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#### NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS

Everyone returned to Woza Moya refreshed and full of energy after our annual break. With the New Year comes a chance to continue serving our community. Programme leaders prepared and presented their plans for 2020 to Operations Manager, Sphesihle Radebe. Our funding is still a challenge but our team are passionate and dedicated. They shared how they would like to work hard in improving the lives of our community more. What a pleasure to work with my team that is hoping for the best!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) CENTRE STARTS A NEW YEAR

In January we welcomed our 4 and 5 year old children back to school. The new 3 year olds were crying in the beginning, being away from their guardians for the first time, but now they have all settled down well. Our committed ECD practitioners have been very busy with these new young children trying to make them feel at home. Bancamisile Shabalala (ECD Practitioner) mentioned that "as ECD practitioners we share responsibility for our children's success and with a strong partnership with the guardians we will reach our goal to provide holistic development of our young children'. This social, emotional, physical development of young children has direct effect on their future lives.

#### GARDENING PROJECT

Food insecurity is still remarkably high in poor rural areas like Ufafa. Many rural households are struggling to have enough food. One of our Self Help Groups (20 women) have joined a community Gardening competition, initiated by MAMAS Alliance. After a difficult start, when violent storms destroyed their 1st crop in November, they began afresh. January has had good rains and now the garden is looking wonderful! Under Woza Moya's guidance they decided to follow the permaculture way of gardening. One SHG member said "we did not know anything about permaculture but now we can see that you can plant vegetables without using fertilizers." These hardworking women are looking forward to harvest and sell their produce. The garden is the income gardening skills that allow women to take control of their food sovereignty.













#### WOZA MOYA PARTNERS WITH A NEW HEALTH NGO

In January Woza Moya began partnering with Vukuzithathe an NGO, staffed with many health professionals. They focus on Children Living with HIV (CLHIV) ages of 10-17 years who will benefit from the evidence-based interventions that mitigates the impact of HIV/AIDS. Vukuzithathe seeks to address and support adolescents living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to providing psychosocial support, they focus on living healthily with HIV, the importance of support communities, adherence to ART, dealing with stigma and discrimination.

#### **COMPUTER CENTRE**

In January the 1st group of 15 local unemployed young people graduated from our 3 month IT Course. One man and 14 women received their Certificates in a small ceremony come party at Woza Moya. With updated CVs and now being computer literate, they are one step ahead of their peers, and ready for the job market!

#### NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR, SUE HEDDEN:

One Hundred Newsletters and still going strong! We trust that you have enjoyed being kept up to date with the day to day happenings at Woza Moya. Thank you for being a part of our journey thus far. Our monthly newsletters have become legendary not only for the informative succinct text but also for the exceptional design and layout done by *LUMO* who do all our branding and marketing at Woza Moya. After writing the Woza Moya newsletters for 9 years, I am very happy to be handing this task over to our Operations Manager, Sphesihle Radebe. Sphe is on site every day, overseeing all the daily operations of Woza Moya. I will be out of the office more frequently in 2020, travelling and sharing our 20 Year story! Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of our Celebratory road show: *sue@wozamoya.org.za* or *0721933945* 



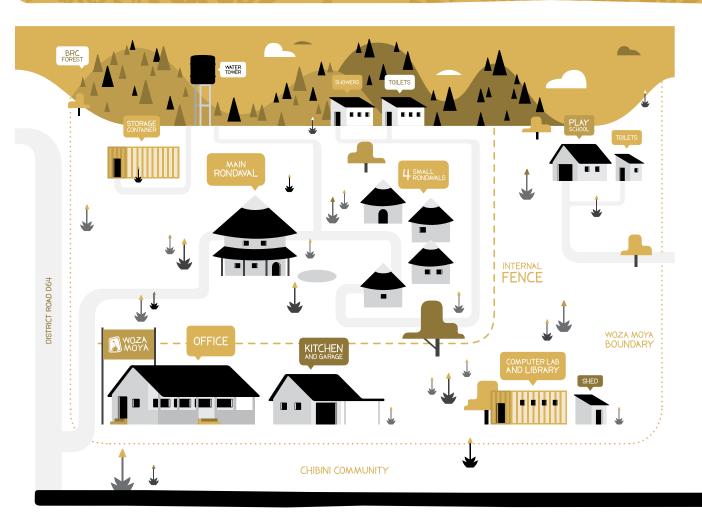












### HOST A TEA PARTY

No matter how big or small your gathering Sue is happy to be there and appreciates your time and support.

For more details please email <u>sue@wozamoya.org.za</u>

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