

MASIKHULE

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Halfway through 2026 – and what a wonderful year it has been so far. We have been really busy and are so grateful to the donors and partners that make our work possible. Please have a look at what we've been up to during this last quarter:

MAPP (MOVEMENT AND PURPOSEFUL PLAY) A COMBINED ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND MASIKHULE PROJECT PHASE 2 AND 3



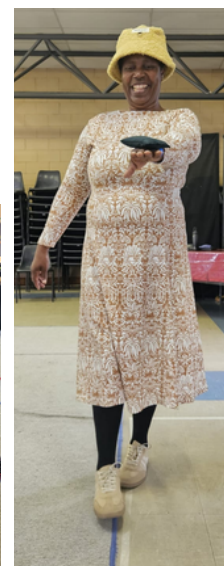
Phase 1 was the installation of fantastic jungle gyms at **14 ECD Centres**.

In May, Phase 2 comprised of our MAPP training with 48 ECD educators and focused on how gross motor development supports fine motor skills, school readiness, confidence, and participation in the classroom.

Attendees explored practical activities using the Gross Motor Kits that each ECD Centre received and learned how purposeful movement can support children's development through everyday play. Activities focused on improving gross motor skills, supporting posture, core strength, and school readiness skills.

Phase 3 took place during June and comprised mentorship visits to the ECD Centres to ensure implementation and optimal use of the kits and equipment received. Our grateful thanks to the following donors who made this project possible:

- Rotary Club Schwarmstedt Aller-Leine-Tal (Germany)
- Rotary District 1800 (Germany)
- Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club (South Africa)



M.E.E.T.T. MASIKHULE EARLY EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING

In April we ran a very successful 5-day MEETT course. This is an opportunity for ECD educators to better understand the principles of Early Childhood Development, how young children learn and the importance of multi-sensory learning to enhance holistic development. It also introduced attendees to the Masikhule Early Learning Program and our open-source App - MASKOT.

Practical sessions included gross motor play, creating basic concept play resources using waste and creative art methods.



Thank you to our team, the attendees and especially to our funders – the Phleta Foundation.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP)

20 ECD educators have been attending our 1-3 and 3-5 years ELP training every fortnight this semester. This includes training, resource kits, theme bags and mentorship throughout.

In June we celebrated the graduation of those who completed our ELP training program. The graduation was a joyous occasion and we thank the Masikhule team who trained them and the women who have successfully been implementing this training.



Our grateful thanks also to the donors who made this possible:

ELP 3 – 5 funded by ILANGA Foundation
ELP 1 - 3 funded by Phleta Foundation and thanks to Cheafrica for funding junior book racks for the ECD Centres attending our ELP 1-3 training this semester.

MASKOT

MASKOT HAS CROSSED BORDERS!

Anne Pedersen - one of our ECD facilitators – was invited to train a group of ladies to implement the Masikhule Early Learning Program in rural Zambia. Training, focusing on the 0-3 year group, took place over a period of five days in April, after which the ladies proudly received their certificates at a Celebration Ceremony.

Anne said "The course was very well received and the beneficiaries were most appreciative of the manuals and resources donated by Masikhule. It was most rewarding to see the ladies applying skills that they had learnt with their own children."

It is most encouraging to hear that the weekly Moms & Tots Playgroup is having a positive impact within this community in Zambia.



NUTRITION

On 17th June Shijham Majiedt attended the Startwell's Raising Superheroes Workshop where they "unpacked what it means to nourish with purpose. Animal sourced foods and vegetables are not extras, they are the foundation of a growing child's brain and body."

Thanks to our amazing donor, Upside Trust we are able to ensure over 2 100 children aged 6 months to 6 years receive their nutritious, balanced breakfast cereal every morning at school.



MANDELA DAY CAST ON 4 KIDS

We always look forward to celebrating Mandela Day and Cast On 4 Kids in July. This year we are collecting bears, knitted play balls, beanies and blankets.

See you on 17th July!



Note: If you are making blankets please aim for squares of 150 x 150mm. If you are able to stitch the squares up to make a blanket, the suggested size is 1.05 x 1.2m. Small fleece blankets and beanies are also very welcome – much easier to wash and dry!

MEDIA

If you missed these interviews we hope you will enjoy them!

Community Builders on HelderbergFM with Marilize du Plessis of HelderbergFM
[Listen here: 1](#)

[Listen here: 2](#)

Story Time with Tannie M on Radio Eersteriver
[Watch Here](#)



AGM

SAVE THE DATE

We look forward to you joining us for our AGM on 10th September from 14h30 to 16h00 at Urban Voice Church in Somerset West. We will send details out closer to the time.

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