

# MASIKHULE

*we are growing*



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This year has begun on a high note, filled with energy and meaningful activity. We remain deeply committed to making a lasting impact within the marginalized ECD sector in the Helderberg, while also expanding our Early Learning Programs (ELP) to other communities through our open-source app, MASKOT. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, supporters, and partners whose continued trust and generosity make this work possible. Herewith some updates from the first three months:



## TRAINING

### FOUNDATION TRAINING AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)

20 Educators are part of our ELP program for the first semester. Educators for the 3 - 5's and the 1 – 3 year-olds started with our 5-day Foundation Training Program in late January, receiving valuable resources for their ECD Centres. The 2 separate groups continue to receive fortnightly training, along with ELP resources and regular mentorship. This training strengthens the capacity of ECD educators through practical, hands-on learning and by equipping teachers with essential knowledge and tools, the training supports the delivery of quality early learning experiences that enable young children to thrive. The combined group also attended our interactive ELDAS training - ensuring their ELPs are aligned with the state's National Curriculum Framework (NCF).

## EARLY INTERVENTION



Our Early Intervention pillar focuses on strengthening early childhood development through a structured holistic early learning program, teacher training, mentorship, and targeted support within ECD centres.

This term 103 children across 3 ECD centres have been pre-screened by an OT, allowing for early identification of developmental and learning barriers, as well as to measure the impact of Masikhule's ELP once teachers have been trained to implement it. In addition, 5 ECD centres are receiving monthly OT group sessions, which have been progressing well, with children showing positive adaptation and engagement.

OT activities are shared on MASKOT so that everyone can access these activities, understand what areas of development they are addressing and why.

**House & Roof Matching**  
Match the roof to the house  
- match colour, shape or number.



**For number concept:**

- Count the dots and stars out loud
- Trace over the numbers with their finger
- Draw the numbers in the air using big arm movements.

MASKOT OT for ECD MASIKHULE



## RESOURCES

### MAPP - MOVEMENT AND PLAY PROJECT 2026 A COMBINED ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND MASIKHULE PROJECT

A basic need for all children is to have the opportunity to play outside in a safe and stimulating environment. Many of the ECD Centres we work with have no dedicated and safe play spaces for young children to enjoy.

With sincere gratitude to our amazing donors, our MAPP project addresses this need in a sustainable way.

Fourteen ECD Centres recently received jungle gyms with each installation involving site visits to ascertain appropriate space, what size jungle gym, site preparation, installation and clean-up. Step 2 of MAPP will entail 45 ECD centres receiving training and well-considered Gross Motor Kits to ensure understanding of the importance for children's development, and the specific early learning skills each item supports.



BEFORE INSTALLATION → AFTER INSTALLATION

Our grateful thanks go to:

Rotary Club Schwarmstedt Aller-Leine-Tal (Germany)

Rotary District 1800 (Germany)

Rotary Club Helderberg Sunrise (South Africa)

## REGISTRATION E-CARES

The Masikhule Registration Team provides registration support to 54 ECD Centres in Sir Lowry's Pass, Chris Nissan Park and Somerset West on behalf of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED). This registration is a requirement for any ECD Centre where more than 6 children under the age of 6 years are being cared for. This registration is done through the online digital platform eCares, the official system used nationally to register ECD centers, submit registration applications and track compliance.

This term we had a productive Registration Workshop with two of these areas - Sir Lowry's Pass and Chris Nissan Park.

Each Principal received a file with templates of the required documents, followed by a thorough step-by-step explanation of the process and a practical demonstration on how to upload documents onto the system. They left feeling more confident about navigating the online registration process.



*Amanda Bangani (Masikhule Auxiliary Social Worker)  
with Abrameshia Abrahams, principal of Hope and  
Light Preschool in Sir Lowry's Pass.*

OTHER  
MEDIA  
NPO CONNECTING

We are grateful for the wide media exposure we have had, including a regular radio slot - First Tuesdays with *Tannie M on Radio Eersteriver*.

We featured on the *Woolies MyDifference App* for the month of March 2026.

Thank you to *Good Things Guy* for the two write-ups and to the *Bolander* for a feature on our Founding Director.

Radio Helderberg is committed to sharing community news and we are grateful for the two interviews conducted in March.

Take a look (listen) at these:

<https://www.goodthingsguy.com/lifestyle/masikhule-empowers-teachers/>

<https://www.goodthingsguy.com/lifestyle/masikhule-no-child-left-behind/>

<https://masikhule.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/masikhule-interview.wav>

<https://masikhule.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Community-Builders-23-March-2026.wav>

<https://bolanderlifestyle.co.za/news/2026-03-06-the-impact-of-lanne-keet-on-helderbergs-early-childhood-development-centres/>



Two of our team attended the NPO Connecting Meeting held in February in Strand. This was a great opportunity to interact, network and learn more about the work of other NPOs in the Helderberg area.



Reminder that Woolworths has officially moved from the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet program to the new MyDifference program. As part of this change, you'll need to **re-select Masikhule** as your chosen cause in the Woolies app to ensure we continue receiving valuable contributions.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Update your Woolworths App to the latest version via your app store
2. Select Causes
3. Search for Masikhule
4. Tap to confirm your selection
5. Scan your barcode every time you shop at Woolies

These contributions add up and help us continue supporting ECD centres, their principals, educators and children.



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