

Woza Moya Annual Reflections 2022

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Highlights:

1. We are thankful that we're all alive.
2. We had doctors from Netherlands that were doing medical check up for children under 12 years.
3. Seven ECD Practitioners from outlying creches are enrolled at TREE IN Durban for Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development (NQF Level 4).
4. Self-help groups received donations to support their businesses.
5. We had Gender and Sexuality workshop offered by uThingo Network.
6. Self-help groups started small business, 1 group is selling floor polish and Vaseline others are selling chickens.
7. Parents positively complimented the ECD menu, learnings and we had excellent attendance in ECD Parents meetings.
8. Community Care Givers (CCGs) had GBV workshop offered by DGMT fellows.
9. CCGs attended Diabetes management training offered by Department of Health.
10. We admitted 2 years in the ECD centre.
11. We had successful ECD Christmas party
12. In the After-school program events we hosted diversified stakeholders and nurses from Ixopo clinic came-in for children's check-ups
13. Gardeners received seedlings, bags of composts and fruit trees.
14. We recruited 70 home gardens and established 3 communal gardens
15. Good Guys have a uniform.
16. Afterschool program handed out x100 school uniforms to all learners that are attending our programs
17. Paralegal services exceeded our expectations this year. More cases reported were successful.
18. Being part of the organization is highly appreciated by all staff.
19. Gardeners visited Bonakude farm.
20. We had successful garden forums.
21. ALL donor site visits went well
22. Our seedling nursery is productive
23. Gardening brought positive insights to our beneficiaries and positive impact in Good Guys Club program
24. Sandile (our intern) got his birth certificate after years of struggle.
25. We donated food parcels to community members who were affected by floods
26. Number of participants in our programs increased.
27. After-school program participants established a Zulu dance entertainment group on their own
28. Two staff had a Trip to Ndlovu Care Group in Limpopo.
29. Our premises are exceptionally clean.
30. Good Guys had first outing to Durban.
31. All ECD Practitioners got Basic Computer skills training.
32. Our CCG'S performance has improved.
33. Our computer student got a job at the municipality.
34. We partnered with Lifeline to conducted first man's awareness on GBV

35. We are working well with Ixopo clinic.
36. Our student support first group did well in tertiary institutions.
37. No pregnancy reported in PowerGirls Programme.
38. ECD Practitioners worked extremely hard
39. Wellnesses days conducted around uFafa valley positively impacted people's lives, and the attendance is excellent.
40. We had successful youth events and excellent attendance.
41. We had successful food festival and handed planting tools to our gardens.
42. Our maintenance team worked tirelessly.
43. We benefited knowledge through Budgeting and Saving training.
44. We had successful workshops in Student Support program.
45. ECD children received food vouchers during winter holidays.
46. Release of NQF Level 2 certificates for Victim Empowerment that got stuck during Covid 19
47. We supplied water in Ntakama
48. We have good relations with ward council
49. We have full support from Board and Advisory committee
50. Committed Fundraising team and our Funders assisted us in finding CSI's
51. Two staff members attended a DGMT fellowship for Innovation and conducted Organizational Mentoring Sessions.
52. Affiliation with tax drivers, their hiring prices are reasonable
53. Unity in management
54. Teachers in surrounding areas supported our Career Support
55. Oversees volunteers approached us.
56. CCG'S are supporting Food, Nutrition and Farming coordinator on garden visits
57. We have competent staff
58. We did well in Fundraising
59. Weekly Staff Meetings tracks programs performance, highlights, challenges, and follow-ups
60. Uneducated participant came with brilliant ideas in Self-help group, she came up with polish and Vaseline business ideas

Challenges and Solutions

1. Load Shedding

- Check the load shedding schedule and adjust our work
- The fundraising team submitted proposals to different donors requesting for solar panels.

2. When there is mobile clinic parent/guardians dropped their children in the ECD centre and ask food for their children.

- Add a clause in the MOU that children coming-in with their parents are not allowed in the ECD.
- The cooker must be strict; ECD practitioners should be specific and if it gets out of hand refer issue to the management

3. Burned community garden

- Support those who are affected and use community meetings as platform to address such issues.

4. Community members who are on ARVs collect their treatment accordingly, yet we have high number of defaults

- Continue educating in our communities and emphasize self-care and importance of taking treatment

5. Government officials (stakeholders) do not take referred cases into consideration

- Name and share issues in the waroom and expose the involved officials

6. Young people especially those who are at school are using drugs.

- Invite liquor authorities to educate our youth, do awareness in schools.

7. High number of school drop outs in our area

- Encourage importance of education to parents and children.

8. High number of people suffered from stroke this year

- Encourage health eating habits especially for those who are on BP treatment.

9. Computer students drop out without completion of payment and course

- Students should pay half price on admission.

10. No market for craft

- Continue with different marketing strategies.

11. One Self-help group participant was unable to repay the group

- Such matters need to be resolved through Self-Help group constitution

12. In sport events we only got football sponsorship, we do not have sponsors for netball, so ladies got discouraged and stopped coming to our events

- We need to send different proposals to different places as early as possible to request netball kits.

13. Number of rape cases increased

- We need to educate our society by conducting GBV workshops around uFafa and emphasize reporting cases on time.

14. People do not plant in winter

Educate people to plant in all seasons, reward those who plant in winter and reduce summer rewards

15. Refusal of condoms

- Educate and make female condoms available.

16. Loss of rape cases due to lack of witness

- Educate children to understand their genitals and know what they are and how to pronounce them.

17. SASSA doctor refuse to grant pension to individuals referred and approved by hospital doctor

- Report to Human Rights Commission South Africa.

18. Home visits are challenging in households headed by only men they end up harassing CCGs.

- Be two when visiting males' households, CCGs needs to put self-care first and we might have a male care worker.

19. Parents register for ECD admissions and never bring their children

- Have a waiting list so that we can fill gaps of those who don't proceed and increase admission fee entrance to R200.

20. School teachers do not admit children with no birth certificates

- Raise issue in parent's meetings, held teachers responsible.

21. Parents are in denial when their children are disabled, they refuse to admit or corporate

- We need to be patient, do follow ups, clarify in school meetings, and refer to social workers.

22. Students support beneficiaries are scared to take bursaries

- Encourage children to apply for bursaries, advise them on importance and advantages of bursaries, we might as well invite 3 or 2 students who are studying through bursaries.

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