



#SISONNEWS: Q4 2019

**“IT TAKES THE WHOLE VILLAGE
TO RAISE A CHILD”**

AN OLD AFRICAN SAYING



EMTHONJENI GRADUATIONS

It's at this time of the year that all the hard work and preparation of the year is recognised and rewarded!

Sikhula Sonke was extremely proud of the children who graduated from our Emthonjeni programme which reaches out to children not in preschool.

In 2019 several new preschool sites - with classrooms filled with all the resources a preschool needs, including ablutions, a kitchen, storeroom and more - were opened for our Emthonjeni children.

With lots of laughter and play, the children have learned much this year and have been deemed ready to enter formal primary schooling at local schools in Khayelitsha.

We wish these young learners a wonderful school career and pray that they will be prepared to one day enter the workplace as equipped and resourced (as well as resourceful) young adults.



SOWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS THROUGH ECD PRACTITIONER TRAINING

Sikhula Sonke's Imbewu programme has supported more than 60 ECD practitioners in meeting the minimum standards for ECD Centres as defined by the Department of Social Development.

Sikhula Sonke also provides training to early childhood development practitioners, both for the principals of ECD Centres and for their assistants. The training is accredited with the South African government at NQF levels 4 and 2 respectively.

The Imbewu course runs for a full year and requires complete commitment from the students, with after-hours studying and afternoon lectures to mesh with the working hours of these busy teachers who meet the needs of the children in their schools in the mornings.

Sikhula Sonke is extremely proud of these Imbewu NQF Level 2 and 4 graduates! We know that you will put into practice all you have learnt and that your preschools and children will benefit greatly. Well done on your accomplishment this year.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we sprint towards the end of year and everybody is looking forward to a well-deserved rest, it is a good time to reflect on the work done in 2019 and the fruits of that work. It is also important to finalise 2019 by preparing clear plans for 2020.

The Sikhula Sonke Early Childhood Development team had a **full internal review of its programmes** and recorded all the successes, setbacks and challenges not only in this quarter but over the past eleven months. This was not an easy year, as many organizations in the NPO sector can agree, but we are glad of what we have achieved and confident in the planning for Sikhula Sonke's future. We are especially grateful for the confidence that has been displayed by our partners and funding community. We therefore stand with confidence to serve the community of Khayelitsha – the children, parents, families, caregivers and educators.

We are very proud that **Sikhula Sonke was nominated as finalists of the Community Chest Impumelelo Innovation Awards for Sikhula Sonke's Emthonjeni Outreach and Funda Udlale Toy Library programmes.**

We were also thrilled that **our Emthonjeni Outreach playgroup programme was also nominated for the MTN Awards for Social Change.** Both of these nominations reveal a level of confidence in the work that we do and are a great motivation to our team.

Our learning programme delivery has shown great improvement

and achievement through the Early Learning Outcomes Measure assessment (ELOM), the results of which are available on request for our funding partners and our stakeholders.

We feel honored as a team to **welcome some new staff members.** Mr Dumisani Samson is an experienced Social Worker who has put together a course on Mediation to assist families that we work with. Zintle Nose is our junior Social Worker who is mentored by Mr Samson; she has made a huge contribution in referring vulnerable children to various government departments. Makhosazana Padi recently joined us after a full year of volunteering; she is a very creative and dynamic lady who is an all rounder within the organization even though she is employed under Toy Library and Coaching programme. Wandisiwe Mzinyathi, a volunteer for one and a half years, is our new Toy Librarian and we love how creative she is in the Toy Library space. Nolubabalo Sijentu has been servicing Sikhula Sonke under the Extended Public Works programme for the past two years; we are glad to employ her in the First 1000 Days program which is run as part of our Imbiza Family Community Motivator (FCM) programme.

Amongst the highlights of the third and fourth quarter, Sikhula Sonke bought 130 kiddies chairs and 30 tables with a generous donation from **Surve Philanthropies.**

Three of our staff members attended a week-long International Toy Library Conference in Jo'burg with a large

portion of the expenses covered by **Solon Foundation** and the rest by other funding partners.

A heartfelt and big thank you to all of our funding partners for their unique contribution in each of our programmes.

We would like to welcome our newest funding partners **Philanthropy Initiative with Employees of Allan Gray (RF) NPC** and **The Oppenheimer Memorial Trust.**

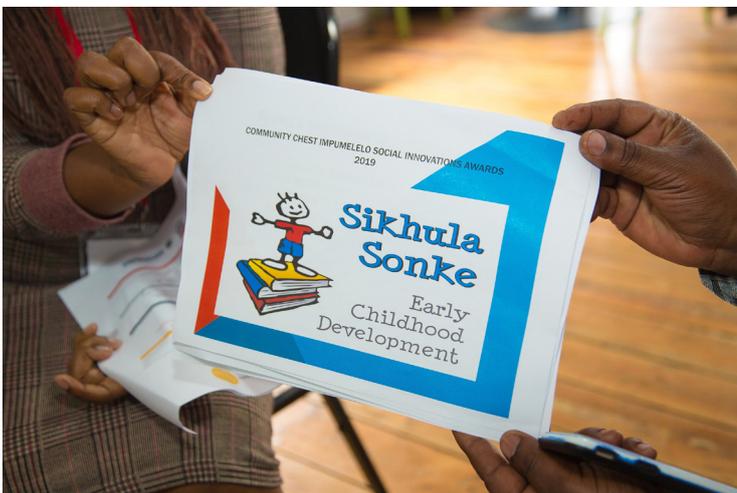
In closing, we would like to send our love, gratitude and deep appreciation to our individual donors, partners, grant-makers, funders, our donor community, friends of Sikhula Sonke, different stakeholders and governments for all the support, encouragement and faith in this organization that works in the extremely vulnerable communities of Khayelitsha.

The Bible says: **"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed"** (*Proverbs 11: 24-25*)

We appreciate your contribution in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children!

You all have contributed massively towards the realization of our vision and pushing our mission with much needed confidence. The Board of Directors and the management team of Sikhula Sonke salutes you.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year until we meet in 2020. - Mdebuka Mthwazi



ABOVE: Mdebuka Mthwazi (Executive Director of Sikhula Sonke ECD) and Thembi Nxesi (Community Development Coordinator) presenting to the 2019 Community Chest Impumelelo Awards committee

FATHERHOOD NETWORK NEWS



Sikhula Sonke's Fatherhood Network met this quarter, bringing together men from different Emthonjeni areas. The fathers had a heated discussion around protection of children in public spaces today and all voiced their sadness about the rising violence against women and children. We are deeply encouraged by the ideas that have been put on the table by these fathers - watch our public media platform spaces for the upcoming plans for 2020.



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.

Q4 PROGRAMME IMPACT

Imbewu - ECD Coaching

Supporting 136 early childhood development centres
Facilitating 86 ECD visits
Impacting 3421 children

Emthonjeni - Playgroup outreaches

Reaching out to 272 families representing 301 children in Nkanini, Taiwan, Khunqu, UT Gardens, K2, Monwabisi Park and Mew Way

Family & Community Motivator Programmes

Reaching a total of 220 families in Nkanini, Khunqu, Monwabisi Park, Taiwan and UT Gardens through 653 personal visits to these families

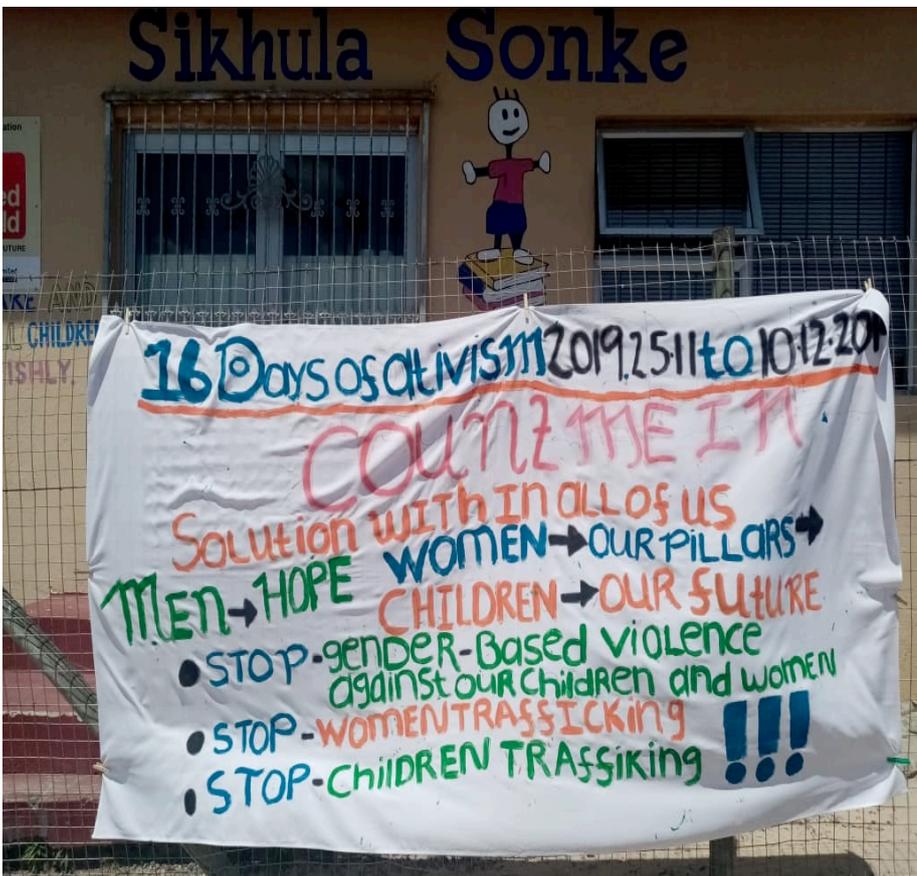
Funda Udlale (Toy Library)

Hosted 16 group sessions for Emthonjeni learners
Hosted 14 sessions for formal preschools/ECD centres
Hosted 5 community sessions and 4 Saturday play sessions

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Sikhula Sonke's annual celebration took place in November, coinciding with the release of the Annual Report and wrapping up of various programmes. It was a time of reporting back to the community and to funders/donors/stakeholders on the work done during the year. We were blessed to have Janet Glanville, our company secretary, calling in from overseas to give an encouraging and positive report on our finances. Thank you to the team for setting up such a special event.





ADVOCATING FOR SAFETY

The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign started on 25 November. SISO is taking a leading role in standing against gender-based violence and femicide. Government, together with civil society, is hosting community and sector dialogues in preparation for launching a Behaviour Change Campaign on 10 December.

HAPPINESS IS SPLASHINESS



Our last outing of the year took place on November 27. Children from the outreach programmes enjoyed a visit to Mnandi beach, as did the staff and caregivers who went too. Such fun!

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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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