

**Mthimkhulu Community Development Annual Narrative Report to the National  
Department of Social Development  
2017/2018**

**2. SECTION B: THE ORGANISATION'S MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR:**

**1. YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

This programme provides unemployed youth between the ages of 15-35 with skills in order to gain confidence and work experience.

**Objectives:** To train 150 youth into three pillars of development which are Work skills, Social skills and Personal Development.

**How beneficiaries benefitted:**

- 63 youth were successfully trained in Curriculum Vitae Development
- 40 youth were trained in Acrylic Dip System (Kleinmond & Hawston)
- 26 youth were trained in Computer Bootcamp

**Computer Bootcamp**

- ✓ Introduction to the World of Computers
  - Inc. Basics Keyboard & Mouse/Touchpad (if applicable)
- ✓ Internet Basics
- ✓ Excel
- ✓ Word
- ✓ Outlook Email & Webmail
- ✓ Basic Image manipulation using GIMP
- ✓ Basic Image manipulation using CANVA
- ✓ Introduction to Social Media (as it relates to website development)
- ✓ Creating online Newsletters
- ✓ Scratch Coding
- ✓ Introduction to Writing Code (HTML & CSS)
- ✓ Very Basic scripting language (PHP)
- ✓ Web Hosting 101
- ✓ Call Centre Training (focused on inbound, web hosting company)
- ✓ Web Design: Introduction using Wordpress
- ✓ Website Stats and why it matters

**Basic Computers**

- ✓ Introduction to the World of Computers
  - ✓ MS Word
  - ✓ MS Excel
  - ✓ Internet & Email
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- 18 youth were trained in Introduction to Robotix
  - 35 youth attend an accredited First Aid Course Level 1.
  - Commitment and creativity was one of the highlights during the training. A few weeks after the training some of the participants managed to get employment opportunities linked to the training. Some participants decided to enrol for the computer literacy training so that they could use it in their workplaces.

- The timing for the training was correct as it was during the summer season when more job opportunities. This was beneficial to participants, who were determined to employ the knowledge gained with enthusiasm after their training.
- Those that attended basic computer lessons were able to type their CVs, covering letters, conduct research, create email addresses and apply for work opportunities online.
- Regular follow-ups were conducted to see if they were employed or their behaviour had changed.

### **Challenges**

- Time Management of participants, coming late to classes.

## **2. JOBS CENTRE**

### **Objectives**

The Job Centre aims to assist and support job seekers/ students and entrepreneurs in the Overstrand area to become more employable.

### **How beneficiaries benefitted:**

- Job seekers were assisted to become more employable and their details were entered in a database for unemployed youth
- Mthimkhulu provides an active support system for youth by circulating information through our social networks.
- Youth were assisted with developing their CVs and motivational/covering letters, and online searches for job and study opportunities:
  - 63 assisted with job searches and applications
  - 120 Youth assisted with CV development
  - 64 were added on our data base and we linked them to job & training opportunities

### **Challenges**

- Our staff component is limited due to a shortage of funding so we had to reduce our service to two days a week. Our application for a smart access centre was not successful therefore the job centre delivers a service from the Mthimkhulu administration office.

## **3. Home Community Based Care (HCBC) programme**

In April 2018 Mthimkhulu Community Development was once again awarded the contract for the Home Community Based Care (HCBC) programme in Kleinmond.

The **goal** of the HCBC Project is to provide a cost effective integrated, holistic and quality home community based care service in (Kleinmond– Betty's Bay) and designated clinic through referrals, bed washes, wound care, etc.

Our ten Home Based Workers (CHW) offer support to clients from the local community in their homes.

**Objective:** To facilitate the implementation & management of a Home-Based Care Service in partnership with the Department of Health to improve the quality of life of the clients.

### **Indicators**

- Recruitment, selection and training
- To deliver a cost effective, integrated, holistic and quality community-based care service
- To promote a healthy lifestyle through providing health education to the community
- Conduct adherence monitoring and support of medication.
- Health promotion events, with all relevant role-players to combine the planning of the event
- Antenatal screenings & health promotions & referrals

**How beneficiaries benefitted:**

We have continued to field a full complement of CHWs and one Nursing coordinator. All staff attended training offered by the Department of Health as well as in-house training offered by the Nursing coordinator, who is an experienced and registered staff nurse.

- Each carer works with 13 patients per month totalling 130 patients per month who receive care in their homes. Our patients are mostly based in the impoverished areas of Kleinmond.
- The carers have exceeded the support guidelines – delivering medication, providing support and testing more than 400 patients’ blood pressure per quarter
- There are five TB DOTS patients who receive care and five ARV clients are referred per month.
- CHWs hosted four health events for the year for the benefit of the community, where they collaborated with service providers to run free eye testing, breast examinations and other tests (sugar, blood pressure) as well as information and various counselling services targeted at women, men & children (screened).
- Monthly 620 clients from the local community benefit from our work in childrens’ health, health promotion, prevention screenings, and the administering of vitamins.

**Challenges**

- Walking the long distances to patients during winter months is particularly hard on the CHW’s.
- There is a high turnover because salaries are very low and, even though the carers are committed and passionate about the work and their patients, understandably they leave as soon as a better paying opportunity comes along.

**4. Smartkids Educare and Aftercare centre**

Smartkids is our registered ECD Centre that aims to provide pre-primary children between the ages of 2 and 5 yrs with a solid education basis to build upon once they reach school going age.

All the teachers employed are qualified ECD teachers. We are grateful to volunteers and donors who regularly donate to the Smartkids programme.

**How beneficiaries benefitted:**

The programme continues to provide a safe and secure teaching environment for 41 children between the ages of 2 and 5 from the disadvantaged communities in Kleinmond. The edu care teaching programme is based on the guidelines and principles of the Department of Social Development.

Parents who struggle to pay school fees are subsidised.

We invite and create opportunities for parent involvement and education in the programme.

**Challenges**

- Limited funding to cover the general operations of ECD.
  - Active fundraising activities in collaboration with parents remain a struggle.