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# ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT 2022

COMMUNITY CARE, SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT SERVICES:

COMMUNITY HEALTH

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## OUR VISION:

FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE UFAFA VALLEY  
COMMUNITY TO BE HEALTHY AND  
PRODUCTIVE, LIVING IN A SAFE AND CLEAN  
ENVIRONMENT, WITH GOOD ACCESS TO  
SERVICES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

## OUR MISSION:

IS TO FACILITATE THE SUSTAINABLE  
EMPOWERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND  
FULFIL OUR VISION BY PARTNERING WITH THE  
COMMUNITY IN HEALTH SERVICES, CAPACITY  
BUILDING, EDUCATION, CIVIC PARTICIPATION,  
ENGAGEMENT WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND  
OTHER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS.

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# ACRONYMS

<b>CCGS</b>	Community Care Givers
<b>CCMDD</b>	Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution
<b>CLWA</b>	Children Living with HIV/AIDS
<b>COIDA</b>	Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA)
<b>DOH</b>	Department of Health
<b>DOARD</b>	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
<b>ECD</b>	Early Childhood Development
<b>EWC</b>	Every Word Counts
<b>GBV</b>	Gender Based Violence
<b>MCC</b>	Medical Check for Children
<b>NQF</b>	National Qualifications Framework
<b>PLHIV</b>	People living with HIV
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>WASH</b>	Water, sanitation & hygiene



# INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

THIS 2022 REPORT DESCRIBES OUR WORK AND PROGRESS IN FOUR MAIN PROGRAMME AREAS, COMMUNITY HEALTH, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

We also briefly unpack cross-cutting areas of work and our overall reach before touching on some organisational developments and inputs.

Overall, we have made positive progress towards improving food security, nutrition, health, livelihoods, educational outcomes, and access to social and legal services in the Ufafa Valley.

Our work this year took place in a very challenging reality. 2022 has been a difficult year for families in the Ufafa valley. People continue to work on recovering from the stressors of COVID-19, and the riots and looting which occurred in 2021. Meanwhile, the food price crisis, the Russian war against Ukraine, fuel price increases, and extreme flooding in April 2022 all exposed the fragility of food systems.

In response, we improved the Woza Moya garden so that community members have a better space to learn about food production. Our work around supporting communal gardening at community level have also been expanded. We are seeing the benefits of this work in terms of increased food security, better nutrition, as well as improved family and social relations between those involved in, and benefitting from, these initiatives.

Gender Based Violence (GBV) remains a serious problem in our communities; cases are often not reported. The high rate of unemployment (exacerbated by the effects of COVID-19) is

one important driver of GBV. About 160 women participated in a GBV awareness event during which they shared ideas about how they could support each other to address GBV. They also encouraged us to continue the conversation and involve men more actively in it. This was done – men engaged in discussions around recognising GBV, the various forms of abuse, what men can do to end GBV, and how to get help. Both women and men were keen to engage, to understand the issue more deeply, and to explore ways of ending GBV. This is a theme we intend to deepen and continue working with in future.

Other core work around developing community caregivers, ECD practitioners, and afterschool programme facilitators has continued. They, and the work they do, remains critical to community development and well-being. Please see the subsequent sections for a more detailed description of this and our other programme areas.

A last contextual note: Ongoing power supply problems at Eskom do affect our work – particularly that of office-based staff. They also presents challenges to online meetings, conferences, and trainings, and sometimes cause communication delays. We have manage these issues as best we could. In the longer term (given that Eskom is likely to experience problems for the foreseeable future) we may need to explore practical measures to mitigate these problems (e.g., battery backup, generators, solar cells).

# PROGRAMMES

## I. COMMUNITY HEALTH

**OBJECTIVE: TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HOME-BASED CARE AND SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS LIVING WITH HIV, TB AND OTHER ILLNESSES IN THE UFAFA VALLEY.**

### ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Capacity building of Community Care Givers (CCGs) by Nal'ibali. Trainings included Basic Diabetes Management. The training helped CCGs learn how to identify, refer and look after patients with diabetic clients.
2. Home (& Crèche) Visits: on average 970 clients were seen each month.
3. Monitoring & Support: monthly meetings, data captured and collated from CCGs' reports. On average 50 random spot checks were done by the CCG Supervisor each month.
4. Monthly Wellness Days: 4 meetings per month for people living with HIV (PLHIV) 30 members in total; Quarterly meetings for CLWAs (Children 3-18), 60 members.
5. Partnerships, Networking, Referrals:
  - a. Our partnership with local Ixopo Department of Health (DoH) continued successfully. DoH held monthly mobile clinics on site at Woza Moya attended by about 250 local patients per month.
  - b. Woza Moya is a designated Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution [CCMDD] pick up point.
6. Seven hundred and seventy children received free medical check-ups from Medical Check for Children (MCC) team.

### CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES:

1. In April some roads in the villages we serve were damaged by floods. It was difficult for community members to access government facilities such as clinics, hospitals and government departments. The situation is improving as repairs are made.
2. More cases of people TB were reported in the period. We integrated a stronger focus on TB awareness into our wellness days.
3. Some young people remain in denial about their HIV status; this leads to defaulting HIV treatment. This remains a concern and a priority.

**10**  
**CCG**  
**Trained**

**970**  
**Clients**  
**Visited**

**210**  
**People reached**  
**via Wellness Days**

**60**  
**CLWA**  
**Reached**

**940**  
**Children**  
**Reached**



## 2. EARLY CHILDHOOD (SURVIVAL AND) DEVELOPMENT

**OBJECTIVE: TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG CHILD (0-5 YEARS).**

### ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Running a professional, happy and safe ECD Centre at Woza Moya. 60 children aged 2-5 years were registered in 2022.
2. Identify, assess and support outlying crèches in Ufafa: seven crèches identified and visited weekly; resources and materials shared, for an additional 230 children in 2022.
3. Capacity building of Woza Moya ECD team and outlying crèche teachers
  - a. ECD NQF Level 4: seven ECD practitioners from outlying creches registered for further education and training Certificate in Early Childhood Development
  - b. Quarterly ECD Forums: various trainings, ranging from ECD toy and resource making, observation and assessment, ECD financial management, and first aid.
  - c. 'Every Word Counts (EWC)' – A Family Literacy Training. 80 young mothers completed ten sessions.

### CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES:

1. Five outlying creches that were funded by the Department of Social Development did not receive funding since ECD centres were moved from Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education. Proposals were sent to different donors asking for the relief.
2. EWC trainer found on her home visits a lack of emotional bonding between very young teenage mothers and their babies/toddlers. This is the results of some young mothers do not want to accept that they have babies. Our EWC trainer did the counselling sessions with them to see how they can be supported.
3. More cases that are related to child rape in the outlying creches were reported.
4. Some guardians are struggling to pay ECD school fees because they are no longer working. Despite us charging a very small nominal fee of R50 per month. Guardians who are struggling are encouraged to come and help with the gardening.



**290**

**Children Reached**

**15**

**ECD Practitioners Received Training**

**85**

**Guardians received Family Literacy Training**

### 3. SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

**OBJECTIVE: TO REDUCE POVERTY, IMPROVE NUTRITION AND EMPOWER INDIGENT WOMEN TO BECOME ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY INDEPENDENT.**

#### ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Three main areas of work were done under this programme.

1. Agricultural activities :
  - a. We installed three 5 000 litre rain water harvesting systems in five key villages in the Ufafa Valley.
  - b. We distributed basic gardening tools, poles and fencing to 30 communal gardeners.
  - c. 70 new home gardens were established.
  - d. 70 fruit trees were distributed to home gardeners.
  - e. 30 communal gardeners visited Bonakude farm, an agro-ecological farm near us, to learn about compost making, companion planting, mulching, crop rotation, diverse planted gardens and homestead food production.

2. Masakhane Self Help group started to make and sell floor polish to community members.
3. Income generating crafts: Local women, supported by a Durban based volunteer, Jovita da Silva, did hand embroidery, and produced gorgeous sock monkeys and lions. The Grannies Group are producing knitted beanies, scarves and crocheted mats. Our newest craft products are felt ornaments and knitting balls.

#### CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES:

1. In April, crops were washed away due to floods. Affected gardeners were given bags of compost and seedlings to replant. About 250 food vouchers at the value of R1000 were issued to needy families.
2. Some self-help group members are elderly and attending less regularly. We recruited more young women to join these groups.



**390**

**People  
Reached**



## 4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**OBJECTIVE: TO EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, SEEING THEM AS IMPORTANT DRIVERS IN CREATING POSITIVE, EQUITABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE FOR THEMSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY.**

### ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Developing hard and soft skills, in areas such as HIV, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), decision-making, computers-use, and self-knowledge for 800 youth in the Ufafa Valley. Areas of work included:
  - a. Life-skills
  - b. Library
  - c. Computer Centre
  - d. Sports
  - e. Talent Shows
  - f. PowerGirls
  - g. Good Guys Club
  - h. Arts
2. 48 Unemployed youth graduated from the 3-month basic computer course provided by Woza Moya.
3. 100 children from the Afterschool Programme received a school uniform.
4. An Arts Centre was launched at Woza Moya, creating a new space for fun, creativity, and healing.

5. Certificate in 'Victim Empowerment and Support on Legal Processes' were issued to 73 young people who completed the training.
6. 850 young people from across the valley attended talent shows and sports days organised by the Woza Moya Youth Team.

### CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES:

1. Several young people attempted to join the Afterschool Programme, PowerGirls and Good Guys Clubs mid-year. We explained that we only recruit at the beginning of the year and encouraged them to join us then.
2. Substance abuse is high among young people due to unemployment, among other factors. Sports days and talent shows were used as one means of addressing substance abuse in our community.



**120**

**Afterschool  
Children Reached**

**984**

**Youth  
Reached**

# CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES

The following work cut across and augmented the programmes described above:

1. Gender Based Violence: Raising awareness about domestic and sexual violence.
2. Active Citizenship: Building a stronger voice for ourselves and others.
3. Paralegal Services: Raising awareness about Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA).
4. WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene): Mobilising community members to have tippy taps in their homes.
5. Media: Using newsletters, social media and videos to share our work.
6. Learning and Sharing (exchange visits, virtual conferences): Building a network of sharing and learning across NGO sector.
7. Resource Mobilization and Systems Development, Staff Development, Strategic Planning and Fund Raising.
8. Two of our younger, female staff attended the 2022 DGMT fellowship for organisation innovation – a leadership development opportunity.



# BENEFICIARIES AND PARTICIPATION

## DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

AGE	FEMALE		MALE		PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	
	Annual Target	Reached	Annual Target	Reached	Annual Target	Reached
0-5	450	465	350	360	50	33
6-12	325	330	210	207	50	40
13-18	470	485	200	205	20	25
19-35	400	433	250	245	20	15
36-59	200	260	150	95	15	10
60+	200	210	50	45	20	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2045</b>	<b>2183</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>131</b>

## INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

AGE	FEMALE	MALE	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
0-18	6253	3850	145
19+	6120	1700	73



# LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

This year saw a successful leadership transition come to fruition. Sphehile Radebe officially took over as Executive Director in the first quarter of 2022 as Woza Moya's founder, Sue Hedden, moved out of the organisation.

The transition was well supported staff and board alike and has created opportunities for many members of the organisation to take up more leadership and responsibility. This is a significant achievement – many organisations struggle to cope with these kinds of changes; Woza Moya proved both resilient and ready for the challenge.

The Woza Moya Management Team, consisting of Executive Director, Programmes Manager and two other Senior Managers, has met twice monthly, as planned.



# GOVERNANCE

The Woza Moya Board of Directors met quarterly, as planned. The board is composed of professionals with deep experience of community and civil society work in South Africa and beyond. Their main task is to hold the Vision and Mission of the organisation, to take fiduciary responsibility and maintain financial and programmatic oversight, and to support the Executive Director.

The five non-executive Directors are:

- **Mr Mxolisi Nyuswa**  
Chairperson
- **Mr Warren Banks**  
Vice-chairperson
- **Ms Jovita da Silva**  
Treasurer
- **Ms Yasmin Rajah**  
Non-executive Director
- **Ms Nokuthula Mthimunya**  
Non-executive Director
- **Mr Viroshen Chetty**  
Non-executive Director

The Woza Moya Community Advisory Council met three times during the year, as planned. These are 5 important stakeholders from the Ufafa Valley, focused on supporting Woza Moya to deal with community-based matters.



## NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Woza Moya worked hard at maintaining good relations with local government departments in 2022. As a community-based organisation, our role is to help our community to know their rights and to access services and opportunities that can improve their lives and livelihoods.

Woza Moya's most successful partnership is with the local Department of Health (DOH). Woza Moya attends local Municipality meetings, and other local and regional stakeholder meetings regularly. We also partnered with Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DOARD) to celebrate Women's Day in August.

Woza Moya partners with various other specialist NGOs or CBOs. This is both a source of learning, and augments and deepens our programme offerings. Some examples included: Ixopo Legal Aid (paralegal services), Lifeline, KZNSA (crafts), Monkeyland (crafts), Joint Aid Management, Vukuzithathe (HIV), Training & Resources in Early Education, Ndlovu Care Group, the Uthingo Network, Bonakude Farm, Food and Trees for Africa, and the Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa.

## ORGANISATIONAL MARKETING

We have continued to maintain our online presence (including monthly newsletters) and are working to expand and deepen this, in the interests of communicating and sustaining our work.

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Facebook: [facebook.com/WozaMoya](https://facebook.com/WozaMoya)

Instagram: [instagram.com/wozamoyaixopo/](https://instagram.com/wozamoyaixopo/)

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