



NOVEMBER AT WOZA MOYA

In November five of our Early Childhood Development (ECD) Practitioners from Ufafa Valley Community graduated in Underberg, obtaining their NQF Level 4 ECD Certificates. We are so proud of these young mothers, who gave up their Saturdays for 2 years, whilst working MON-FRID. This is an important milestone in our Woza Moya journey, as we build local capacity and move another step closer to fulfilling the Department of Social Development requirements.

Towards the end of every year we hold a Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting at Woza Moya. It is a special time, as our 5 Non-Executive Directors travel to Ixopo for this 2-day programme. After the Board Meeting, all of the team enjoyed a sunset annual braai together. The Woza Moya Cook and Gardener were the belles-of-the-ball, taking centre stage, stunning us all with their dance moves! The following day began with a tea party for our 5 Community Advisory Council members, important stakeholders here in the Ufafa Valley, and for the Board Directors. The AGM began later than planned due to cold wet misty conditions making many roads in the valley impassable. Community members had to walk long distances to the main road in order to catch local taxis or reach the Woza Moya vehicles. This weather did not put a damper on the day's proceedings! Our theme and focus this year was Early Childhood Development, with our own ECD Centre reaching 10 years youtube. It was wonderful to have Helen Hancock and Nhlonipho Shabalala present, reflecting on their experiences 10 years ago. Another highlight was presenting the ECD Practitioner of the Year Award to Thandi Mbatha, who runs one of the outlying crèches. Woza Moya ECD Consultant, Lynn Stefano spoke about Thandi doing so much, with so little, for example, each child nurturing a bean, until planting. Another highlight was the graduation of 45 young teenage mothers from the Every Word Counts family literacy programme. Well done to Woza Moya trainer Thembi for this fantastic achievement! So many positive stories, so much to celebrate, despite on-going funding challenges. Congratulations to Everyone!







SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH FRIEND RAISING

Twenty years ago, come April 2020, Woza Moya was launched at the BRC by Executive Director, Sue Hedden. Now a thriving community-based organisation, improving the lives of close on 10,000 people in the Ufafa Valley Community, Woza Moya has gained a global reputation. Celebrating 20 Years, Sue is travelling around South Africa telling the Woza Moya story, meeting old friends and making new connections. Please invite Sue to your home, a coffee shop, school, community hall, church, club house, where 4/40/400 people are gathered. Next year 2020, Sue will be in the Cape area in March, and overseas later on. By bringing friends together, and then friends of friends - having fun, sharing our Woza Moya story, touching hearts—retelling our story, we believe, will help us to make significant connections to remain sustainable. Nowadays it is ALL about who you know! Please contact Sue on *sue@wozamoya.org.za* and click *here* to download an invitation.

ALSO IN NOVEMBER:

- Sylvia and German from Kinderfonds MAMAS visited us on site
- Sue attended an important round table discussion in JoBerg hosted by ELMA Philanthropies
- Old NGO friends *LearntoLive* visited us for a few days to discuss a more formal partnership that we will be entering into in the New Year
- Staff from the AVI offices in Pretoria *AustralianVolunteers* visited and invited us to apply for few Oz volunteers in the New Year
- Khanyisani attended a Grassroots Soccer workshop hosted by Peace Corps in Bulwer (despite soccer being main sport here in Ufafa, Rugby mania took over this community as South Africa became the new World Champions!)

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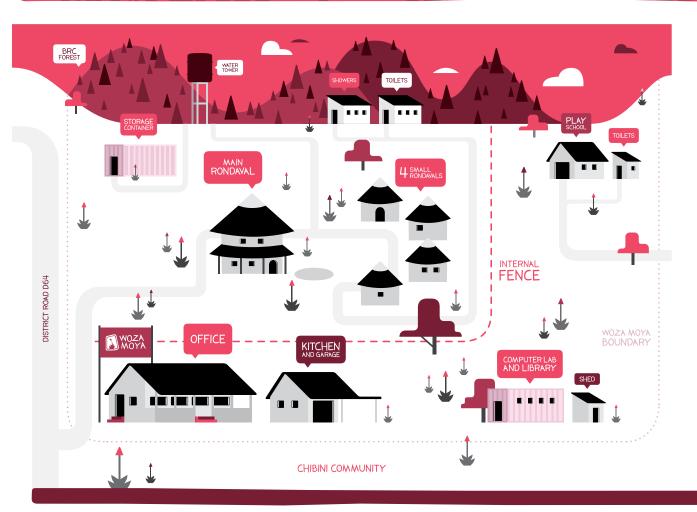






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No matter how big or small your gathering Sue is happy to be there and appreciates your time and support.

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For more details please email *sue@wozamoya.org.za*

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