



# ANNUAL REVIEW 2019/2020





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The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report for the year ended February 2019/2020.

## Trustees Report

### **NATURE OF THE BUSINESS**

The Trust has the exclusive vision to initiate and commercialise innovative fundraising and business-like projects to benefit its beneficiaries. It also provides the general public and corporate companies with ongoing and effective projects to make contributions towards its beneficiaries.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Entity specific basis of accounting and the requirements of the Trust deed. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

During the year under review the trust continued marketing and promoting its Payroll Giving initiative. The programme continued to grow steadily over the year under review.

The TGO is self-governed by the Trustees of the Board.

Corporate Governance & BBBEE Status Each benefitting charity nominates a Trustee to represent the Trust on their behalf.

The current trustees are:

Carl Queiros (Chairman) -- CEO, CHOC  
Bertha Magoge (Vice Chairlady) - CEO, ACFS  
Rudolf van Jaarsveld – CFO, CANSA  
Monica Stach – CEO, Cotlands  
Sheila Surgey - CEO of Africa Foundation  
Dr Tommy Burger - CEO of Wessa  
Christine Kuch - National PR of NSPCA  
John Maxwell - Director of Ithemba Trust  
Lindel Papiiah - SA Red Cross  
Riaan Beukes - Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation

Additionally, the TGO have three special committees to oversee special functions of the trust namely;

- The Executive Committee
- The Finance Committee
- The Marketing and Communications Committee



The Giving Organisation is unique in the sense that The Trust is owned by reputable charitable organisations in South Africa. Ten well known good cause organisations are working together for the betterment of society. All funds received are paid directly into a trust account, and are distributed equally to the ten charities.

The charities are representative of areas of need in our society and each has a proven record of accountability that has earned public trust and respect.

The Giving Organisation Trust is an independent trust (IT 12425/06) and a registered Public Benefit Organisation (NPO number 930029614). It is honoured to have Her Serene Highness, the Princess of Monaco as patron.

Furthermore the trustees are represented by a senior executive from each of the benefitting charities. Each benefitting charity is respected as a brand in their own right making donors feel comfortable giving towards the causes which include areas addressing children, education, cancer, feeding schemes, HIV/AIDS, disability, animals and nature conservation.

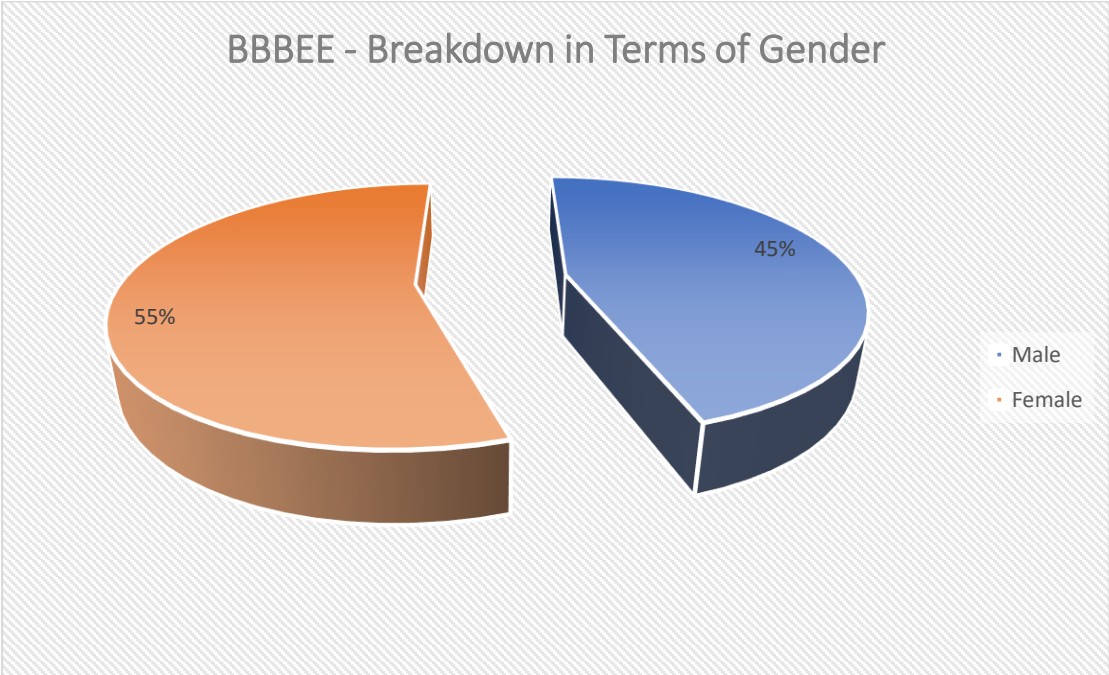
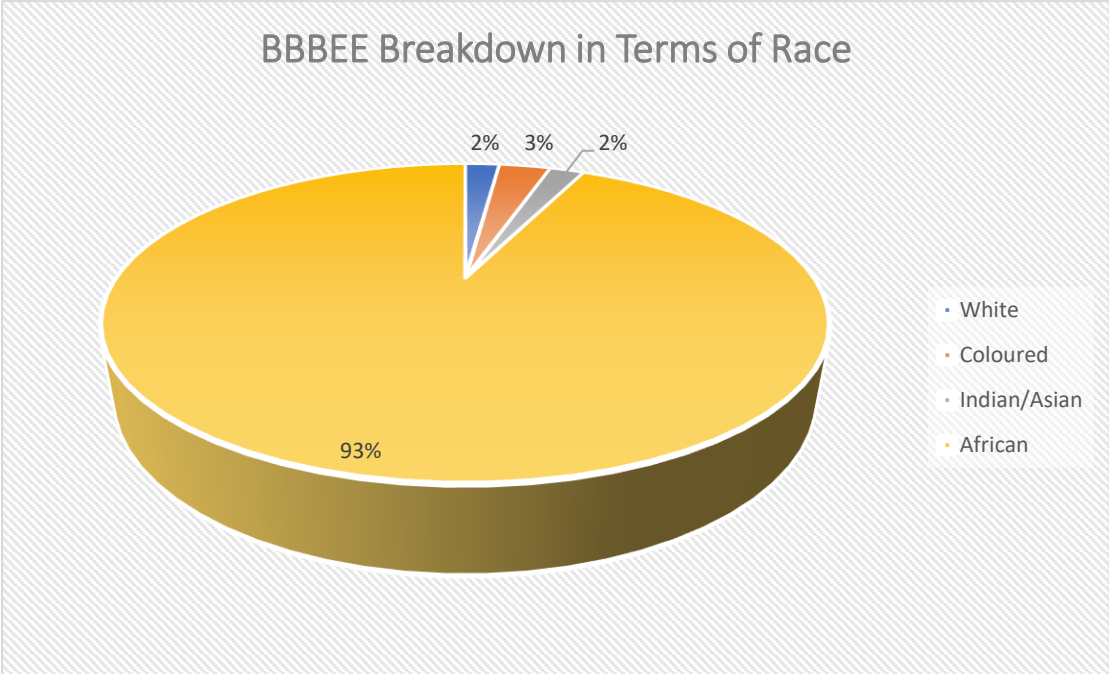
Children	
Health, Education & Feeding Schemes	
Wildlife, Animals & Nature	



## BBBEE STATUS

The Giving Organisation Trust's breakdown of beneficiaries in terms of gender & race is as follows:

# BBBEE Status





## 1. BENEFITS TO THE CHARITIES

Payroll Giving is a regular, reliable source of income for charities. The charities are therefore able to budget and make long-term commitments to help those most in need. Through Payroll Giving, 100% of the proceeds is paid directly into *The Giving Organisation* Trust Account.

## 2. ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PAYROLL ASSOCIATION

The South African Payroll Association is a Section 21 company established to safeguard the interests of payroll administration professionals and member companies within the payroll industry.

The organisation, with branches nationwide and international links, aims to ensure standards, promote excellence and best practices within this field and gain recognition for the expertise and professionalism of workers in the industry.

As the recognised representative body for local payroll professionals, the organisation provides a credible mechanism for communication and plays a key industry role as a neutral facilitator between government, especially the South African Revenue Service, and colleagues within the payroll profession.

*The Giving Organisation Trust* is grateful for the most useful role of the South African Payroll Association in the establishment of Payroll Giving in South Africa.



## Mascot Events

Various Mascot Events were held at different companies, which boosted donations.





**SA Red Cross:** Approximately 12 million people in Sub-Sahara Africa need food handouts to survive... With 5 000 volunteers in South Africa, the South African Red Cross Society's mission is to identify, prevent and alleviate human suffering, including the suffering of children, and to foster human dignity in all communities.

### **CHOC: CHOC Childhood Cancer**

**Foundation** was established in 1979 as a support group to parents of children with cancer, by parents of children with cancer. Having experienced the immense emotional and financial toll that cancer takes they recognised there is more than one victim in the family of the child with cancer. Their aim was to ease the burden on parents facing the same journey by providing access to relevant, accurate information, as well as emotional and practical support.

From the onset CHOC provided support in the hospital wards, hence the name Children's Haematology Oncology Clinics, or CHOC.

Gradually parent groups were set up in other key centres, where the major state-funded academic hospitals are located and paediatric oncologists practice.

In 2000, these regional entities merged into a national organisation. CHOC now has a head office in Johannesburg, six regional offices, two branches, and 13 accommodation facilities close to treatment centres. With occupancy steadily increasing our budget for maintenance and running costs of the accommodation facilities in 2015 will amount to R7.132 million, with each facility costing over half a million and we have a total capacity of 66 030 bed nights per annum.







## **ACFS Community Education & Feeding**

**Scheme:** Formerly known as the African Children's Feeding Scheme, the ACFS has come a long way since the late Bishop Trevor Huddleston started the original peanut butter sandwich at schools in 1945.

Today, the organisation pursues seven separate but inter-related activities aimed at uplifting and empowering communities in Soweto, Kagiso, Alexandra, Thembisa, Daveyton, Kwa Thema and Tsakane.

ACFS provide 31 500 children with milk and a peanut butter sandwich daily and, whilst this remains their core focus, the organisation also s to promote healthy, contributing citizens who are economically viable and self sufficient, through:

- micro economic empowerment programmes
- community food gardens
- health and nutrition education
- HIV/AIDS awareness

**Cotlands: Cotlands** is a non-profit early childhood development organization addressing the education and

social crisis by establishing early learning playgroups and toy libraries in under-resourced communities to serve vulnerable children aged birth to six.

Founded in 1936, Cotlands was originally created as a sanctuary for abandoned babies. It all started one night when a baby was left on the doorstep of Matron Dorothy Reece's home in Mayfair, Johannesburg. She decided to take the infant in and care for it and so, Cotlands was born out of this single act of kindness.

Cotlands has been a beacon of hope for thousands of vulnerable children since 1936. Now operating in 5 provinces – Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Mpumalanga – Cotlands reaches thousands more through its high impact early childhood development programme.

**Cotlands**



### **Ithemba Trust: The Hope/Ithemba**

**Trust** supports projects that aid intellectually challenged and physically disabled children. The Trust assists with the funding of therapeutic and play equipment at special needs centres around South Africa. It also gives financial support to the capacity building, training and skills development of staff within these organisations. The Hope/Ithemba Trust is a founding member of a new and exciting charity initiative which will host children with serious health and life challenges at a state of the art wheelchair accessible camp facility in Dinokeng Big 5 Game Reserve north of Pretoria.



### **Africa Foundation: Africa Foundation**

was born out of the belief that, through effective consultation and collaboration, with legitimate local leadership in place, rural communities are empowered to enable development on a far more successful and sustainable scale.

Africa Foundation, together with committed communities and generous donors, has facilitated the socio-economic development of these communities, and in so doing, improved the lives and livelihoods of those most in need.



### **Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation:**

The DTHF pursues excellence in research in the prevention and treatment of HIV, TB HIV and related infections and provides distance training for health professionals. The head office is based in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town. The foundation has four outreach sites in some of the poorest communities of Cape Town and operates two mobile vehicles, the Tutu Tester and the Tutu Treater. The Tutu Tester has tested more than 24,500 people since its inception in 2008.



**CANSA:** South Africa has over 60 000 newly diagnosed cancer patients each year and one in four South Africans may be affected by cancer in his or her lifetime. CANSA offers a range of services to cancer patients and their families including counselling, support groups, facilitation of home-based care, cancer coping kits, wig banks, stoma clinics, and interim homes for out-of-town patients undergoing treatment. CANSA aims to reduce the impact of cancer by promoting health in all communities within South Africa substantially through advocacy and the sustainable facilitation of research, prevention, early detection and care.



**WESSA:** WESSA works to ensure environmental sustainability for current and future South African generations. We focus on the sustainable and equitable management of our natural resource base by building society's environmental sensitivity and competence by calling to, and working with, communities and individuals to move from current to more sustainable action. Our mission to promote public participation in caring for the Earth is expressed in the diverse and dynamic collaborative partnerships that WESSA creates to enable its work.



**NSPCA: The National Council of SPCA (NSPCA),** founded in 1956 as the Federation of SPCAs, is the umbrella body for 97 Societies situated throughout the Republic of South Africa. They deal with national issues and have four operational units, namely, "Farm Animals", "Society Liaison", "Special Projects" and "Wildlife", which work pro-actively to prevent animal cruelty. The NSPCA enforces over 90% of the animal welfare legislation. Yet it is a "hands-on" or "in the field" organization which works actively to uplift indigent communities through welfare operations and projects.



## THANKS TO OUR DONORS

- **You have helped to** build pre-schools, classrooms and day-care centres for vulnerable children as well as healthcare clinics in far flung remote regions of the continent.
- **You have assisted in** promoting public participation in caring for the earth.
- **You have funded the** research, prevention, early detection and care relating to cancer.
- **You are supporting** more than 1000 little cancer patients and their families throughout SA.
- **You have funded food handouts to thousands of people who need those handouts to survive.**
- **You assist with** providing 31 500 children with milk and peanut butter sandwiches daily. Often the only meal the children will have that day.
- **You are making it possible** for our people to start community food gardens and receive health and nutrition education.
- **You support** projects which aids intellectually challenged and physically disabled children.
- **You fund** therapeutic and play equipment at special needs centres
- **You support** non-profit early development (Children aged birth to 6)
- **You fund** early learning playgroups and toy libraries in under resourced communities to serve vulnerable children.
- **You make it possible** for animal welfare legislation in SA to be enforced.
- **You help protect** house animals, farm animals and wildlife through special projects and society liaison.
- **You are making it possible** for us to focus on research in prevention and treatment of HIV, TB and related infections.



# CHARITY REPORTS



ACFS

Every child wants to play and learn, even those born into poverty, hunger and hardship.

That's why we're so grateful to all those kind people who contributed to the new Toy Libraries at our Alexandra and Zola Centres.



It was incredibly heart-warming to see those little faces lighting up with shy smiles ... which turned to huge grins when they realised they were actually allowed to take home the box of building blocks, book, puzzle or babydoll they were playing with!

As you know, ACFS has been feeding hungry children for over 70 years ... and this will always be at the heart of our work.

Because, children growing up in poverty don't only suffer from hunger. They also lack the chance to learn through play. When a family struggles to put food on the table, toys are an unaffordable luxury.

But a hungry child is just like any other child ... filled with curiosity, eager to explore the world and learn how things work. They can grow into giants if we let them!

And – since they are already coming to our centres to get their peanut butter sandwiches and milk – why not start right here?

With support from friends like you, we want to expand our centres into community hubs ... places that draw eager children, young adults and their parents and grandparents as well, to access a range of resources:

Children's feeding scheme



Early childhood learning and development

Mentorship from older children

Teenage Girls' clubs, covering subjects like menstruation and sexuality, making responsible choices, birth control, etc.

Computer labs where older children can access the internet for homework and recreation

Skills development – sewing, beading, baking, food gardening and more

### **You are the smile on Anna's face - and the song in her heart**

When you visit Anna Raphiri in Chicken Farm, the first thing you notice is not the small, dark shack that she shares with her five grandchildren.

Nor is it her fire-blackened cooking pots, the piles of recycling in the dusty yard, or her thin arms. The first thing you notice is the huge smile on Anna's face.

Because even though Anna's load has never been heavier, this 62-year-old *gogo* is always singing. She's always smiling. Her grandchildren are happy too.

Because of someone like you!

Make no mistake, this family is suffering. Anna earns a few rands by picking items for recycling out of dustbins. It doesn't go far when there is electricity to pay for, shelter and clothing for the children.

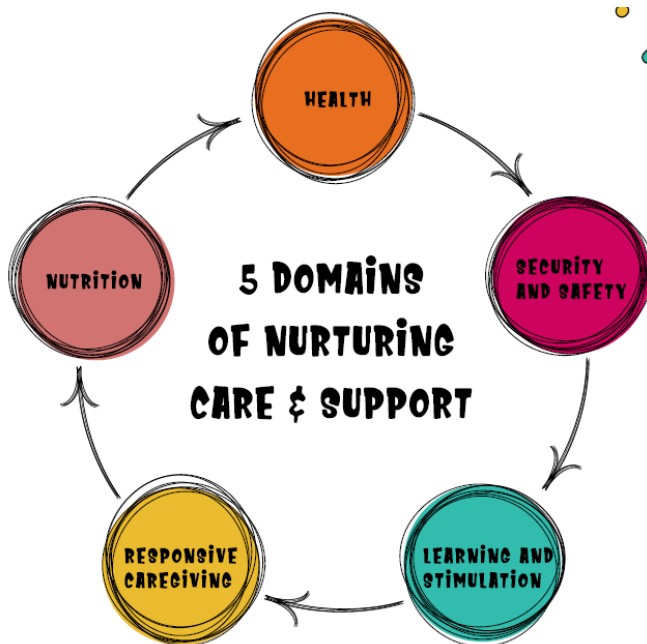
### **But thanks to kind contributions from donors like you, ACFS is able to provide the family with three lifelines:**

- A monthly food parcel containing oats, samp, beans, rice and mealie meal. Anna cooks these on an open fire outside her shack, and it provides many satisfying meals for the Raphiri children.
- Access to the food garden at our ACFS centre in Pimville. Anna walks 3km to the centre every day - often in the baking sun - to work the garden so that she can take some spinach or peppers home for supper. But even if the harvest is poor, or if the food parcel has run out, Anna knows that her grandchildren won't starve. Because the children receive a third lifeline
- A nutritious peanut butter sandwich and a cup of milk every school day.

For a hungry child, this meal is heaven in a handful. And it's made possible through your donations!

**By helping *gogos* feed children, you're giving children a chance to build a brighter future.**

Without adequate nutrition, early development may be stunted - and no amount of intervention can turn back that clock.



“The bulk of our work involves targeted identification and assessment of children and families from poor and food insecure households. Our aim is to provide a welcoming and enabling environment where nutritional support, together with other early foundation services is delivered – all geared to providing disadvantaged children with the support they need to achieve their potential.

With the arrival of the fourth industrial revolution, technology is fundamentally changing the world, as we knew it. Educational systems and labour markets are fast changing and, in some instances, even rendering some professions obsolete.

The challenge for ACFS is to adapt as an organisation to ensure that we future-proof children. We find ourselves needing to embark on a journey to professionalise the organisation, staff and the services we offer to children and communities.

Our planning has also focused on the creation of an endowment facility, as well as establishing vigorous and diverse income streams in order to overcome the effects of the challenging global and local economic conditions.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the donors who have committed to our work. Without your support, we could not have accomplished anything. I invite all our friends to continue to support the disadvantaged South African Child.

Thank you!”

Lwazi Bam  
ACFS Chairman of the Board





**AFRICA FOUNDATION**  
empowering communities • enabling conservation

## **Africa Foundation**

For women in many rural communities, selling craft is their only source of income, but for many, it is an inconsistent and undependable income, inadequate to cover basic household expenses. Africa Foundation is working to turn these women into successful business entrepreneurs.

Mbhedula Craft Centre was established in 1997, starting with 20 members. The market aimed to stimulate the economy in Mduku by providing the tourists of Phinda Private Game Reserve, and those on the road to Sodwana Bay and Mozambique, with the opportunity to buy authentic locally produced African Crafts in Mduku. The venue, selected for its visibility by the areas Chief Gumede, would enable Mduku women to sell their products locally instead of going to Durban some 300 km away, where they had to sleep on the streets.



The location of Mbhedula Craft Market was selected by the area's Chief Gumede, for its accessibility and visibility from the main road. The initial infrastructure was funded in 2004 by Africa foundation. Business training, essential to ensuring the sustainability of the project, was also provided to the crafters. In order to improve passing trade in 2015, Africa Foundation through the support of donors invested in large on site and street signage to draw attention to the craft market and guide passing tourists to the location, an initiative which gave a significant boost to trade at the market.



The Mbhedula Craft Market programme is providing the crafters with intensive new product development and quality skills training as well as financial and business literacy training – truly empowering them to be entrepreneurs in control of all aspects of their business.

First steps were to engage with a baseline assessment to establish the strengths and weaknesses of the craft market and the crafters themselves. Support on renewing its registration has been provided and following that the team worked with the 20 members to develop a business plan. The crafters, all ladies, identified key products that sell well or that they believe would be successful in the craft centre, and intensive training, as well as the necessary equipment will be provided so that the crafters are enabled to specialise in these items and create products at a consistently high standard.



Africa Foundation is also raising funds to improve the infrastructure of the craft centre, to provide a production room, in which the crafters can work and securely store their equipment, and installation of a borehole to provide water supply on site.



Research • Educate • Support

## CANSA National Footprint

We are proud to share with you the hard work and dedication of our 33 CANSA Care Centres nationwide

Our professional staff and trained volunteers are actively playing a role in the daily fight against cancer, providing holistic care and support to cancer survivors from the time of diagnosis through all phases of need, including survivorship

[www.cansa.org.za](http://www.cansa.org.za)  
Toll-free 0800 22 66 22





# CANSA Communities

## Legend

- Liaison Committees
- Provinces





## Emotional Support

- For many people facing a cancer diagnosis, it's the toughest fight of their lives. Maintaining social support networks and talking about cancer is important for both the person living with cancer and their caregiver.
- Whether you are a newly diagnosed person with cancer, a person who has had cancer before, or the caregiver or loved one of someone with cancer, you might experience some form of emotional stress as part of the natural human response.

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## Stoma Care

- We offer pre- and post-operative counselling and actual positioning of the stoma
- Incontinence advice and coping skills are given to patients and families
- We also offer the sale of cost effective stoma products





## CANSA Care Homes & TLC Lodges

- There are currently 11 CANSA Care Homes in areas close to oncology treatment facilities throughout the country
- CANSA Care Homes provide home-away-from-home accommodation to patients undergoing cancer treatment at oncology clinics far from home
- Guests at the Home stay for an average of six weeks and receive meals and transport to and from treatment centres
- Some of our Care Homes are located at the premises of the local Care Centres
- You can watch our CANSA Care Home video

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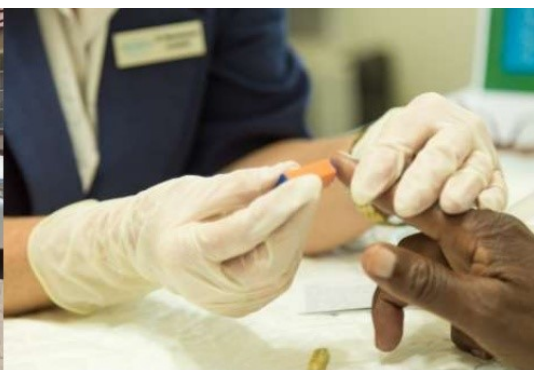
## Community-based cancer control programmes

This includes:

- Regular cancer screening clinics, reaching as many people as possible and assisting to refer those diagnosed with cancer and who need treatment
- Nine Mobile Health Clinics travelling to remote areas throughout South Africa to reach people who would otherwise not have access to screening

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Toll-free 0800 22 66 22







## In the past year, CANSA...

- Responded to questions and requests from 6 056 people, via our toll-free line and information centre
- Approximately 1 050 201 were reached directly through 6 107 talks and 2 447 exhibitions
- Distributed 129 200 information pamphlets and 6 351 posters to promote our health awareness campaigns

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## In the past year, CANSA...

- Supported 11 727 new individual cancer patients
- 187 support groups benefited 6 068
- 4 995 caregivers trained to support patients
- Visited and supported an average of 7 696 patients and loved ones per month in oncology clinics while undergoing cancer treatment
- Supported people affected by cancer by providing individual counselling to 22 382 people, and made medical loan equipment available to 2 373 people

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Toll-free 0800 22 66 22







### **Where We Keep Hope Alive**

CHOC has a national office in Johannesburg, and six regional offices offering services and support to the nine provinces of South Africa.

The regions are demographically positioned to ensure that we reach every child and family battling cancer in South Africa.

### **Who We Are**

CHOC is a non-profit organisation made up of caring, committed and passionate people who stand up for and support the well-being of children and teenagers diagnosed with cancer or life threatening blood disorders and their families.

### **Why We Exist**

CHOC aims to save lives through early detection and making the journey of those who are affected by childhood cancer, less burdensome through the comprehensive support programmes we offer.

### **What We Offer:**

- professional emotional support
- emotional support
- accommodation close to treatment centres
- transport to and from treatment centres
- support groups (including parent supporting parent groups)
- CHOC interactive learning programme and other activities run by volunteers
- transport assistance to ensure every child and caregiver can return for treatment
- nutritional support



CHOC proudly has thirteen accommodation facilities across the country. Our two latest additions are pictured above. On the left is the new CHOC House in Sybrand Park, Cape Town; and on the right the new CHOC House in Centurion.



In Cape Town, CHOC had a house in Bergvliet (as well as in Plumbstead and at Tygerberg Hospital). However, as we needed larger office space for the CHOC Western Cape office, and as we needed a property closer to Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital and Groote Schuur Hospital, we sold in Bergvliet and bought a house in Sybrand Park (which is within walking distance from Red Cross). The house was officially opened by our Chairman, Nagm Azar and the Regional Manager of the Western Cape and Namakwa, Lynette Muthuray, at a House Warming Ceremony, on the 12th of July 2018.

CHOC House Pretoria provided 8 beds and 2,386 bed nights in 2017 for children, teens and care givers. Due to the significant increase in demand for accommodation, the 3 bedroom CHOC house in Pretoria became very limited and a bigger house was urgently required. Though the sale of our previous property and the generous support of Clover Nutrikids, we are currently in the process of relocating to a new premises that will offer a lot more space to accommodate our beneficiaries, as well a larger office and storage space.

The new premises is a 6 bedroom house situated in Lyttelton Manor (Centurion) – very close to Unitas Hospital . Most of the children and parents that stay with us are treated at Unitas, and a significant portion also come from Steve Biko Hospital (Pretoria).



## Our impact



**66 446**  
beneficiaries



**179 746**  
registered for  
online training



**50 058**  
toys lent



**207**  
employees



**24 088**  
trainees



**R4 715**  
per child per annum  
in the playgroup  
programme



**42**  
toy libraries



**R508**  
per child per annum  
in the toy library  
programme



**427**  
playgroups



**346 105**  
meals



**20%**  
improvement in child  
development outcomes



## Situation of children in South Africa



Statistics South Africa, 2016, Education series Volume IV: Early Childhood Development In South Africa, 2016, Report No. 92-01-04. Pretoria: Statistics South Africa



In December, the hills rang out with the sound of Cotlands graduation parties! We waved goodbye to 148 graduates in KZN, 93 in the Western Cape, 155 in Mpumalanga and Limpopo, and 91 in Barberton.

Parents came from far and wide to join the celebrations. They watched proudly as their children received their certificates and end-of-year reports.

Our parents from Mpumalanga and Limpopo were so excited that they organised a cake, a guest speaker and a band with singing and dancing. We were delighted to see such an enthusiastic response to this milestone.

They clearly understand that Cotlands children will have a huge advantage when they go into Grade R. In fact, an independent study has confirmed that our playgroup model improves the school readiness scores of children by a whopping 20%!

Thanks to our donors for giving children this amazing advantage.



Working with children can be scary if you don't know what to expect! Just ask Cotlands early learning facilitator (Elf) Winnie Makeke.

Winnie's first day as a Cotlands Elf was 24 July 2017. She nearly quit the very next day. *"It was very difficult for me to settle in. I nearly quit, because I failed to control the children. I had been trained on how to use the lesson plan but I was so scared! I had no idea!"*

Thankfully, Winnie didn't let her fears spoil this amazing opportunity.

*"I've settled in very well and I know how everything operates. Every day I learn something new. I love working with children and am very proud to be a Cotlander."*

Thanks to all our donors for giving Winnie the chance to build a fulfilling career in ECD.



## What We Do

Pairing internationally acclaimed research with community-driven development programmes, the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation strives to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve while contributing to local and national health policy. Through basic, operational, clinical trial and health service research the Foundation seeks to impact health policy through new knowledge, accredited peer reviewed publication, guidance to local and national government and community education and feedback. All funding for the above endeavours are generated through grants, research awards and philanthropic donations.

The Foundation supports growth in research capacity and human capital through the training of postgraduate students, research associates and community members at large. The Foundation has a well-established in-house training programme for our healthcare workers, field workers, field educators, and recruiters. Over the years the advocacy and policy-changing role of the DTHF has developed. We now see the establishment of anti-retroviral treatments in South Africa, the feasibility of treatment at community level, new understanding of TB and HIV interactions and the testing of new prevention strategies, to name only a few. The Foundation is widely acknowledged both nationally and internationally. The core competencies and ongoing initiation and completion of research- guided interventions have creatively and responsibly sought to lessen the burden and impact of HIV on individuals and families most vulnerable to HIV and TB. In doing so they have built sustainable research capacity and human capital to see ongoing research and outcomes in this critical public health field.

DTHF has established clinical research sites in under-resourced areas where people are at high risk of HIV infection. With the cooperation of community leaders we provide opportunities for residents to assist us in research studies and programmes. Our research includes a range of HIV prevention modalities, vaccine candidates, treatment delivery and adherence, clinical trials, groundbreaking new drugs, and innovative technologies to address tuberculosis transmission. In addition to biomedical research, a socio-behavioural division seeks to understand the complex drivers affecting individual health-seeking behaviour.

The DTHF has a broad research mandate that spans across disciplines. It's main activities are divided into the following key areas: Treatment of HIV; Prevention of HIV; Adolescent Health and Prevention; Behavioural Science; Tuberculosis; Maternal and Child Health; Men's' Health; Mobile Services and Primary Health care screening; Other related opportunistic infections, e.g. HPV, sexually transmitted infections, hepatitis B, cryptococcosis; health promotion and health rights for Key Populations.

Adolescents are of particular concern, as well as key populations - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (LGBTIQ), sex workers and men who have sex with men. A fleet of five mobile units assist in taking a wellness package, including HIV testing, to these hard-to-reach groups who tend to avoid conventional clinics. The DTHF Youth Centre in Masiphumelele also provides sexual and reproductive health services alongside educational and recreational activities.



The DTHF research, clinical and community outreach staff, share a common purpose to lessen the impact of the HIV epidemic on individuals, families and communities through innovation and collaboration.



## **Our Communities**

### **Groote Schuur Hospital Clinical Research Site**

The Clinical Research Site at the Old Main Building, Groote Schuur Hospital is a nationally accredited site that forms part of the University of Cape Town Clinical Trials Unit. The study team consists of research investigators and study coordinators that manage network, pharmaceutical and investigator-driven clinical trials in both HIV prevention and treatment.

### **Gugulethu Clinical Research Site**

The Gugulethu Clinical Research Site focuses on HIV and tuberculosis (TB) treatment and prevention, with a strong emphasis on issues related to adherence to treatment guidelines and preventative measures. Various studies are in progress that assess how adherence to treatment and its measurement might enable HIV treatment to be administered more efficiently and effectively.

### **Emavundleni Clinical Research Site**

The Emavundleni Clinical Research Site is an internationally-recognised site for HIV prevention trials that include vaccines, long-acting antiretroviral-based injectables, microbicides, sexually transmitted infection (STI) vaccines and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Positioned in the heart of the Crossroads community, the centre not only conducts cutting-edge research into strategies to prevent HIV and HIV-related diseases, but also provides essential health services to the community in the surrounding Crossroads and Klipfontein district.

### **Philippi Village**

Philippi Village is home to the Zimele Project, ViDiKids, and the Youth Clinic. Together, these multi-faceted projects target the health and wellbeing of young women and men living in the Mitchells Plain/Klipfontein health sub-district.



### **Zimele**

The Zimele project is a multi-faceted initiative designed to provide healthcare services tailored to adolescent needs, coupled with strong educational support and social empowerment programmes. Conducted in partnership with the Western Cape Government and funded by The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the project aims to reduce new HIV infections especially in girls and young women, to keep girls in school, and to reduce teenage pregnancy.

### **ViDiKids**

The ViDiKids clinical trial is a study to investigate whether weekly supplementation with Vitamin D, often known as the “sunshine vitamin,” could prevent tuberculosis (TB) infection and enhance growth and development in primary school children. Research has found that low levels of Vitamin D are common in Cape Town populations, and these low levels may be linked to increased susceptibility to TB. ViDiKids will answer the question of whether simple supplementation may reduce TB infection in Cape Town.

### **Youth Clinic**

The purpose of the Youth Clinic in Philippi Village is to conduct clinical trials for adolescents in a safe and friendly environment.

### **Mobile Services**

The DTHF operates a fleet of five mobile clinics that have provided free one-stop integrated healthcare and counselling services in the under-served environs of Cape Town.

Mobile clinics bridge the gap between patients and conventional healthcare facilities for those living in under-resourced settings. The units, which include the Tutu Tester, Tutu Teen Truck and Tutu Kwik Test Trailers, offer a wellness package that includes HIV testing and screening for tuberculosis (TB), sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and non communicable diseases such as diabetes. Hypertension and obesity are also included in the holistic health screening.

### **Masiphumelele**

Masiphumelele Research Site

Located in the south peninsula of Cape Town, the Masiphumelele Research Site has been recognised as a pioneer in HIV prevention and adolescent research. The research team has been conducting clinical trials and epidemiological research at the site for more than 15 years. Their work in HIV prevention research among young women and adolescent girls is globally acclaimed.

### **Aerobiology and TB Research Unit**

Tuberculosis (TB) rates in and around Cape Town are among the highest in the world, particularly in high density populated areas. The Aerobiology and TB Research Unit at the Masiphumelele Research Centre is a unique endeavour, seeking to understand the biology of the airborne transmission of TB from one person to the other.

### **Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation Youth Centre**

Since 2011, the DTHF Youth Centre has provided adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health services alongside educational and recreational activities for youth living in the community of Masiphumelele and surrounding areas. The mission of the DTHF Youth Centre is to give young people the tools and confidence needed to make healthy life choices.





Ithemba Trust, is primarily committed to the funding of projects that assist in the development, treatment and rehabilitation of intellectually challenged and physically disabled children.

The Ithemba Trust plays a role in assisting with the alleviation of problems such as lack of knowledge, training, skills or diagnostic ability to effectively deal with the treatment of the intellectually disabled. The Trust funds skilled professionals to initiate socially empowering, multidisciplinary, hands-on training programs for care workers within local communities involving the physical and intellectual development of each child.

The Trust assists with the funding of therapeutic equipment at special needs centers around South



Africa and financially supports the capacity building and skills development of staff within these organizations as well as the community outreach projects of these institutions into rural areas.

Ithemba Trust has extended its focus to assist other educational institutions with the funding of learning programs, capacity building of staff and supply of therapeutic equipment.

The Just Footprints Foundation is a new and exciting venture that the Ithemba Trust has been instrumental in setting up which focuses on hosting camps for children with serious life and health challenges in a safe, loving and nurturing camp environment.



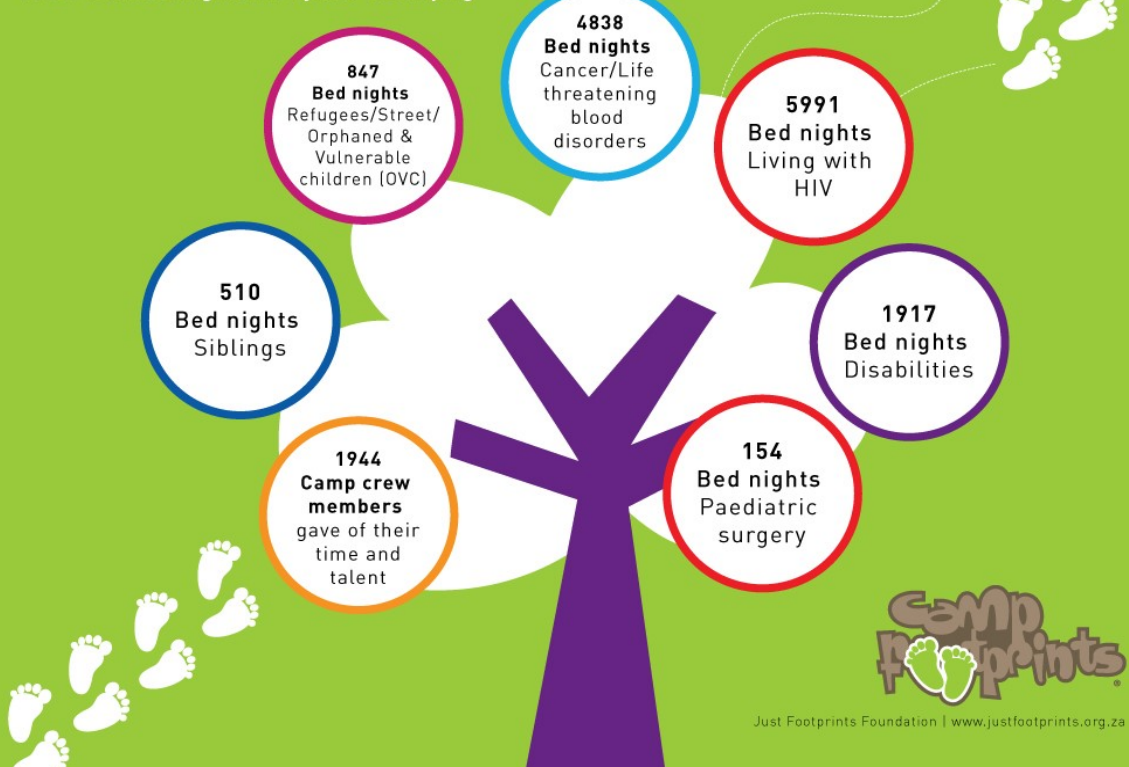


## Camp-On-The-Move



## Camp Footprints Camps

14 257 total bed nights in 11 years of camping





## The NSPCA has achieved the following in the last year:



We prevent cruelty, promote kindness and alleviate the suffering of animals.

Our objective is to serve and protect ALL animals, to uplift their welfare and to ensure that the protection they have under South African law is upheld and respected.

Our mission is to prevent cruelty and promote the welfare of all animals, whilst our vision is to end animal cruelty in South Africa and engender compassion for all animals.

### NSPCA ANIMAL ETHICS UNIT

Animals are frequently used for research and teaching purposes but at the NSPCA we aim to completely replace animals with humane alternatives where possible. Our alternatives include virtual dissections,

dissection models and manikins.

Thanks to your generous donations to the Alternatives to Animals in Research Fund our Animal Ethics Unit has been able to promote humane alternatives to countless research facilities around the country.

Our NSPCA Animal Ethics Unit presents alternatives during National Science Week and at the Annual Diamond Route conference. We not only discuss the numerous alternatives available but also educate learners of all ages about the four R's (reduction, replacement, refinement and



Responsibility) and the ethical matters around animal-based research. Our own new dissection rat model (to replace the use of live animals for dissections) recently drew a lot of interest and discussion. We are in the final stages of the model's development – watch this space!

#### Reduction, Replacement, Refinement and Responsibility

The four R's is a principle followed by the NSPCA which encourages the reduction in the number of animals used for research or teaching, the replacement of animals where possible, refinement of techniques to reduce pain and stress to animals and responsibility in all aspects of care and use of animals should be taken. Some researchers and very few teachers have heard of the four R's and so our aim to ensure that every teacher learns about our responsibility towards animals, so that they educate their own learners in the future.

Some universities have reduced the number of animals they use for dissections from one per student to four students per animal. A few primary and high schools have embraced the use of humane alternatives which have completely replaced the use of animals.

The welfare of animals is our primary concern in the Animal Ethics Unit and we are grateful for the financial support we have received, as it enables us to save numerous animal lives.

*“Looking back over the years to our humble beginnings in 1955, we stand proud in the knowledge that our progress for animals over the years has been phenomenal. We have grown in numbers, advanced the education and training of Inspectors, honed skills, drawn from experience and become specialists in the welfare of all animals. We have entrenched ourselves as the most influential animal welfare organisation in Southern Africa”*

. – MARCELLE MEREDITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### **Strategic Aims:**

- Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
- Enable healthy and safe living by contributing to combating HIV and decreasing the burden of TB amongst communities and individuals in South Africa.
- Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

### **Who we are and what we do throughout our 34 Red Cross branches throughout South Africa**

- Community-based volunteer organisation, providing health, care and support to vulnerable people affected, due to health, disasters and poverty.
- An auxiliary service to the government, in support of social development. • Providing home-based care and support to address HIV/AIDS and TB.
- Directly represent beneficiaries.
- Focusing on training and development within communities to make them sustainable.
- Focusing on development and empowerment of women and the youth.
- Social entrepreneurship.

### **Specific priorities:**

- HIV/AIDS 90-90-90\* Strategy HCT
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB)
- Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs)
- Youth: Youth Peer Education, Teenage Pregnancy, AYFS and Development of Youth, through Sport
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Empowerment and Development of women and girls



### Testimonial:-

To explain the impact that the Red Cross home-based carers like Gugu and Nomkhosi have on the lives of beneficiaries, here is the tale of Mrs Nonzolo Madiba, from uMzimkhulu near Pietermaritzburg, KZN. The following was related in her own words.

“My name is Nonzolo Madiba from Mzimkhulu. When I was staying at Ringini in Mpumuza, my five-month-old baby started getting sick, he had MDR-TB. He was admitted at Edendale Hospital and later transferred to King George Hospital, where he stayed for six months. I was hurting as I was not working at the time. While he was there I met with a nurse that asked me how am I surviving with two kids while unemployed. Then she helped me to link me up with Red Cross. Luckily when I went back to King George I met with a lady from Red Cross and she was very helpful, she even gave me taxi money. Red Cross people were very helpful, they kept visiting my child and they took good care of him. “In 2015 I started suffering from TB meningitis, it was so bad I couldn’t even move. But Red Cross people heard about my condition and they started visiting me regularly. Also, they saw the situation at home and started helping. They bought nappies for the kids, and gave me food and clothes and helped me with transport money to the clinic for my checkups. “My other highlight about Red Cross was when I fell pregnant. But the pregnancy was misdiagnosed. The doctors said I had a growth, and when I went for an operation to remove the growth, that’s when the baby came out. “Red Cross didn’t judge me. They said that they thought I was sick with a swollen stomach while I was pregnant. And they didn’t leave me, they took care of me and gave me clothes and food. They took care of my kids as well.

Even today as I’m dressed like this and my kids are clean it’s because of Red Cross. “When I got kicked out of where I was staying in eRingini, I called Red Cross, Nomkhosi came to my aid immediately and gathered a Red Cross team that came to help me and they found me a new place. “What I like about them is that they keep coming to make sure the kids are eating well and are dressed properly. And they make sure that I’m also taken care of. “I love Red Cross, they wiped my tears. I was poor and stressed and they took all my sorrows away. If it wasn’t for Red Cross I would be long dead. Now I know Red Cross is my everything, a mother and father to me and my kids, their father deserted them, but Red Cross is taking care of them now. They have a good life.

“I’m forever grateful to Red Cross, what you did to me may you do to other people as well.” I love Red Cross, they wiped my tears “



**WESSA**  
PEOPLE CARING FOR THE EARTH



## What does WESSA do?

WESSA is a 93 year old youthful organisation and a leader in South African conservation and environmental education.

WESSA researches, develops and implements both accredited and non-accredited environmental, sustainable tourism, education and youth development programmes throughout South Africa.

WESSA is the sole implementer of all International Foundation for Environmental Education programmes in South Africa and is also the implementer of choice of various youth development programmes on behalf of the government and private sector.

Collectively, the various WESSA youth programmes touch the lives of more than a million young people and more than 40 000 teachers every year. More than 800 unemployed youth are receiving hands-on training through the Blue Flag and Green Coast endeavours. WESSA has been appointed custodian of the YES programme in the Northern Cape and Free State.

An active volunteer membership throughout the country is at the forefront of WESSA's work to ensure the restoration of ecosystems, improvement of the school curriculum, the creation of job opportunities, tourism growth, and the responsible management of our coastline.

## WESSA IN NUMBERS



WESSA Schools Programme



Education Centres



WESSA Sustainable Tourism

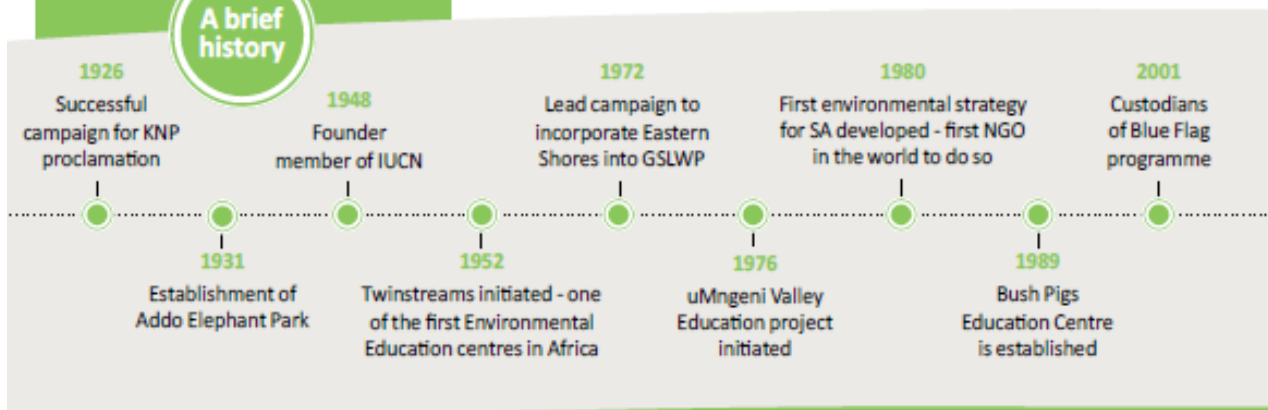


Work Skills Programme



Membership and Youth Volunteer Programme

### A brief history





## SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Through a partnership with the Chris Hani District Municipality, five schools in the Eastern Cape have been identified to pilot an innovative biogas system as a renewable source of energy. With a further six schools registered to participate in the Eco-Schools Programme, It is envisaged for the project to also implement other sustainable technologies such as food gardens, greenhouses, and rainwater harvesting. The project has completed its inception phase and schools have been mandated to establishing local Project Steering Committees, appointing Enviro-clubs, and selecting Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) and youth in entrepreneurship. The schools would use the International Eco-school reporting format for all projects implemented.

The next phase focuses on capacity development and the training of seven youth and interested members of the community, in elementary environmental education. To monitor progress on the project in targeted communities and to market the concept to a larger audience, YRE will act as journalists to document activities and events. The YRE learners and youth have been selected and the first workshop has been conducted by WESSA YRE programme manager Cindy Lee Cloete. Signboards have been developed to further market the project. The five schools are: Three Crowns Primary School; Mbuela Primary School; Mount Arthur Secondary School; Arthur Mfebe Secondary School; and Nyanga High School.







# WESSA FOOTPRINT



- WESSA Offices
- Blue Flag Site
- Green Coast Site
- Green Key Property
- Schools
- WESSA Bush Pigs
- WESSA Sishen
- WESSA Treasure Beach
- WESSA Twinstreams
- WESSA uMngeni Valley

