

WORLD PLAY DAY 2019 AND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK IN PICTURES



Sikhula Sonke launched Child Protection Week 2019 with a special World Play Day Picnic at Makhaza Wetlands Park for the Makhaza ECD children which saw 1068 children participating in fun activities on Tuesday 28 May.



Stakeholders included SAPS, Department of Roads and Safety, Carel Du Toit Eyes and Ears, Metro Police, Michael Maphongwana Dental Clinic, Fire and Rescue, Come and Play, Radio Khaltsha, Khayelitsha Clinical Psychologists, City of Cape Town and other representatives from the wider community. Hill Top Spar donated snacks and many ECD centres as well as Emthonjeni outreach groups attended.



After the exciting launch, the weather got a little colder and Cape Town had some rain, but that did not deter the many community dialogues and events about child protection that were hosted in other parts of Khayelitsha that week, including Site B, Site C, Enkanini, Harare, Monwabisi Park and more.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The second quarter of every year at Sikhula Sonke is usually very hectic. Q1 lays the groundwork for the year: children are still being registered for schools, annual plans are prepared, children recruited to preschool and baseline assessments take place.

Q2 sees our teams swing into action with parent training and education interventions. Child Protection Week is a big event in our calendar, along with World Play celebrations. Local community activities include toy library marketing and handover of container structures to ECD centres by Breadline Africa and HomeChoice, some of our key partners in capacitating communities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 189 children from UT Gardens, K2 and Enkanini sections received immunization from the Department of Health
- Eight healthy and bouncing babies were born this quarter; they have all started well with their Road to Health cards.
- Every site at Sikhula Sonke has a weighing scale and a height chart and we have started weighing children and measuring heights. The analysis of results is still underway.
- Children are showing progress in development with some very shy and withdrawn children starting to open up and gain confidence.
- The referral system is working better with the presence of the junior social

worker Zintle Nose in our area.

- Nonzukiso Ngcambe, one of our volunteers at Site C and Taiwan section, has really helped us in practical needs. She has found us a space to cook and also to store our equipment.
- Caregivers at Enkanini have grown to be self-motivated in participating in their children's learning.
- A young boy, Endinako, who had a speech problem has suddenly improved in his language development.
- The toy library team had a very successful marketing week on 18-21 June.
- A new playgroup site was opened in May at the Mew Way section in Site

B and it is running very well with 23 children.

- In May Khethokuhle Educare lost its preschool facilities when their shack burnt down. Sikhula Sonke intervened by seeking help from HomeChoice Development Trust and Breadline Africa to assist this preschool. Read all about this partnership on page 4 of this newsletter.
- The partnership of Sikhula Sonke, Breadline Africa and the Private Sector have donated new container classrooms to another four ECD centres in Enkanini: Inkwenkwezi Educare, Lolly Pop Educare, Arise and Shine Educare and Step by Step Educare.



ABOVE: Mdebuka Mthwazi, Executive Director of Sikhula Sonke ECD



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Phaphama Matezea received her Pediatric First Aid Certificate and her Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation PR Certificate from the Medical Education Center.

Volunteers Sipho Balani, Makhosazana Msuthwana and Thembisa Mndayi received training on "Creative Approaches to Emotional Wellness in ECD programmes" from CDP.

Inclusive training was attended by two SISO workers and 56 ECD

practitioners.

Five SISO workers were trained in Nal'ibali's "Funda Leader Course".

False Bay College certifications: five team leaders and two fieldworkers were trained in National Curriculum Framework; SISO team members Ntombovuyo Bongoza and Vathiswa Combi successfully completed their Diploma course; and volunteer Xoliswa Dingiswayo and Nomathemba Peter have also completed their ECD NQF Level 5 courses. Well done all!

CHALLENGES

- The space around the container at K2 is very dirty with a blocked drain.
- All our sites have been filled to capacity during the winter holidays as children come to play. We also have to find creative ways to cater for bigger numbers on the same budget and sometimes are short of food.
- Some of our children wanted to stay at home with their siblings during holidays, the majority that attended were children who were previously part of the programme.
- Opportunistic crime is an ongoing problem which also affects our field workers; one of them was robbed on her way to work in June.
- Some parents register the children in and out of the programme.
- Parents are not willing to open their doors in the morning or the whole day in winter.
- The play space at A Section is not in use this winter because it is always flooded.

- Hygiene becomes a problem during winter time when it rains a lot in Cape Town and temperatures are cold. Getting washing to dry is a problem. Many children do not receive baths due to the cold weather and lack of access to electricity and/or hot water. They often come to the spaces dirty and in soiled clothes.

- The Toy Library bus has been broken into multiple times and ECD centres are not using the facility much in this rainy winter season.

MY THANKS

Once again I must thank our committed and faithful team. From organising World Play Day to community dialogues, reaching out to caregivers and children, no task is too big or too small as we all learn along the way.

My personal thanks also to our stakeholders and partners for their continuing kind-hearted investment into Khayelitsha's families.

Q2 PROGRAMME IMPACT

Imbewu - ECD Coaching

Supporting ECD staff with 91 visits to ECDs over the second term.

Facilitated 4667 interactions with children in the ECDs.

Emthonjeni - Playgroup outreaches

Reaching out to 259 families representing 281 children in Nkanini, Taiwan, Khunqu, UT Gardens, K2, Monwabisi Park and Mew Way.

Family & Community Motivator Programmes

Reaching a total of 213 families in Nkanini, Khunqu, Monwabisi Park, Taiwan and UT Gardens over this period.

Funda Udlale (Toy Library)

Hosted 19 Emthonjeni group sessions for informal groups and 23 sessions for formal preschools/ECD centres.



SISO IS ON THE AIR!

Tune in to Radio Khaltsha 97.1fm every Wednesday between 10h00 and 12h00 for great discussions on early childhood development.



FIRES DESTROY ECD, COMMUNITY RALLIES TO REBUILD

Khethokuhle ECD is in Zwezwe area near Enkanini in Khayelitsha: a real motivation within our midst. After receiving coaching from Sikhula Sonke a number of years ago, they met the government minimum required standards and got their registration.

Their busy preschool has 64 learners but when a shack fire raced through the area on the Easter weekend, they lost their classrooms and all their learning equipment.

These teachers were real stars and started using open spaces to keep their preschool running to educate learners while they sought funds to rebuild. SISO visited the school and took our library team with us to hand over toy boxes to help replace the toys lost in the fire.

Sikhula Sonke requested help from our partners and is excited to announce the opening of a new fully-equipped facility in mid-July, thanks to the generosity and partnership of Breadline Africa and HomeChoice Development Trust.



ABOVE (from top left clockwise): Khethokuhle children point to their burned down preschool after the fire; Sikhula Sonke presents teachers with boxes of toys and games to replace their lost resources shortly after the fire; children play in a public space with their teachers as they have no school grounds; the container currently being prepped as the future home of Khethokuhle ECD.



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IMBEWU TRAINING COACHING & SUPPORT

Actively training and supporting ECD practitioners to achieve full government registration and meet the standards required for running early childhood development centres.

IMBIZA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MOTIVATORS

Taking ECD interventions into individual households and reducing the number of young children who have no access to early childhood development services.

EMTHONJENI - MEETING AT THE WELLS

A community-based programme which offers ECD services to children and reaches out to parents and caregivers at the safe open areas of the communal water taps in informal settlements.

FUNDA UDLALE TOY LIBRARY

Providing a range of educational toys and books, individually and through ECD centres, also using a Toy Library bus to take the library to remoter areas.

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