



Project report to stichting kwasa

Education centre report

From June 2015 to November 2015

The difference Kwasa's donation are making to the lives of the people living in Rural Eastern Cape, South Africa

INTRODUCTION

TransCape NPO is started in 2004 to work on the following vision; We are a connected community comprising of holistic, healthy and empowered individuals in an optimally developed and fairly managed sustainable environment.

Developing a community is starting by educate the people. To start with the preschool where kids from 4 until 6 years are learning a bit of English, math and motoric.

For the best students there is a scholarship program available. They get three years in high school and 1 year in university sponsored

In this report we want to update you about what happened in the time period from June 2015 to November 2015.

REPORT PRESCHOOL

Introduction

Since the project started in 2008, the preschool is running well with different amount of students every year. In 2015 we had 42 children enrolled to the program. Since this year we had some children in the age of three, they were ready to start schooling. Our children are well protected during the day because they are at school. Mdumbi preschool is operating with two teachers Nolutho and Nokubonga. If one of the teachers is absent due other duties Andisiwe comes to help out.



Term 3

The school was closed from the 26th of June and opened again on the 20th of July. We started the programme as usual. Some of the kids have forgotten to write the numbers and even their names, but as the time went they recover.

On the 24 we visited our local clinic with children for immunisation. The immunisation was for children with 5 years and below. Our Government is preventing measles and the children were also given worm tablets.

We have been assessing all the old children who are going to the formal school next year. In the assessment they are writing numbers and they name the alphabets and write them on a paper.

Our volunteers Jule and Pia left on 28 August and fortunately we got other two new nice volunteers Sophia and Andrea that are helping to those children that needs special needs and hands-on in the preschool.



Term 4

The school was closed from the 2nd of October until 12th of October. In the fourth term we did a lot of revision with children, especially those that are leaving.

On the 27th of October we had a meeting with parents about our graduation party. We also talked about the progress of their children. We agreed that the graduation will be held on the 26th of November. They divided themselves into groups; some were going to cook on the graduation day, others decorate the hall, others look after the children on that day.

The children have been practicing hard for the graduation party. Some children were selected to do traditional dancing. All together we sang two different songs in front of everybody, one in English and one in Xhosa. All the children who graduated introduced themselves and their family to the audience in English and talked about their career plan. It was not easy but as the time went on they were fine.

For the graduation we invited the headman, sub-headman, councillor and community. We also had visitors from Mthatha who were very impressed about the party. In total we had 19 graduates and we still have 23 kids who stay with us next year.

After the graduation we started to do interviews for new children. The interviews were from 30th of November until 1st of December. The children did a little assessment to see the motoric skills and the names of numbers and colours.

We admitted 21 new kids. We will have a total number of 44 children.



Government funding

We are far in the process to receive funding from Social development. The department has been visiting us a couple of times and they sound optimistic. Often they request papers which they need in Ngqeleni. Unfortunately it takes long before it is clear that funding will be available for our preschool. This is a common problem in the area with all preschools. We have good hope they will provide us with funding but in the same time nothing is sure at the moment. We keep working on their requests but this is not always enough.

Personal story

My name is Milani. My surname is Makaula. I am 5 years old. I am going to school to Mdumbi education centre. I like doing art activities; my face is always smiling when the teacher says we make something nice. One day we painted our face, that was my favourite lesson of the year. My mother said I had to take the paint of before I went to bed, I didn't like that. I wanted everybody to see my beautiful face the whole week.



REPORT AFTERSCHOOL

Since the afterschool closed down in June no children have been coming. TransCape is looking into the need of the children and low-cost solutions to offer a new program. Andisiwe has together with Andrea and Sophia (our volunteers this year) been interviewing children in the village. This is to figure out what educational needs they have. The main problem is math. To assist the children we are looking into opportunities for a computer based program. Currently we are seeing if Khan Academy will be working for the children. Except of computers, the volunteers will be able to help with questions and one local teacher can be available for translating if necessary. We do have to make a selection with grades will be accepted and how many children from each grade.

We are really excited about these steps and hope to start early 2016.

REPORT SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction

TransCape scholarship program gives the best students from Mankossi community an opportunity to get better education. Starting in grade 9 the student will be placed in a school in Mthatha, TransCape covers all the necessary costs. After TransCape helps to start a study, the second year of studying the student goes by him/herself. This project doesn't only help the student but the whole family since the student has higher changes in getting a good job later and support the family.

Esakhe Nono

Grade 11
St. Martin's high school

My name is Esakhe Nono, I am a grade 11 student at ST.Martins high school in Mthatha. In the last six months I have been overwhelmed by my school work since it doubled compared with last year. I have mainly difficulties with Math's literacy and economics. Because of such of challenges I had to involve myself to the study group which come

together four days a week to study Math's and economics. The challenge was not necessarily only facing to me on these subject but the other classmates were having similar challenges as me. I feel like those study groups have helped a lot because in the last exams I was not having as many difficulties as I expected. The exam preparation was super good because the teachers gave extra lessons in the mornings as effort to improve our performance and loosen the hardness of the examinations.



I am comfortable with being in the city now; this was a bit a problem in the beginning. Also the challenge I had by speaking in public in the classroom is improved. I have been very shy to speak English in the classroom and yet my verbal English is real improved.

I am well supported by TransCape scholarship project with all study needs like accommodation, food, school fees, school uniform, pocket money and parental support. I say to TransCape team and project donor thank you very much, without them I would not be studying.

Wow, I am so excited to pass grade 11, I am also so happy that I didn't disappoint my donor and TransCape team. Please see my grade 11 results bellow I have achieved this grade.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Descrip- tion level</u>	<u>Exam Mark</u>	<u>Final %</u>	<u>Grade Average %</u>
Economics (Gr11)	Moderate achievement	3	25	43	36
Accounting (Gr11)	Moderate achievement	3	40	40	36
Business Studies (Gr11)	Moderate achievement	3	31	49	36
Isixhosa Home Language (Gr11)	Substantial Achievement	4	56	55	51
Mathematical Literacy (Gr11)	Not achieved	1	25	25	31
English First Language (Gr11)	Moderate Achievement	3	44	45	41
Life Orientation (Gr 11)	Adequate Achievement	4		53	52
GENERAL COMMENT	Need to put more effort on maths			LEANER SCORE	310/700
				LEANER AVERAGE	44.29

Ntombizolile Siya

Grade 11

St. Martin's high school

My name is Ntombizolile Siya, I am grade 11 student at St. Martin's high school in Mthatha. This is my second year being TransCape scholarship student and before I was joining the afterschool enrichment program.

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the whole TransCape team and TransCape scholarship donors, those two organizations have introduced my life to the upper phase of life. I have been struggling to work out my future but as from I started to be part of TransCape projects beneficiary my life has real improved in all sorts of ways.



Grade 11 is a difficult year for most students. I am also struggling a bit but with all the faith you have in me I know I can do it. I need to put a lot of study hours in but that is definitely worth my future.

In the last six months math was really challenging for me and most of my classmates. We were really concerned about the final exam. In June we approached our math's teacher to request extra lessons. Our maths teacher agreed to provide extra classes once a week and we as students also decided to meet three days a week for one hour to help each other. We started those extra classes in July until our final examination.

I'm super happy with the fact that my results are being released and they are positive. The support that TransCape provide for me is incredible because it includes everything such as well conditioned accommodation, food, school fees, school uniform, studying material, pocket money and mutual support.

I am working hard enough to ensure that I don't disappoint TransCape family and its project donors. I am looking forward to do grade 12 next year, the last year before I start studying.

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Economics (Gr11)	Moderate achievement	3	25	43	36
Accounting (Gr11)	Moderate achievement	3	37	41	36
Business Studies (Gr11)	Elementary Achievement	2	11	33	36
Isixhosa Home Language (Gr11)	Substantial Achievement	4	58	55	51
Mathematical Literacy (Gr11)	Elementary Achievement	2	32	32	31
English First Language (Gr11)	Moderate Achievement	3	44	43	41
Life Orientation (Gr 11)	Substantial Achievement	4		57	52
GENERAL COMMENT	FAIR PERFORMED			LEANER SCORE	304/700
				LEANER AVERAGE	43.43



Musa Jampo

Grade 7
St Patricks Senior Secondary School

Dear donor, my name Musa Jampo, I have been studying at St Patricks Junior Secondary School and I just completed my grade seven final examination.

In the last six months I haven't experienced any new problem. I did had a little difficulties here and there when I was preparing my final exams and also during exams itself. Even though I had certain difficulties during my exam preparation, it does not change my confidence about my results. In fact I was

genuinely getting challenges in maths and I personal think it is getting tougher as I got to the up classes. However, I believe that is the matter of growing up to come across with such problems.

My final examination are not yet out, the school told me that the results will be only be ready to be out in January 2016. I am happy to send my results once they get out to my donors so that they can see how progressive I am academically.

I applied to do grade eight next year at St Johns College because this school has got good accommodation for the boys unlike St Patrick's junior secondary school. I got admitted at St Johns College to do my grade eight next year. I am very excited about this because St Johns is a good school with high quality of education and affordable rates.

TransCape has been looking after me very well since I became a beneficiary of the project. They provide me with good education, food, accommodation, school fees, school uniform and a mentor.

I thank everyone who contributes to my education. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Phatheka Siya

Human resource management
School name: Zamukulungisa

My name is Phatheka and my surname is Siya. I am doing human resource management at Walter Sisulu University in Mthatha called Zamukulungisa. I have been TransCape scholarship beneficiary for four years now because I started to study under TransCape scholarship project when I was doing grade ten and now I doing my first year in the university. Unfortunately this means I finished my scholarship contract with TransCape.

In the last six months my studies were just fine and I didn't get any problem regarding my subjects. I feel satisfactory with my studies because I'm doing what I want to do. However, I also have encountered a bit tough times because of the institution problems that are beyond my strength.



By those institution problems I mean strikes whereby the lecturers were demanding better salaries and they strike two months (July and August). The Other strike was in November 2015 and this strike was called 'fees must fall'. A lot of South African universities wanted to raise the school fees for next year but the students from all South African universities were total against this idea. They forced the universities to change this it saying that their government promised them free education and now how would education fees raise instead of dropping? Fortunately, government agreed to pay the certain percentage and also ordered the universities to not raising their fees. The strike problem was then ended.

The exams went very well but its pity that the results have not yet released, they will be only available by the end January 2016.

Accommodation was a bit problematic because I didn't own the room but had to squat to someone's room because my name has never appear to the list of the people who got rooms. Now in the room we were a large number of students and the room was too small. As result it is more difficult to study and sometimes food gets stolen. However, I got through the situation and managed to write exams in a satisfied way.

I have been treated very well by TransCape since the beginning of studying under TransCape wing. I'm very grateful to be this far in my study and I identify myself as one of the privileged girls with a very promising future.

Athabile Gebengani

Grade 10

St Martin's high school

My name is Athabile and my surname is Gebengani, I am turning 16 year old now and I'm grade 10 student at ST Martin's high school in Mthatha. I feel very grateful to be granted this opportunity to express how I feel with regards my studying progress and wonderful support that I get from TransCape and also from scholarship donors.



As 16 years old daughter also raised by a single parent and even such parent is finding way more difficult to get sufficient money to provide basic needs for her children. You can imagine how privileged I feel just to be identified as TransCape scholarship beneficiary. This project gives me all types of support. I thank you every participant who made this innovation in my life.

Yes, it was difficult in my grade 10 since everything was just new in my life like for instead being in the city, completely new class and high academic competition in the classroom. I picked up accounting and economics as most challenging learning areas and even June exams I didn't get that great results. I asked grade 12 student to assist me in both learning areas because I didn't have any better person that I am familiar with in grade 10. I am very happy to pass grade 10 this year although my results are not that good but I am looking forward to make better next year in grade 11. Please see my results bellow.

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Economics (Gr10)	Elementart Achievement	2	38	39	37
Accounting (Gr10)	Elementart Achievement	2	31	36	36
Business Studies (Gr10)	Moderate achievement	3	45	47	39
Isixhosa Home Language (Gr10)	Substantial Achievement	4	58	54	50
Mathematical Literacy (Gr10)	Elementart Achievement	2	30	33	31
English First Language (Gr10)	Moderate Achievement	3	50	47	41
Life Orientation (Gr 10)	Meritourious Achievement	6		72	54
GENERAL COMMENT	Try and push harder next year			LEANER SCORE	328/700
				LEANER AVERAGE	46.86

Nolutho Hlohla

Early childhood development level 5
Masikhule College

Dear donor, my name is Nolutho my surname Hlohla, I am studying at Masikhule Early childhood development. I am busy trying to complete level 5 course. I am doing a preschool training course and I'm very happy to do this course since I am Mdumbi pre-school head teacher it will improve my job. I decided to upgrades my level of education because I can see a lot of potential both in term of improving the standard education in Mdumbi preschool and opening more opportunities for me.



My studies contains eight modules, so far I have completed seven of them and now I'm busy with the last module that I am completing in December 2015. Next year I'll be doing level six.

I have not had many challenges because TransCape gives me enough time to go to attend. Although it is hard to combine a job and a study. I am very grateful to be given this opportunity by TransCape and scholarship donors, my education is improving a lot and the children of my community are getting better education at their early age.