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REACHING NEW LEVELS IN OCTOBER

In October Starfish Greathearts Foundation UK <https://www.starfishcharity.org/get-involved-uk> did a site visit to Woza Moya. This wonderful new donor and partnership is taking our Early Childhood Survival and Development Programme to another level. Targeting those who care for and work with babies and young children, (Primary Care Givers (PCGs), the Woza Moya Community Care Givers (CCGs) and the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Practitioners), we aim to improve beliefs about the importance of play and stimulation for children in their care. Thembelephi Chiliza from Woza Moya has done Every Word Counts (EWC) Train-the-Trainer, training <http://www.wordworks.org.za/category/training/every-word-counts/>. Thembi has been introducing this new knowledge about early learning and sharing practical ideas for supporting the development of language, early literacy and maths concepts, from birth to 5 years of age. Click here to see our latest video about the Every Word Counts Training at Woza Moya https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQma_MZwRsc

EWC works hand-in-glove with our Community-Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (C-MICI) program for the 0-5 year age group. C-IMCI focusses on improving maternal child health care in the homes and crèches, emphasizing weighing of babies and children, immunisation and monitoring of health through health cards.

We are working towards the Woza Moya crèche becoming an ECD Centre of Excellence. Woza Moya partners with 9 outlying crèches around the Ufafa Valley Community, visiting them on Fridays. Many of these crèches take place in humble make-shift spaces in the community. They are poorly resourced, and run by passionate women, ECD Practitioners, with no or very little training. We host monthly ECD Forums, transporting all the ECD practitioners in the valley, to our centre. ECD Consultant, Mari van de Merwe, facilitates this day, where materials,





resources and information is shared. Included in this day is a EWC session, facilitated by Thembi. Mari arranged for x5 ECD Practitioners (3 from Woza Moya and 2 from 2 outlying creches) to attend NQF Level 4 Training. We would love to include all 19 crèche teachers but this would require a lot more funding.

We look forward to the Ufafa Valley Community becoming a place where babies and children are not only safe and healthy, but also given the stimulation and loving interaction required for them to reach their full potential, as happy, well-adjusted and successful adults.

ALSO IN OCTOBER

- Dr Amon Kasambala ran x2 one day leadership empowerment 'Personal Mastery' workshops, drawing to a close, a long strategic process, preparing the staff for a new structure.
- Sbonelo Ndlovu, our own Woza Moya 'lawyer', attended the 'Dullah Omar School for Paralegalism' in Joberg.
- With October being Breast Cancer Awareness month, all our Wellness Days included this topic.
- Freddie Mercury would have loved our talent show held in the remote Mahlathini village. Thank you to the MPT for supporting this inspiring Youth event <http://www.mercuryphoenixtrust.com/>

WOZA MOYA AGM

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