



MOLO SONGOLOLO



Annual Report



2015





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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 Core Business

Child Protection – we provide direct support services and empower activities to child victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, and those at risk; and their families.

Child & Youth Empowerment – we educate and empower children about rights and responsibilities, life and leadership skills; and facilitate their participation in public decision making and social actions

Capacity building – we conduct educational and training workshops for government and non-governmental services providers to increase response for the care and protection of children

Awareness and Advocacy – we promote the rights, protection and participation 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

Designated Child Protection Organisation - C9329



Message from the Chairperson

It gives me great pressure to present our Annual Report 2015. It covers the work and progress made to implement and realise the goals and objectives of the organisation for the past financial year.

Putting children at the centre of our work, consulting with them, listening to their ideas and considering their views help us to get insight into their needs and interests and shape our responses to

- help children who are victims of sexual violence
- Empower children with life-skills to improve their life chances
- Educate service providers on child rights issues to increase capacity to deliver services to children
- Create awareness and advocate for children rights

Without the generous support from funders we would not be able to make our contribution to fulfil and protect the rights of the child. We therefore express a big thank you, especially to the Department of Social Development – Western Cape, The National Lotteries Board, the National Development Agency, Alexis Nexis, Tourism Initiative Charity Event (T.I.C.E.); as well as the Office of the Premier who contracted Molo Songololo to prepare children for the Nelson Mandela - National Children's Parliament 2014.

We also thank all the interns and volunteers. Your support and assistance help us to increase our capacity and help more children. And a very big special thank you to the principals, educators and parents for supporting the child and youth leaders from the Molo Songololo Children's Forums who represented their peers in Parliament and in public forums to defend and promote their rights.

Our management and staff work tireless and unselfishly during to ensure that children are supported and engaged. Their commitment and duty to children is commendable.

Our work deserves the support of funders and others to ensure its sustainability. Don't hesitate to contact us if you can help.

Matilda Gene Vantura

Chairperson



Message from the Director

Molo Songololo's 36-year legacy shapes the public image and expectation of the organisation. Recognised as a leading national child rights organisation, various government departments, non-governmental organisations, international organisation, and the media; seek out the organisation's opinion or expertise to contribute to their child rights and related initiatives, programmes and activities.

For 2014-2015 the work was carried out by a team that consisted of 7 Board members, 3 management staff members, 7 programme staff members, 3 interns and 9 volunteers. Despite various funding and operational challenges, our team achieved the following outcomes;

- 151 child victim of sexual violence received support and assistance
- 3500 children benefitted from our empowerment activities
- 545 parents received support and engage in empowerment activities
- 20 000 community members received awareness raising pamphlets
- Tens of thousands more read or heard our awareness and advocacy messages in the media.

Highlights for this reporting year also included the following strategic interventions;

- Hosting a very successful national dialogue 20 YEARS OF CHILD RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTIBILITY FOR CHILDREN with over 100 government and non-governmental role-players. This dialogue was also used to advocate for the establishment of an OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN in South Africa.
- Hosting in partnership with Film Publications Board a successful educational workshop for over 60 police and child protection services on internet and safety of children – addressing child pornography and dangers for children.
- Conducted in partnership with Fair Trade Tourism SA awareness and training to prevent and combat the exploitation of children in tourism through.
- Organised and facilitated for The Premier's Office Western Cape to select and prepare a Western Cape delegation to the Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament 2014 – and promote child participation.

Sustaining Molo Songololo financially remains a major challenge. We need funders, donors, business, public and individuals to make financial and other contribute to help us help children.

Patric Solomons

Chairperson



Our Board and staff members

Our board members

Members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and are required to serve at least 2 terms (one term equals 3-years). The 2014-2015 members were;

- Matilda Gene Vantura - Chairperson
- Mongezi Nyathela – Deputy-Chairperson
- Zeenith Ebrahim - Treasurer
- Madoda Mabuto - Secretary
- Vernon Rose - Director
- Asanda Mahlukani - Director
- Patric Solomons – Managing Director

Present Staff members

Staff remains committed and focussed to realise the goals and objectives the organisation. Regular reflection on progress made and motivation of staff ensure that all staff is energised to deliver their best. They are;

- Patric Solomons - Director
- Chantal Chandler – VEP Manager
- Nadeema Taliep – Book-keeper (part-time)
- Melda Berry – Office administration
- Nikelo Makae – Media and communications
- Lindiwe Lengs – Child support worker
- Nicoline Marais – Child support worker
- Vacancy – Child support worker
- Lorna Gertse – Child support worker
- Millicent Siswana – Office maintenance

Interns and volunteers

- 3 interns – social work students – was deployed with the Child Protection – Victim Empowerment programme
- 9 Volunteers supported our work and 10 assisted during the camps

Our operations offices

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



Child Protection **Victim Empowerment** programme

Funding from Department Social Development, Western Cape ensured that Molo Songololo continue provide direct support services to child victims of sexual violence. Funds from the National Lotteries Board and Alexis Nexis helped to cover shortfalls and allowed us to reach more children in need.

This programme remains focussed in the 3 targeted communities of Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft where high child vulnerability, child abuse and exploitation incidents occur. The following was achieved;

Prevention and early intervention activities

- 704 children took part in child participation activities
- 211 girls took part in the Young Women's Forum workshops
- 2 147 children took part in educational workshops
- 476 parents took part in educational workshops
- 10 000 plus received awareness raising pamphlets and many more heard awareness and advocacy messages in the media.

Child protection – victim support and empowerment services

- 151 child victims of sexual violence support and empowered
- 461 counselling session were held with children
- 31 therapeutic session for children
- 69 counselling session for parents
- 42 children and 18 parents in Parent - Child Therapeutic Sessions
- 486 home-visits were conducted to monitor and follow-up on children
- 5 children received Art Therapy over 14 sessions

The programme includes the following processes;

- Identification, assessment and making and receiving referrals
- Child individual and group counselling
- Parent individual and group counselling
- Child and Parent counselling and therapeutic activities
- Therapeutic work and activities for children
- Therapeutic work and activities for parents

On-going support, monitoring and empowerment

Molo Songololo provides on-going support, monitoring and empowerment to children in this programme.



Child and Youth empowerment programme

This programme is designed to empower children / youth with child rights education; life-skills to build good self-esteem, realise potential, ignite passions, pursue dreams and motivate to achieve. It also encourages child participation in public decision making processes.

Motivation and Empowerment Camp for VEP

30 selected children (14-16years) from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft from the victim empowerment programme took part in a 5-day camp. Participants expressed that the camp increased their self-esteem, unlock their potential and helped them to map their future prospects and making positive life-choices.



Young Men's Forum - Motivation and Empowerment Camp

60 young men (14 and 16-years) from Atlantis, Delft and Beaufort West engaged in outdoor adventure hikes and activities, fun interactive peer learning activities; motivation and educational life-skills workshops over 5 days.



Young Women's Forum – Educational Workshops

211 girls from 13 to 17-years from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft took part in educational workshops to build self-esteem, positive body image, sexual health and sexual responsibility. This leadership programme is designed for girls.



Child participation in public decision making

Children's participation rights are often misunderstood and not respected. Molo Songololo promoted and supported children's participation in the following activities;

Learning about an Ombudsperson for Children

Educational workshops was conducted in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft to inform and educate the Molo Songololo Children's Forum members about an Ombudsperson for Children, what it is, what it does and why it is important. The children then formulated their own ideas and opinions about the Ombudsperson.



Community action against child sexual abuse and exploitation

The Atlantis Molo Songololo Children's Forum organised an awareness raising drive against child sexual abuse and exploitation. The handed over a memorandum to the Police, the Court and other services providers calling for increased response to bring abusers and exploiters to book and ensure justice for victims / survivors.



Child participation - Public education through radio

The Beaufort West Molo Songololo Children's Forum members engaged in a public education drive to prevent and combat child sexual abuse and exploitation and advocate for an Ombudsperson for Children.



Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament 2014

The Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament 2014 was hosted by the Minister of Social Development and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund to celebrate the legacy of Nelson Mandela and 20-years of democracy. It took place on 9 October 2014 in the National Parliament.

Molo Songololo was contracted by the Premier's Office to facilitate for

- Consultative Workshops and election of Western Cape delegates
- Preparation and orientation sessions for the Western Cape delegation
- Transportation of the Western Cape delegation to the Children's Parliament

Consultation workshops and election of the Western Cape Delegates

Workshops were held in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft. Children identified abuse, violence, crime, gangsterism, poverty and major problems that threaten their lives. They then elected their delegates to represent them and their views.



Preparation and orientation leadership camp

60 children including the 12 delegates took part in a 5-day camp to prepare them.



The Children Parliament 2014

The Western Cape delegation made a big impact. Most of them were elected to into various leadership positions at the Children's Parliament. They also advocated for the establishment of an Ombudsperson for Children in South Africa.



Our Capacity Building programme

Sharing our knowledge and experience with others, and learning from others help us to stay informed, current and empowered. Molo Songololo conduct various educational workshops and seminars in this regard, and aim to build capacity of service providers to increase response to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking in children.

Counselling and working with traumatised children

This workshop was conducted in Atlantis in partnership with World Vision-Atlantis to educate and train lay-counsellors and parents with basic counselling skills and how to work with children traumatised by sexual abuse and violence.



Internet and child pornography

Molo Songololo in partnership hosted an educational workshop for child protection practitioners from the police, labour, education, social development departments and NGO service providers on the internet and new dangers for children – child pornography, sexting and other risks for children.



International networking

Molo Songololo hosted international partners on child sexual exploitation; such as ECPAT Germany, The National Rapporteur and ECPAT-Netherlands Director.



Our Awareness and Advocacy programme

Rights and responsibilities

Over 4000 children were informed and educated about their rights and responsibilities. It helps them to respect their own rights and the rights of others. Children identify child rights violated and how to protect themselves.



Public education

Molo Songololo conducted educational drives in Delft to inform and educate children, parents and community members about services available for children.



Child participation in public education

Beaufort West Molo Songololo children's Forum members engage in door-to-door community awareness and education to report child abuse and exploitation.



Atlantis Molo Songololo Children's Forum members engage in door to door awareness and education to promote child protection.



Ombudsperson for children in South Africa

In celebrating 20th YEAR OF DEMOCRACY, Molo Songololo hosted a national dialogue with over 200 government and civil society organisations to reflect on progress made and remaining challenges. Themed ADVANCING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHILDREN, the dialogue's aim was to mobilise role-players to fulfil the rights of all children in South Africa.

The dialogue took place in Guguletu on 4th June 2014 and was used as a platform to advocate for the establishment of a national OMBUDSPERSON FOR CHILDREN in South Africa



Accountability for and with children

South Africa has an obligation to establish an INDEPENDENT AUTONOMOUS mechanism to monitor and report on the rights of the child. An Ombudsperson can help government to promote and protect the rights of the child.



Children advocating for an Ombudsperson

Molo Songololo Children's Forum members from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft took part in a Consultative Workshop on 17 March 2014 to prepare and elect members to speak on their behalf and call for the establishment of an Ombudsperson for Children.



Our Funders and Partners

A very special thank you too all the funders who made financial and other contributions to our programmes and activities. Without your support Molo Songololo would not have been able to support children who are victims of sexual violence and empower children, parents, community members and service providers. We need your on-going support and partnership.



Thank you!



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