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OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Durban and surrounding areas, was devastated by a hurricane and floods in October, on the same day that our Board of Directors were due to travel to Woza Moya. Fortunately everyone arrived safely, one day later, in time for our Annual General Meeting. The Community and Team were excited to meet and greet our Chair: Dr Amon Kasambala, Vice-Chair: Pumla Mabizela, Treasurer: Jovita da Silva, Directors: Dr Bongjiwe Ndlovu and S'Phehile Radebe, Accountant: Theresa Samuelson and others.

Over 2 days we held our Annual General Meeting, convened a Board Meeting and enjoyed a festive evening, braai-ing and socializing together.

We celebrated the empowerment and self-determination of local women at our AGM this year, with many Self-Help Group (SHG) members joining us. Women from SHGs in Mashakeni Village shared their stories of success, how they have been growing themselves and each other, from saving R2 each per week. This was interspersed with much singing, dancing, and vuvuzela blowing, rejoicing in their achievements over the past 2 years. We were told to watch this space!

The AGM program for day covered all the required formalities of reelecting the Community Advisory Council, and Finance and Operations Presentations.





UFABA VALLEY CRAFTS EXHIBITION AT KZNSA GALLERY

On the 17th October the Woza Moya Ufafa Valley Crafts Exhibition was opened at KZNSA in Durban. This stunning exhibition choreographed by Director of KZNSA Angela Shaw, included beautiful photographs done by Angela Buckland. Five Ufafa Valley Embroiderers travelled to Durban for the opening and became overnight celebrities, together with Seamstresses, Star Ndlovu and Dumisile Mbanjwa and Sustainable Livelihoods Manager, Benedicta Memela. Read more about this amazing event here:

<https://www.iol.co.za/ios/arts/ufafa-women-turn-to-crafts-11510155>

ALSO IN OCTOBER

Sbonelo & Scelo did an exchange visit to Waterberg Welfare Society (WWS) in Limpopo sponsored by HCI Foundation. They returned inspired by the youth development happening in this area, and in particular by WWS having their own local radio station. Their highlight was being interviewed live on the radio!

Edwin Corbett who joined Woza Moya in late July 2017 as Head of Support Services, has regretfully resigned due to ill health. It is unfortunate that circumstances have overtaken all of our plans. We wish Edwin well and hope that he fully recovers and gets to do what he is passionate about. In light of this the Woza Moya Board will be presenting a new plan of action in due course





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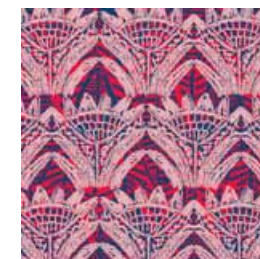
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