



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF IMPACT

Our AGM on 11th September was a memorable occasion - what an inspiration!

After the AGM formalities were done, the celebration kicked off - led by songs and tributes and gifts and sharing. The Masikhule team thanks each and every one of the amazing ECD Principals and staff we work with for making this event a day to remember.

At the event we launched our video which tells the story of our 20 year journey! Our grateful thanks to the team at Tall Giraffe Video for this great production: [Watch here](#)

Herewith our Annual Report so that you can see what we achieved during the last financial year - all thanks to our donors, partners, supporters, volunteers and the amazing people we work with: [Read our Annual Report here.](#)



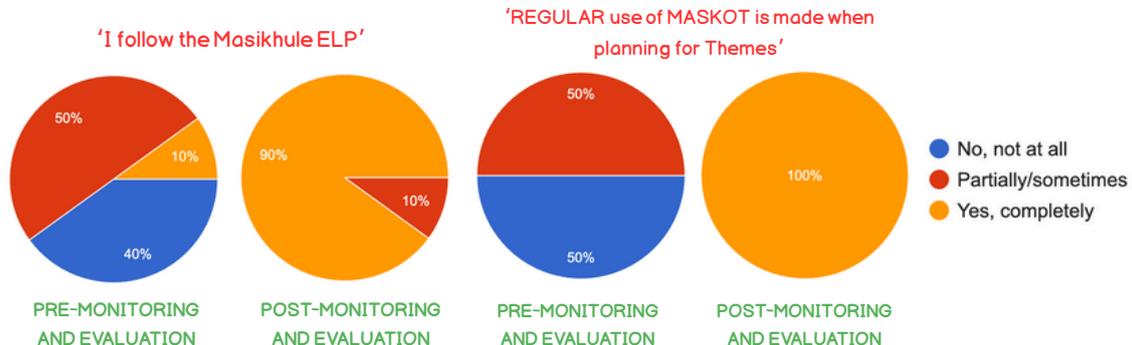
EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM TRAINING: ELP 0-3 and 3-5 years

20 ECD educators recently graduated after attending 5 months of intensive Foundation and ELP training, mentorship and resources.

Mentorship remains key to success and the support of the school principal was observed to be very important, and in this group, principals were hands-on and supportive, enabling teachers to implement the Early Learning Program (ELP) effectively and achieve positive developmental outcomes for the children. A key highlight this semester was seeing the difference from the first mentorship visit to the last. Teachers' implementation of the training in their daily routines became increasingly evident, and the guidance provided during mentorship visits resulted in meaningful changes in the classrooms.

We thank the Masikhule team who trained them, the donors who made this possible and the educators who have successfully been implementing this training over the past 5 months. With special thanks to the ILANGA Foundation, Kiewitfunds and Cheafrica.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M & E)



OTHER TRAINING OFFERINGS

★ MEETT (Masikhule Early Education Teacher Training)

Late August saw 27 enthusiastic attendees attending our second MEETT course this year - a 5-day training opportunity for teachers to better understand the principles of Early Childhood Development, how young children learn and the importance of multi-sensory learning to enhance holistic development. Thank you Phleta Foundation and S. De Wulf.

★ FIRST AID TRAINING

Thanks to the generous support of Lombard Insurance/Phleta Foundation and Hubert Fuhrmann, a total of 57 ECD staff (teachers and principals) and 3 Masikhule staff received essential First Aid training and certification in September. To further strengthen safety, each attendee also received a fully stocked First Aid Kit with essential items for their ECD Centres.

★ ELDAS

On 25th September the 20 educators attending our ELP training also attended ELDAS (Early Learning and Development Areas) training, thanks to Erinvale Eagles' donation. This full day of training covers a set of six organizing principles used in the South African National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for children aged birth to four to guide educators in planning and implementing learning opportunities that support the holistic development of young children.

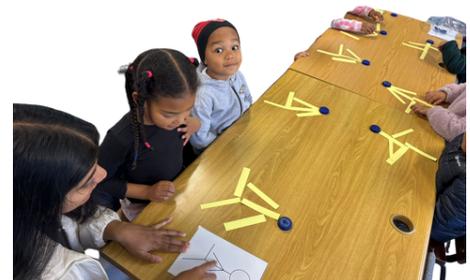
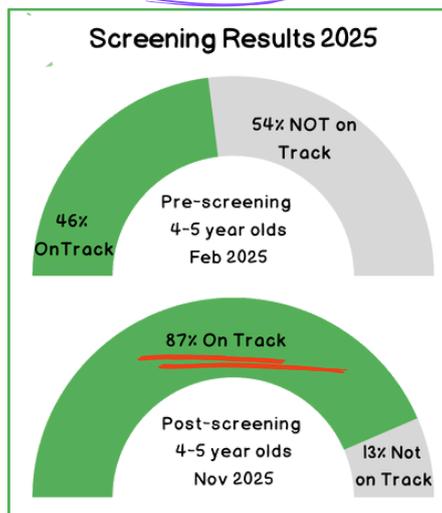
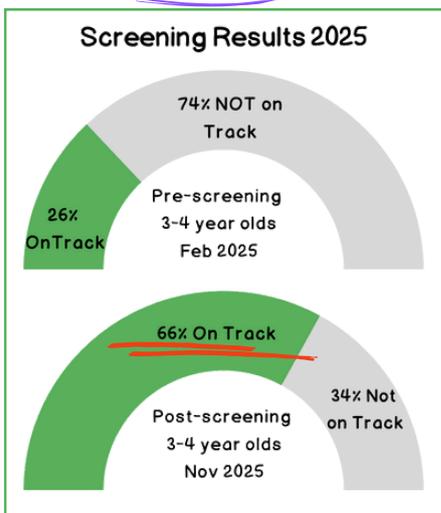


EARLY INTERVENTION AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Our Early Intervention pillar includes a combination of strategies - teacher training, early learning program implementation, online learning App support through MASKOT, OT screening and groups, mentorship and ECD resources. Post - screening results were again phenomenal with 66% of 3-4 year old's on track at the end of the year compared to only 26% at the beginning of the year. 87% of 4-5 year old group were found to be on track at the end of the year and more ready for the next stage of development and learning!

3-4 years

4-5 years



An important element of Masikhule's Early Intervention is group Occupational Therapy (OT) provided at ECD Centres. This further enhances the implementation of skills and guides implementation, providing educators with confidence and assisting them with keeping the children's development on track.

Over the year 50 visits were made to 5 ECD Centres and the last session included an end-of-year certificate handout, group photo, and verbal acknowledgment of each child's participation and progress throughout the year, fostering a positive sense of closure and achievement.

Thank you ILANGA Foundation for supporting our Early Intervention projects.

EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE LIBRARY (ELRL)

Our ELRL has continued to thrive and extend their services. There are now 62 active members (that is 62 ECD Centres receiving fortnightly resources!). We are grateful to the team who run the library, deliveries and collections so efficiently – in October, for example, there were 108 deliveries and collections!

Our huge thanks also to the amazing team of volunteers that assist regularly with the checking, cleaning and re-stocking of the theme bags to ensure each one going out to an ECD Centre is just right!



EARLY NUTRITION

We partner with StartWell Foundation for their nutritious, multi-whole grain, high protein, low sugar porridge and with Pebbles Project Kitchen for their nourishing pre-cooked meals.

Our grateful thanks to Upside Trust (for funding MasiPAP project) and Golden Sunbeams who contribute to the Pebbles meals – you are making a meaningful difference!

From July to December:



45 ECD Centres



+2200 children



9312 kg porridge



31610 cooked lunch meals



OTHER NEWS

EERSTE RIVER RADIO

First Tuesdays with Tannie "M" (Maryke Plaatjies) – a wonderful opportunity to share play and stimulation ideas to their followers.



FUNDRAISING

Thank you to our marathon runners and open water swimmers for taking up the challenge and raising vital funds for Masikhule. You are champions!



SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 10 420 books from Book Dash for 3400 children to take home
- 450 books from Siyazana for our Reading Corners.
- 20 Junior Book Nooks installed.
- 53 Bag hook racks installed at 13 ECD Centres.



The Season of Giving

Download the Woolworth App. Click on the My Loyalty Tab and choose

- ★ MASIKHULE as your cause. Present your virtual card (on cellphone) when you shop – it costs you nothing but means the world to us! [Sign up here](#)

We have partnered with Relate Bracelets for the past 10

- ★ years! Please support Masikhule as well as Relate Bracelets and the Gogos who make them: [Order Bracelets](#)



Thank you for your support and partnership throughout the year.

Wishing you a restful break and a renewed start to the year ahead.

From all of us at Masikhule.

