



MOLO SONCOLOLO

Annual Report 2016





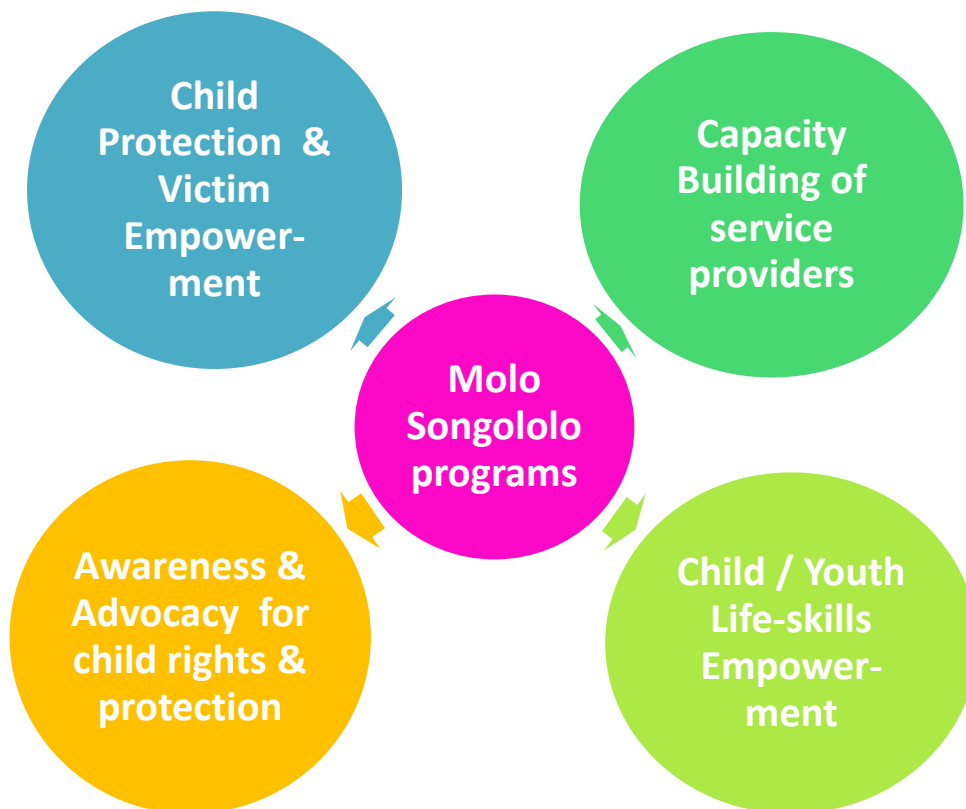
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Our Vision

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.



Registration

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

Children's Act 2005 - Designated Child Protection Organisation - C9329



Message from the Chairperson



This Annual Report is dedicated to the children and young people that help to shape Molo Songololo; especially those who trust our staff and volunteers to support them in their recovery and healing from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

Child participation is at the heart of Molo Songololo's origin and must remain the key element that defines its work, image and approach to ensure that the rights of children to participate are respected and taken seriously.

During the 2015 -2016 reporting period Molo Songololo facilitated for children to participate in a number of public forum to express their views on matters affecting their lives through written and oral submissions concerning the;

- Sexual Offences Act Amendment Bill
- Western Cape Constitutional Amendment Bill
- Children's Act Amendment Bill

Molo Songololo also facilitated for children to participate in the Alternative Country Report on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The organisation was selected by the Alternative Report Coalition to facilitate the selection / election of a child delegate and prepare the two child delegates to report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva Switzerland.

The children from our programmes who participated in the AGM 2015 stated that Molo Songololo must conduct more activities to inform and educate children about their rights and responsibilities. They also expressed the need for more life-skills and leadership workshops and camps.

Our task is to make sure that children participate effectively in the work and decisions of Molo Songololo, empower them and support for their participation in public forums. In order to do so effectively, the organisation must ensure;

- Sustainable funding for child participation programmes and activities
- Educate and train the staff on child participation policies and practices
- Advocate for effective child participation process in public decision making

On behalf of the board I express our gratitude to the funders, partners and stakeholders who contributed to our work through funding, material support or collaborations. We also thank the parents, principals and educators who allow us to work with their children. The year ahead will be challenging. We are confident that with the ongoing support of funders and partners we will continue to make a difference.



Message from the Director



Child sexual exploitation is complex and manifests itself in many different ways. During this reporting year, Molo Songololo created awareness and participated in various initiatives to combat child sexual exploitation practices that occurs in everyday life which often gets ignored.

We partnered with Fair Trade Tourism, South Africa to create awareness of child sex tourism and promoted the International CODE for tourism businesses and operations to prevent the sexual exploitation of children in tourism. The consultations with role-players and education and training workshops with industry role-players indicates that child sexual exploitation in relation to tourism is more widespread than we are aware of.

Molo Songololo also engaged with the Film and Publications Board as part of a reference group to develop guidelines for research into the impact of watching inappropriate material (movies) on children; and classification of material to protect children from harm, and prevention of child pornography.

Sexting involves the sending text and images of a sexual nature. Sexting also involves the sexual grooming, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and exploitation of children via cell-phones, computers, internet and social media platforms. Children are the worst culprits of sending sexual material to their friends, those they bully and abuse; those they 'fall-out' with and even to strangers.

Children themselves take sexual pictures of themselves or others and distribute this to their peers or to someone with whom they have been chatting on-line with and who manipulated them to do so.

Children are generally unaware that they are committing a criminal offence if they take and distribute sexual images of their selves or other children via their cell-phones and computers or posting it on social media platforms. They are unaware that they are producing and distributing child pornography.

There is a great lack of awareness and response to prevent the everyday scenarios of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children; including

- Inappropriate sexual remarks, suggestions, gestures , touching, harassment and attitudes from adults men directed at children and youth
- Sexual grooming and manipulation of children to engage in sex for reward

Molo Songololo needs to strengthen its existing work and make a strategic intervention to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation.



Our Board and staff members



Board members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and are required to serve at least 2 terms (one term equals 3-years). The 2015-2016 Board 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

The Staff members

All staff received their police clearance certificates this year. They remain focussed and committed to provide the best possible service to children. 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
- Melissa Plaatjies – Social Worker
- Lebogang Winnie – Social Worker
- Nicoline Marais – Child support worker
- Vacancy – Child support worker
- Lorna Gertse – Child support worker
- Millicent Siswana – Office maintenance

Interns and volunteers

- 3 interns – was deployed with the Child Protection VEP
- 9 Volunteers supported our work and 10 assisted during the camps





Child Protection and Victim Empowerment



The Department of Social Development Western Cape remains the main funder for this programme with is largely located in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft; and contracted Molo Songololo to;

- Conduct Public Education Sessions to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation and trafficking in children with
 - 360 children/youth
 - 360 parents/adults
- Provided Support Services such as assessments, counselling, referrals and on-going support to;
 - 150 child victims of sexual violence - sexual exploitation and trafficking
 - 150 parents/care-givers of child victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking

Molo Songololo also received financial support from Rolf Steven Nussbaum Foundation and the HCI FOUNDATION to support the activities of the work with children. We are pleased to report that for this reporting year we overachieved on our deliverables. Staff managed to successfully implement the following;

- 4 757 children took part in 80 workshops on Child Exploitation & Trafficking
- 1125 parents took part in 44 educational workshops on Child Exploitation & Trafficking

The following ongoing support was provided to child victims of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking and their parents / care-givers;

- 607 children were interviewed and assessed as to the nature of their case.
- 359 home visits was conducted to follow-up on cases and re-integrate children back into families
- 103 school visits was done to re-integrate children back to school
- 4 hospital support visits was done with child victims
- 7 court case support and visits was provided to victims and family
- 419 counselling sessions was conducted with child victims
- 599 children participated in 54 therapeutic workshops
- 33 children and 18 parents took part in 2 parent & child therapeutic workshops
- 41 children took part in a 4 day Motivation and Therapeutic Camp





Child & Youth Empowerment



Over 10 000 children benefited from the various activities of this programme which inform and educate children about their rights and responsibilities, engage children in social dialogue, encouraged peer learning and developed children's life-skills and provided leadership education.

Young Women's Forums: Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft

This motivational and empowerment programme for girls from 12 to 17 years aim to engage girls in dialogue about things that affect them, personal and social; inform and educate them about their rights and responsibilities, motivating and empowering girls with life-skills to make positive life-choices.



Young Men's Forum – Atlantis, Beaufort West & Delft

Unfortunately due to financial constraints the organisation was unable to conduct activities with boys between from 12 to 17 years. This gender specific programme is similar to the young women's forum programme but include gender sensitivity education and respect for girls and women to motivate boys to be non-violent.

Sexting & Sexual grooming – Dangers for children

Molo Songololo conducted educational workshops with over 5 000 learners in primary and high schools to raise awareness of and dangers of sexting (sexual talk and grooming of children by adults) via cell-phones.



Cyber –Safety

Following up on the workshops to prevent sexting; Molo Songololo staff and interns together with the Film and Publications Board conducted educational workshops on cyber-safety at selected school. Children have increased access to cell-phones and are exposed to inappropriate and harmful material or individuals who intend to harm them. The workshops empowered learners about the dangers, how to recognise it and how to report it and to whom.



Youth against Xenophobia

Molo Songololo conducted a series of workshops in Delft with learners from Atlantis & Delft to create awareness and education to prevent xenophobia and build social cohesion; through dialogue, peer learning and educational presentations learnt about respect human rights and diversity.



Children's Consultation on HIV/AIDS

HIV is an increasing concern with children exposed to high levels of sexual abuse and violence as well as engaging in risky sexual behaviour. A consultative educational workshop on HIV/AIDS was held with learners from primary and high schools in Atlantis and Delft to inform a project funded by the US Ambassador's Fund. The project was implemented in 2016 and involves public awareness and education on HIV-VCT, and will be reported on in the next reporting year.



AGM 2015 – Child Participation

A highlight for this reporting period was the very successful AGM 2015. Members of the CHILDREN'S FORUMS took part. Children from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft were able to express what they think of Molo Songololo and what they think Molo the organisation must do for and with children.



VEP Motivation and Therapeutic Workshop programme

This 4 week group motivation and therapeutic program focussed of self-worth, personal strengths, building self-esteem and relation with family, school and community. Twelve selected participants met weekly to engage each other, share thoughts and ideas, learn from each other and support each other and make new discoveries about themselves.



Stop Child Abuse

Child abuse and child rights awareness workshop at Mandela Park Multi-Purpose Centre, Delft. Lindiwe Lengs engage younger children outside whilst the rest of staff engaged the older children inside the centre.





Awareness And Advocacy



The Molo Songololo's Child Advocacy Group consists of children from Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft. The groups get together to discuss public policies that impact on children. They prepared and made written and verbal submissions to the National and Provincial Parliament.



Addressing National Parliament on the Sexual Offences Act, Amendment Bill

The Child Advocacy Group made a successful presentation at the public hearings in the National Parliament concerning consensual sexual acts amongst children of a certain age. They argued for children not to be criminalised.



Addressing Provincial Parliament on the Constitutional amendments to reduce the obligation to set up a Commissioner for Children

The Child Advocacy group argued against the amendments why a Commissioner for children is needed and how it will help children.



Addressing Public Hearing in Beaufort West on the Constitutional amendments to reduce the obligation to set up a Commissioner for Children

The Beaufort West child Advocacy group made a very successful written and verbal submission on the need to establish a Commissioner for Children and argued that the provincial legislature has a duty to implement and fulfil the requirements of the Constitution.



Child Advocacy and Public Protest in Beaufort West

Molo Songololo together with key role-players engaged in a public awareness activity to advocate child safety and protection as part of the 16 days of action against child and women abuse. Molo Songololo's Child Advocacy Group produced posters and banners for the public protect against child sexual abuse.

They also drafted a memorandum which they handed over to representatives of the local authority and community leaders.



HIV/Aids Awareness

Despite the postponement of start date of the US Ambassadors Community Fund Program to January 2016, Molo Songololo continued to consult with children had an awareness programme on World AIDS Day.



Child Advocacy – SA Alternative Country Report to the UNCRC Committee

Molo Songololo was approached by the South African Alternative Report Coalition (Molo Songololo is a member) to organise / elect a child who can represent Molo Songololo and SA Children to present a report on how well SA Government is going to promote and protect the rights of the child. Several consultations with our Children's Forum members were held.



Representing Molo Songololo and our children at the UN CRC Committee - Geneva

Amkele Ndaba was elected as the Molo Songololo representative and Jenna Jager the representative for Disable Children's Action Group. Molo Songololo facilitated various consultative workshops with children. The Children's Advocacy group drafted the CHILDREN'S REPORT that Amkele Ndaba's presented to the UN CRC Committee. The report highlighted their concerns regarding children, and what the SA government must do too improve the lives of children in need.



Molo Songololo child delegate impress SA delegation and UN CRC Committee

Amkele Ndaba (Rose) who represented Molo Songololo and the children of South Africa at the UN CRC Committee in Geneva made a big impression on the South African delegation when they presented the Alternative Country Report on how South Africa is doing regarding the implementation of the Rights of The Child.



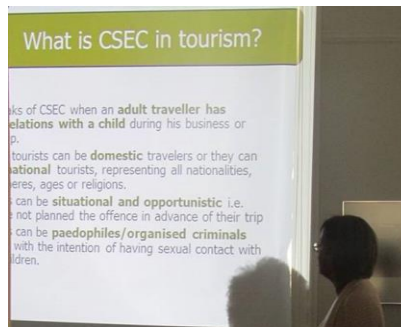


Capacity Building and Empowerment



Molo Songololo entered into partnership with Fair Trade – South Africa to conduct a series of consultations and training workshops to promote the international industry CODE to prevent child sex exploitation in tourism.

We held a consultation at the Molo Songololo office in Observatory with 60 government and NGO representatives on the CODE and response needed to highlight child sexual exploitation in tourism.



Child Welfare Durban - Training workshop for social workers and care workers to promote responsible tourism and the CODE to prevent child sex exploitation in tourism and explore role of NGOs and civil society in relation to responsible tourism.



Tourism Sector - Training workshops was conducted with hotel chain managers and operational staff of the Cape Town, Durban & Johannesburg tourism sector.



International Conference on Cyber-Safety

Molo Songololo invited by the Film and Publications Board facilitated a session at the International Conference on Cyber-Safety Conference focussing on the prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation on the internet through child protection and safety protocols and mechanisms for service providers, users, parents and children.



Child Participation – National Consultation

Molo Songololo presented a contextual perspective on Child Participation at a National Consultation with key child rights organisations and government representatives.



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**Child Participation
in perspective**
Roundtable Discussion
19-20 Nov 2015



Community Police Forums – Community Engagements

Our work at community level is very important. Improving knowledge, understanding and response of community service providers is crucial to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking in children. The organisation also participated in various community police forums and Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft.





Wrapping up the year 2015-2016



Xmas Comfort Packs for children

We had an overwhelming response via facebook friends to our call for personal toiletry items for Xmas Pamper Gift Bags for the children we work with. These packs were handed out to children at the end-of-year outings.



End of year outings

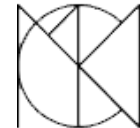
The end-of-year outings for the VEP were held in Beaufort West and in Cape Town for the Children from Atlantis and Delft. It is usually a fun day that wraps up the year's activities with children.



Beaufort West end of year outing



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