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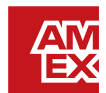
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WOMEN'S MONTH

August is women's month in South Africa and to celebrate Woza Moya hosted a women's day Indaba at Mashakeni Village that was attended by over 100 local women. This was an opportunity to celebrate women's achievements and reflect on the problems faced by women of all ages, races and religions. This year's campaign focused on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and women's health. The day started with a peaceful 1.5km march around the community, the participants were singing songs and holding placards with messages related to GBV facing Mashakeni and surrounding villages. A social worker from the Ixopo Department of Social Development talked about how to deal with GBV including reporting cases especially in children and women. Sister Mlangeni from Ixopo Clinic did a presentation about cervical cancer and Sister Dlamini a retired nurse from Mashakeni talked about menopause. This was a great day for the women of Mashakeni as they had the opportunity to ask questions for clarity. The weather conditions were not in favor of us, but the community was very passionate and it was a great day.



HONOURING WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Women's self-help groups were started in 2015 with the aim to empower indigent women to be economically and socially independent. Woza Moya had a partnership with Sinamandla who gave us mentorship and training to implement this program. We first identified the community where we will operate, then in that community we had to identify the most vulnerable families who have no income or are living with social grants. After eight years the lives of these women have improved significantly. [Click here](#) to see what has been happening in the self-help groups.



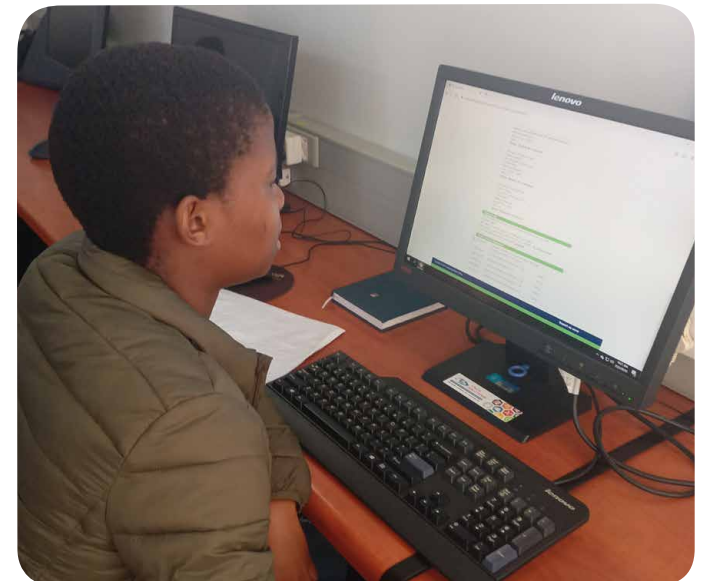
WOZA MOYA 2023 CENTRAL APPLICATION OFFICE DRIVE

Lack of information, socio-economic barriers, geographic location and poverty are all contributing factors which makes it difficult for poor rural learners to access higher education. To help close the gap, Woza Moya organised a **CAO** drive for more than 50 grade 12 and post matric students from Ufafa Valley. We assisted and supported them in their application to Higher Education Institutions. Our team assisted them with the application process and gave them access to free Wi-Fi and career counselling.

PARALEGAL TRAINING

Khanyisani Chiya, our paralegal advisor attended training in Durban. He joined approximately 150 other participants at the event. The training focused on general administration, consultation skills, economic and civil matters, family matters including maintenance and domestic violence, consumer matters, basic aspects regarding the law of contract and prescription of claims.

“This training has equipped me with skills necessary to better deal with diverse problems which people in our community experience in their daily lives” said Khanyisani Chiya – Woza Moya Paralegal Advisor.



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WOMEN IN ARTS

This month we celebrated the contributions made by women in arts and crafts by being more supportive and constantly on the lookout for that next great woman artist. Woza Moya arts facilitators attended training at **Allanna Arts Studio** in Pietermaritzburg. The aim of the training was to upskill and learn about new techniques and products to share with the women and children in the arts centre at Woza Moya. We look forward to this knowledge being passed to the community of Ufafa Valley.

ALSO IN AUGUST

- Board meeting was held in Durban.
- Ackerman Pick 'n Pay Foundation will be partnering with us in the gardening project.
- POWERGIRLS had their second parents meeting.

