



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017

All about #SustainablePlay

The Department of Social Development launched Child Protection Week in Langa on the 28th of May. Sikhula Sonke took part in the event and received pamphlets and brochures for awareness in community dialogues and for our World Play Day event.

Key messages for CPW this year

CPW 2017 focused on the following issues:

- the perspective of holistic development of, care for and protection of children,
- awareness of children's rights,
- safe learning environments, and
- the importance of play in children's development.

Taking CPW to Khayelitsha

Working closely with partner organisations and various teams from different City of Cape Town departments, Sikhula Sonke hosted a full programme of events with the central theme of "sustainable play".

World Play Day was the first event, hosted at Kuyasa Park on Monday 29 May. We hosted 957 children who participated in different events, interacting with stakeholders, playing games, getting medical and dental checks and more.

What's a great day out without snacks and lunch? A big shout out to Boxer Stores and



Hilltop Spar Supermarket who generously donated yummy food and beverages.

The programme for the rest of the week included community dialogues involving over 200 adults, creating play spaces for over 300 children, participating in discussions on local radio stations and handing out information in different communities within Khayelitsha.

The community dialogues provided parents and caregivers in Site B, Khunqu, Enkanini and Harare with an opportunity to voice their concerns and share their stories with their community and stakeholders, and also learn more about child development and child protection from representatives of various organisations.

Partners and sponsors for change

It was our absolute privilege to partner with many amazing organisations and people during Child Protection Week, including local community radio stations, NGOs, government and more. Their generosity, availability and participation is so appreciated! (continued on page 2...)





CPW PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

African Tales - Performed children theatre and brought more volunteers to assist in other activities.

City of Cape Town - Involvement in health immunisation and hygiene campaigns.

Fire and Rescue - Lessons on fire, safety, and how to handle burns in children.

Government Communication & Information System – Promotion material for child protection week awareness.

Heads Up – Presentation on head injuries.

Joint Aid Management (JAM) – Sponsored nutritious porridge so that caregivers and preschools could give children breakfast

Khayelitsha ECD Forums - Organized the participation of ECD children at events.

Metro Police - Answered questions, brought their mascot and did a K9 unit demonstration for the children.

Michael Mapongwana Day Hospital - Nurses did dental screening for each child, and handed out Colgate toothpaste and toothbrushes to take homes.

Nal'i'bali— Ongoing provision of reading materials.

Radio Khaltsha 97.1FM - Airtime to present information about child protection and raise awareness of what is happening in the community.

Simameleni – Presentations on protection of children and children's rights.

Sports and Recreation – Come and Play, play activities with children.

Umbono Arts Media - Film the event on the 29 May and 02 June

Zibonele FM 98.2 - Welcomed us to their community programs, had interviews talking about events and the child protection week in general.

From the Executive Director's Desk

Introduction

It is very inspirational and motivating to see all the work that is done by the NPO sector despite all the political and economic conditions that our country faces. While many government parastatals and municipalities are struggling to receive or maintain clean audits, it is essential that the NPO sector thrive and provide good services with the (often) little that they have, showing great accountability with all their expenditures. At the same time, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of raising children who have good morals and solid values, including respect for each other. We want to raise a generation that shuns all forms of corruption at an early age—an important contribution to our country.

2nd Quarter under review

Sikhula Sonke, like many other organisations, has been hit hard by the economic downturn that we currently experiencing in South Africa, but that does not mean we don't have anything to celebrate.

This quarter had wonderful milestones to be celebrated, including successful child protection activities, children who have found safety after being removed from abusive households, families that have been unified, partnerships that have been revived, staff members who have achieved both academically and experienced professional growth.

We are excited about the development of our staff members: some have completed project management/administration training with Community Chest. Others continue with obtaining higher levels of ECD qualification, level 1-5. Yet others are doing degrees in community development and social work. We are really building such a team of professionals to enhance our capacity to develop Khayelitsha's young children.

Partnerships

Our partners are doing a wonderful job in developing our staff, parents and ECD teachers at different levels by offering

different practical courses, including Inclusive Education, Persona Doll, Joint Aid Management also known as JAM (this partnership reaches about 4000 children in 85 ECD facilities), Unlimited Child, Word Works, Happy Child Foundation, Community Organisation Resource Center, Brain Boosters, Mikhulu Trust, ECD forums, City Departments, African Tales, Heads Up, Connect Network and our funding partners.

Programmes

Our team is excited about our newest Emthonjeni outreach program to 40 children who were previously not receiving any form of learning stimulation. The community of UT Gardens in Site B have also opened their public hall - built by Community Organisation Resource Center—for use during bad Cape weather in winter. Thank you to C.O.R.C and the people of this area for your commitment to the development of your own children!

Happy Child Foundation has allowed us to run a toy library in their space in Enkanini area which brings the number of our toy libraries to three. Our Breadline partnership saw the upgrade of Nonceba Educare in Enkanini this quarter.

We are currently experiencing difficulties in RR section with our program operations but we hope that parents will find a way to make this program fully operational in this area again.

Child mortality stats

We are very concerned about the rising statistics of murdered children in South Africa. At the time of publication of this newsletter, the Western Cape stats alone show 21 child deaths in the first half of 2017. This disregard for children and life is a huge and ongoing challenge.

Thank you to our City Police and the Social Crime Department who continue to support us and are working with us to uphold the rights and value of children in our communities. - Mdebuka Mtwazi



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FAMILY & COMMUNITY CLUSTER MEETINGS

Our monthly Cluster Workshops empower parents and caregivers on different levels in protecting and nurturing their own children. As we meet in communal spaces, halls and homes, we provide a safe space for caregivers and parents to learn, express their concerns and find emotional and practical support—while their children get a chance to use educational toys and play.

Two topics we often talk about are general health and the importance of hygiene, ongoing challenges in communities that are challenged by poverty and lacking resources as basic as access to water.



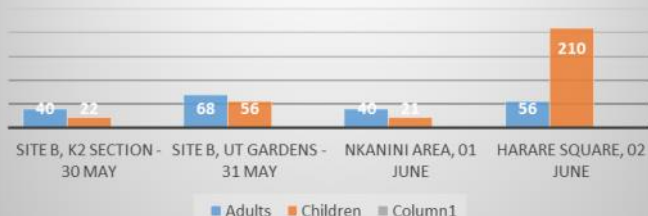
PERSONA DOLL TRAINING

We love persona doll training—such a great way to navigate children through difficult issues using a safe “third person” (the doll) who can express fear, sadness, joy and needs. Persona dolls are a great tool for the educators working with Khayelitsha’s children. Thank you to the Personal Doll team for empowering us with this skill and tool!



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017 STATS

Community Dialogues 30 May - 02 June 2017



Operational Feedback: Thembi

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Emthonjeni held 53 sessions this quarter, interacting with up to 92 caregivers and 160 children each month.
- FCM made a total of 944 home visits over the last 3 months, supporting approximately 60 families.
- The IMBEWU team visited at least 40 ECDs each month, coaching, training and supporting the ECD practitioners.
- FUNDA UDLALE counted 1348 boy interactions and 1287 girl interactions with the Toy Library over April, May and June. In addition, the library hosted 10 ECD visits, 5 FCM sessions and 9 Emthonjeni sessions.

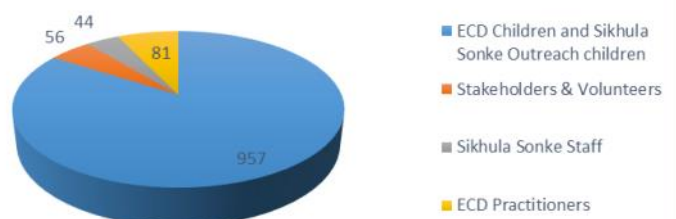
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECOND QUARTER

- Sponsorship from Spar Supermarket.
- Stakeholders who attended the Child Protection event.
- The created stone Child Protection Ribbon was one of the most beautiful things one can ever see. It was quite symbolic of the theme.
- Child Protection Week was well planned, and there was excellent cooperation between staff members.
- Home visits are really helping to increase numbers at Emthonjeni.
- Some caregivers have just secured employment.
- One grandmother of the twins in the programme is very participative by cleaning the space every day.
- At Enkanini parents are so attracted by the colorful structure of the containers and the outdoor facility that many are registering their children in the playgroup programme.
- Children are showing renewed interest in programmes.

CHALLENGES

- Practitioners need to be engaged to be involved in taking care of the children at larger events like CPW.
- Dialogue Facilitators need training in facilitation skills.
- Toilet facilities for children are not available in certain areas where we host programmes.
- Lack of water in Monwabisi is an ongoing challenge for the community.

Attendees on the Sustainable Play - 29 May 2017 at Kuyasa Public Park





SIKHULA SONKE ECD IN ACTION

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

- The **Funda Udlale Library Project** provides a range of educational toys and books - via a Toy Library, a mobile Library bus and Library workers - to individuals, families and ECD centres;
- **Emthonjeni** is a community-based programme, offering ECD interactions in public spaces and at the communal water taps of Khayelitsha's 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 have no access to early childhood development services;
- The **Imbewu Training, Coaching and Support Programme** actively trains and supports enrolled ECD practitioners.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Sikhula Sonke is a registered NPO which 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 and tax certificates are available on request.

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