



ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT
2023

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ACRONYMS

CCGS

Community Care Givers

CCMDD

Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution

CLWA

Children Living with HIV/AIDS

COIDA

Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act

DOH

Department of Health

ECD

Early Childhood Development

EWC

Every Word Counts

GBV

Gender Based Violence

MCC

Medical Check for Children

NQF

National Qualifications Framework

PLHIV

People living with HIV

TB

Tuberculosis

WASH

Water, sanitation & hygiene

WM

Woza Moya



INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

This 2023 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.

REFLECTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There is much to be thankful for at Woza Moya after a busy 2023. Despite a number of challenges which are faced by NGOs, there is always hope and determination in our organisation. Looking back on the past year we celebrate continued growth development of our team, programmes and share progress across our organisation contributing to achieving our mission.

Women are the pillar of every family especially where there are single parents or their husbands are unemployed or migrant workers. While children and youth are future leaders of our country. Woza Moya realizes the need to empower women and children to address this need in deep rural areas like Ufafa Valley. The response is positive, seeing community members developing, families improving and behaviour change in our youth gives us hope.

The staggering economy of South Africa demands that Woza Moya assist community members to be financial independent. This crisis needs proper support, and the self-help group project empowers women to support their families. Through this project Ufafa Valley women are no longer depending on 'Shark loans' for immediate cash. They support each other to start small businesses, they also support each other socially and emotionally.

The ongoing illegal war in Ukraine and current cost of living has put an extra spotlight on both food availability and food security. Climate change continues to be a major challenge for us all. Global food security is concerning, especially the impacts on poor rural communities like Ufafa Valley. Woza Moya has been pushing for home and community gardens across Ufafa Valley as we continue to create agricultural livelihoods for women and youth. Community members are most vulnerable to climate change, therefore changes and adaptation interventions are necessary. As a result we have donated indigenous trees to be planted throughout Ufafa Valley.

The involvement of local, provincial, national and international partners and stakeholders contributed to the success of all our programmes. The commitment of the board, community advisory council and staff in uplifting our community is greatly appreciated. Woza Moya needs everybody in order to be successful in responding to the needs of vulnerable people in Ufafa Valley. Through this report, I'm delighted to invite you on a journey through our programmes highlights and challenges of 2023.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I thank Woza Moya (WM) for successfully hosting the 2023 AGM. This has been done without fail since the former director, Ms Sue Hedden's vision came to life in 2000. This speaks volumes about the capacity and commitment of the team and the community representatives serving in the organisation. I would also like to thank the board members for investing their valuable time, diverse skills and experiences. Like in the previous years, the WM board has been exceptional throughout 2023.

WM has a team of 36 members coming from the same community. However, there are a number of differences in terms of gender, age, seniority, roles and so on. It is a pleasure to say that there is a strong feeling of unity and communal solidarity amongst the team regardless of their differences. It is this group cohesion and the common values that the team shares that has kept Woza Moya standing tall in Ufafa Valley for more than two decades.

We must not forget the seed of success that was planted by the former WM director more than two decades ago. Our current director, Mr Sphesihle Radebe popularly known as Bhungane, referring to his praise names, responded very well to all forms of support from the management and leadership. All that was led by Sue before passing the baton to him. With that, he put the organisation on a higher pedestal and did so with great humility. This is supported by a verse from Matthew 11:25, when Jesus said to his disciples, "I praise you, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". WM has maintained good relationships with both new and old donors to support all our programmes and one off projects. Staff confidence is good and there are no concerns about losing their jobs because of funding. Mr Radebe has maintained a healthy funding climate that can sustain the organisation for the next few years to come. Humility has been at the centre of this success.

2023 had its sad moments too. Our organisation lost community advisory committee member Ms Mweli and staff member Ms Nzimande who both served WM with diligence. May their souls rest in peace!

Wishing all Woza Moya family a restful summer hoping that The Almighty will keep us safe and happy till we meet again in 2024!



MR MXOLISI NYUSWA
CHAIRMAN

PROGRAMMES: 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:

- Woza Moya in partnership with the Department of Health embarked on measles vaccination campaign for children from 6 months to 15 years old.
- Catch up immunisation of under vaccinated children, screening for malnutrition, Vitamin A drop and deworming.
- Community care givers were trained on stroke, diabetes and hypertension.
- Home (& Crèche) Visits: on average 975 clients were seen each month.
- 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.
- 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.
- Mental, breast cancer and stress management workshops across Ufafa Valley
- Partnerships, Networking, Referrals:
 - 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.
 - Woza Moya is a designated Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution [CCMDD] pick up point.

CHALLENGES THIS YEAR:

- The number of young people who are not taking ARVs as prescribed is increasing.
- Teenage mothers don't take their children to the clinic for immunization.
- The number of people affected by strokes, diabetes and hypertension is increasing.

10

CCG TRAINED

983

CLIENTS VISITED

237

PEOPLE REACHED VIA WELLNESS DAYS

60

CLWA REACHED

972

CHILDREN REACHED



WE THANK WOZA MOYA FOR HELPING US UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE ON ARVS AND OTHER CHRONIC MEDICATION

ANONYMOUS

PROGRAMMES: EARLY CHILDHOOD (SURVIVAL &) DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVE:

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

852

CHILDREN REACHED

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Running a professional, happy and safe ECD Centre at Woza Moya. 60 children aged 2-5 years were registered in 2023.
- The Department of Health launched Health Promoting early childhood development at Woza Moya.
- Identify, assess and support outlying crèches in Ufafa: seven crèches identified and visited weekly; resources and materials shared, for an additional 230 children in 2023.
- Capacity building of Woza Moya ECD team and outlying crèche teachers
 - ECD NQF Level 4: seven ECD practitioners from outlying creches registered for further education and training Certificate in Early Childhood Development.
 - Quarterly ECD Forums: various trainings, ranging from ECD toy and resource making, observation and assessment, ECD financial management, and first aid.
 - 'Every Word Counts (EWC)' – A Family Literacy Training. 80 young mothers completed ten sessions.
 - 15 ECD practitioners received training on child protection awareness.

15

ECD PRACTITIONERS
RECEIVED TRAINING

85

GUARDIANS RECEIVED
FAMILY LITERACY TRAINING

CHALLENGES THIS YEAR:

- 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 relief.
- Some young children do not have birth certificates and as a result do not have access to social grants.
- Some children are raised by their grandmothers or extended family because they were abandoned by their parents or orphaned.
- There are many abused children within families, neighbours and communities.



WOZA MOYA HAS TAUGHT US THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT. SENDING MY CHILD TO WOZA MOYA WAS THE BEST THING FOR MY CHILD

THOLANI DUMA

PROGRAMMES: SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

OBJECTIVE:

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

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

3 main areas of work were done under this programme.

- Agricultural activities:
 - We installed three 10 000 litre rain water harvesting systems in five key villages in the Ufafa Valley.
 - We distributed basic gardening tools, poles and fencing to 40 communal gardeners.
 - 50 new home gardens were established.
 - 50 indigenous trees were distributed to home gardeners.
 - 60 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.
 - We have developed good relationships and have become well known by the schools in our community. Many of these schools are now requesting vegetable gardens on their premisses.
- Masithandane started to crochet dowels and they are selling in the community.
- Income generating crafts: Local women, supported by a Durban based volunteer, Jovita da Silva, did hand embroidery, and produced gorgeous finger labriths, sock monkeys and lions. The Grannies Group are producing knitted beanies, Knitted balls, scarves and crocheted mats. Our newest craft products are felt ornaments and knitting balls.

CHALLENGES THIS YEAR:

- Some self-help group members are elderly and attending less regularly. We recruited more young women to join these groups.
- The gardeners are discouraged by pest, climate change and unexpected violent weather patters that is affecting their crops.

1695

PEOPLE REACHED

315

HOME GARDENS

9

COMMUNITY GARDENS

9

SELF HELP GROUPS



THE GARDENING PROJECT INITIATIVE
IS BENEFITING COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY
HAVING ACCESS TO FOOD SECURITY.
SICK POOR PEOPLE ARE MANAGING TO TAKE
THEIR TREATMENT AFTER EATING PRODUCE

MSIZI LUGAJU

PROGRAMMES: 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:

- Developing hard and soft skills, in areas such as HIV, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), decision-making, computer use, and self-knowledge for 850 youth in the Ufafa Valley. Areas of work included: Life-skills, Library, Computer Centre, Sports, Talent Shows, PowerGirls, Good Guys Club and Arts.
- 36 Unemployed youth graduated from the 3-month basic computer course provided by Woza Moya.
- 28 youth that were assisted by Woza Moya were enrolled in higher education institutions across South Africa.
- An intersexion was introduced at Sinevuso High School for grade 8 learners. This program is targeted to increase openness, honest relationships and use this as a strategy to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and teenage pregnancy in schools.
- Good Guys Club and PowerGirls had a camp at Wildlilife and Environment Society of South Africa.
- Holiday Programme reaching 140 children across Ufafa Valley.
- 900 young people from across the valley attended talent shows and sports days organised by the Woza Moya Youth Team.

CHALLENGES THIS YEAR:

- 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.
- Loadshedding was the major problem especial for Basic computer trainings.
- Some children read without understanding.

100

AFTERSCHOOL
CHILDREN REACHED

48

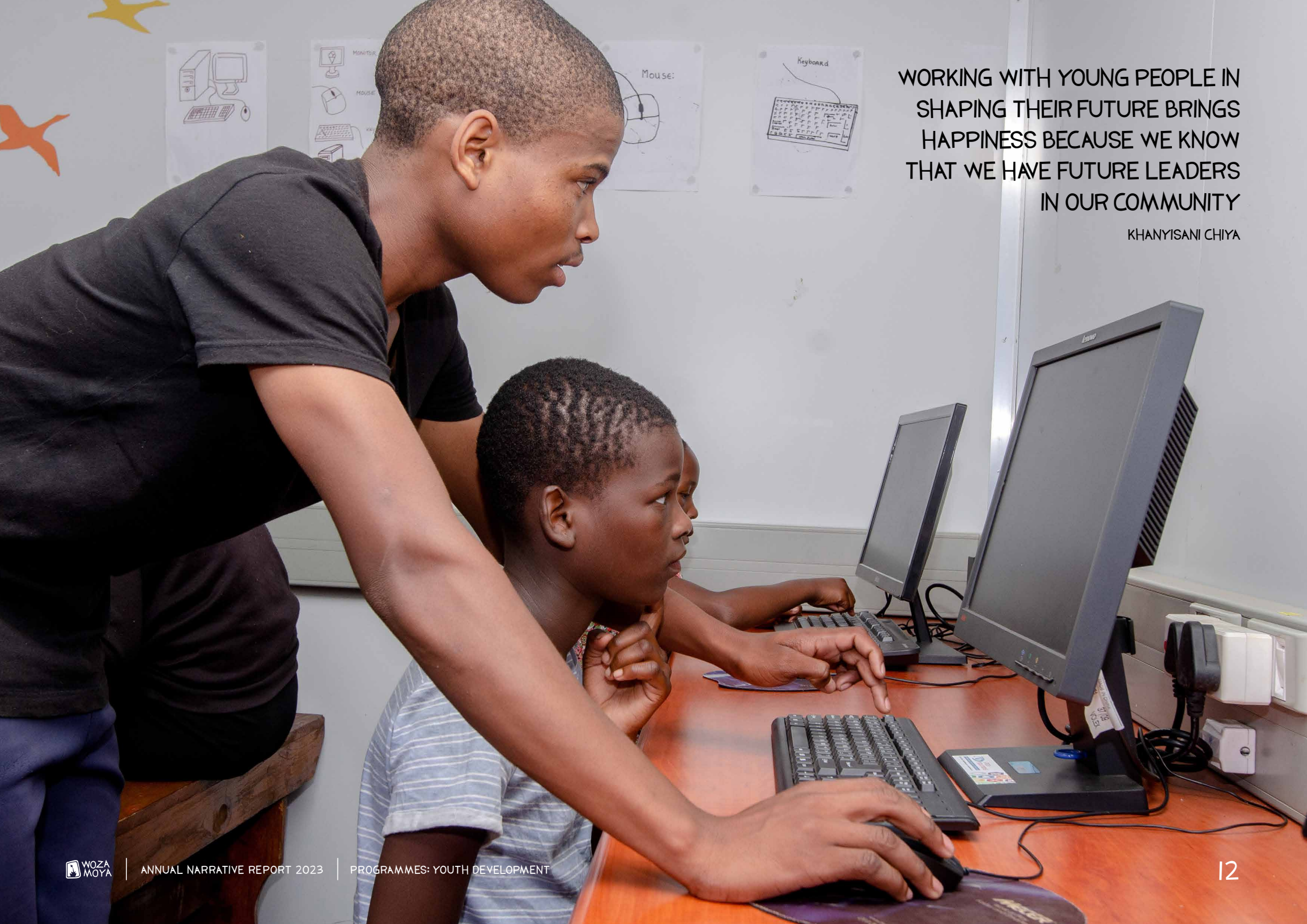
POWERGIRLS

35

GOOD GUYS CLUB

984

YOUTH REACHED



WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN
SHAPING THEIR FUTURE BRINGS
HAPPINESS BECAUSE WE KNOW
THAT WE HAVE FUTURE LEADERS
IN OUR COMMUNITY

KHANYISANI CHIYA

CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES

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

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE:

Raising awareness about domestic and sexual violence.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP:

Building a stronger voice for ourselves and others.

PARALEGAL SERVICES:

Raising awareness about Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA).

WASH (WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE):

Mobilising community members to have tippy taps in their homes.

MEDIA:

Using newsletters, social media and videos to share our work.

LEARNING AND SHARING (EXCHANGE VISITS, VIRTUAL CONFERENCES):

Building a network for sharing and learning across NGO sector.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT, STAFF DEVELOPMENT, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FUND RAISING.



BENEFICIARIES & PARTICIPATION

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

| AGE | FEMALE | | MALE | | PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| | ANNUAL TARGET | REACHED | ANNUAL TARGET | REACHED | ANNUAL TARGET | REACHED |
| 0-5 | 450 | 475 | 350 | 365 | 50 | 32 |
| 6-12 | 325 | 345 | 250 | 230 | 50 | 29 |
| 13-18 | 500 | 488 | 200 | 199 | 50 | 30 |
| 19-35 | 400 | 435 | 250 | 230 | 20 | 10 |
| 36-59 | 300 | 260 | 200 | 56 | 20 | 10 |
| 60+ | 200 | 205 | 50 | 32 | 20 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 2175 | 2208 | 1300 | 1112 | 210 | 120 |

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

| AGE | FEMALE | MALE | PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES |
|------|--------|------|--------------------------|
| 0-18 | 6270 | 3890 | 150 |
| 19+ | 6250 | 1953 | 71 |

GOVERNANCE

The Woza Moya Board of Directors met quarterly, as planned. The board is composed of professionals with deep experience of community development 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 six 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 MTHIMUNYE
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 & PARTNERSHIPS

Woza Moya worked hard at maintaining good relations with local government departments in 2023. 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 Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental affairs to celebrate World Environmental Education Day. We also partnered with the Department of Labour and Employment to raise awareness about Occupational Injuries and diseases Act (COIDA).

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 include: Ixopo Legal Aid (paralegal services), Dlananathi, TREE, Lifeline, KZNSA (crafts), Monkeyland (crafts), Joint Aid Management, Vukuzithathe (HIV), Bonakude Farm, Food and Trees for Africa, and the Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa.

FUNDING SOURCES IN 2023

Thanks to you, we were able to significantly increase our support for children and families. Without you, none of this would be possible!

STARFISH GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION

UNITED KINGDOM

DEICHMANN FOUNDATION

GERMANY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SOUTH AFRICA

ELMA MASANA WA AFRIKA

SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH COAST FOUNDATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MERCURY PHOENIX TRUST

UNITED KINGDOM

KINDERFONDS MAMAS

NETHERLANDS

VICTOR DAITZ FOUNDATION

SOUTH AFRICA

ACKERMAN PICK 'N PAY FOUNDATION

SOUTH AFRICA

FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

SOUTH AFRICA

OLD MUTUAL VOLUNTEER TRUST FUND

SOUTH AFRICA

AND MANY PRIVATE DONORS AND FRIENDS OF WOZA MOYA

Click here to see our latest [Annual Financial Statements](#).

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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