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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We began the New Year feeling refreshed and full of energy as we all look forward to better times and hopefully the end of Covid. This year we would like to continue serving our community to the best of our ability even with the limited resources as funding has proved to be a real challenge for us. Programme leaders presented their plans for the year to management and shared how they will reach our beneficiaries with Covid restrictions. We were thrilled to welcome Hlengiwe Ndlovu and Lungile Shelembe to our team. Hlengiwe will work as an Admin and Human resources officer, while Lungile will work as Food, Farming and Nutrition coordinator. Both Hlengiwe and Lungile were born and raised in Ufafa valley and their experience will be a great addition to the organisation. The Woza Moya team wishes our donors, friends and partners a prosperous and Happy New Year!

## OUR NEW ARTS PROJECT

2022 began on a high note for us with new faces and new projects. On the 19th of January we launched our new Arts Centre as a space for fun, creativity and healing. The youth are particularly excited about this new project as it will allow them to showcase their creativity. But this new Arts Centre isn't just for the local youth, it is for existing Woza Moya crafters, local unemployed youth and Children Living with AIDS. During the launch Sue mentioned that many people in Ufafa valley have experienced trauma and violence in their lives and this will be a place to heal and relax. It will be a safe, well managed space for vulnerable children and adults to explore their creativity. We want people to express themselves in non-verbal ways, such as drawing and painting.

We are excited to start this new project with Holly Button (Art Consultant & Facilitator) from Umzimkhulu who has a lot of experience in arts and how to use art as therapy and other processes that allow people to develop inner emotional resilience. This project will be offered as part of the existing programmes and wellness groups on site at Woza Moya. This is purely for creative exploration and expression in class with



no expectation of homework or marketable products. However, each participant will be given a craft bag (produced by our craft project) with art supplies to use at their leisure outside of class. The participants have already started to draw their hands and faces. All 159 participants are showing their creativity and felt happy and relaxed after class. Holly will train two local facilitators during each of her classes.

## ECD CENTRE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES RESTART

When schools re-opened on the 19th of January we saw parents coming in numbers to register their children to join the Woza Moya ECD Centre. We have stuck to strict Covid 19 regulations, as recommended by Department of Social Development, allowing a safe space for our children to learn and play. Nobody has been left untouched by Covid 19 pandemic, and with this in mind Woza Moya ECD children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and lunch to warm their tummies.

The afterschool classes have also begun with 120 children. This year we came up with some innovative activities that will offer children opportunities to learn new skills. These skills include learning about technology, maths, reading and art. Our afterschool programme will help students from low-income families overcome the inequalities they face in the school system environment.

## LEARNING VISIT TO BONAKUDE FARM

Our Sustainable Livelihoods team visited Bonakude, an agro-ecological farm in Richmond, to learn more about farming and agricultural projects. The Sustainable Livelihoods team was inspired with the invaluable knowledge they received from their visit. They learned how to manage a seedling nursery, watering of plants/seeds, keeping your own seeds, food processing, making of compost, tree propagation and companion planting charts. They hope the information received will be helpful for Woza Moya to improve garden projects in the Ufafa Valley.





## ALSO IN JANUARY

- The Department of Health (Ixopo) trained our Community Care Givers (CCGs) on Basic Diabetes Management. The training will help CCG's on how to identify, refer and look after patients with Diabetes from homes they are visiting in the Ufafa Valley.
- Emma Rutherford from **Starfish Greathearts Foundation** visited Woza Moya after a long break due to Covid. Everyone was so happy to see her again.
- Our beautiful thatched rondavel building is taking another shape and looking much safer now with harvey thatch tile re-roofing that makes less vulnerable to veld fires.
- Woza Moya PowerMamas attended a three day online training and planning session for the year ahead organised by MAMAS Alliance.



## MAKE YOUR OWN SOCK MONKEY AT WOZA MOYA

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