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HERITAGE MONTH

September is Heritage Month and Heritage Day is celebrated on 24 September. This year Woza Moya in partnership with The Department of Health and **Lifeline** celebrated with a talent show at Mashekeni, which was attended by 300 youths from across Ufaa. The theme was “We take Care and protect Our Culture”. Attendees looked lovely in their traditional clothing. The Ixopo clinic offered HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) testing to attendees. The children got an opportunity to learn, understand and appreciate not only their own culture but other cultures too.

CRAFT DAY AT LYNFORD COUNTRY

Woza Moya crafters spent a day at the Lynford Country Weekend. This event allows everyone to enjoy amazing food, spend time with family and friends and relax. It was a great event for the Woza Moya crafters to promote and sell their work.

HOPE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FOOD SECURITY

Community garden forum is a space for hope, empowerment, and teamwork. A third quarter communal garden forum was held in September at Woza Moya with members of gardens meeting to share current information, celebrate success, problem solve and work together to address their needs. When the members from different villages of the Ufaa Valley get together they start to understand that community gardens may be able to reduce the impact of food shortage and allow people to have greater access to nutritious food that is needed to live a healthy life.



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ENGAGING MEN TO PREVENT GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Woza Moya hosted a Gender Based Violence workshop for men at Mashakeni hall to educate them about GBV and domestic violence related issues. The workshop was attended by Mr Ndaba from **Lifeline** and Mr Bhede the social worker from Lufafa Multipurpose. The key focus points discussed included recognising GBV, domestic violence, the various forms of abuse, what men can do to end GBV and where to get help. In his speech Mr Ndaba, shared the importance of social norms that need to change to stop GBV against LGBTQ+: "It is your time now to champion against gender-based violence," He said



NEW JOURNEY FOR ECD PRACTITIONERS

Early learning plays a critical role in child development, as it deeply affects the future physical, cognitive, emotional and social development. In realisation of this Woza Moya in partnership with **Kinderfonds MAMAS** has committed to fund seven ECD practitioners from outlying creches to further their studies. The ECD practitioners are enrolled at **TREE** in Durban for Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development (NQF Level 4). The sessions take place one week per month for 12 months.



EMBRAICING OUR CULTURES THROUGH SOCIAL PRACTICES

On 17 September we organised another Heritage event but, strictly for the Afterschool programme, Good Guys Club and Powergirls. This event was attended by 129 children including Department of Health Ixopo, who brought in the Adolescent Youth Friendly Services (AYFS). Adolescents face many health and social challenges which put them at a higher risk of unwanted pregnancy, we invited the Department of Health to help reduce the impact of teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

While the youth can attend clinics during operational hours to access healthcare services, many facilities in our local Ixopo Clinic have dedicated programmes and staff to support teenagers even after school between 14:00 – 16:00 from Monday to Friday, but this becomes impossible for almost all of our youth to access these services because to get to town where you find a clinic you must first catch a taxi to town. So to ensure their schooling is not disrupted we always make sure we bring such services closer to them, where they will not pay.

ALSO IN SEPTEMBER

- Matshepo Msibi, CEO of Starfish Greathearts Foundation South Africa was on site for project visit.

