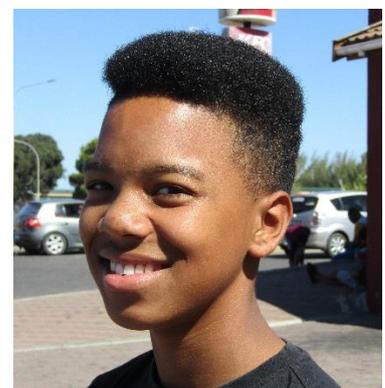


MOLO SONGOLOLO



Annual Report 2019





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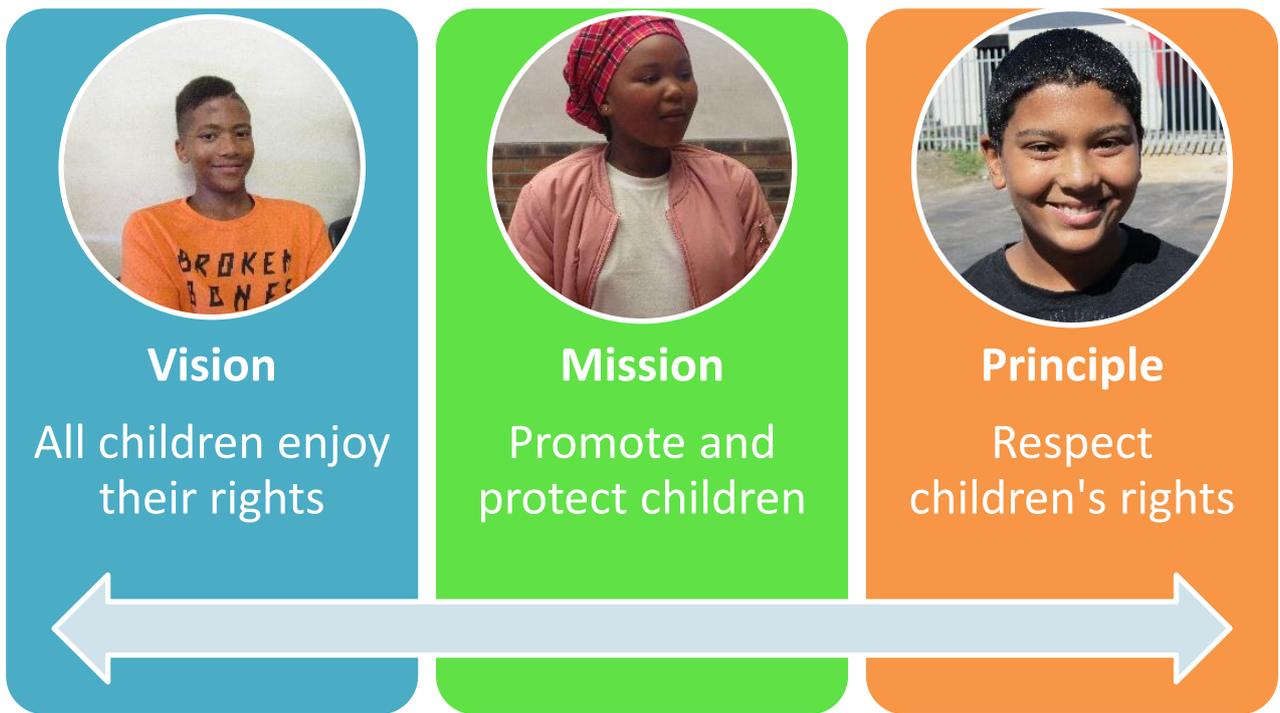
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Vision, mission and principles



Programmes and Activities





Outgoing Chairperson Matilda Vantura

It's been a great honour for me to be part of Molo Songololo for over 30-years. I worked with Molo Songololo in the 1980s and 1990s distributing the Molo Songololo Children's Magazine, organising children to take part in the child rights workshops, camps, festivals; and the teachers' workshops and conferences organised by Molo Songololo. I eventually was elected onto the Molo Songololo Board and served as chairperson for the last 6 years.

Molo Songololo is a dedicated organisation that works with children in our local communities. It's an organisation that listen to children and involve children. Joining the staff at workshops, conferences and programmes for children I gained 1st hand experience of the value of Molo Songololo's work and its impact on children, parents, community and decision makers.

The time has come for me to hand over the torch. As chairperson of Molo Songololo I made every effort to represent the organisation well, support the Director and staff, engage in the organisation's activities, and be an ambassador. I will continue to be an ambassador for Molo Songololo.

I wish the new members of the board every success in their job to build and sustain Molo Songololo. You have an important role to play. You must make sure that you make a positive contribution to the organisation.

Molo Songololo have an impressive legacy that we can all be proud of. As we prepare to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the organisation; we can include amongst its achievements the establishment of the first dedicated Commissioner for Children in South Africa. Molo Songololo have campaigned for an independent champion for children for more than 20 years. We hopeful that the first Western Cape Commissioner for Children will be appointed in 2019.

Finally, I wish the incoming chairperson and the new members of the board all the best. I will be around to support and assist where I can. Molo Songololo is my home. I am Molo Songololo. We are Molo Songololo.



Incoming The Chairperson Viyon Hammond

Programme and training design, organisational development



The Director's Report

Patric Solomons

A big shout out to all those who contributed in cash or kind to Molo Songololo. A special thank you to those Board members, staff, interns and volunteers who unselfishly went the extra mile and helped to make the year a success. We are grateful for the financial support received from,

- The National Lotteries Commission
- Department Social Development – Western Cape
- UNICEF South Africa
- The HCI Foundation

We are indebted to our committed supporters, the Friends of Molo Songololo. A very big thank you to Angus Leenderts & Associates (Molo Songololo Australian Support Group), all those who donated sanitary pad and toiletries during our Dignity 4 Girls campaign, as well as those who supported our Comedy Night, Spring Bazaar and Streetopia fundraisers. We raised a substantial amount of money and received over R450 000. 00 worth of support and donations in kind. Multi Media Computers provides invaluable IT Support for free.

The work achieved for this period focussed around our four programme areas;

- Child Protection and Victim Empowerment
- Child & Youth Empowerment
- Awareness and Advocacy
- Capacity Building

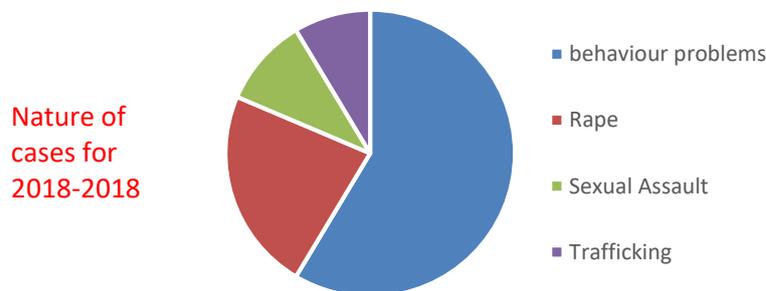
Unfortunately, we were unable to mobilise all the funds needed to implement all our planned programmes and employ more staff. Despite this we managed to complete a volume of work that have had direct impact on children's lives, families and communities. The highlight is of course those children who survived and thrived, those who made positive life choices and who are motivated and committed completed their schooling and increased their prospects.

Molo Songololo will enter its 40th Anniversary Year, 2019-2020. Various activities are planned to celebrate the organisation's legacy. This is an opportunity for the Board and staff to mobilise support and resources for the organisation; and map the way forward to set new footprints.

Child Protection and Victim Empowerment

Child sexual abuse and exploitation remains a serious problem in South Africa. Police stats indicate that murder, rape and other sexual offences against children in the Western Cape has increased over the last two years. It is feared that the incident of these child rights violations will increase.

Molo Songololo's work aim to prevent and combat child sexual abuse and exploitation. We achieve this by receiving and assessing reports and referrals, conduct client assessments, counselling and provide therapeutic and empowerment session to child victims and their parents / families. The nature of the cause of children trauma we are addressing are;



Funds was received from the Western Cape Department of Social Development, the National Lotteries Board and HCI Foundation; and many small donations from 'the friends of Molo' for this programme. Unfortunately, we did not receive what we expected and could not employ more staff (3 social workers) and implement all our plans for the year. Despite this the following impact was made;

- 3520 children took part in public education sessions
- 408 parents took part in public education session
- 150 children received counselling and support services
- 375 children took part in therapeutic sessions
- 101 parents took part in therapeutic session

There is an urgent need to increase staff. 3 more social workers are needed. This will help with the workload and statutory work needed in each of the targeted areas.



Dignity for Girls

This is a bi-annual donation drive to get the public, businesses and our friends to donate sanitary pads and toiletries for girls in need. We make up DIGNITY GIFT BAGS which contains a 3-month supply of sanitary pads, basic toiletries and other useful products and treats to ensure DIGNITY 4 GIRLS.

Our first drive is marketed as a NELSON MANDEKA DAY CHALLENGE during June and July. On Mandela Day we invite those who donated items and money to come and help pack and make up the DIGNITY GIFT BAGS. We hand out the bags during the month of August, woman's focus month. Our target 100 DIGNITY GIFT BAGS.



The second drive takes place during November and December. This is usually a bigger fundraising drive with a target of 200 DIGNITY GIFT BAGS for those in need during the Christmas and end of year period. We also prepare about 50 DIGNITY GIFT BAGS for the boys we work with in this programme.

During the month of August education workshop on the management of menstruation, personal hygiene, self-care and grooming are conducted with the girls and boys we work with. The outcome is that girls are less shy and feeling shamed for their natural bodily function of menstruation. The boys show greater understanding of the needs of girls during menstruation. The need to advocate for free sanitary pads for girls and women need to intensify.



We managed to make up 400 DIGNITY GIFT BAGS which valued at R100 000. 00

Child and Youth Empowerment

Children are best able to promote and defend their rights if they know and understand what they are. This programme' aim to inform and empower children focussing on the following;

- Child rights and responsibilities
- Basic life-skills and positive decision-making and self-care and development
- Leadership and social action
- Participation in public decision making.

During this reporting period we achieved the following child and youth empowerment activities;

- 5890 children tool part in child rights and responsibilities workshops
- 2800 children took part in preventing cyber abuse worshops
- 3500 children tool part in self-esteem and decision-making workshops
- 650 children took part public decision-making processes



Cyber-bullying and using cell-phones and computers pose various challenges for children. Molo Songololo conducted practical educational sessions for learners at schools on

- Cell-phone and computer etiquette and use
- Accessing and stumbling on inappropriate and harmful material
- Nature of cyber-bullying and responses to prevent and combat it
- Dangers and risk of giving and posting personal info and pictures
- Reporting cyber-bullying, other inappropriate behaviour and material



Young Women's Forum

This gender specific intervention helps to create a special space for girls to address issues affecting them as girls. Participants are free to express themselves, listen and learn from others. We achieved the following,

- 328 girls took part in Menstrual Hygiene and self-care workshops
- 280 girls took part in sexual abuse and exploitation prevention workshops
- 420 girls took part in sexual health and menstrual hygiene workshops
- 210 girls took part in public awareness programmes.



The Atlantis members read and workshopped SPIRITED ANIMALS, a book of drawings and writings by learners from Monte Saint Angelo Mercy College, Sydney, Australia. The school produced the book and sold it and sent the funds to Molo Songololo. It was organised by Natalie Hendricks of the Molo Songololo Australian Support Group.



Members from Atlantis and Delft took part in the Women in Leadership programme for girl. It was organised by Mrs Matilda Vantura. There is a need to acquire more staff to run after-school programmes to expand the Young Women's Forum.



Young Men's Forum

Like the Young Women's Forum, this is a gender specific intervention that create a special space for boys to address issues affecting them. Participants are free to express themselves, listen and learn from each other.

These sessions are largely aimed to prevent and reduce abuse and violence amongst boys, gender-based violence; and promote positive decision-making, self-care and development. During this period, we managed to achieve the following;

- 680 boys took part in educational sessions on cyber-bullying
- 450 boys took part in workshops to prevent sexual violence
- 360 boys took part in sexual and reproductive health workshops
- 5200 boys took part in awareness raising sessions on rights and responsibilities
- 28 boys took part in an awareness roadshow.



There are many challenges that boys face in their communities. Peer pressure, group dynamics and gang related activities are everyday pressure they are exposed to. Bullying, fighting, experimental and risk-taking behaviour is common. They have the threat of being recruited by gangs, pressured to take alcohol and drugs, to fit in. Gang related violence threatens their lives.

There is a great need to expand this programme. The empowerment of boys to prevent and combat gender-based violence is crucial. Dedicated staff must be acquired to implement after-schools programmes as requested by many participants of the Young Men's Forum members.



Child participation in public decision-making

Informing and facilitating children's participation in child law and policy is crucial in promoting child participation rights and practice. During this period, we focussed on the Western Cape Commissioners for Children Bill.

Workshops were held in Atlantis, Delft and Beaufort West with 170 children from our programmes and schools we have contact with to;

- inform children about the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill
- Express their views and thoughts on the Commissioner for Children Bill
- Examine the provision in the Commissioner for Children Bill



Smaller groups sessions were then held in Atlantis, Beaufort West and delft in preparation for the public hearing on the Western Cape Commissioner for Children's Bill. These participants were drawn from the bigger groups held earlier.



Children in Beaufort West prepared their writing and oral comments and recommendations on the Bill for public hearing that was to be held in their town.



Western Cape Commissioner for Children

Molo Songololo was the only organisation that facilitated for children to take part in the scheduled public hearings that was held in Beaufort West, George and in Cape Town. The hearing was held by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Committee on the Premier & Constitutional Development to hear public comments on the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Bill.

The Molo Songololo Child Advocacy Group in Beaufort West did a sterling job in representing the views and recommendation of the children of the Karoo at the hearing. One of their main recommendation was that the Bill must include the rights of children to participate and be involved in the Commissioner's Work.



The Molo Songololo Child Advocacy Group from Atlantis and Delft presented their verbal submission at the Cape Town hearings held in the provincial legislature. They did an excellent job in representing the voices of children in the Western Cape. Their submission highlighted the following;

- Children are experiencing many challenges in the Western Cape
- Government have delayed setting up the Commissioner
- How long must children wait before a Commissioner will be set up?
- Include children's involvement in the work of the Commissioner
- Want a commitment that the Commissioner will be set up.



Capacity Building

Building the capacity of parents, adults and community members from a child rights perspective is crucial. It improves implementation of children's rights.

123 adults, mainly women, took part in Motivational Workshops conducted by Molo Songololo for Glen Elgin Community Organisation (GECO) in Grabouw. Five 3-day workshops were held once a month from Oct 2018 to Feb 2019. Key outcomes achieved were;

- Mindfulness – participants aware of their personal needs and responsibility for wellness and health; decisions that shapes their attitudes and behaviour
- Social consciousness - participants able to identify social challenges, interventions and how to support each other.
- Human Rights Awareness & Understanding – participants know and understand their rights, constitutional rights and children's rights



The low level of education, reading and writing skills, and lack of conceptual and analytical skills slowed down the processes. We made sure that all participants comprehend the discussions and information shared.

Overall, the workshops were a big success. Participants requested follow-up workshops. They also requested workshops on children's rights at home, school and in the community; as well as dealing with problematic teenagers. Molo Songololo will continue to collaborate with GECO.

We also conducted educational sessions related to child rights for the following,

- DSD Metro north – 50-60 participants
- Delft Child Protection Forum – 20 participants



Awareness and Advocacy

Molo Songololo used different methods to create awareness about the rights of the child and highlight child rights violations, i.e.

- Produce and distribute leaflets and pamphlets
- Emailing partners organisation and stakeholder
- Social media postings - facebook
- Releasing statements to the media, responding to journalists' enquiries
- Conducting radio and TV interviews

Spots in the newspapers, on radio and TV reached hundreds of thousands of people. We also conduct public awareness drives with children and young people in local communities a specific child rights and protection issue. We targeted the local communities we work in.



Molo Songololo also took part in a number of child rights and protection forums on a national and provincial level advocating for children's rights and protection. They include the following forums;

- South African Human Rights Commission – Section 5 Committee
- The National and Provincial DSD Child Protection Forum
- Provincial Human Trafficking Forum
- DSD National - National Child Participation Framework

Awareness sessions were held with municipal workers in Beaufort West on child rights and protection. Similar workshops were held in Delft.



Awareness raising and empowerment

100 learners took part in our June 16 Youth Day event in collaboration with Young Urban Women initiative.



Participants engaged in gender specific buzz session on rights and responsibilities.



28 children took part in an awareness raising workshop on child sexual exploitation



Molo Songololo conducted a workshop with 40 children contracted by the Cape Cultural Collective on children's rights and responsibilities.



Fundraising activities

Molo Songololo have several annual fundraising activities that we conduct to raise funds and market the organisation.

Annual Molo Songololo Comedy Night at the Cape Town Comedy Club. This fundraiser takes place in March / April of every year. Board members, staff, friends and supported sell and buy tickets for a fund evening of comedy with lucky draw prizes.



Dignity for Girls - Annual Nelson Mandela Day Challenge – 100 Dignity Gift Bags in celebration of the 100 Centenary year of Madiba. Board members, staff, friends, family, partners, supported and companies donated sanitary pads and toiletries.



The first annual Molo Songololo Spring Bazaar took place in September. We mobilise board, staff, friends and supported to donate items, cakes and bakes which we sell on the day.



Annual Observatory Streetopia - A businesses and community street festival in which Molo Songololo participate. We do a street collection, information staff and have Open House at the Office. Board members, staff, friends and supported help us with this event. Festival goers donate. We are grateful for the support.



Dignity 4 Girls – Xmas Giving – This donation drive starts in November until mid-December when we have out the DIGNITY GIFT BAGS to our beneficiaries for the holidays. Individuals, companies, supported, families, board members and staff donate. We thank them all.



Funders and Contributors 2018 - 2019

We thank all those who made financial and other support to Molo Songololo. We are very grateful for the support. Without your support we will not be able to do what we do.



Angus Leendertz & Associates
Molo Songololo Australian
Support Group

We especially thank all those who regularly support our fundraising events. Those who attend our fundraiser and those who donate in cash and kind.

Our NGO networking partners



1. Trauma Centre for Survivors of Violence and Torture
2. Western Cape Child Protection Collaborative
3. Africa Unite
4. Homestead
5. Ilitha La Bantu
6. Early Learning Resource Unit
7. The Justice Desk
8. Etafeni Day Care Centre
9. Beautiful Gate South Africa
10. Cape Town Peace Centre
11. Inclusive Education South Africa
12. Child Welfare – Stellenbosch
13. Yizani Sakhe Organisation
14. Leliebloem Children's Home
15. Grassroots
16. Embrace Dignity
17. Disabled Children's Action Group - DICAG
18. Jelly Beanz
19. Down Syndrome South Africa
20. Hermanus Rainbow Trust - Parenting Worx
21. Action Volunteers Africa
22. Khululeka Grief Support
23. Valley Development Projects
24. Inclusive Education South Africa (IESA)
25. Western Cape Street Children's Forum (WCSCF)
26. Safeline
27. Network NPC Connect
28. Community Chest
29. Abigail Women's Movement
30. Living Hope
31. Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability (WCFID)
32. Empilweni Khayelitsha
33. Drakenstein Palliative Hospice
34. Cape Town Child Welfare Society
35. World Vision South Africa
36. Deaf-SA Western Cape
37. Nonceba
38. Wandisa Child Protection & Adoption Agency
39. United Sanctuary Against Abuse, Atlantis
40. The Parents Centre
41. Children Resource Centre
43. ACVV
44. The Bayakhanya Foundation NPC

We also work with many local, provincial and national government departments