



HILLCREST AIDS CENTRE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

COLLIDING PANDEMICS:
Tackling HIV in the context
of COVID-19





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WHO WE ARE

As one of the first NGO's in South Africa to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT) has established a reputation for making a significant and meaningful difference in the lives of those infected and affected by the disease. Founded in 1990 as a ministry of the Hillcrest Methodist Church, HACT is dedicated to saving and transforming lives.

While our work and services continue to grow throughout KwaZulu-Natal, we primarily focus on serving the semi-rural and vulnerable communities of the Valley of 1000 Hills region of KwaZulu-Natal, one of the epicentres of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic with HIV-infection rates of up to 40% -almost double the national average of 20.4% (South African National AIDS Council).

HACT is a registered Non Profit and Public Benefit organisation in South Africa. We are governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees who bring with them extensive expertise from the medical, corporate, community development and NGO sectors. Our team consists of over 80 paid staff and 20 unpaid volunteers. HACT works with a wide range of local and international donors and partners every year to deliver its life-saving and life-changing projects and services.

OUR MISSION

HACT's mission is to provide **unconditional love and hope** to all those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

OUR VISION

HACT's vision is an **AIDS-free future for all**.

OUR VALUES

Passion:

To serve with passion, energy and commitment, always acknowledging the privilege it is to be helping others.

Faith:

Seeking to do as Jesus would do: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV John 13:34-35.

Integrity:

The message and the messenger must be the same, we must practice what we preach and be honest in all things.

'Ubuntu':

'I am because you are' – being community driven and constantly aware that our actions impact on those around us, and that the sum is always better than the parts.

Empowerment:

Committed to enabling people to take ownership of their lives through practical and sustainable solutions.



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WHAT WE DO

HACT adopts a **holistic** and family-centric approach to tackling HIV and AIDS, striving at all times to deliver **practical, sustainable** and **community-led** projects and services which are strategically designed to address the needs and service-gaps identified by and alongside the local communities we serve. Collectively our projects and services directly impact the lives of over **13 000** people every year, the majority of whom are women, orphaned & vulnerable children and young people.

Our Key Focus Areas:

1. HEALTHCARE

HACT offers holistic and comprehensive healthcare services to vulnerable individuals, families and communities which align with South Africa's National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS, TB & STI's. These services, which include; HIV testing, TB & STI screening, home-based and inpatient care for those living with HIV and or suffering from advanced stages of AIDS as well as adherence counselling and ART treatment literacy, are strategically designed to address healthcare access inequality whilst saving lives and promoting dignity and compassion for those living with HIV.

2. HIV PREVENTION & EDUCATION

HACT is committed to delivering age-appropriate, evidence-based HIV prevention programmes which are proven to reduce new infections as well as inspire and mobilize healthy living advocates. With gender-based violence being one of the key factors contributing to the high incidence of HIV infection amongst adolescent girls and young women across Sub-Saharan Africa, HACT is also committed to delivering HIV prevention

programmes which actively address harmful gender norms and stereotypes in an effort to promote gender equality.

3. HIV SUPPORT & FAMILY STRENGTHENING

HACT provides targeted psychosocial support to vulnerable and at-risk groups including orphaned and vulnerable children and youth as well as grandmothers caring for such children. Through our pioneering HIV support and family strengthening programming which focus on improving child and parent/caregiver relationships and building sustainable support structures at a household and community level we are able to build the capacity and resilience of both those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

4. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

HACT's award-winning economic empowerment projects help to create brighter futures for HIV impacted individuals, families and communities through practical and innovative skills development and training opportunities which bring about sustainable job creation and poverty alleviation.

By focussing our work in these four crucial areas which align with local and national strategic plans as well as the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, our team is able to uplift and empower those most vulnerable and at risk within our local, high burden communities. Through hard work, determination and a relentless passion to change the status quo, we believe our projects and services are helping to move South Africa ever closer to achieving epidemic control and ultimately our long-standing vision of an AIDS-free future for all.



PHOTOGRAPHER
Rebekka Stredwick

CEO'S REPORT



Responding to COVID-19: Learning in the Journey

We started 2020 with great excitement, looking forward to celebrating HACT's 30th anniversary year. With the commemorative date of World AIDS Day (01 Dec) in mind, we were all set to look back at our Centre's journey which started in 1990, when a small group of pioneering visionaries officially launched HACT and in so doing, made a passionate statement about the local faith community intentionally responding to this emerging, and poorly understood pandemic called "HIV/AIDS".

However, 2020 will sadly not be remembered for HACT's 30th anniversary celebrations. Rather, this year will be remembered for the new pandemic called COVID-19. Mere days before HACT's 2020/21 financial year began, South Africa declared a state of national disaster and entered a hard lockdown in response to this new virus which was shaking the world.

Almost overnight, "lockdown", "social distancing" and "symptom screening" became our new vocabulary as the whole country grappled with navigating these new realities and the pending impact of the lockdown restrictions on our daily lives and of course, our already fragile

economy. Here at HACT, our focus immediately pivoted from anniversary celebrations to commemorating this special milestone in a new way; by drawing on our team's **30 years' experience in responding to global health pandemics**, which is after all, deeply embedded in our organisational DNA.

From the UNAIDS' global targets of 95-95-95 and our contribution towards South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB & STIs, we changed our focus to asking ourselves the critical question, **"How best can we respond to the needs of our local communities which we know are already disproportionately vulnerable to and impacted by high levels of poverty, unemployment, and of course, HIV and AIDS?"**

Our answer was to rally together with a renewed sense of purpose and urgency, adapting our existing projects and essential services, whilst mobilizing HACT's wide network of local and international partners to bring relief from the critical food shortages, mounting job losses and unprecedented surge in gender-based violence so many of our local beneficiaries were experiencing.

Looking back on this tumultuous year, I remain so incredibly proud and humbled by the extraordinary commitment, focus and tenacity each and every member of our team has shown, even coming together to dance the "Jerusalem" in August in a vibrant display of the resilient spirit which exists here at HACT. There was no 'rule-book' to guide us, however HACT's history, culture and values enabled us to forge ahead and continue doing what HACT does best, offering practical love in action to those most in need.

We remain deeply thankful to our community of partners and supporters who walked this journey with us over a very challenging and unprecedented year and look forward to continuing HACT's legacy of unconditional love and hope.

Blessings,

Candace Davidson
CEO

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The best things in life happen unexpectedly, the best stories begun with "and all of a sudden..." The best adventures were never planned as they turned out to be."

Author unknown

Just typing those numbers, "2020" fills one with many thoughts and feelings. A year so very different from anything we could have ever expected! HACT entered its 30th anniversary year, ready to celebrate and move forward in exciting new ways. Little could anyone of us imagine the meaning, IN NEW WAYS! And yet, as 2020 progressed, the 'new norm', continued to be fashioned, formed, tested and reformed as we all adapted to a future with COVID-19.

Over the past year, our Board has been awed time and time again by the brave and fearless stance that HACT has taken in the face of this emerging epidemic and its far reaching impact on the communities we serve. And yet, perhaps this shouldn't come as any surprise, given our team's wealth of experience in responding to global health pandemics!

From the initial dark days of March and April 2020, our Respite Unit's beacon of hope burned brighter than ever before under the tenacious leadership of HACT's Chairlady, Sister Julie Hornby and long-serving Board member, Dr Stephen Carpenter. Under their tenacious leadership, our deeply committed team of nurses and caregivers refused to give up on our patients and sacrificed much to ensure the doors to our Unit remained open.

Similarly, HACT's CEO, Candace Davidson has risen to the challenge, boldly leading her team through uncharted waters. Her creative and insightful leadership in the face of such enormous challenges, has enabled each member of HACT's staff team to support the work and ministry of the Centre in a way that truly makes me proud.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank John Lund for his many years of service to HACT as he prepares to undertake his retirement in 2021. John's steadfast support and enthusiasm for the Centre is going to be sorely missed.

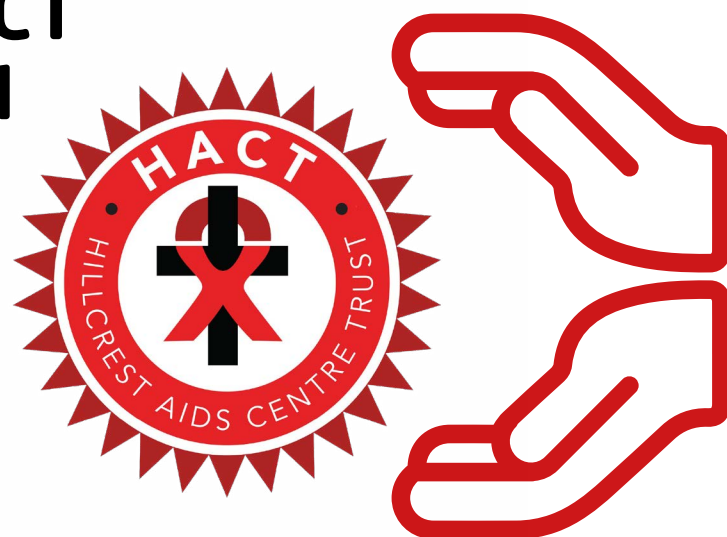
Personally, I have never been prouder to be part of this amazing organization and all our project leaders. I remain inspired by the tenacity of its hardworking team and grateful to the many funders who have stood by the Centre and supported its mission and vision. If anything, 2020 has proven just how crucial HACT's role and work continues to be within our community and how, 30 years' in, its work is far from done.

A massive THANK YOU to HACT's staff, volunteers, donors and supporters! May God continue to use HACT as we continue forward.

Yours in this incredible work.

Rev. Peter Butterworth
Vice-Chair, HACT Board of Trustees

OUR IMPACT 2020/2021



86

patients were admitted to the Respite Unit



53%

of patients were discharged

47%

of patients passed away with dignity and respect

3807

orphaned and vulnerable children & youth (OVCY) aged 0-17 years were enrolled and provided with supportive services including



206

HIV positive OVCY

3837

adults and

4230

children directly benefitted from



720

girls & young women aged 10-17 years were empowered with self-defence skills through IMpower



534

parents/caregivers of OVCY linked to care and support services



193

adults and



9

children were tested for HIV and those who tested positive were linked to care

1000



OVCY aged 6-13 years were educated on COVID-19 through a 16-page educational activity booklet developed and translated by HACT's team into isiZulu

7



staff were employed through our Izingadi Zethemba Plant Nursery and facilities services enabling them to financially support themselves and their families

40

people were economically empowered by selling donated clothing through our Clothing Scheme



350



crafters received a sustainable living wage through Woza Moya

1500



crafters received market access through Woza Moya

10



received a sustainable living wage through producing over 10 000 re-usable fabric face masks for HACT's staff, beneficiaries and the general public

More than

2000

grandmothers from

6813

gogo support groups across



communities were supported and empowered through our Gogo (Granny) Support Groups programme

40

gogos & 40 mkhulus completed HACT's 6-week Parenting Skills & Children's Rights training course



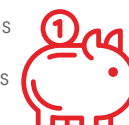
20

gogos learnt how to start and grow their income-generating businesses through HACT's Basic Business Skills training course



28

gogo support groups established savings clubs through HACT's partnership with Siyakhula Sonke



40

gogos learned how to sew through HACT's 6-month Sewing & Dressmaking training course



240

home gardens and

33

community gardens provided food security for over

800

gogos and

2500

orphaned and vulnerable children



10000

vulnerable grandmothers living in the remotest areas of the Valley of 1000 Hills benefitted from a comprehensive IEC campaign which focussed on: COVID-19 education & infection control, gender-based violence and mental health & wellbeing



45



High school learners participated in Gender-based Violence (GBV) mock final

138



Grade 5-7 learners from six rural communities in the Valley of 1000 Hills were equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make positive and informed choices about their health and futures

160



Peer Educators received intensive training, mentorship and support from HACT's Peer Education Facilitators

1000



Grade 7-12 learners across 3 rural high schools benefitted from 14 peer-led education lessons and awareness events

800



Grade 11 & 12 learners from 8 rural high schools received career guidance and assistance with bursary applications through HACT's Career Expos

27



peer educators' parents/caregivers were equipped with improved financial literacy skills through attending 1-day Financial Literacy training workshops.

33



out-of-school, unemployed youth provided with skills training and on-the-job work experience placements

RESPITE UNIT REPORT

For over a decade, our 24-bed Respite Unit has provided palliative care to adults and children in advanced stages of AIDS and cancer, as well as respite care for those suffering from severe opportunistic infections and or who have defaulted and need to be re-initiated onto ART. Known locally as "Othandweni", the Unit is truly a "place of love" where patients in need can receive quality care and treatment by our caring and compassionate team of highly experienced staff.

At the end of March 2020, South Africa entered a state of national disaster and went into a strict lockdown in response to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. While some other local hospices chose to close their inpatient units due to the significant risk COVID-19 posed to their staff and high risk patients, our team was determined to stay open and continue serving our patients who needed us more than ever in the face of the increased pressure on public hospitals and other facilities.

Embracing HACT's ethos of unconditional love for all, we immediately implemented a series of strict new protocols to safeguard the health and safety of our staff and patients in an effort to keep the doors to our Unit open for as long as possible.

All new patients were therefore required to have a COVID-19 test prior to admission, a costly and time-consuming, yet essential exercise. Staff travelling to and from work posed a significant risk of being infected. Hence, we asked staff to stay on the premises for the duration of their 7 day shift and in true HACT fashion, they all did not hesitate. Our onsite Training Centre was converted into a dormitory and meals were prepared on site for the staff.

At the end of a 7 day shift HACT then transported the staff home and collected the new staff. Anything we could do to minimize the risk of infection was done, including shopping for the Unit's groceries at 5am when the shops were quietest!

Due to geographic locations of some staff members, our drivers were having to collect some staff members at 4am in order to ensure they could start their shift on time. This commitment to our patients and indeed our organisation is testament to the character of the people employed in our Unit and why it has become known to so many as a beacon of hope.

While we did have staff members who tested positive with community-acquired infections during both the first and second wave of infections, our strict screening procedures and stringent protocols ensured that all infections were caught early and contained. As a result, we have not had any patients contract COVID-19 whilst in our Respite Unit. Over the past year, our oncology-related referrals from other hospices and also from local hospitals for both inpatient care and home-based care have also increased.

Three of our nurses, Sister Sphe Gamede, Staff Nurse Ncamicile Majozi and Staff Nurse Londi Ngubane all completed the palliative nursing care course offered by HPCSA under challenging conditions having to do remote learning. Well done to all three of them. In February 2021, Sister Julie Hornby also enrolled for the online palliative care course at the University of Cape Town.

Suffice to say, it has been a challenging year for our Unit's staff and yet one that has undoubtedly demonstrated their true strength of character and commitment to their work. We pray for an end to the pandemic which has had such a devastating impact on so many families.

OUR RESPITE UNIT IN ACTION:

86

patients were admitted to the Respite Unit



46

[53%]
patients were discharged

42

[47%]
patients passed away with dignity in a loving environment

66

Patients received adherence counselling from HACT's trained counsellors



154

Clinic visits for monthly ART collection were conducted for / on behalf of patients



169

Hospital visits were conducted for tests and or further treatment / care



"We can't heal the world today, but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love and an act of kindness."

Mary Davis

PHOTOGRAPHER
Claire Hodgkinson



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Claire Hodgkinson

NONTE'S STORY

34 year-old, Nonte spent her last six months' of life being cared for in HACT's Respite Unit. A friendly and outgoing young woman with a hauntingly beautiful smile, Nonte should have been in the prime of her life, but sadly, after years of sickness and ill health, her frail body could no longer match her spirit.*

By her own admission, Nonte had only herself to blame for neglecting her health. However, she bravely chose to acknowledge and accept this and to use what little time she had left to share her story, in the hope it would prevent others from repeating her mistakes.

Having first found out she was HIV positive back in 2012, Nonte fell gravely ill and was initiated onto antiretroviral treatment (ART). *"Even after being so sick, I stopped taking my ARTs after just four months"* Nonte admitted. *"As soon as I felt better and gained weight, I felt strong and started drinking again..."*

Nonte's self-confessed history of turning to the bottle when it came to dealing with life's challenges was one she spent many hours talking to HACT Counsellor, Thobheka Ntshangase about. *"Nonte first started drinking heavily after her mother died of AIDS 15 years ago"*

explains Thobheka, *"she was so young at the time, but drinking and partying with her friends was how she dealt with the pain and depression of losing her..."*

Having recently been diagnosed and treated for TB for the fourth time in her young life, Nonte's time with Thobheka helped her to identify the recurring patterns of psychological pain and denial which eventually led to her admission to our Unit earlier this year. *"Thobheka has been so supportive and has never judged me for all the bad decisions I have made in my life. She's encouraged me to talk with others and this has helped me to find peace..."* said Nonte in the final weeks before her passing.

Speaking of Nonte and their time together, Thobheka says; *"She was such a strong woman who wanted to share her story with as many people as possible. I'm so glad we were here for her and that she died surrounded by love and acceptance for the brave and special person she was."*

*Name has been changed to protect our patient and her family's identity.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME REPORT

"Giving children a healthy start in life, no matter where they are born or the circumstances of their birth, is the moral obligation of every one of us."

Nelson Mandela

HACT's Children's Programme aims to close some of the gaps which continue to compromise the health, safety and well-being of millions of vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised children across South Africa. Through targeted interventions which address the unique needs and challenges faced by orphaned and vulnerable children and young people, we work to ensure that no child is left behind.

Central to achieving this aim over this past year has been our delivery of the Community-Based Violence Prevention & Linkages to Response Programme. Funded by USAID/PEPFAR through NACOSA, this intensive programme aimed to drastically scale-up community-based prevention and response efforts to sexual violence among children and young people, particularly adolescent girls and young women, by identifying and assessing those at risk, addressing harmful attitudes, providing structured interventions and promoting protective family and community norms and parenting practices. Crucially, the programme also sought to ensure survivors had access to comprehensive, acute post-violence care services and received both crisis and longer therapeutic support.

We are pleased to report that our team excelled at their programme targets. Despite this, HACT's participation in this multi-year intervention sadly came to an abrupt halt in September 2021 when it was announced that USAID would be changing its implementation districts within South Africa and consequently pulled out of KwaZulu-Natal's eThekweni municipality within which our programme activities were based.

Notwithstanding this unforeseen blow, our Children's Programme team continued providing targeted services to OVCY throughout the year which included facilitating ongoing access to healthcare services and HIV testing, the distribution of emergency food hampers, hygiene & sanitation education, condom education as well as HIV and COVID-19 literacy in the form of a specially designed Children's COVID-19 Activity books in isiZulu. For those beneficiaries living with HIV, regular contact and support was also provided throughout the year by our trained childcare workers who worked with the children's parents/caregivers and local clinics to minimize disruptions to care and ART treatment.

IMpower

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, HACT continued as one of only a handful of organisations in South Africa implementing IMpower, an internationally recognised empowerment and self-defence training programme. Originally developed in the USA by No Means No Worldwide, this structured intervention has been proven to reduce rape by up to 50% by teaching girls and young women aged 10-20 years, how to identify risk early, how to say "no" effectively, and how to use physical self-defence to escape danger.

With COVID-19 exacerbating South Africa's silent pandemic of gender-based violence and femicide, our team were determined to continue delivering this crucial programme. To safely accommodate the necessary regulations, our IMpower sessions were held outdoors and delivered in small groups with strict hand washing and sanitizing taking place before, during and after each session.

"It's about having courage and knowing your rights. We are teaching girls to be alert and assertive and that they have the right to defend themselves..."

Zanele Mkhize,
HACT Caseworker & qualified IMpower facilitator



HACT'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME IN ACTION:

3807

OVCY (orphaned and vulnerable children & youth) aged 0-17 years were enrolled and provided with supportive services including **206** HIV positive OVCY



605

girls & young women aged 10-17 years were empowered with self-defence skills through IMpower



534

parents & caregivers of OVCY linked to care and support services



193

adults & 9 children tested for HIV



PHOTOGRAPHER
Rebekka Stredwick

GOALS 4 LIFE PROGRAMME REPORT

Soccer is an integral part of many cultures and communities around the world. By harnessing its universal power, our Goals 4 Life programme is engaging youth in activity-based learning, building trust and creating safe spaces where children and young people feel comfortable asking questions, sharing opinions, and supporting their peers.

Despite the extraordinary amount of challenges, delays and disruptions wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic which included extended periods of school closures, we are pleased to report that 138 Grade 5-7 learners (aged 10-14 years) from four communities located across the Valley of 1000 Hills participated and benefitted from our Goals 4 Life programme over the past year.

Based on Grassroot Soccer's (www.grassrootsoccer.org) evidence-based HIV/AIDS curriculum, our team of trained Goals 4 Life facilitators or "coaches" successfully adapted their approach to ensure we could continue to deliver the programme's fun, interactive training sessions safely and in line with all COVID-19 social distancing protocols.



By connecting these vulnerable children and young people with positive role models, comprehensive HIV and COVID-19 education as well as youth-friendly healthcare services, our Goals 4 Life programme training sessions succeeded in equipping these children with the knowledge and tools needed to make positive and healthy choices in times of extreme crisis and uncertainty.

Inter-school soccer tournaments play an integral role in our Goals 4 Life programme's holistic approach to HIV prevention and education, enabling our young participants as well as their families and communities to access HIV testing and counselling services in a safe and non-threatening environment. We are therefore very grateful that we were still able to deliver such tournaments thanks to careful planning and our team's flexible and creative approach to delivering these highly anticipated and much-loved community events.



"Through soccer, we have the power to bring people together even in the midst of COVID-19! Yes, the pandemic caused us many challenges this year, but rather than giving-up we found new ways to reach, support and encourage children in need at a time when they needed it most"

Pemla Mtshali,
HACT's Goals 4 Life Programme Coordinator.



GOALS 4 LIFE PROGRAMME IN ACTION:

138

Grade 5-7 learners from three communities in the Valley of 1000 Hills were equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make positive and informed choices about their health and futures



10



life-skills training sessions were delivered for each group of young participants covering topics such as HIV/AIDS, sex & sexuality, stigma and discrimination, drugs and our bodies, what's my vision, managing your life, healthy environments and gender based violence

138



learners participated in inter-school/community soccer tournaments which also provided a platform for community-based HIV testing and counselling services

"There has been a big difference in my school because of the Peer Educators...a lot of learners are taking their school work seriously now. I have also learnt about HIV, how it is passed from one person to another, and ways we can protect ourselves from getting it."

Sizwe Kweyama,
Senior Peer Educator,
Khabazela High School

PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMME REPORT

***"The key to a successful leader
is influence, not authority..."***

Kenneth Blanchard

Through peer-led education, positive role modelling and active citizenship, HACT's Peer Education programme is nurturing a generation of young leaders who are purpose-driven and have the capacity and integrity to affect real change within their schools and communities.

By systematically tackling some of the endemic risk factors stifling the development of South Africa's youth, particularly those living in underserved communities where high levels of poverty and unemployment, gender-based violence, teenage pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse are rife, HACT's Peer Education programme is empowering young people with the skills and confidence they need to affect positive behavioural change so that orphaned and vulnerable children and young people, including those living with HIV, can thrive.

"There were many times that we felt like giving-up this year, but what example would this have been to the young people we work with? Instead, we resolved to work harder, to work smarter and to ensure each and every one of our peer educators continued to receive the support they needed to achieve their goals..."

Lady-Love Msomi, HACT's Peer Education
Programme Coordinator

Over the past year, 160 Grade 9 & 10 learners from three rural high schools situated in the Valley of 1000 Hills received intensive training and mentorship support through this life-changing programme which is delivered by HACT in partnership with the Gold Youth Development Agency's (www.goldyouth.org). By adopting a creative and flexible approach to our programme delivery, which included the use of tele-servicing, Whatsapp and SMS, our team were able to deliver our Peer Education programme's evidence-based curriculum amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

"Was it easy? No! Did we learn new ways of doing things? Yes! Are we stronger than we were before? Absolutely! COVID-19 has been tough, but for the most part we have succeeded in turning challenges into opportunities and in the process we have showed our peer educators that if you set your mind to something, anything is possible..."

Mayenzeke Blose, HACT Facilitator

HACT'S PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN ACTION

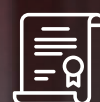
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THEMBELIHLE'S STORY

"Good leaders are not the ones who shout the loudest, it's the ones who respect other people's rights, ideas and opinions."

Thembelihle, HACT Peer Educator

There are not many teens who can say their marks have drastically improved since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but that's exactly what's happened to 17 year-old, Thembelihle who attributes her academic success solely to the support and encouragement she's received through HACT's Peer Education Programme.

"Becoming a peer educator last year has really changed my life" says the bubbly Grade 10 learner who lives in the Valley of a 1000 Hills community of Embo. "I have learnt discipline and to value my rights and responsibilities as a person. I have put much more effort into my school work and this has really paid off – my parents are very proud of me and I'm quite proud of myself too!"

As a friendly and outgoing young woman, Thembelihle was an obvious choice for HACT's Peer Education programme which seeks to develop a new generation of leaders capable of being proactive agents for change within their schools and communities by harnessing the positive influence young people can have amongst their peers.

Currently entering her second year of HACT's intensive three year Peer Education programme, Thembelihle says her journey as a peer educator has thus far been an eye-opening one. *"I have grown and discovered so much about myself as a person,"* explains Thembelihle *"I now have a clear vision*

for my future and nothing is going to stop me achieving my goals, not even COVID-19!"

However, the reality is there are many obstacles and challenges that Thembelihle and her fellow learners are faced with on a daily basis, any one of which has the potential to seriously derail their hopes and dreams for the future. Teenage pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, gender-based violence and HIV are just a few of the many issues which so many young people living in the local communities HACT works in often have to navigate on a daily basis.

Thembelihle believes that when it comes to tackling these issues, **"knowledge is power"** as so many of her peers' attitudes and perceptions are being shaped by misleading information they are receiving through unreliable sources such as social media. **"As peer educators we have a responsibility to share what we have learnt during our coaching sessions with others, like how you can and can't be infected with HIV and how if you do have the virus, you can still live a long and healthy life by taking ARV treatment."**

At the same time, Thembelihle stresses that being an effective peer educator or leader requires good listening and diplomacy skills. **"Good leaders are not the ones who shout the loudest, it's the ones who respect other people's rights, ideas and opinions and that's not always easy to do...but I'm trying!"**



PHOTOGRAPHER
Nokulunga Shoji

GOGO (GRANNY) SUPPORT GROUPS PROGRAMME REPORT

HACT's Gogo Support Groups Programme provides psychosocial support as well as practical and sustainable skills development, training and economic empowerment opportunities to gogos, many of whom are caring for their orphaned and vulnerable grandchildren.

Living up to the tenacious spirit for which our gogos have become known, our Gogo Support Groups programme team proved yet again over the past year that age is but a number! Successfully adapting and responding to the unique needs of our local gogos and their families at a time when they needed it most, our team succeeded in overcoming many of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With lockdown restrictions quickly rendering our weekly gogo support group meetings impossible in early 2020, our team set about delivering a comprehensive IEC (information, education & communication) campaign to over 1000 gogos thanks to the support of the Solon Foundation. Known as "Sinawe" ("we are here for you" in isiZulu), our campaign focussed on three critical issues, namely, COVID-19 prevention and infection control, GBV prevention & response as well as women's mental health and well-being.

In addition to weekly SMS's, printed educational materials and a kiddies' COVID-19 educational activity booklet were developed and distributed to vulnerable gogos across the Valley, enabling them to not only protect and safeguard their health and integrity as women, but maintain their mental health and wellbeing too. This in turn enabled the gogos to continue providing ongoing support, comfort and reassurance to their young grandchildren during exceptionally stressful and challenging times.

With tackling food insecurity and sustaining local livelihoods emerging as one of our key priorities over the past year, our Gogo Support Groups Programme team started a new Home Gardens Project in the second half of 2020. Over 240 local grannies and their families benefitted from this initiative in 2020 which involved our Plant Nursey growing and distributing gogo headed households with vegetable seedlings, gardening tools and in some instances, water storing hippo rollers to start-up a home vegetable garden.

Our team also assisted in the revival of 33 community-based vegetable gardens which were decimated during the strict national lockdown restrictions. Supplied with new vegetable seedlings grown in the HACT Plant Nursery, these gardens which are tended entirely by our gogos, are now once again feeding over 1800 orphaned and vulnerable children every month.

Sadly, our team had no choice but to cancel our 2020 Gogolympics in April 2020, which would have been our 10th anniversary of this iconic event. While we were deeply saddened by this, safeguarding the health and safety of our gogos had to once again take precedence. Thankfully all was not lost, as in September 2020, our team was able to safely hold a mini version of our Gogolympics with 150 of our gogos living in and around the community of KwaNyuswa.

In July 2020, our programme's founder, Sister Cwengi Myeni was invited to take part as a panellist in the virtual International AIDS Conference. Facilitated by The Stephen Lewis Foundation and involving grandmothers from various countries, the online session gave a voice to grandmothers and the pivotal role they continue to play in the fight against HIV and AIDS here in South Africa.

On that note, we are pleased to report that GMISA (Grandmothers Movement in South Africa GMISA), of which HACT is a founding partner, has continued to forge ahead over the past year, advocating for the rights of all grandmothers across South Africa including improved service delivery from government. Our partnership with Siyakhula Sonke has also continued to bear fruit with our number of savings clubs having grown to 28 over the past year.

Thank you to our many partners and supporters for their ongoing support and to our gogos, whose strength, courage and resilience in the face of such adversity continues to serve as an inspiration to us all.

OUR GOGO SUPPORT GROUPS PROGRAMME IN ACTION:

68

gogo support groups have served a network of **2000** grandmothers from across **13** communities



28

gogo support groups have savings clubs through HACT's partnership with Siyakhula Sonke



40

gogos & 40 mkhulus completed HACT's 6-week Parenting Skills & Children's Rights training course



20

gogos learnt how to start and grow their income-generating businesses through HACT's Basic Business Skills training course



40

gogos learned how to sew through HACT's 6-month Sewing & Dressmaking training course



240

gogo home gardens and **33** gogo community gardens provided food security for over **800** grandparents and **2500** orphaned and vulnerable children



PHOTOGRAPHER
Qiniso Dladla

THENJIWE'S STORY

"Gardening and being able to take care of my family is what makes me happy!"

Thembelihle, HACT Peer Educator

69 year-old, Thenjiwe Khanyeza lives in KwaNyuswa with her large family of 16 which spans four generations. **"I love children"** explains Thenjiwe, **"so I am blessed to be surrounded by my grandchildren and great grandchildren every day and to help raise them..."**

As an active member of her local gogo support group which is known as Isihlangu Sendlala (which literally translates to **"shield from hunger"** in isiZulu), Thenjiwe is very involved in community life and together, her group have supported each other through many of life's challenges. **"For 13 years I have been a member of this group. Together we have supported each other in so many ways and we are even helping to build each other's houses."**

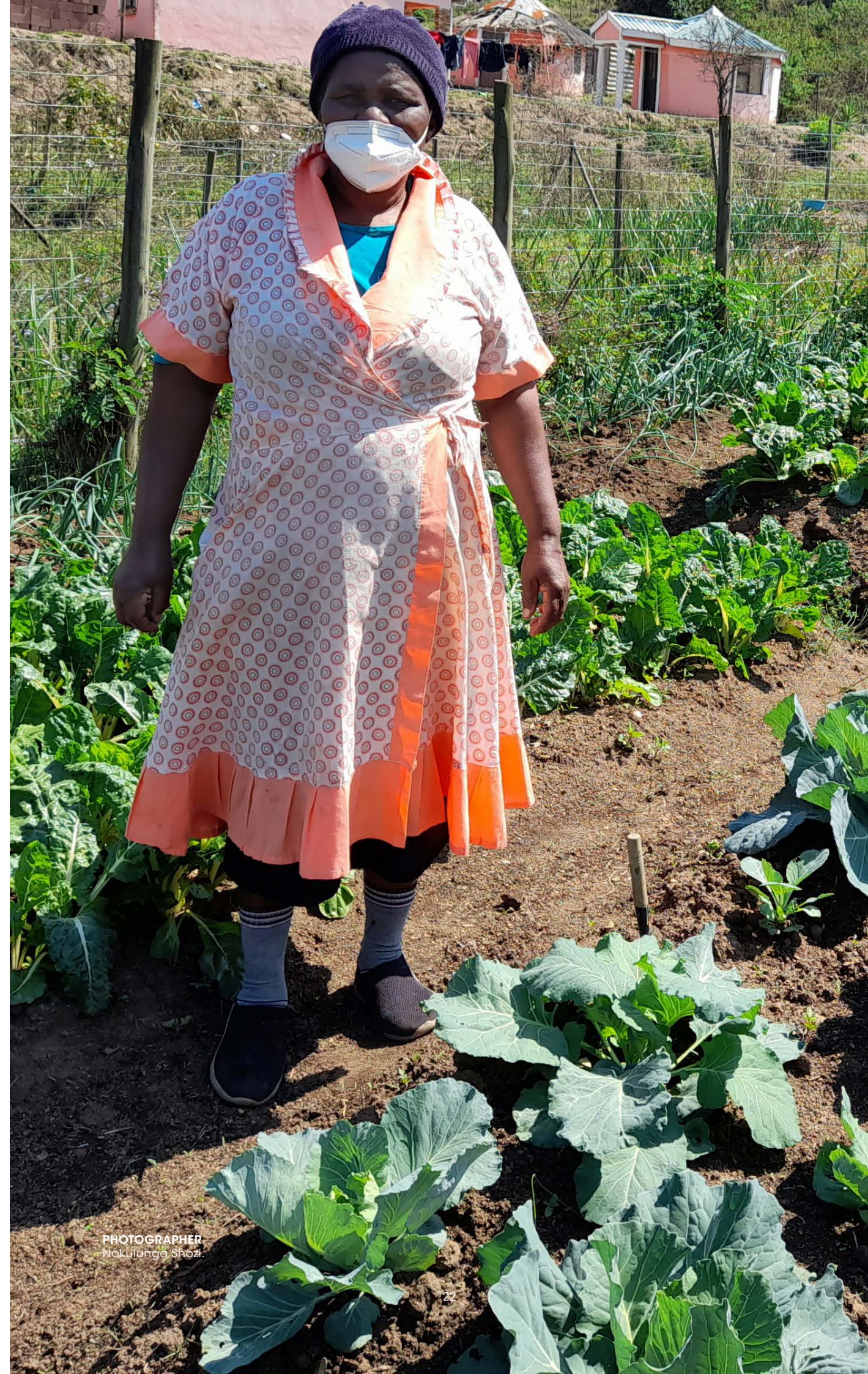
Thenjiwe's support group also tends one of the largest community-based vegetable gardens in the area which plays a crucial role in feeding the group's 12 members and their families every month. However, as a result of COVID-19 and the national lockdown which took effect in late March 2020, Thenjiwe and her fellow gogos were unable to access and tend to their gardens for several weeks which plunged many of them into despair. **"Winter last year was a very difficult time for us"** recalls Thenjiwe, **"many of us**

lost family members to COVID and those that were working lost their jobs. We couldn't even rely on our gardens for food as we were not allowed to leave our homes!"

Thankfully Thenjiwe and her family were amongst the hundreds of local families who received food hampers through HACT's emergency relief efforts. **"I have never been so happy to see the HACT vehicle arrive at our house, I don't know how we would have survived without their help during those difficult months..."** says a visibly emotional Thenjiwe.

In September 2020, Thenjiwe and her fellow gogos were finally able to return to their gardens and thanks to a fresh supply of vegetable seedlings and compost from HACT's Plant Nursery, they immediately set about re-planting and reviving their beloved community garden.

"I was so happy to return to our garden again after so long" says Thenjiwe. **"I am so grateful everyone who helped us to restore our gardens to their former glory. Gardening and being able to take care of my family is what makes me happy!"**



PHOTOGRAPHER
Nokulunga Shazi

WOZA MOYA PROGRAMME REPORT

***"The fruit of love is service,
which is compassion in action."***

Mother Theresa

Woza Moya ("come winds of change" in isiZulu) is HACT's award-winning economic empowerment programme which uplifts, empowers and inspires people impacted by HIV and AIDS by providing practical training, support as well as market access to local artists and crafters.

It is almost unbelievable that we are here and have survived the past year! Running a social enterprise the size and scale of Woza Moya is challenging at the best of times, but trying to keep ourselves afloat in the midst of COVID-19 has been exceptionally tough and we are truly grateful to still be standing!

At the beginning of the financial year, the challenges we faced as a result of the pandemic and national and global lockdowns seemed insurmountable, but as always, we refused to give-up! As soon as possible, our sewing team threw themselves into making fabric face masks and each and every staff member and volunteer assisted with the production and distribution of these essential items. The orders poured-in and soon enough, we could barely keep-up!

We also received a much needed boost to our sales when we received an order for 8 ottomans for a new game lodge in Botswana. Our Woza staff member, Busi Zaca, personally drove door-to-door, dropping-off the beads to each of our crafters' homes to ensure we could fulfil the order - proving unequivocally that beadwork is indeed an essential service, even when the world is ending. (I've always said, if I leave the house without earrings, the world is definitely ending!)

As the year progressed and lockdown restrictions eased, we were able to utilize funding from the National Arts Council to hold a series of small training workshops for our beaders. Serving as a catalyst for creativity, these workshops resulted in several group artworks, accessories and mini exhibitions which were held onsite in the

Woza Moya Gallery under strict social distancing regulations. One of the many highlights of these activities, which not only boosted our sales but helped to ease some of the widespread anxiety and depression so many of our beaders were experiencing at the time, was our hugely successful bird exhibition, which literally saw our beaded birds flying off the shelves. This particular exhibition was so well supported, we even received an order from a zoo based in Belgium!

Karen Monk, a local fashion designer and long-time Woza Moya supporter, helped to further inspire and motivate us through a series of workshops designed to improve and expand upon our crafters' skills and we will always be grateful to her for the fun and laughter she brought at a time when we needed it most.

Inevitably, we did have to make some difficult decisions during this period, one of which was to close our Woza Moya store located at the Embocraft Training Centre. Thankfully, this heart-breaking decision did have a silver lining with the team at Embocraft having since transformed this space into a platform to sell and display their own wide range of locally produced products.

Our Christmas Lifesaver Box campaign proved exactly that - a lifesaver! Comprising of festive gifts and décor, the boxes were sold around the globe and helped to generate income for a large number of our local beaders and crafters over the holiday period.

So slowly, like the dog drinking the water, we continue to build-up Woza Moya and remain focussed on supporting, uplifting and empowering our crafters through everything we do.

Thank you to all our beloved customers for their continued support and thank you to our team for going the extra mile, for remaining positive even in the darkest days, for holding one another up - it has been a wondrous team effort!

Paula Thomson
Woza Moya Programme Executive Manager

WOZA MOYA PROGRAMME IN ACTION:

350 local crafters enabled to earn a sustainable income through the sale of their Proudly South Africa, hand-made products

1500 crafters further supported by Woza Moya through market access every month



***"Kancane kancaneinja
iphuza amanzi ngolimi lwayo"***

(Slowly, slowly the dog drinks the water with his tongue...even if it seems impossible and slow, the dog manages to quench its thirst.)

Zulu Proverb

PHOTOGRAPHER
Claire Hodgkinson

CLOTHING SCHEME REPORT

For more than a decade, HACT's Clothing Scheme has been creating income-generating opportunities for those living in extremely vulnerable households including patients who have recently been discharged from our Respite Unit and or family members who have recently lost a breadwinner.

As a direct result of the COVID-19 crisis and its devastating impact on local job losses and unemployment rates, our total number of Clothing Scheme beneficiaries increased to 40 people over the past year, the highest number of beneficiaries the Scheme has ever supported since it began over eight years ago. Several of our new beneficiaries joined the scheme having been identified and referred through HACT's Respite Unit as well as our community-based programmes such as our Children's programme and Peer Education programme.

"We are so happy that we have been able to help so many people put food on their families' tables during these difficult times. Our Clothing Scheme has been a lifeline to these families and every week they tell us how grateful they are for the support."

Thobeka Ntshangase,
HACT's Clothing Scheme Coordinator

Purchasing bags of second hand clothing for just R25 each which have been generously donated by the general public and several locally-based clothing manufacturers, our beneficiaries have been able to sell this clothing in their communities on a weekly basis for anything between R250 – R600 per bag. In addition to helping to feed and clothe vulnerable families, each bag of clothing represents hope and dignity for those who sell them.

"I am a single mother and after I lost my job four months ago, I really struggled to feed my five children. I was always stressed and this affected my children too. My eldest son, who is part of HACT's Peer Education programme started having problems at school and so they came to visit me at home to see how they could help. I don't know what I would have done without the Clothing Scheme, it has saved my life in more ways than one..."

Thembi,
HACT Clothing Scheme beneficiary

HACT'S CLOTHING SCHEME IN ACTION:

40

direct beneficiaries



164

indirect beneficiaries



536 bags and
10 720

items of clothing bought and re-sold



R214 400

income generated for families in need



UBUNTU GROUND CAFÉ REPORT

Established as a social enterprise under HACT Biz, the Ubuntu Ground Café is inspiring change one cappuccino at a time by providing skills development, training and practical work experience placements to unemployed young people.

Having just opened our Café's doors and poured our first cups of coffee in late January 2020, we were literally still in the process of establishing our exciting new coffee shop venture when the global COVID-19 pandemic hit and South Africa entered its national lockdowns.

Despite the numerous challenges which followed, including prolonged periods of restricted trade, we are pleased to report that our Café still succeeded in meeting its original aim and in December 2020, our first cohort of Ubuntu Ground trainees officially graduated from their year-long training placements. In total, our five Ubuntu Ground Café trainees completed 3000 hours of practical training and work experience over a 12 month period. This comprehensive training included a 5-day Barista Training Course run by the founder & owner of Lineage Coffee & All Africa Barista Champion, Craig Charity as well as workshops covering Working in the Catering and Hospitality industry, GAAP, Hygiene & Health & Safety, Life Skills and Work Readiness. Two of our trainees also had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of artisan baking through a 1-month internship at Eden Bakery.

We remain exceedingly proud of our Ubuntu Ground Café team for their determination and commitment to navigating such a challenging first year of operation. Even during the initial stages of South Africa's lockdown when we couldn't open our coffee shop, our team threw themselves into supporting **HACT's COVID-19 relief efforts** and spent long hours helping to pack and distribute thousands of food relief hampers to families in need across the Valley. Our team's **Loaves of Love Appeal** also saw them put their new found baking skills to excellent use, baking delicious, fresh loaves of bread to accompany HACT's emergency food hampers.

Suffice to say, the HACT team are passionate about seeing this "brew-tiful" social enterprise, which has the potential to offer many more young people a brighter future, succeed. With the ongoing support of our B-BBEE partners and our local community, we have faith that our Ubuntu Ground Café will continue to go from strength to strength over the forthcoming year.



PHOTOGRAPHER
Qiniso Dladla

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Qiniso Dladla

"I've learnt so much over the past year and discovered talents and strengths I didn't know I had. Working at Ubuntu Ground has given me the skills and confidence I need to find a good job in the catering industry!"

Stah Mynandu,
Ubuntu Ground Café Trainee



UBUNTU GROUND CAFÉ IN ACTION:

5

out-of-school, unemployed youth trained in catering, hospitality, restaurant logistics, cleaning, food preparation and barista skills



3000



hours of practical training and in-service, work experience placements completed by HACT's five Ubuntu Ground Café trainees

PHOTOGRAPHER
Claire Hodgkinson

PLANT NURSERY REPORT

"This past year has not been easy, but together our Nursery team has continued to work side by side and help our community the best way we know how, through planting gardens which both give and sustain life..."

Xolani Zondi,
HACT's Plant Nursery Coordinator

HACT's Izingadi Zethemba (Gardens of Hope) Plant Nursery continues to contribute to the economic empowerment of local families impacted by HIV and AIDS through job creation and practical skills development opportunities. As a social enterprise of HACT Biz, our Plant Nursery also contributes to HACT's long-term sustainability by generating revenue which can go directly back into the organisation's community-based projects and services.

The HACT Plant Nursery's first year of operation as a social enterprise under the wing of the organisation's newly formed company, HACT Biz has been one of much change and transformation. In early 2021, after celebrating his 80th birthday, our team bid a fond farewell to our beloved Plant Nursery & Facilities Manager, John Lund who began his well-earned retirement following over two decades of faithful service here at our Centre. While John's relentless passion and energy continues to be sorely missed by our team, we were excited to have Xolani Zondi officially take over the Nursery's reigns following his many years of mentorship under John's careful tutelage and to watch him put his own stamp on our Plant Nursery as he continues to grow in confidence.

Despite the numerous challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain very grateful to our local community which has continued to support us over the past year and that thanks to

the hard work and dedication of our team, our Plant Nursery has even succeeded in expanding its existing customer base in some areas – quite a feat under the trying economic circumstances within which we all currently find ourselves! Our efforts in this regard have undoubtedly been bolstered by the opening of our very own onsite coffee shop, the Ubuntu Ground Café, a much anticipated and very welcome initiative here at the HACT Centre.

In addition to the very real challenges of keeping our Plant Nursery profitable over the past year, our team has played an invaluable role in supporting HACT's COVID-19 emergency relief efforts and has spent countless hours assisting with the packing and delivery of food hampers and PPE as well as the cultivation and distribution of thousands of trays of vegetable seedlings to vulnerable families living across the Valley of 1000 Hills. We remain both humbled and inspired by our Plant Nursery team's collective efforts under very trying circumstances and thank them all for their selfless service.

Thank you as always to all our loyal customers for their ongoing support.

Support HACT's Plant Nursery

- ▶ Open 6 days a week
- ▶ Wide variety of indigenous and exotic plants, together with garden décor, at affordable prices
- ▶ Professional and friendly service
- ▶ Centrally located
- ▶ Delivery service
- ▶ Affordable landscaping services with an eco-friendly and social conscience

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

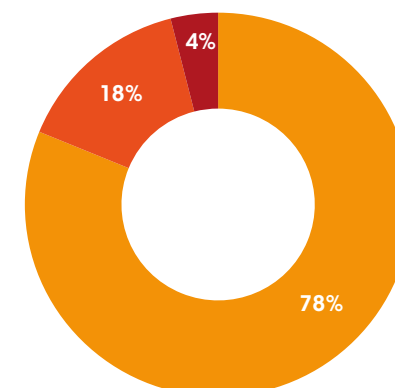
The Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending 31st March 2021 were approved by HACT's Trustees and signed off by the external auditors, Marwick and Company Inc. on the 9th December 2021.

HACT's grant income decreased by 31% from R7 607 188 to R5 285 952 over the past year mainly due to the unanticipated closure of the Community Based Violence Prevention & Linkages to Response Programme in September 2020 which was funded by USAID/PEPFAR through NACOSA. (Read our Children's Programme Report for more details.) Our Woza Moya programme was also understandably hard hit by the COVID-19 impact with income decreasing by R1 892 546 from the previous year.

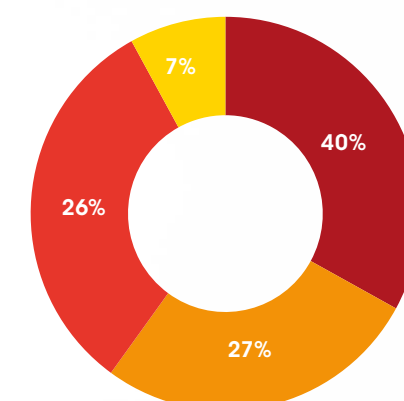
We are however very pleased to report that donations increased by 27% (R1 111 208) largely due to our team's dedicated and proactive fundraising efforts, particularly in relation to HACT's numerous COVID-19 emergency relief activities over the past year. Expenditure continued to be carefully scrutinized and reduced where necessary in line with the organisation's overall income.

Full copies of HACT's Annual Financial Statements are available upon request.

Where Your Money Goes



Programme Expenditure Breakdown



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BALANCE SHEET

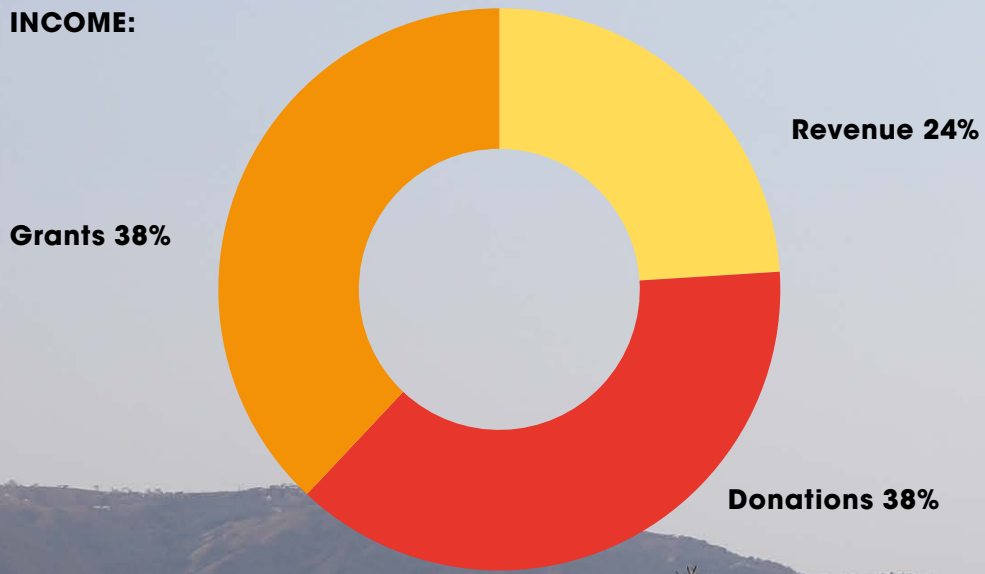
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
Statement of Financial Position

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4 184 048	4 184 048
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	1 762 967	1 136 625
Trade and other receivables	639 828	498 605
Cash and cash equivalents	3 305 905	3 179 898
	5 708 700	4 815 128
TOTAL ASSETS	9 892 748	8 999 175
EQUITY		
Trust capital	100	100
Accumulated surplus - Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust	4 900 026	4 373 021
Accumulated surplus – Woza Moya	2 426 452	2 237 843
	7 326 579	6 610 963
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2 566 169	2 388 212
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	9 892 748	8 999 175

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT & OVERVIEW

	2021	2020
DONATIONS	5,291,715	4,180,507
GRANTS	5,285,952	7,607,188
REVENUE	3,291,514	5,203,259
Administrative Income	369,728	370,869
Education Income		
Plant Nursery Income	-	10,107
Woza Moya Income	2,916,997	4,809,543
Respite Unit Income	4,788	12,740
TOTAL INCOME	13,869,181	16,990,953
COST OF SALES		
Woza Moya Cost of sales	848,168	2 310 545
EXPENSES	12,306,555	13 779 548
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	714,458	900 861

INCOME:



HACT BUSINESS (PTY) LTD T/A HACT BIZ

Income Statement for Period Ending February 2021

TOTAL	2021	2022
Sales	916 264	552 958
Cost of sales	235 124	34 157
Gross Profit	681 140	518 801
Expenses	983 367	853 943
Net Trading Profit	(302 227)	(335 141)
Other Income	382 851	329 228
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	80 624	(5 914)
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER TAX	80 624	(5 914)

HACT PLANT NURSERY

SALES	548 939	520 775
Expenses	531 036	490 322
OTHER INCOME	-	-
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	17 903	30 453
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER TAX	17 903	30 453

UBUNTU GROUND CAFÉ

Sales	367 325	32 183
Cost of sales	235 124	34 157
Gross Profit	132 201	1 973
Expenses	448 135	358 003
Net Trading Profit / Loss	(315 934)	(359 976)
OTHER INCOME	382 851	329 228
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	66 817	(30 749)
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER TAX	66 817	(30 749)

ADMINISTRATION

SALES	-	-
EXPENSES	4 196	5 618
OTHER INCOME	100	-
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	(4 096)	(5 618)
NET PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER TAX	(4 096)	(5 618)

HACT Biz

Established in early 2019, HACT Biz is a registered Pty (Ltd) company that has been created with the aim of increasing the long-term sustainability of HACT's life-saving projects and services whilst facilitating much needed skills development, training and work experience opportunities for those living in disadvantaged communities HACT serves.

HACT Biz is 100% owned by HACT the NPO, thereby making our NPO beneficiaries the full beneficiaries of all profits made from our business. All social enterprises started and owned by HACT under HACT Biz, are B-BBEE Level 1 contributors.

By supporting HACT Biz your business can boost your B-BBEE scorecard through a number of opportunities specifically designed to meet your B-BBEE and CSI objectives, be they SED, skills development, enterprise or supplier development.

Financial Report

Thanks to concerted marketing efforts, the dedication of our hard working Nursery team and the continued support of our local community, HACT's Plant Nursery generated a small profit for the financial year ending 28th February 2021 despite the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and national lockdown restrictions.

HACT's Ubuntu Ground Café had it first full year of trading and also managed to generate a profit of R80 624 despite many months of interrupted and or restricted trade. We are pleased to report that sales have increased consistently over the past 12 months as our customer base continues to grow. Catering for private and corporate clients as well as HACT's numerous projects and onsite Training Centre have also contributed to the enterprise's income.

PHOTOGRAPHER
Lungi Manyathi



THE HOPE CLUB



***"Where there is hope...
there is life."***

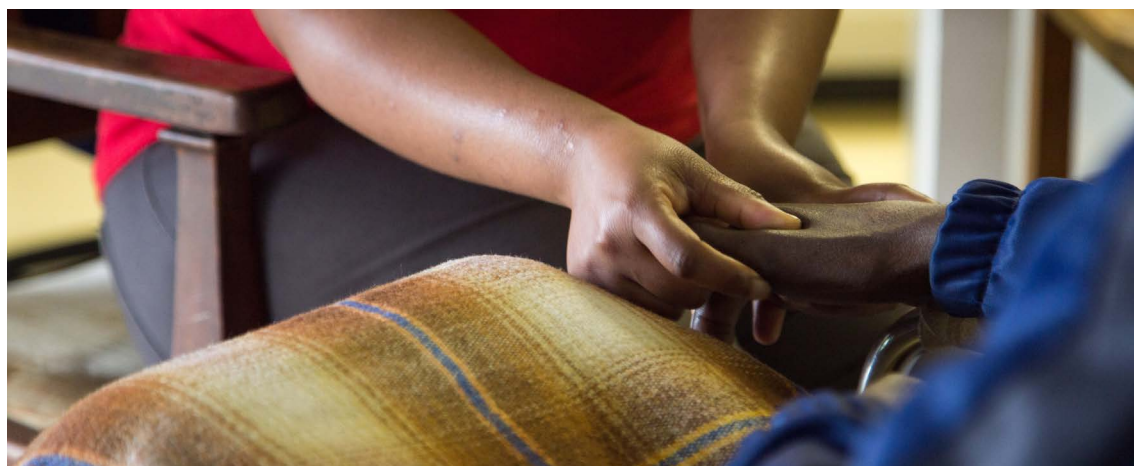
Anne Frank

HACT's Hope Club is all about saving and transforming lives. Donations received through our monthly giving programme are critical to ensuring the doors to our 24-bed Respite Unit remain open and that each and every one of our patients receive the quality, compassionate care they so deserve.

For over a decade, our Respite Unit has been a beacon of hope to children and adults suffering from advanced stages of AIDS or terminal cancer.

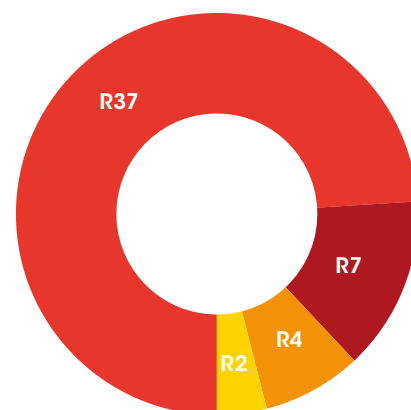
Our Unit cares for those who cannot afford private medical care or who have fallen through the cracks of South Africa's heavily overburdened and under-resourced public healthcare system.

Thank you to all our Hope Club donors for their continued support over the past year. With your continued help, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our patients.



FOR EVERY R50 DONATION HACT RECEIVED IN 2019/2020:

- **R37** was used for our direct patient costs including medication, meals, lab costs, medical supplies and nursing care
- **R7** was used to upgrade and maintain our medical and hospital equipment
- **R4** went towards our Unit's lights, water, IT and security costs
- **R2** was used to provide our staff with training and development to ensure our team can continually provide the best care to our patients



***"The smallest act of kindness is worth
more than the grandest intention..."***

Oscar Wilde

Join our Hope Club today by signing up at www.hillaims.org.za
or contact our team at fundraising@hillaims.org.za

ADOPT-A-BED CAMPAIGN



HACT's **24-bed Respite Unit** is open **365** days a year and operates **24/7**. Here, children and adults suffering from advanced stages of AIDS or terminal cancer are provided with free, inpatient care and treatment by our small yet highly dedicated team of doctors, nurses and caregivers.

***"There is no judgement here, only love. The nurses
make the Unit feel like a home for us patients, rather
than a hospital..."***

Can you help us give more patients
in need a second chance at life?

Support HACT's Adopt-a-Bed Campaign

Whether you are looking to Adopt-a-Bed as a company, a church, school or even as an individual, your donations will go directly towards helping our team provide the very best care and treatment to our patients so that they in turn, have the very best chance of returning home to their families and leading full, healthy and productive lives.

***"Love and compassion are
necessities, not luxuries.
Without them, humanity
cannot survive..."***

Dalai Lama

For every R6000 donation HACT received via its
Adopt-a-Bed campaign in 2020/2021:

R4 560 was used for our direct patient costs, such as their daily medication and meals as well as lab costs, medical supplies and nursing care

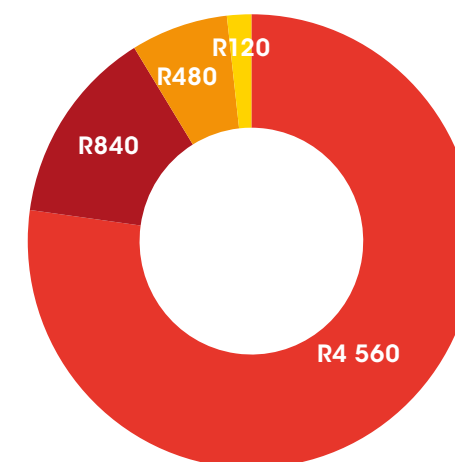
R840 was used for the maintenance and upgrade of our medical and or hospital equipment

R480 was used towards the monthly running costs of our Respite Unit including lights, water, IT and security

R120 was used towards staff training and development to ensure our team can continually provide the best care to our patients

All donations are tax-deductible and HACT is a proud B-BBEE Level 1 contributor.

Please contact our Marketing & Fundraising team at fundraising@hillaims.org.za for more information on partnering with HACT through our Adopt-a-Bed campaign.



OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

MAKE A DONATION

Donate online via our website or donate via EFT:

Acc Name: Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust

Acc No: 1147961433

Bank: Nedbank

Branch: Hillcrest

Branch code: 133826

Swiftcode: NEDSZAJJ

DONATE IN-KIND

Check out our online wish list for our current needs here at the Centre. Donations of new or second-hand books, clothing and household items are also gratefully accepted for use by our various income-generating projects.

SHOP AT HACT

Purchase an ideal gift for that special someone in our Woza Moya stores (or online shop – www.wozamoya.co.za) or pop in and support our onsite Plant Nursery, Charity Shop or Haberdashery. Our creative team also specializes in unique, one-of-a-kind corporate branding and gifting ideas that your clients won't forget!

BOOK OUR FUNCTION ROOM

Hold your next training, meeting or function in our affordable, onsite Training Centre or book an HIV/AIDS Awareness Talk as part of your next Corporate Wellness Day.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Leave a bequest to HACT in your Will and help us achieve our vision of an AIDS-free future for all

GET A MYSCHOOL CARD

Swipe your MySchool card for HACT and help raise much needed funds for our work – it's quick, easy and free to get your card! Sign-up today at: www.myschool.co.za

VOLUNTEER AT HACT

HACT welcomes both local and international volunteers – be part of our passionate team and help us make a meaningful difference!

For more info on these are other ways to support HACT, please visit our website or contact our Marketing & Fundraising team on 031 765 5866 / fundraising@hillcraids.org.za



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