

MOLO SONCOLOLO



Annual Report 2025

46 Years
Protecting
Children's
Rights

Registration

Molo Songololo is a registered, designated, compliant and trusted non-profit organization established to promote and protect the rights of children 46 years ago. The organization has the following compliant registration:

- **Department Social Development (DSD): NPO Directorate** - NPO No: 083-447
- **DSD Designated Child Protection Organisation** – Reg. No: C9329
- **Company's Act - CIPC Reg. No:** 1995/007290/08
- **South African Revenue Services** - VAT No: 4950182404
- **Public Benefit Organisation** – PBO No: 930023237
- **Section 18A Certificate:**

Contract Details: Main Office

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Chairpersons Comment

In the 2024/2025 cycle since our last Annual General Meeting, we have managed to receive funding from our long-term partner Department of Social Development, Western Cape and continue our relationship with the esteemed partner the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

Our board is more stable than it has been over the last four years, I sincerely thank them for their consistency, support and service to Molo:

- Mr Dale van der Berg our deputy chairperson.
- Ms Beverly Dankers our secretary.
- Mr Brad Eckersall our reasurer
- and Miss Zinziswa Voyiya who serves as an ordinary member.



Lastly, thank you to our director, office manager and operational staff for their dedication and management of our beautiful organisation. Solomons has taken personal financial risks and made personal sacrifices to keep the organisation afloat. Molo Songololo will always be indebted to Solomons dedication to the organisation.

The past 46-years of our organisation has weathered the storm. May prosperity find Molo Songololo. As my term comes to an end at this AGM, it has been an honour to serve you as the Chair of the Board. I confidently hand over the baton to Mr Dale van der Berg and wish him, the board and organisation every success. Be Present and Be Molo.

Currently, we are in the process of an application with the National Lotteries Commission. We thank our individual givers to our cause through money, gifts for raffles and volunteer services. With Patric Solomon, our director, at the helm, we have continued to deliver child protection, victim empowerment, advocacy and education programmes and services to children in our communities of Delft and Cape Town, Beaufort West and Atlantis.

Our resilience remains high. Solomon, our director has also made interventions with

- 46th Molo Songololo birthday fundraisers which raised close to R50,000,
- A Whiskey Tasting by Ernie van Zyl and Rudi Reagon that raised R20,000,
- The Open Bazaar and Streetopia raised R20,000,
- A SH'ZEN raffle sponsor by Natasha Moses raised close to R10,000 and
- Quiz Night raised about R20,000.

The Western Cape Culture and Sport has also awarded Molo with R89,000 for the *Lost Hope Breaking the Silence* Film Project.

We are grateful for these financial boosts and understand that without them we may not have made it this far. We are still in need of resource and financial needs with our moveable and fixed assets especially renovations the offices at Trill Road in Observatory, new printers for our offices around the province, vehicle maintenance and a new vehicle.

Director's Comment

Molo Songololo's public image and profile is in good standing. Many see the organisation as a trusted and reliable service provider, and defender of children and their right.

Molo Songololo has significantly impacted the lives of many children during the past year. The organisation, despite serious financial challenges, managed to sustain its essential support services for children in need of care and protection, their families; and have empowered children to improve their safety and wellbeing. This was only possible by the commitment and dedication of the staff and board who remained hopeful and optimistic.



Job security and staff wellness is a fundamental element to ensure a healthy organisation and work environment. Molo Songololo staff made various sacrifices to their personal financial security and that of their families; in the best interests of the children they serve. Their devotion is acknowledged and appreciated. I am thankful for their support.

As a non-profit child protection organisation, Molo Songololo must comply with legal registration, financial standards, governance, operational requirement, and good practice standard. I am please to report that Molo Songololo is in good standing with the Companies Intellectual Properties Commission, the Department of Social Development NPO Directorate, and the South Africa Revenue Services.

During the 2024-2025 financial year Molo Songololo's work in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft benefited over 10 000 children, through the following programmes: -

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

Molo Songololo, like many other non-profit organisations, have experience severe reduction in funding from its existing funders and donors in recent years. Although the organisation attracted new funding, it is not enough to improve its financial sustainability.

The new partnership with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, provided an opportunity to improve the safety of children, especially girl in the community of Delft. The Girl Power (against violence) Project, adopts a child participation approach and focus on the empowerment of: -

- girls to improve their safety at home school and in the community
- service providers to improve reporting and service delivery for children
- community members to safeguard children; especially girl.

Molo Songololo is an ideal corporate social responsibility partner. I appeal to funders and businesses to partner with Molo Songololo and amplify our work to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking in children. As a Public Benefit Organisation, Molo Songololo can issue Section 18 A certificates.

Molo Songololo Board & Staff

Molo Songololo is a small organisation with significant impact on the rights, care and protection of children. The operational team for this reporting year consists of 6 board members, and 9 staff members and over 12 trusted volunteers.

The Molo Songololo Board included the following:

- Chairperson: Ncebakasi Mnukwana
- Deputy Chairperson: Dayl van der Berg
- Treasurer: Brad Eckersall
- Secretary: Beverlyly Dankers
- Additional Member: Zinziswa Voyiya
- Ex-officio Member: Patric Solomons

Our Patrons
Matilda Vantura
Vernon Rose
Ntutu Mtana
Marion Jacobs

Maintaining good governance is a key priority for the organisation. This is accomplished through the fulfilment of board members' fiduciary responsibilities, and their support for the director and staff. Given the challenging and competitive funding environment, board members must be actively involved in resource mobilisation.

The staff component consists of management and operational project staff, part-time workers, volunteers and child participation. The core staff included: -

- Director: Patric Solomons
- Office Manager: Melda Davids
- Finance Manager: Nadeema Taliep
- VEP Manager: Fatima Patterson
- Media & Communications: Nikelo Makae
- Social Auxiliary Worker – Atlantis: Suzanne
- Social Auxiliary Worker – Delft: Vathiswa Sitole
- Social Auxiliary Worker – Beaufort West: Heilene Lottering
- Support Worker – Beaufort West:
- Child & Youth Facilitator: Chleo Johnson

Gratitude
A big thank
you to all the
volunteers!



Child Protection & Victim Empowerment

5000 plus children and 2000 plus adults was reached - This Programme aims to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation through prevention and early intervention strategies targeting children, parents and community members in the following areas:

- Atlantis and surrounding areas
- Beaufort West and surrounding areas
- Delft and surrounding areas.

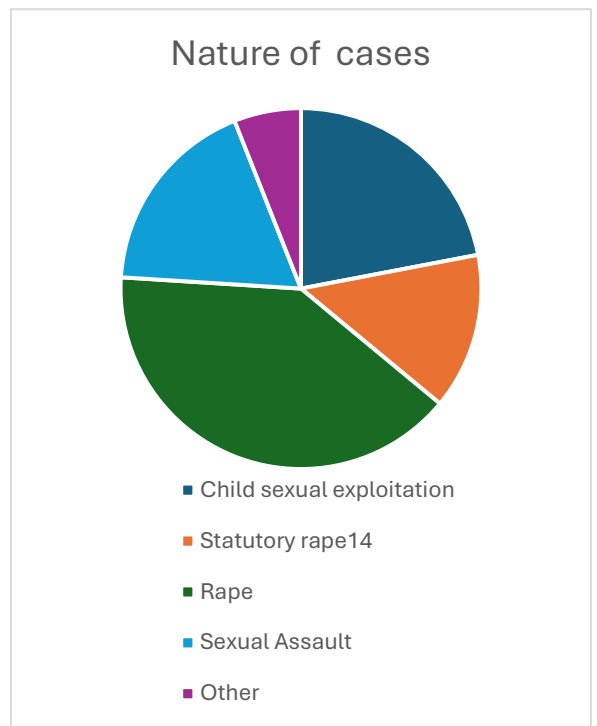
Child sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation and trafficking in children remain a major concern for Molo Songololo. During this reporting year Molo Songololo provided the following ongoing social services – assessments, counselling, therapeutic, empowerment; and ongoing support and monitoring to:

- 92 child victims and survivor and those at risk
- 89 parents of child victims and survivors, and those vulnerable and at risk

Public Education - The programme also conducts education sessions to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation and trafficking in person. During this reporting period we achieved the following: -

- 4 804 children took part in public education Sessions at schools and other public facilities.
- 1 287 parent / adults took part in public education sessions at clinics and other public facilities

Securing funding and operational resources for the programme is needed and must be priorities.



Dignity for Girls – PERIOD DIGNITY!

480 DIGNITY GIFT BAGS were made up and distributed to girls in August (Women's Month) and December (Summer holidays). Sanitary pads also made available at all 4 of our offices for girls who need them. These gift bags each contain 3 to 4-months' supply of the following products: -

- Sanitary pads and other sanitary products is available
- Basic Toiletries – facecloth, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, underarm, body spray and Vaseline.

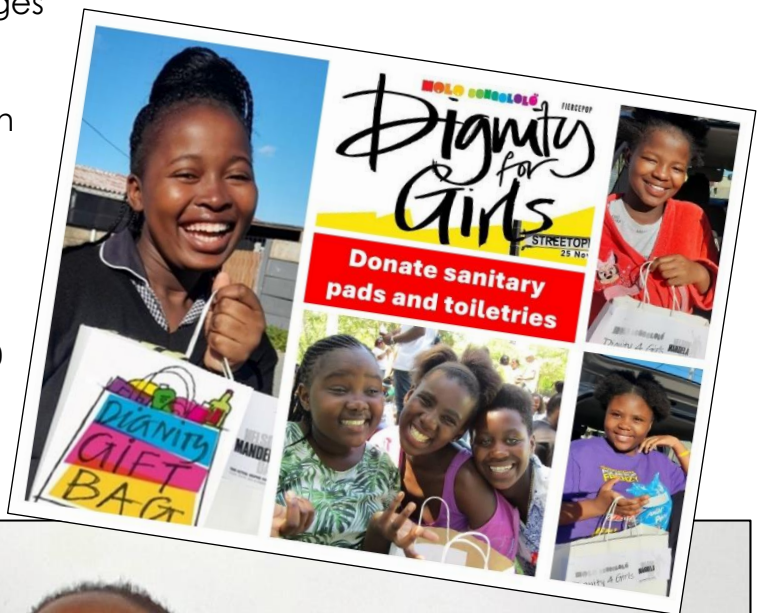
PERIOD DIGNITY - remains a major challenge for many of the girls Molo Songololo works with. Many of our beneficiaries and clients, due to poverty and lack of household income, do not have easy access to basic feminine and hygiene products to maintain dignity. This includes sanitary products.

#DIGNITY4GIRLS – donation drive. Twice a year, Molo Songololo conducts a donation drive calling on members of the public and supporters to donate in cash or kind, sanitary and toiletry products, to make up DIGNITY GIFT BAGS for girls in need. The #DIGNITY4GIRLS donations drives are conducted annually during:

- July – Nelson Mandela Day Challenges
- Nov / Dec – Christmas Giving

PUBLIC EDUCATION – 5 Public education Sessions were held for girls and boys on reproductive sexual health, rights and services and included education on menstruation.

AWARENESS RAISING MATERIAL – 10 000 copies were produced and distributed to girls and boys in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft.



Child & Youth Empowerment – It's Your Move

3000 plus children from aged 12 to 17 years benefited from this programme which aims to empower children and promote their active participation in decision-making processes. The school-based programme activities were held in Atlantis, Beaufort West and Delft included the following: -

- Consultation – to gauge children's views and include them in decision-makings
- Awareness raising sessions – inform children about issues that affect them
- Educational workshops – empower children with knowledge to improve their safety and make informed decisions.
- Community engagements – facilitate children's participation in community engagements.
- Law and policy reform – support children to take part in public participation processes.

The Molo Show – a weekly 2 hour talk radio show for children by children produced by Molo Songololo on Atlantis Community Radio reached over 10 000 listens every week.

Children are empowered with basic radio production skills and help to create, source and write up material for the show, and conduct interviews for the show.

The show also conducts public education to prevent and combat child sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking in children. This is done with children for children.

2400 children took part in our school holiday programmes focusing on fun educational activities.



Girl Power (against violence) Project

10 000 plus children, mainly girls, benefited from this project, which was supported by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, and aims to improve the safety of girls at home, in school and in the community. The Project targeted 5 high schools and 5 primary schools in Delft and engaged in the following activities: -

- Base-line survey to gauge the knowledge and lived experiences for participants.
- Consultations and community mapping exercise with participants
- Awareness raising sessions on reporting child abuse
- Educational workshops to empower children
- Establish and empower school-based learners support groups
- Leadership camps for girls
- Children's March for Peace and Safety
- Children's community campaign against violence
- End-line survey to gauge impact.

1000 adults – educators, parents and representatives of service providers took part in various activities to promote the safety and protection of children at home, school and in the community. The activities included

- Delft Childcare & Protection Forum
- Secretariate – D-CPF
- Educators Empowerment session
- Parents support workshops

20 000 copies of educational leaflets were produced and distributed to learners at 10 schools and in the local community.

The project will continue into the new year and will be in only 3 high schools and 5 primary schools in Delft South.



Girl Power Leadership Camp

73 girls from 10 schools in Delft took part in two 5-day overnight leadership camps held in March and July school-holidays respectively at the Princess Vlei Eco Centre in Heathfield. The camps were designed specifically to empower members of the Girl Power Learners Support Groups at the project targeted schools; 5 high schools and 5 primary schools.

Preparation work for the camp starts at least 3 months before to secure the venue, develop the programme and to nominate and select the campers. This includes developing the educational materials, securing the camp leaders and facilitators, administering the consent and indemnity forms and preparation of campers.

The girl power leadership camp was specifically designed for girls 12 to 17 years of age who are be part of the girl power project at their schools. The outcomes of the leadership camps were: -

- Improved understanding of the objectives of the Girl Power Project.
- Enhanced motivation and confident to tackle the activities of the Girl Power Project.
- Strong group identity, friendships and comradery among participants.
- Good self-awareness and self-image.
- Increased social and community awareness
- Understanding of rights and responsibilities
- Commitment to be a changemaker

The leadership camp provides an opportunity to work with children over 5 consecutive days and conduct in-depth discussions. It is an opportunity for campers to share, learn and grow together.

These impactful fund educational camps
Are live-changing experiences for children.
For many it's their first experience of a Molo Songololo.



Networking and partnerships

Molo Songololo regularly networks with a wide range of organisations concerned with children's needs, interests and rights on national, provincial, and local level. They include government and non-governmental organisations.

Our main government partners at national, provincial and local level are: -

- Department Social Development
- SAPS - FCS
- Department of Education - schools, principals and teachers
- Department of Health – Thutuzela Care
- Centres and clinics
- Municipalities and several other government services for children.

Many of the materials Molo Songololo use in our educational workshops with children and adults we source from national government departments.

Civil Society NGOs Molo Songololo collaborated with include the following: -

- National Child Rights Coalition
- Provincial NGO Networks and Child Rights
- Child Protection Forums
- NGOs like ACVV, Badisa, Safeline, Childline, and Justice Desk
- Community groups, schools and many other child and youth formations.

Molo Songololo's funding partners have been: -

- Department Social Development Western Cape
- The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
- Small donations from businesses
- Individual contributors and givers.

Molo Songololo's partnerships with communities are important. They help the organization to maintain relevance and keep up to date with community dynamics.



Gratitude and thank you!

Molo Songololo thanks all those who contributed to the work of the organization during this reporting year.

Molo Songololo has survived for 46 years. It has made various contributions to the development of the rights of children in South Africa; and amplifying the voices, needs interests of children. It has also directly impacted children individually for more than 4 decades.

Molo Songololo is committed to continue to work for and with children, to promote their needs, interests, rights, participation and protection.

Mobilising resources and accessing grant funds have become increasingly difficult. The organization must increase its capacity and priority to source appropriate funds to sustain its work.

Molo Songololo thanks all those who made contributions over the last year, especially those individual givers. Your contribution helps. We are grateful for the trust and confidence in our ability to manage and use the funds for what it was intended for.

Molo Songololo thank all the children and young people for their trust and cooperation. Children's active involvement in Molo Songololo's work defines the organization.

Molo Songololo Board and staff are grateful to the Department of Social Development, The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, and all our individual contributors for their financial support.



#BeMolo

Your support is always appreciated. Join the Molo Songololo family and help to sustain the work of the organization. Become part of the network of past, present and future contributors, supporters and followers.

Supporters & Followers

Your support and encouragement are most important. Get in touch, find out more about the work of Molo Songololo, and share information that is useful for the organization. Support our fundraisers and public activities.

Volunteers

If you have time and skills that will complement and strengthen our work, we would like to hear from you.

Donate – Once off or a regular monthly contribution

Cash or kind donations are always welcome. Every contribution helps. Big or small donations help to sustain the essential services Molo Songololo provides to children.

Raise funds for Molo Songololo

Use your birthday or organise a special event to raise funds for Molo Songololo amongst your family, friends and colleagues. Become a fundraiser for Molo Songololo.

Sponsor activities, resources or equipment

Make a financial or non-financial contribution to our programmes and activities. Donate or sponsor: -

- Refreshments or meals for workshops and camps,
- Stationary & materials for educational workshops and camps
- Sanatory pads and toiletries for our DINNITY GIFT BAGS for girls in need
- Second clothing, goods, cakes and bakes for our Open Day Bazaar
- Communication resources - cell phones, computers.
- Support our vehicle maintenance – petrol, service and wheel; etc.



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