

Programme Report: November 2025



Introduction

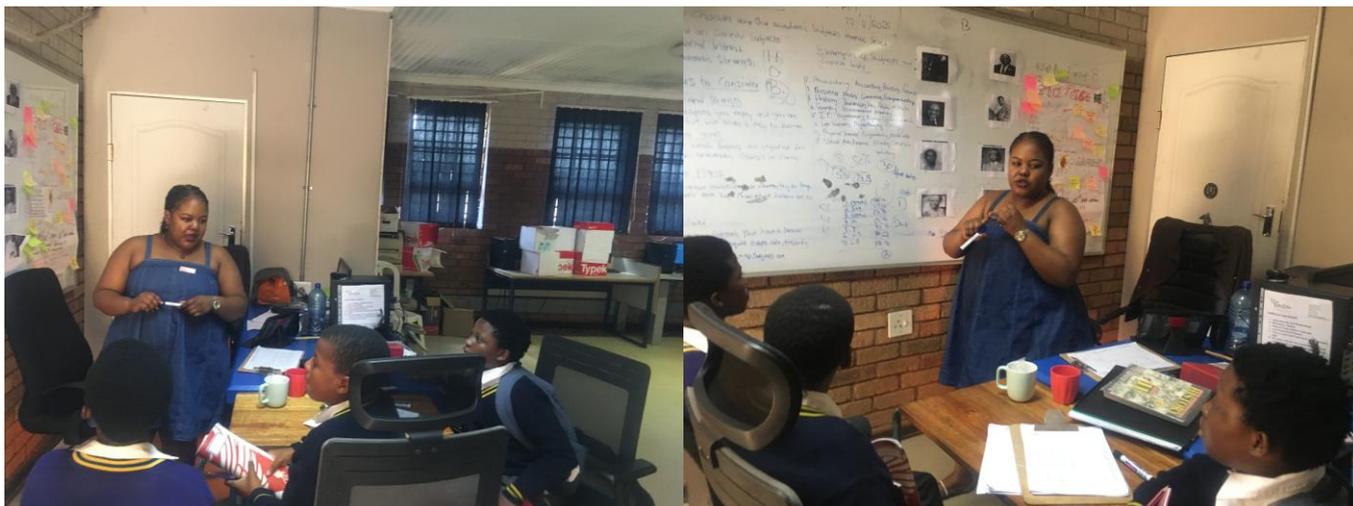
Our learning support activities were intense in November. Learners enrolled in huge numbers into our learning support programme. We also ran psychosocial support programmes for the learners who were overwhelmed by the year-end examinations. Our grade seven classes graduated. We began running transitional programmes assisting learners' transition effectively through to the next grades. Our grannies' support programme started with physical activities to keep them fit.

Learning support

Learning support activities intensified during the month of November. Learners, in primary and secondary schools, have been appealing for support with curriculum coaching to avert failure. YOSA staff have designed a programme that helps learners during breaktime and afterschool. Our mentors have time with small groups of learners as well as attending to individuals' learning needs.



Learning support and uniforms distribution for learners in YOSA programme



Small group curriculum coaching by YOSA staff

Psychosocial support

Our social workers were very busy with supporting learners who were overwhelmed with year-end examinations. Some learners who were experiencing parenting shortfalls relied on the social workers for support. Our staff engaged learners in many extracurricular activities to help them cope with daily challenges.



Social workers conducting activities with learners

Grade seven graduations

YOSA staff were actively involved in supporting grade seven graduations and running programmes to orient learners to high school. We prepared prizes for learners who participated in various activity areas including academic excellence, sports, behavioural and contribution to improving the teaching and learning environment.

The transition to high school is often difficult and confusing for most learners. We run programmes to help learners prepare for the challenges associated with high school environment. We prepare them to focus on education, providing them with coping mechanisms and guide them through long term support in our programme.





Grade seven graduation ceremonies

Grannies support programme

Grannies have been meeting every week for their sewing and knitting project. With the help of our staff the 18 grannies started combining productive work with physical activities to improve their mental health and physical well-being. They have just completed a worry gobbler-making project for YOSA. The grannies will close for the festive holiday during the first week of December.



Grannies going through the paces of physical activities

YOSA Wishlist

YOSA operates on very tight budget. We rely on our friends and well-wishers to provide for most of our needs. Our daily challenges include provisions of necessities for the young people we support. These include food, clothing and school uniforms. Some of them are living in child headed families where they struggle for daily food. Others are in grannies headed families where provisions are very limited as they survive on social grants. We also rely on partners to maintain our facilities.

One of our meeting rooms require painting to preserve the wooden structure. The roof is also leaking hence urgent repairs are required. Any support to preserve our structure will go a long way in meeting our programming needs. The updated costs for the repairs are R7,500.

The YOSA nutritional garden shed, and structure were destroyed by hailstorms. The nutritional garden is a valuable project for our programming. It provides meals for the children and some of the children living in child headed households, or with grandparents, take vegetables for consumption at home. The garden **plumbing also** requires enhancement to enable it to provide more vegetables. Any support to this project will contribute to YOSA food self-sufficiency. The updated costs for the repairs are R6,600.





Building requiring roof repairs and structural paint and the lacerated garden shed

YOSA support and motivation is helping vulnerable young people to study hard and qualify for university. Some of those who qualify for university do not have money for initial registration and basic preparations. YOSA is looking for partners to help meet the initial costs of registration and basic preparations for entry into universities for the young people who go through our programmes. Any second-hand gadgets (phones and laptops) will also be greatly appreciated to help set up the young people into tertiary institutions.

We support child headed families with food parcels. 15 of these families rely entirely on YOSA support. With additional support from our nutritional garden, we provide groceries of household basics worth R1500 each to last them two months. Any support or contribution towards provisions for our child headed families will be greatly appreciated.

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Conclusion

YOSA staff are confronted with preparations for end of year. We look forward to positive academic results for most of the young people in our programmes due to the time invested by staff in helping them to catch up with their studies. There is going to be a long holiday programme for about 100 young people in the Soweto community. Most of the young people rely on YOSA for their upkeep hence they will be provided with at least 3 meals a day.

