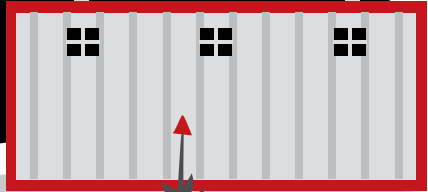




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## NOVEMBER NEWS

In November our Board of Directors spent two days on site at Woza Moya, meeting our team, community advisory, local partners and community members. Our board meeting was held onsite and was followed by a festive braai with all the staff and board members having fun, socialising and dancing. The following morning the Woza Moya Community Advisory and local partners joined the Board of Directors for a tea party. The Annual General Meeting started at 10:30 and was themed 'Year of Community Health'. This year we were excited to host new partners who also care for the people of Ufafa Valley like we do at Woza Moya. A moment of silence was observed to remember Mama Lindeni Nzimande (Community Care Giver) and Ntombifuthi Mveli (Community Advisory member) who passed away this year. Mxolisi Nyuswa our chairperson of the board thanked the community for their strong support of Woza Moya and shared insightful words, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and community involvement in our journey towards positive change. He also extended appreciation to the donors, board, management, staff and partners. We are so grateful to have a chairperson of his calibre. Thank you to everyone who has made this year's AGM such a success.

## BRIDGESPAN GROUP VISIT

We were thrilled to welcome the **Bridgespan Group** on their first site visit, a two day stay to introduce themselves and the research project they want to conduct in our community in the beginning of 2024. During this time they saw some of our projects and met some of our beneficiaries. The Bridgespan Group are a global non-profit consulting firm that strives to make the world more equitable and just.



## ELDERLY SPECIAL DAY

In November we were honoured to host a heart warming event dedicated to expressing our gratitude to the elderly members (Gogos and Mkhulus) of our community. One hundred senior citizens (70 years or older) from all 11 villages in Ufafa Valley were invited to join us for this special day. It was a day of celebration and appreciation, a special moment to say 'thank you' to those who have contributed so much to the lives of children and others in the community, yet are often neglected by society. The Ufafa Valley senior citizens play a major role in raising their grandchildren especially when their parents have passed away due to HIV/AIDS and other related illnesses. Sister Nxele from the Ixopo clinic talked about health issues and how elderly people can take care of themselves. They were then treated with a nutritious meal and received gifts that included throw blankets, towels and buckets filled of goodies. On behalf of 'OGOGO' We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us to make this day remarkable, especially our old friend and volunteer Jovita da Silvia, Shoprite Checkers (PTY) Ltd, Boxer Superstores (PTY) Ltd, Old Mutual Volunteer Trust Fund and many more for their kind donations. SIYABONGA KAKHULU!



## BONAKUDE FARM WORKSHOP

Health is a key benefit for many gardeners. There is a growing concern about our exposure to chemicals used in farming and by going organic we reduce exposure to things that may be harmful to ourselves and our families. This year we took 30 community gardeners from the four newly established communal gardens (out of nine that we have in total) to Bonakude Farm in Richmond to learn how to make organic pesticides. It was an amazing experience for our gardeners.







## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMME GRADUATION

Our hearts were filled with pride as we celebrated the graduation of six remarkable children, all aged 16, from our after-school program at Woza Moya. The graduation was themed 'Stepping Stones', symbolizing their journey of growth and learning with us. These graduates have thrived, embodying resilience, curiosity, and a passion for learning. While they now move on, they will carry the values and lessons they have learned, ready to conquer new heights. Their departure is bittersweet, marking the end of a chapter and the beginning of new adventures.

## ALSO IN NOVEMBER

- A journalist visited Woza Moya and conducted interviews with children in our programmes.



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