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Communities in Khayelitsha took note of the plight of vulnerable children as South Africa commemorated Child Protection Week 2014 at the end of May.

Sikhula Sonke took a stand for the rights of children to live in a safe and healthy environment, together with partners VPUU, LoveLife, Mozaic, HeadsUp, Grassroots Soccer, Legal Aid (UWC) and the City of Cape Town, as well as SAPS and Metro Police.

The week was marked by various events held in Harare Square, as well as excursions into local communities.

Local preschools participated in toy library play sessions and watched dramas by local schools. Round table discussions were well attended by key government officials, as well as DSD, SAPS, Metro Police, Molo Songololo, Mhlonyane Rehab Center, City - Sports & Recreation and primary schools.

Police services were thanked publicly for their role in protecting children, and teams went into the community pamphleteering and sharing about Child Protection Week.

Mdebuka summed up Child Protection Week: "This year's child protection week was packed with exciting activities both for young children and also brought a lot of awareness to the communities of Harare, Monwabisi Park, Kuyasa and Ekanini. We were very excited by the turnout from the residents in the name of protecting children."

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Hop on board on our Mandela Day bus



Sikhula Sonke commemorated Mandela Day with the launch of a new ECD bus servicing children living in Monwabisi Park, Khayelitsha, together with Design Indaba and VPUU.

The bus will be a communication and activation vehicle for social, learning and recreational programmes. It was provided to VPUU by the Library and Information Services Department of the City of Cape Town, which previously used it as a mobile library.

The bus made various stops in Monwabisi Park, whose residents live in shacks with no plumbing, built on sand dunes. ECD facilitators from Sikhula Sonke read the children stories about Nelson Mandela and ran informal learning activities. Cricket kits, soccer balls and sandwiches were distributed to the children who flocked to the bright bus.



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2014



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Thembi shares about Q2

Thembi Nxesi is Sikhula Sonke's Operational Director and keeps her finger on the pulse of the work that Sikhula Sonke does. We asked Thembi to share a few highlights (and some challenges) for this quarter.

Thembi reports:

- ◆ Attendance numbers have increased in all Emthonjeni sections. M15's new jungle gym at M section has especially brought a high number of attendances during school holidays.
- ◆ The Deworming and Vitamin A supplementation by the Department of health in C and A sections was very successful.
- ◆ A teenage mother of 13 years was saved from a terrible shack condition during the harsh rainy days. The baby (right) was just two days old at the time of rescue.
- ◆ A Site B caregiver received a donation from Sikhula's staff to go and bury her mother.
- ◆ Caregivers in Site C whose husbands were arrested have started a beading club to generate income.
- ◆ There has been an improved referral partnership between Sikhula Sonke and SAPS (South Africa Police Service).
- ◆ The music therapy lessons have been finished.



Q2's challenges include:

- ◆ The huge rains that keep flooding caregivers' shacks in Emthonjeni.
- ◆ Caregivers who keep their children at home instead of taking them to school after graduating from Emthonjeni.
- ◆ Preschools that take membership forms and never bring them back even after follow up
- ◆ Working without a camera makes it difficult to take pictures (our workers' personal phones become overloaded and they delete photos).

Please keep the Sikhula Sonke team and our ECD work in your prayers in Q3,

Thembi Nxesi

From the Executive Director's desk

We've reached the second half of the year already and success in activities undertaken during this quarter provides great evidence that Sikhula Sonke has worked hard to deliver quality programmes.

Strong partnerships:

The organisation has grown its professional partnerships and engaged in collaborative activities very effectively and successfully; there is an increase in interest of other organisation to work with us. It is again important to acknowledge the many opportunities that always exist for Sikhula Sonke to serve our communities better.

Programme highlights:

APEXHI Charitable Trust (through Tshikululu Social Investments) has donated and installed a jungle gym for Emthonjeni children for their safe playing space for children. We have partnered and successfully started the implementation the Unlimited Child programmes which provides a comprehensive ECD for ECD facilities. Nal'ibali supports our ECD training with monthly facilitated story writing and telling workshops. Sikhula Sonke in partnership with Social Crime prevention partners and government has successfully conducted a child protection week which we believe has provided a lot of awareness around protecting our children.



Community development:

Sikhula Sonke in partnership with different organisations has continued to facilitate caregiver cluster workshops covering the topics of Paraffin safety, Child protection, Child Abuse, Immunisation, Head Injuries - family & community support, Health and Hygiene.

Twenty workshops in this quarter have been conducted in different communities by Sikhula Sonke, Simameleni Child Abuse centre, Heads Up (a programme of Coma Care), City of Cape Town and VPUU partners.



I would like to thank every partner who has made this quarter a huge success.

- Mdebuka Mtwazi

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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Sikhula Sonke offers free early childhood development, training and support to parents, caregivers and pre-school teachers of young children in Khayelitsha.



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