harare Square facilities.



*The library bus on its rounds*

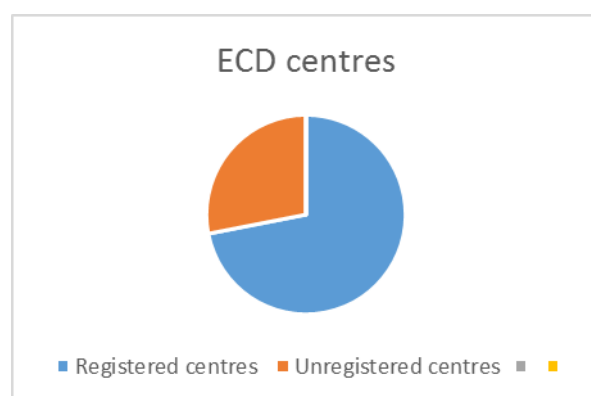


*"Thank you for our shoes!"*

### Imbewu Training & Support Programme

The main goal of the Imbewu coaching and support programme was to train and support 60 practitioners from various ECD centers around Khayelitsha.

Practitioners received hands-on tuition in basic ECD stimulation skills. They were also supported to meet the minimum requirements as required by the Department of Social Development. We are very proud of the 52 practitioners who graduated out of the 60 centers represented.



## Highlights of the year

Joint Aid Management's nutrition intervention became our biggest breakthrough in dealing with the challenge of poverty. A nutritious meal each morning has led to improved attendance and more punctuality of children in the playgroups.

118 children participated in the annual ECD joint graduation at the end of 2014.

The Imbewu Coaching and support programme reached 2 575 children.

Two of Sikhula Sonke's employees graduated in a certificate course on Constitutional Law and four employees graduated in the Level Four ECD course.

One FCM child was found after being lost for five hours in Enkanini.

71 children graduated from the outreach programmes.

## Operational challenges

Our workers often experience absenteeism of caregivers during home visits. Caregivers also relocated to the Eastern Cape, taking their skills with them.

Child neglect remains an ongoing challenge.

## In summary

This financial 2014-2015 period was very exciting like many other previous years at Sikhula Sonke. Early Childhood Development as a service remains relevant and in demand in the Khayelitsha community.

Sikhula Sonke's workers continue to commit to personal learning to keep up with the needs of the children; they all feel rewarded when they see the transformation that occurs in the children's lives.

**Thembi Nxesi** | Operations Manager

## Feedback from the field...

*SITE C TEAM: SISO is a light to our group. It makes us realize how important education for young children is. It helps us to give love and hope to those children who don't get love from their parents and community. It also helps us to give hope to those who don't get hope.*

*Sikhula Sonke is playing a vital role in changing children's lives and the community at large. It is such an honor and privilege to sleep knowing that you have made a difference in children's lives. Thanks to SISO for all the opportunities we have had as the KHUNQU team.*

*COACHING AND SUPPORT TEAM: SISO has a huge impact in ECD centres. As teachers attend basic training they gain skills, knowledge and are able to transfer to the young ones.*

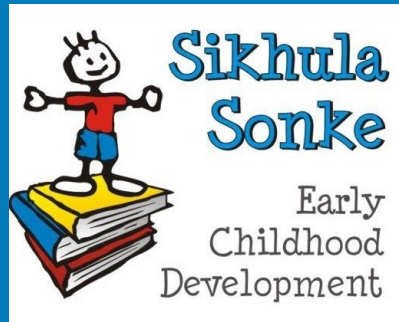
*TOY LIBRARY TEAM: Sikhula Sonke has played a big role to the children and parents of the community through the many play sessions with educational toys and story book times that happen during the week and also on Saturdays.*

*SITE B TEAM: SISO plays a vital role to the lives of young children, and the FCM programme has built supportive and trusting relationships with the families that we are working with. Shine SISO shine.*

*EMTHONJENI TEAM: What we do at Monwabisi Park makes a difference in the community of children that don't have hope for the future. We have decreased the number of vulnerable children and have given most children in the community access to the ECD schools of Khayelitsha.*







Addressing the need for quality  
early childhood development  
in Khayelitsha since 2001.



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