



2018

ACTIVITY REPORT



REBRAND

We will remember 2018 as the year in which we found a new name for the trust and redefined our purpose and mission in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) sector. Through this rebranding process, we took a strong look at where we have come from, who our main supporters are and what our long term goal is.

As our main focus has increasingly been to improve the lives children under the age of 6, we chose to drop our old logo



and be named zero2five from July 2018 onwards.

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Early Childhood Nutrition & Play

OUR MISSION STATEMENT HAS BEEN REFINED AS FOLLOWS:

Our mission is to promote holistic Early Childhood development in disadvantaged areas by improving the learners' health and education outcomes through nutrition and education programmes. We help children reach their developmental milestones, in their formative years, which enables them to achieve their full potential and allows for a safe and prosperous future life.

PARTNER & SPONSORSHIPS

NEW PARTNERS ALWAYS BRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Our much valued partnership with Network Action Group has enabled us to roll out our nutrition programme in the KwaZulu Natal (KZN) Ugu District in January 2018, an area known for a pristine coastline and rolling hills, contrasted by worrying poverty and malnutrition levels.

Gauteng based non-profit organisation (NPO) Care for Education partnered with us for training and distribution of resources impacting Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Primary Education.

Lock-Up Storage in Goshawk Road, New Germany, opened up the use of one of their storage units for us this year, free of charge. What a difference it has made to be able to keep all items for our educational programme in a safe and dry place until needed.

THIS YEAR OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT NEW SPONSORSHIPS CAME FROM:

- **DGMT** - Entrusted us with an operation strengthening grant and we expanded our centre-based ECD programme from June. We were fortunate to employ Nokubonga, also fondly known as "Poppy", our new #ECDSmith, who has been running, improving and monitoring our ECD programme since June.
- **THEKWINI TOYOTA GROUP** - Logistics remains one of the main challenges in all forms charitable work. After years of asking for favours, arranging and waiting for collections and filling private vehicles to the roof, we finally received a bakkie for our large scale operation. The sponsor is Durban based Thekwini Toyota group, and their generosity makes a huge difference to our organisation.

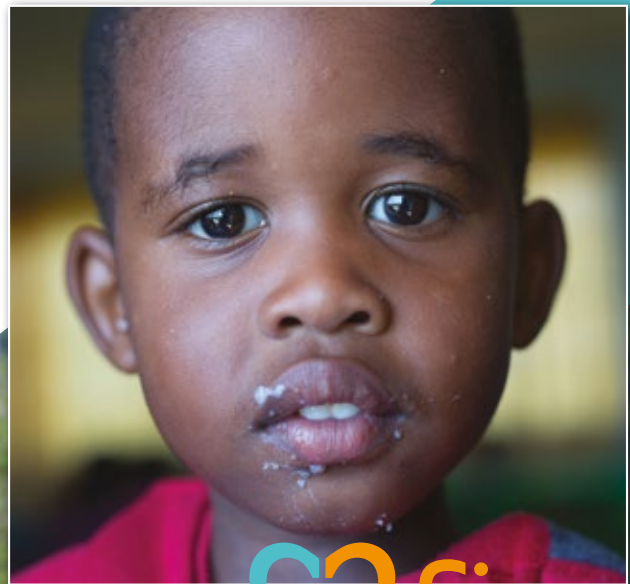


It is with gratitude to our regular funders Futurelife® Health Products Pty. and Marriott, who make an annual contribution that enables us to implement long-term programmes in the most destitute communities.

OUR NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Our main mission remains the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition among South African children and we are most grateful for the ongoing commitment from our main funder Futurelife® Health Products Pty. According to the South Africa Child Gauge 2018 by the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, in mid-2017, South Africa's total population was estimated at 56.5 million people, of whom 19.6 million were children under 18 years. Children therefore make up 35% of the total population. Collectively, KwaZulu Natal, the Eastern Cape and Limpopo accommodate almost half of all children in South Africa. A "food" poverty line is based on the cost of the minimum nutritional requirement of 2,100 kilocalories per person per day, without any allowance for non-food basic necessities. The value of the food poverty line in 2011 prices was R335 per person per month (R531 in 2017). Anyone living below this line is considered to be malnourished and their health and survival may be at risk. In KZN, an unacceptable 78.3 % of children live below the poverty line on a monthly income of less than R 1,138.00 per household. This comes out to an estimated 3.27 million children in Kwa-Zulu Natal alone.

In 2018, we supplied 2.4 million Futurelife® meals to children at unfunded ECD Centres and grade R's at primary schools in KZN, and a further 150 000 meals to registered children's homes.



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OUR PLAY & LEARN PROGRAMME

Our much treasured German NGO partner, *Inhlanhla e.V.* continues to support the play and education pillar of our ECD programme. With their donations, we built 12 wonderful new playgrounds for the following centres:

- Qhakaza Dado in Umlazi, Siyazama Crèche in Emzimbokokweni, Sinethemba Ntuzuma, Siyanqoba crèche, Siyathuthuka Crèche, Enkanini Crèche, Ntatayise Crèche, Swelihle Creche in Ugu, Lamula Primary School, Molweni, Sizanethemba Creche, Fundanathi Creche and Siyacathula Creche in Kwa-Ximba were the lucky recipients in 2018.
- Inhlanhla e.V. furthermore furnished the following centres with 6-seater picknick benches: Swelihle Crèche, Ikusasalihe Crèche, Sthokozile Crèche and Tholimfundo Crèche in Ugu; Vumelani Orphan Programme, Sophumelela Creche, Edamini Primary School, Inchanga Primary School and Luthando Pre-School in Shongweni Dam.
- Inchanga Primary School received 20 much needed book shelves and 10 bag racks for their grade R, 1 and 2 classrooms.

Our German partner also purchased 830 recycled Uzwelo school bags this year, made in community projects, which we gifted to children at Inchanga Primary School, Lamula Primary School and Steven Davidson School in KZN. These stationary fillers were received with great excitement by the learners.

Our new partner, the Danish Lego Foundation also brings much excitement and joy to the children we serve. The LEGO Foundation provides LEGO Play Boxes to organisations around the world that are supporting and working with children from disadvantaged and troubled environments. Each Play Box contains a variety of elements that are valuable as teaching and learning tools in any curriculum, from early childhood to adulthood. A Play Box provides opportunities for activities which promote skills development and learning through play.

We received 100 LEGO Duplo boxes in 2018, which we entrusted 53 ECD Centres in Shongweni Dam, Empangeni and Eshowe with, where 77 practitioners look after 1599 children.



The **LEGO** Foundation



OUR EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMME

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

We started assisting ECD Centres with Department for Social Development (DSD) registration processes in June and are now able to assist ECD Centres in 5 KZN Districts with formal processes and applications for several ECD resources. An example of one of these processes would be the partial care registration process, a process that affects all early learning facilities as it is illegal for anyone to run an ECD centre for more than six children without registration. Spearheaded by Nokubonga, our DSD registration programme includes helping our ECD centres with information on what they need in order to comply with the DSD requirements for registration. We have workshops where we hand out the ‘Bhalisa Inkulisa’ application pack by Ilifa Labantwana NPO, and assist with the filling of the various forms that are required to register. We guide individual centres on what documents they need to complete, how they can prepare for inspection by social workers and environmental health practitioners, and also provide additional documents that can improve the day-to-day running of centres. We assisted 95 centres in the communities we serve who have started the ECD registration programme in 2018. Of those, 46 have submitted their application to DSD and are waiting for their site visits, after which they can then receive their certificates, provided they have met all the fundamental requirements.

In 2018, we gave nutrition talks in isiZulu to 269 ECD practitioners, owners and cooks. These covered basic food groups, the particular needs of a growing child, forms and dangers of malnutrition and stunting, the possibilities of food gardens and how to use the ECD Center’s individual budget most effectively in complying with the DSD menu for ECD Centres.

Through our new partnership with the LEGO Foundation we furthermore trained 31 ECD practitioners in several 4 hour workshops on how to use the variety of elements in the LEGO Play Box as teaching and learning tools for early childhood. A Play Box provides opportunities for activities which promote skills development and learning through play.

We are confident that we strengthened the ECD Centres we catered for. Their staff benefitted from training sessions and regular follow ups they received. This has enabled them to better understand physical and cognitive growth in young children.

SPECIAL OUTREACH DAYS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS DAY (ISMD) | 15th March 2018

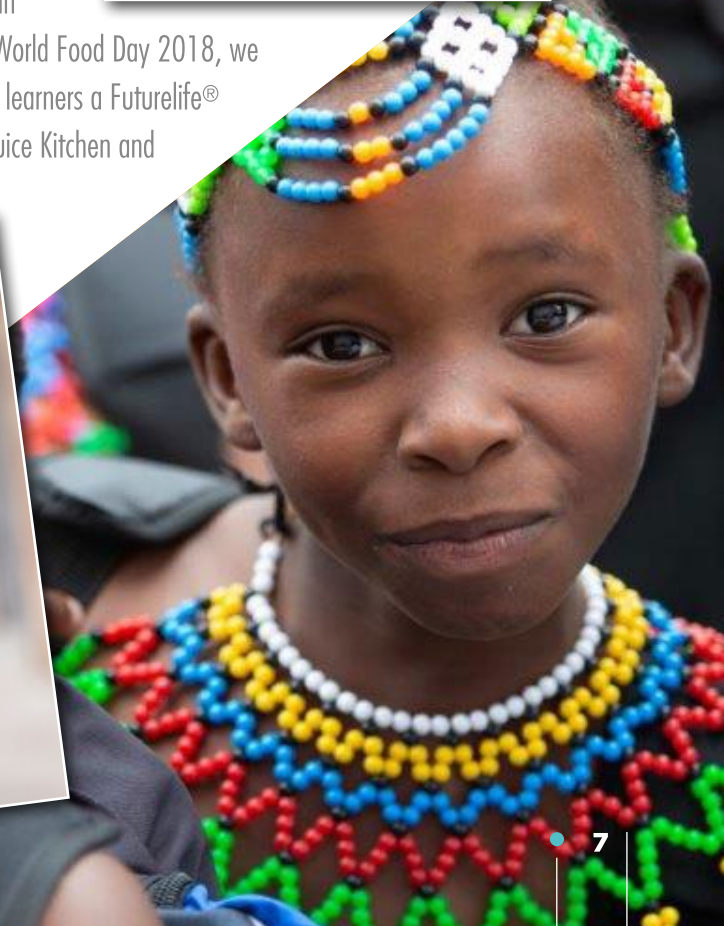
ISMD is a unique campaign, with the aim of raising awareness of good nutrition for all children, regardless of their circumstances. The emphasis is put on the importance of the nutritional quality of school meal programmes worldwide and the connection between healthy eating, education and better learning. During the morning of the event, we provided an extra 65 000 breakfasts to several primary schools in KZN.

MANDELA DAY (Madiba's 100 birthday) | 18th July 2018

Nelson Mandela's birthday is on 18 July, and the call is out for people everywhere to celebrate his birthday by acting on the idea that every person has the power to change the world. We partnered with PeacePlayers South Africa to celebrate this special day at Excelsior Primary School in Umlazi, together with staff and 500 learners. Breakfast was served, followed by a sport programme by the enthusiastic Peace Players Team.

WORLD FOOD DAY (WFD) | 16th October 2018

This recurring event was established by the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organizations' (FAO) member countries at the organization's 20th general conference in November 1979. Since then, more than 150 countries have become participants, joining together on the occasion in raising awareness for the issues involved in poverty and hunger. For World Food Day 2018, we partnered with Hillcrest business "The Juice Kitchen" and served 425 learners a Futurelife® oats breakfast, after which they were each given an orange by The Juice Kitchen and an Uzwelo school bag filled with stationery.



IMPACT OF OUR OUTREACH IN NUMBERS

2.55 MILLION
NUTRITIOUS MEALS
FED IN 2018

830 RECYCLED
SCHOOL BAGS
DONATED

100
LEGO BOXES
DONATED

950
STATIONARY PACKS
DONATED

95 ECD CENTRES
STARTED DSD
REGISTRATION PROCESS

12 WOODEN
PLAYGROUNDS
BUILT

TEAM BUILDING 2018

INCHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM UPGRADE | 13TH DECEMBER 2018

We closed the year with a wonderful team building event at Inchanga Primary School. On Thursday, 13th December 25 staff members from Futurelife Health Products Pty., and teams from GlobalZData, Cloud 29 and MRBM Consultants volunteered their services and cleaned, painted, refurbished and decorated 5 classrooms for grade R, 1 and 2. They created a beautiful, uplifting and encouraging learning environment for the classes of 2019.



OUR TRUSTEES

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