

MOLO SONGOLOLO

Child & Youth Action



Annual Report 2022



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About Molo Songololo

Molo Songololo, was established in 1979, and is a trusted, recognised, and legal non-profit and designated child protection organisation registered with:

- CIPIC - Company's Act Reg. No: 1995/007290/08
- DSD - NPO Directorate Reg. NPO No: 083 447
- DSD - Designated Child Protection Organisation Reg. No: - C9329
- SARS - Reg. VAT No: 4950182404
- SARS - Public Benefit Organisation Reg. PBO No: 930023237

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- **Delft** - Welwitschia Primary School, Welwitschia Road – Tel: 071 282 4694



Our Programmes

Child Protection and Victim Empowerment
prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation

Child and Youth Empowerment
promote child leadership and participation in decision-making

Awareness and Advocacy
promote the rights and protection of children in need

Build Capacity
improve childcare and protection services for children in need



The Chairperson's Comment

Over the last year, despite significant funding constraints impacting their livelihoods and the organisation's sustainability, Patric and the Molo Songololo team have continued to deliver child protection, victim empowerment, public awareness, and education services to children in communities that need it most. The constraints that the team faces are unimaginable, given that the need for Molo's work is more urgent than ever.



Molo's work extends beyond child protection. The power of Molo's work lies both in its programming as well as in the ability of the team to foster collaboration across different civil society organisations, allowing them to impact all the negative societal externalities on children's wellbeing and their development, including poverty and high crime. This is particularly urgent as Covid-19 has seen increased job losses surge, socio-economic inequality increases, and levels of child and gender-based violence increase.

I was fourteen, I joined Molo Songololo's youth action group focused on eradicating the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. I attribute my commitment to positively changing the world to the exposure I gained at Molo. For more than 25 years, I have seen the team's commitment to child protection first-hand. Their work, especially during the most challenging times we've seen recently, will be entrenched in the hearts and minds of those they serve and those of us who have worked to support the team over the years.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all Molo's funders. This critical work would not be possible without consistent and sustained financial and non-financial support.

As I transition from the Molo Songololo board, I reflect on the instrumental role that Molo has played in my life - in my development as a young person and by inspiring me with their work. I want to thank Kurt Johnson for the role that he has played on our team. Kurt introduced me to Molo's work in high school, and we have both been proud supporters. I am very excited about Molo Songololo's new board and ability to carry the organisation forward.

Molo's role in our communities to work for children to advance their development and support their basic human rights has never been more critical.

I do not doubt that the coming months and years will be challenging.

I can say with confidence that I sincerely believe that Patric and the Molo team will do everything in their power to advance children's rights and continue to provide services and safe spaces for them. This gives me hope that Molo will continue to make positive changes in the lives of the children and the families they serve.



The Executive Director's Comment

Big thank you to the board, staff, volunteers, supporters and funders. With your commitment and support we achieved our goals despite the various challenges we faced during this reporting year.

Covid19 pandemic continued to negatively impact on our income, work and wellbeing of staff, clients and communities we serve. But we pushed on.



Our reflections on the work and impact of Molo Songololo over the past year reveals various challenges, that threats the sustainability of the organisation, and needs urgent attention, i.e.:

- Resource mobilisation and funding of programmes and operations
- Strengthen internal capacity, skills, and management systems.
- Effective board governance and leadership

However, with limited funds and resources, we maintained our essential support services to children and youth in our target areas of Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft, and their surrounding areas; achieving the following:

- 298 child victims of sexual violence, and 2765 children at risk benefited from the Victim Empowerment Programme.
- 241 parents of child victims, benefited from the Victim Empowerment Programme.
- 535 children benefited from the Child and Youth Empowerment Programme
- 75 community service providers from government and civil society benefited from the Capacity Building Programme
- 500 children took part in Awareness and Advocacy Programme
- 10 000s are listeners of the THE MOLO SHOW on Atlantis Radio

Over 5000 children and youth, and about 1000 parents and adults benefitted directly from Molo Songololo's work during this reporting year. highlights included:

- Western Cape Commissioner for Children - Facilitating for our Children's Forums to assess and comment on the 1st annual report of the Commissioner for Children
- Mandela Day Challenge 2021 - Call for and received donations. Over 400 lunch packs and over 200 Mandela Day Dignity Gift Bags were distributed.
- Molo Songololo Open Day & Bazaar – Friends, family and supporters donated and supported our bazaar which co-occurred with STREETOPIA OBS Festival.
- Molo Songololo Xmas Hamper and Xmas Giving – this was a success and we managed to make up and distribute another 200 Dignity Gift Bags.

Strengthening Molo Songololo's governance, resources and capacity are crucial to sustain the organisation. We need our board, staff, volunteers, partners, supporters and funders to help achieve sustainability.



The Board and Staff

The Molo Songololo Constitution provide specific guidelines for the establishment, function, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of Directors which must be fulfil individually and collectively. Board members volunteer without remuneration, are elected annually and must serve for at least 1 term (3-years). They are allowed to serve more than one term.

Board members commit to make a positive contribution to the organisation. They bring different skills, knowledge, and strengths. They must make good decisions and implement them successfully and provide leadership for the organisation. Molo Songololo is grateful for their essential contribution. Those elected at the last AGM on 28 August 2021 included:

- Zeenith Ebrahim – Chairperson
- Noluthando Xolilizwe – Deputy Chairperson
- Kurt Johnson – Treasurer
- Dale van der Berg – Secretary
- Ncebakazi Mnukwana – ordinary member
- Vernon Norton – ordinary member
- Patric Solomons – ex-officio member

Molo Songololo staff implement and shape the programmes and activities of the organisation. Job contracts and workplace policies guide staff in their duties and responsibilities. Despite the threat and impact of Covid19 pandemic, staff continued to provide essential services to our target groups in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft, and their surrounding areas. Conducting regular home visits helped to assess and respond to the needs of clients. Our core team includes:

- Patric Solomons – Director
- Melda Davids – Office Manager
- Nadeema Taliep – Finance Manager
- Charlotte Pankhurst – CP&VEP Manager
- Portia Fuku – Social Axillary Worker
- Moira Patrick – Social Axillary Worker
- Salome McLeod / Victoria Sceffers - Social Axillary Worker
- Nikelo Makae – Media & Communications
- Chloe Johnson – Youth Facilitator



Child Protection and Victim Empowerment

Child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and trafficking in children remains complex and difficult to report, prevent and combat. Covid19 pandemic resulted in loss of income, joblessness, unemployment for many parents, causing instability at home and increasing child vulnerabilities and risks.

Molo Songololo is a Designated Child Protection Organisation with the Department of Social Development. As such, the DSD fund this programme as part of the Children and Families prevention and early intervention services.

Unfortunately, DSD funding is not enough to cover all expenses to effectively implement the programme. We therefore rely on other funders, like the National Lotteries Commission to support this work. We grateful to all our individual friends, family and supporters who support our fundraising efforts and calls for assistance.

During this reporting period we achieved the following outcomes:

- 2765 children and youth took part in public education session to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation and trafficking in children
- 1242 parents and adults took part in public education session to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation and trafficking in children
- 298 child victims of sexual exploitation provided with support services - Assessment, Counselling, Empowerment. Referrals and ongoing support.
- 241 parents of child victims of sexual exploitation provided with support services Assessment, Counselling, Empowerment. Referrals and ongoing support.
- 242 child victims and those at risk received therapeutic and development services
- 33 parents of child victims and those at risk received therapeutic and development services

The nature of cases that was reported, referred to Molo Songololo and assessed, and identified by our staff included the following:

- 22% Child sexual exploitation
- 32% Child rape
- 20% Child sexual assault
- 26% Children at risk / behaviour problems



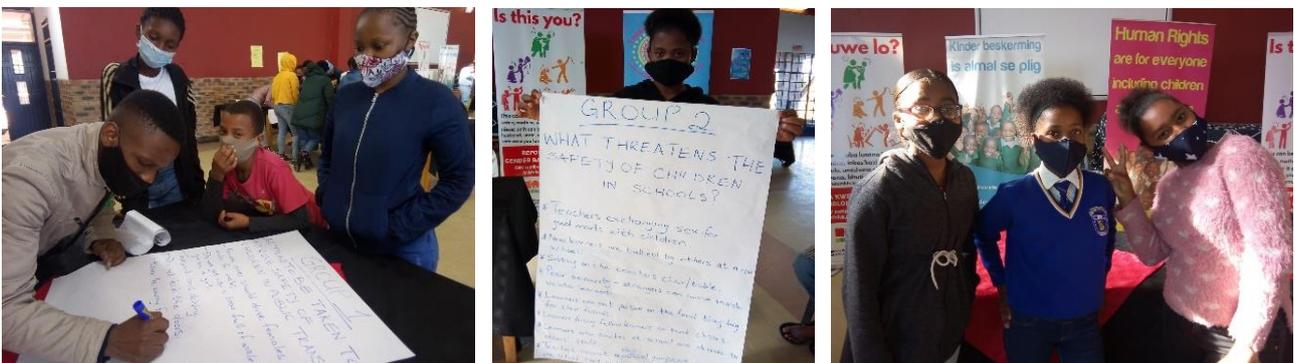
Child and Youth Empowerment – It's Your Move

Molo Songololo It's Your Move (advocacy group) had workshops to consult, inform and empower 120 children to take part in public decision-making. This participation process was very successful and impacted on key institutions dealing with children.

It's Your Move – Consultation, Atlantis – Participants engaged each other on issues that affect them and other children negatively in their local communities and identified action steps they can take against it.



Children's Consultative Forum, Delft – Key issues identified that affect children negatively included poverty and hunger, lack of safety at home, in the streets and public spaces, as well as poor living conditions and lack of transport.



Review of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children's Annual Report – 25 It's Your Move members from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft reviewed the report. A small group then was elected to prepare a written report. It was decided to invite the Commissioner to Atlantis to present the report.



Child and Youth Empowerment – Child Advocacy

Molo Songololo ITS' YOUR MOVE (a child advocacy group) members took part in various engagements with public representatives. These engagements provide an opportunity for them to express their views on issues concerning their rights, needs and interests.

Engagement with Minister of Social Development – As part of Child Protection Month activities; children were able to raise concerns about their safety, hunger, and various other social issues with Minister Zulu.



Engagement with the Western Cape Commissioner for Children – This was a highlight for the participants. They gave a written and verbal report raising concerns they have, and made recommendation for the Commissioner to involve children.



Partnership with Have You Heard - Getting ready for the future (post matric). A successful motivation and empowerment workshop for 30 girls from Atlantis, Mamre, and Witsand, was held in partnership with Have You Heard. They also provided dignity goodie bags for all the participants.



Child and Youth Empowerment – Excursions

Children from our poor communities do not often enjoy, learn about, and know their immediate rich natural environment, historical places or heritage. Taking children to be out in nature and enjoy the rich natural and historical surrounding help to building appreciation for the environment and acquire non-colonial historical information.

A mountain to climb – A group of 10 members from the Child Protection and Victim Empowerment programme were taken on a Houtbay Mountain Walk. They learnt about the plant and animal life; and motivated to commit to self-empowerment.



Down to the Sea – Most poor children continue to grow up in racially segregated townships and seldom get to go and enjoy the sea. A therapeutic visit to the beach helped 10 participants to enjoy the calming effect of water, waves, and open air.



Camissa Museum – A heritage excursions to the Castle of Good Hope allowed 40 participants from Atlantis and Delft to get to know more about the ancestral heritage of the people of South Africa from a non-colonial perspective.



Capacity Building

Molo Songololo conducted educational workshops with community services providers to empower and improve practice standards for service delivery. Workshops were held in Atlantis, Beaufort West, Delft, Heideveld, and Laingsburg.



Invitation
Stakeholder Forum
Beaufort West
Date
Wednesday, 2 March 2022
Venue
Thusong Service Centre,
3 Devins Street, Rustdene
Time: 10h00 to 13h00
RSVP by 21 Feb
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Preconditions for service Delivery – This session focus on the child rights framework, policies and principals, governance and operations frameworks, and workplace policies that are important for effective delivery of services for children.



Guiding Principles for good practice standards – This session focus on key principles that guide good practice standards such as rights-based approach, the best interest of the child, do no harm, accountability, participation, and inclusivity.

When working with children – South African Constitution and Children's Act sets out standards for the care and protection of children. Screening and monitoring those working with children are crucial to prevent and combat child neglect, abuse and exploitation.

Molo Songololo conducted a weeklong education workshop for City of Cape Town community workers in Delft, they also volunteered in our school holiday programme.



Awareness and Advocacy – Child Safety

Justice for child victims of sexual offences is difficult to attain in South Africa. Although special courts and measures have been established, our evidence based prosecutorial system continue to fail many children.

Safety for children in court - Molo Songololo and rape crisis held a public protest to bring attention to the challenges child and adult victims of sexual offences face in our courts. A memorandum was also handed over to the National Prosecuting Authority. It's Your Move members from Delft and Atlantis took part.



Safety for children in Delft – It's Your Move members in Delft staged a public protest march against crime and violence in the area. A memorandum was delivered to the police signed by various stakeholders working in the area.



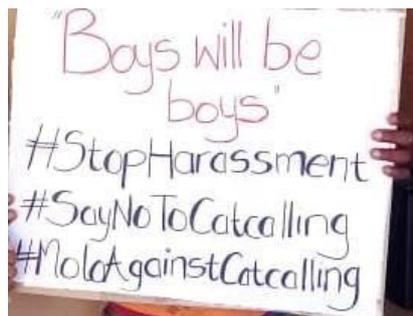
Voices of children – 10 000s child and youth listeners are reached with THE MOLO SOHOW. Its Your Move members address the provincial police event in Delft.



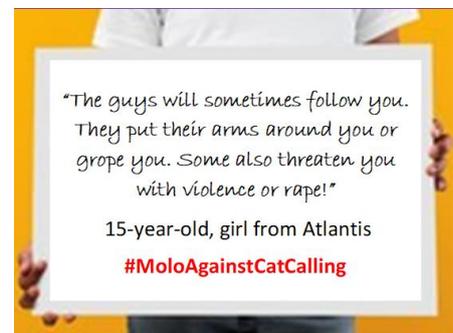
Awareness and Advocacy – #StopCatcalling

During the 16 Days of Action against Women and Child Abuse, Molo Songololo It's Your Move Atlantis group launched a #MoloAgainstCatcalling campaign to bring attention to the sexual harassment they experience in public.

Social media – weekly content was created and posted on Molo Songololo's social media platforms. The content was initially created by a student intern at Molo Songololo as part of her practical project work, and It's Your Move members in Atlantis. It soon expanded to Beaufort West and Delft.



Weekly public pickets – was held in Atlantis, Beaufort West, and Delft by members of It's Your Move in the different areas. They highlighted the daily sexual harassment they are exposed to on the streets, in public places and on public transport.



Girls and Boys are victims – Girls are more likely to experience sexual harassment in public. Most of the offenders are known to them, and many are married men. Those who employ men who work in public must be monitored and educated to prevent public sexual harassment.



Individual giving

Molo Songololo encourages individuals to support the organisation financially and donate to a specific cause. These small donations help to cover costs of activities.

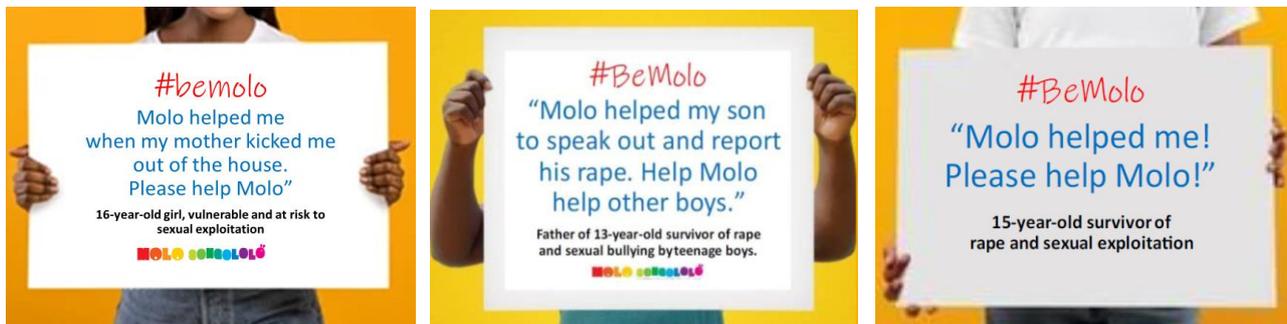
Run for Molo – Matthew Grobler run a 32km run to raise funds for Molo Songololo in honour of his aunt who died due to Covid19. His first fundraiser run was in 2020. This year he raised about R25 000. 00 for Molo Songololo. We are very grateful.



Dignity for Girls – Cash donations. Many friends and supporters make cash donations for a Dignity Gift Bag that consist of a 3-month supply of sanitary pads, facecloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, body lotion, underarm deodorant, body spray, hair shampoo and conditioner and a few treats. We make up and distribute about 400 Dignity Gift Bags annually. Each bag is costed at R250,



Social media – fundraising drives are also used to encourage people to make financial donations. Using direct impact quotes from clients help to illustrate the value of the work of Molo Songololo.



Thank you for your wonderful support

Molo Songololo is very grateful for the trust and confidence expressed by the beneficiaries. The children, youth, parents, and communities we serve deserve the best service we can deliver. We can only do this with the support of those that make financial and non-financial contributions to the organisation.

Molo Songololo thanks all those who contributed and helped us to deliver quality service to the children we serve. We need your ongoing support to maintain this vital work. Help us help children and empower them to become active citizens.



"I feel respected. We are treated like a person with your own thoughts and views. I also made friends and enjoy the workshops. I Wish we can have it everyday"



"I am no longer shy. I talk allot to people now and express my views. Molo helped me"



"It is not easy to open up and tell someone what happened to you. I learnt about my rights and what is abuse. I know now what is right and what is wrong. I now have dreams for the future."



"Molo helped me and my parents to talk and listen to my concerns and problems. We don't scream and shout at each other anymore. My parents support me and life at home is much better."



"We talk about our rights and problems we have. I spoke to the Children's Commissioner and the Minister of Social Development. I am so proud that I spoke out for the children in my area."



"Molo Helped me with my case. I am glad that it is now finish, and that I am back at school again."

