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COMPUTER TRAINING

This May we awarded certificates to another group of 13 students who completed their basic computer training course. Despite constant power disruptions our learners were able to complete their course and achieve a milestone in their lives that will provide them with vital skills that will enable future success. The training was followed by a Job readiness workshop which included topics about professional image and behaviour, career aspirations and realistic goals, how to apply for a job, how to write and present a CV, how to manage a telephonic interview, applying for jobs online and having a professional profile. We would like to congratulate our students and wish them all the best in their search for a job.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ON INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) AND BUDGET

Woza Moya gathered with community members of the Ufafa Valley, officials from our Ubuhlebezwe local municipality and government departments to discuss the IDP for Ubuhlebezwe. This public meeting gave an opportunity for most of our community members to interrogate the budget and plans which the municipality has put in place for year 2023/2024 and put their suggestions on the table based on what they view as the most important services needed for the community at this point. We hope the voices of our people were heard and that their recommendations will all be taken into consideration.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Woza Moya continues to ensure strong partnerships with local stakeholders which includes amongst others, the local outlying crèches in the Ufafa Valley. This month we invited children from one of the outlying crèches that we support to spend a day with us on site. Our ECD practitioners took this opportunity to discuss ways in which they can better support one other and the community at large in making sure that our children are protected against abuse, exploitation, neglect and all other forms of violence. Keeping our children safe is the responsibility of everyone who lives in the our community.

VALUING BIODIVERSITY WITH OUR GARDENERS

On the 24th May we took 32 of our gardeners to the **South African Biodiversity Institute** (SANBI) in Pietermaritzburg. They learned various things on the day, particularly around indigenous plants and how they can conserve nature as it is within our power to change our actions to help ensure the survival of species and the health and integrity of ecological systems. With the knowledge gained from SANBI we can make a change and positively shape our communities to take care of nature and our lives as well. Thank you to Nokulunga Mshibe from KwaZulu Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs for linking us up.

HAMBA KAHLE NTOMBIFUTHI

In May we were saddened to hear the passing of Ntombifuthi Mveli after short illness. Ntombifuthi was a member of the Woza Moya Community Advisory Council. She was very passionate about Woza Moya and deeply connected to our organisation. Her memory will forever live on in our hearts.



INCREASED MOTIVATION, RETENTION, AND CONFIDENCE

COIDA training got underway at Ntakama Village hall in the Ufafa Valley. Attendees were able to identify and understand the legal requirements needed to monitor and investigate any incidents that occur and the processes involved as well as being able to document and report these in the correct manner. They were able to engage in their work post rehabilitation and reintegration, therefore their income generation capabilities will not be lost.

QEDIDLALA VISIT

Woza Moya gardeners visited the Qedidlala communal garden at Mpofini as part of a community garden exchange. During their visit they increased public awareness and understanding about healthy soil, pest management, native plants, water quality, and invasive species. Gardening has been proven to boost mental and physical well-being and create a sense of belonging. Just interacting with plants can improve one's mood and mental health.

ALSO IN MAY

- The Finance Sub-committee met virtually to review financial conditions of Woza Moya as we are approaching our financial year end.
- Woza Moya crafters spent a day at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg selling our craft products.

