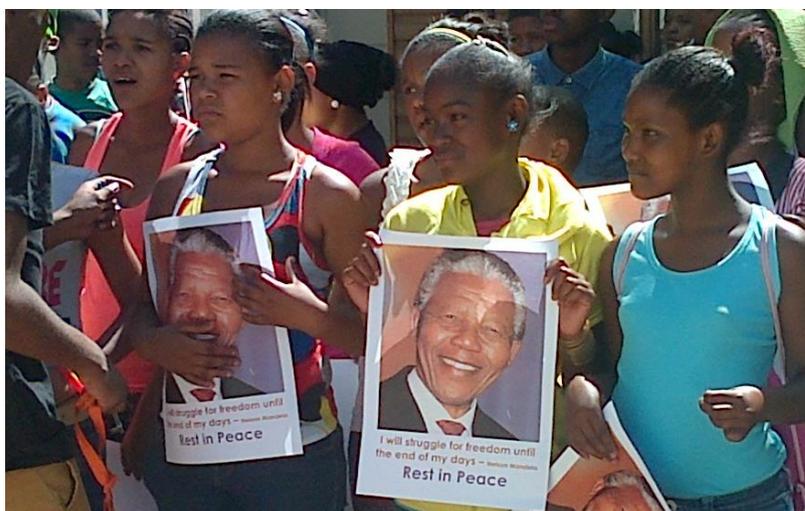


Annual Report 2014



About Molo Songololo

Molo Songololo, established in 1979, is a registered non-profit organisation operating at national, provincial and local levels. We also engage with regional and international role-players.

Our Vision

Children to enjoy their rights, and for their rights to be respected in a free, safe and caring environment



Our Mission

Advance the rights, care, protection and participation of children through awareness, education, training, advocacy and lobbying, and the provision of support services.

Our principles

- Respect for human rights and child rights
- Accountability and responsibility
- Integrity, transparency and efficiency
- Inclusivity, non-discrimination, equality and equity

Our approach

- Child centred.
- First call to children.
- The best interest of the child comes first.



Our core business

- Provide direct support to and empower child victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, and those at risk.
- Educate and empower children about rights & responsibilities, life & leadership skills; and facilitate their participation in social actions
- Capacity building of services providers to increase response for the care and protection of children
- Awareness and Advocacy to promote the rights, care and protection of children

Registration

- Reg. No: 1995/007290/08 - Company's Act
- NPO No: 083 447 – DSD: NGO Directorate
- VAT No: 4950182404 - South African Revenue Services



Our Board and staff

New Board of Trustees – elected Oct 2014

- Matilda Gene Vantura - Chairperson
- Mongezi – Deputy chairperson
- Zenith Ebrahim - Treasurer
- Madoda – Secretary
- Vernon Rose
- Asanda Mahlukani
- Patric Solomons



Outgoing board members

- Nontutuzelo Theresia Mtwana
- Beverley Anne Barry
- Michael Dennis Ohlsson
- Rugaya Ariefdien-Abrahams
- Amanda Mayeki



Present Staff

- Patric Solomons - Director
- Chantal Chandler – VEP Manager
- Nadeema Taliep – Book-keeper
- Melda Berry – Office administration
- Nikelo Makae – Media and communications
- Lindiwe Lengs – Child support worker
- Nicoline Marais – Child support worker
- Megan Manual – Child support worker
- Lorna Gertse – Child support worker
- – Office maintenance



Our operational offices

- Main office: 46 Trill Road, Observatory
Tel: 021 448 5421
- Satellite Offices
 - Atlantis: 92 Ardennes Crescent
 - Beaufort West: Thusong Centre Westdene
 - Delft: Welwitschia Primary, Welwitschia Street



Chairperson's statement

I appreciated the confidence expressed in me as chairperson of the Molo Songololo. This is a great responsibility to head the governance and oversight of the organisation.

The success of Molo Songololo is a collective responsibility of all board members, staff and partners. I look forward to engage with all and make my contribution.

Board orientation and development sessions helped to map the organisation's core business and functions. The roles and responsibilities of each of the board are now clarified.

We are very grateful to all the funders and partners for their on-going support. Their financial contributions made it possible for Molo Songololo to continue help children who are victims of sexual violence and those at risk.

We appreciate those who support us in our efforts to strengthen the child rights framework in South Africa. Our advocacy for a national OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN in South Africa was launched in October 2013 at a national roundtable discussion attended by key government and civil society role-players, as well as children. All participants recognise the need to establish an independent autonomous national human rights monitoring institution for children.

Empowering children and involving them in public decision making and child rights advocacy provides opportunity for children to learn, express themselves; and for us to listen to their voices and consider their ideas and opinions. This work must be strengthened.



A very special thank you to the out-going chairperson, Ntutuzelo Theresia Mtwana and secretary, Beverley Anne Barry. And thank you to the director and staff for their hard work to sustain Molo Songololo.

Matilda Vantura (Chairperson of the Board)



Director's statement

A year of recovery and reflection! Funding received from the National Development Agency, The National Lotteries and DSD – Western Cape strengthened Molo Songololo's recovery from financial crisis.

This funding provided security for staff and allowed the organisation to continue provide vital support services to children who are victims of sexual violence and those at risk; empower role-players and create strategic intervention to advance the rights of the child.

It also provided us with opportunity to reflect on our work, its relevance and future of the organisation by;

- Reviewing our vision and mission
- Clarifying our purpose and core business
- Developing our business plan and fundraising strategy

The year started off with the Board's directive to kick-start advocacy for a national OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN (OC) in South Africa. The following was achieved for the year in this regard

- Conducted research and distributed report advocating for an independent national human rights instrument for children
- Consulted with government and civil society key role-players to mobilise their support for an OC
- Children's Forum – engaging children in a child participation platform to advocate for an OC
- Roundtable Discussion with 113 key national government and NGO role-players advocating for establishment of an OC

Those who benefitted directly from our work during this financial year included the following;

- 158 child victims of sexual violence
- 179 parents supported and empowered
- 5050 learners informed and educated about their rights and responsibilities
- 2879 learners motivated to complete school and reduce violence: Young Men's Forum
- 198 government and NGO community service providers engaged and capacitated on child sexual exploitation issues



- **Patric Solomons** (Director)



Victim empowerment

Sexual violence remains a serious problem in South Africa and in the Western Cape Province. Despite a slight downward trend reported by the South African Police for the 2013-2014 year; children remain vulnerable and at high risk of experiencing sexual violence.

Our victim empowerment programme (VEP) provided assistance and support to 158 children who are victims of sexual violence and those at risk in the following targeted areas;

- Atlantis
- Beaufort West
- Deft

The following cases were dealt with by our VEP staff and volunteers during this reporting period;

- Sexual assault
- Sexual assault and grievous bodily harm
- Rape (including sodomy)
- Rape with aggravating circumstances
- Sexual exploitation, including child prostitution
- Creating and processing child pornography



Child trafficking and sexual exploitation

Although there were cases that presented elements of trafficking in children for sexual purposes as well as child labour. No new case of trafficking in children were identified or referred to Molo Songololo. On-going support was provided to 4 survivors of trafficking in children for sexual exploitation.

Increase numbers of children with behavioural problems are being referred to Molo Songololo VEP offices from the following sources;

- Parents
- Social workers for DSD
- School principals and teachers
- Community workers
- Police

About 60% of the children assisted and supported are between the age of 8 and 14 years.



VEP - Prevention & Early intervention

Molo Songololo engage in various activities to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking in children. These activities include the following;

Rights and responsibility workshops

5050 learners were informed and educated about their rights and responsibilities. These workshops are conducted at schools and libraries. Children learn about their Constitutional rights, the Children's Act, the Sexual Offences Act, and other related child rights and laws.



Rights and Responsibilities of parents

197 parents took part in educational workshops on parental rights and responsibilities aimed to motivate parents to fulfil their parental responsibilities and empower them regarding their parental rights. We also engaged on how to support child victims of sexual violence.



Prevent and combat child sexual exploitations and trafficking in children

400 community members participated in educational workshops Molo Songololo conducted in partnership with UNISA. These workshops also aim to motivate people to engage in further studies.



International collaboration

Molo Songololo hosted ECTPAT – Germany and invited government and NGO programme managers in a stakeholder engagement to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation and trafficking in children.



National & Provincial Task Teams to combat Trafficking in persons – Molo Songololo continues to participate in these government initiatives.



Child & youth empowerment

During 2013 we focused on empowered over 1500 male learners through the **YOUNG MEN'S FORUM** intervention aimed to;

- Engage in dialogue and learn from each other
- Motivation to improve and complete schooling.
- Build self-esteem, life-skills and leadership skills
- Encourage new life strategies to prevent and reduce abuse, violence and crime
- Increase vocational opportunities
- Broaden world view through social engagement, cultural enrichment and community participation for social change.



Educational workshops at schools

1500 male learners participated in workshops focussing on the following;

- Rights and responsibilities of males
- Personal and sexual health, including HIV&Aids
- Gender relations and sexuality
- Peer pressure and substance use and abuse
- Abuse, violence and crime



Motivational & Leadership Camp

57 male learners from various schools took part in a very successful Adventure and Leadership Camp which achieved the following outcomes in participants;

- Improved life-skills and leadership skills
- Appreciation for nature and conservation
- Goals and commit for personal development
- Commitment to positive life-strategies
- Fostered peer support and learning.



Young Women's Forum

Due to financial and other challenges out planned work with young women between 12 and 17 years had to be postponed to the following years. We will report on developments in this regard in our 2015 report.



Awareness and Advocacy

Molo Songololo conducted research on the role and function of an Ombudsperson for Children and gaged opinions of key role-players in government and civil society on the establishment of such an institution in South Africa. We also consulted with children and established a CHILDREN'S FORUM to facilitate a child participation process.

An OMBUDSPERSON (ombudsman) can be defined as an independent person mandated to;

- Promote the rights of the child
- Receive and investigate complaints
- Act as a spokesperson for children, consult with them and promote their views and opinions
- Monitor progress made to implement the rights of the child
- Report annually to parliament, the public and children on the wellbeing of children
- Hold government accountable for its actions and commitments to children.



Mobilising support for a champion for children

A successful Round Table Discussion was held with 107 key role-players from government departments, chapter 9 institutions, NGOs and UNICEF on the need to establish an Ombudsperson for Children in South Africa.



UNICEF Rep and Molo Songololo Chair with the children at the Round Table Discussion



Building Capacity

Molo Songololo engage with a wide range of role-players and use various platforms to inform and educate role-players to increase capacity to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking in children.

Child minders

We conducted a 4 week educational programme with child minders at the Observatory Library. The programme included the following;

- The rights of the child in your care
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Identifying and reporting abuse



Collaborations with partners – Stop Child Labour!

Molo Songololo together with key partners in Delft conducted a seminar and community awareness drive against child labour. Due to various economic challenges that families and communities are experiences; many children are forced to work to support families and for their own survival.



Public education

Molo songololo partnered with various role-players such as DSD, SAPS, Ma Africa Tikkun, Child Line, etc, to educate the public on child rights and protection issues at;

- Cape Town International Airport
- Belhar Mall
- Cape Town City Centre

Child participation

Molo Songololo conducts various education workshops with peer leaders from the Young Men's Form and Ombudsperson for Children (OC) Children's Forum to empower them to empower their peers. These participants receive a certificate of attendance at their annual end of year function.



Tribute to a champion for children

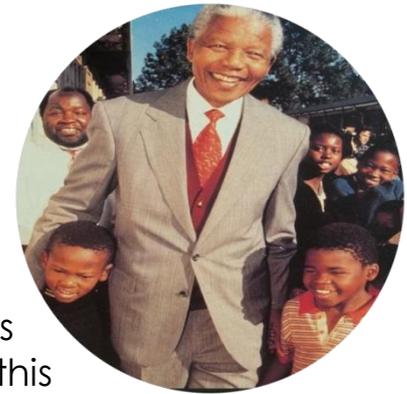
“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children” - Nelson Mandela

1000 children in Delft and surrounding areas celebrated Nelson Mandela's Birthday. We used this occasion as an opportunity to;

- Inform children about Madiba's legacy
- Motivate children to do good for others
- Educate them about their rights

Molo Songololo joined millions around the world in mourning the death of our global icon and paying tribute to his life-long commitment and work for a free and democratic South Africa. We facilitated for children to;

- Express how they feel
- Make condolence cards which was sent to the Nelson Mandela family
- Brought children's together to visit memorial sites – Parliament and The City Hall.
- Allowed children to participate in the public expression of mourning and tribute.



Our partners and sponsors

Thank you to all the funders who supported our work for 2013- 2014 financial year, especially;



A very special thank you to Ralf Freeze and his mother, Ruth Freeze who donated copies of her latest classical CD to Molo Songololo to use for raise funds.

We also thank the Baxter Theatre, The Maharaja Restaurant and all those who attended the launch event and bought CDs.



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