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## SEASONS GREETINGS

As 2023 comes to an end the Woza Moya team would like to thank all our donors, partners, friends and family for their invaluable support throughout the year - it means the world to us! 2023 has been a great year full of challenges and opportunities. Through hard work and commitment we are proud to say that we managed to reach more than 1000 beneficiaries. Please watch our video [here](#).

To wrap up 2023, the entire Woza Moya team including office staff, community care givers, ECD practitioners, managers, gardeners and the night watchman came together to reflect on the year. Please read our highlights, challenges and solutions [here](#).

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY FILLED WITH PEACE AND GOOD HEALTH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN IN 2024.**

## ECD CHRISTMAS PARTY

This month Woza Moya had an Early Childhood Development Christmas party for children aged 2-5 years old. It was a special day for the little ones, starting with songs and prayers from the ECD practitioners, followed by highlights of 2023, then they enjoyed some delicious ice cream, sang and danced and all this dressed up in their traditional attire. The **Santa Shoebox** team bought boxes of presents for the children. Like in previous years, they spent their time putting together wonderful gifts for our children which were greatly appreciated by the children and their parents.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Woza Moya hosted the last holiday session of the year for 36 children (9-16 years old) of Sgedleni Village. Our aim for the holiday programme is to give every child residing at Ufafa Valley exposure to what is happening at our centre regardless of how far they may be from our site. The children enjoyed drawing their self-portraits, taking part in the Woza Moya quiz, and team building games with facilitators. It was exciting for us to see them happy and not wanting to go back home. It takes a village to raise a child.



## WOZA MOYA ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The Woza Moya Annual Arts Festival was a resounding success. Hosted by the facilitators of Woza Moya, the event showcased their work from the past year, from waste made crafted items to breath taking artworks, each piece exhibited the dedication and skill of the participants. The festival was as a testament to their passion, a celebration where art met soul, where heritage and creativity intertwined beautifully in every display allowing attendees to be proud of themselves in a world where each creation told its own unique story. Thank you to everyone who joined us, making this year's festival a truly unforgettable experience!

## NSFAS APPLICATIONS

On the 9th of December we transported 74 matriculants to our centre to help them apply for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme **NSFAS**. This is a financial aid for students from poor and working class families. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the support we have received from the local students who are currently doing their first year in different institutions for helping us to achieve this goal for 2023 under career support.

## YOUTH SPORT EVENT

On the 2nd of December we held a sports day event at Mashakeni sports field to remember and respect those who have died of HIV/AIDS. 10 soccer teams and 10 netball teams competed in this one day event. We also had a quiz to raise awareness about abuse towards women and children.

Congratulations to Happy Girls Netball team from Ntakama Village for their outstanding performance and winning all their matches. They were awarded new netball kit, a netball and medals. The soccer winners were Eleven Tigers FC from Chibini Village who took away soccer kit, medals and a soccer ball. This years event was a great success and was enjoyed by all.







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## CELEBRATING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

During the 16 Days of Activism of no violence to women and children, our Afterschool program children took a peaceful and impactful stride toward change. With hearts full of determination and signs in hand, they embarked on a purposeful 16 day walk, each step with the call for justice, equality, and kindness. As they traversed their path, these young champions ignited conversations, stirred awareness, and inspired communities to stand together against all forms of oppression singing songs with messages. Their peaceful walk echoed loudly, reminding us that even the smallest feet can leave profound imprints on the road to a better, brighter future.

## ALSO IN DECEMBER

- Children Living with HIV/AIDS quarterly gathering on site to have fun together.
- The **MAMAS** team spent a whole day on site checking our financial systems.



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