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### June 2021

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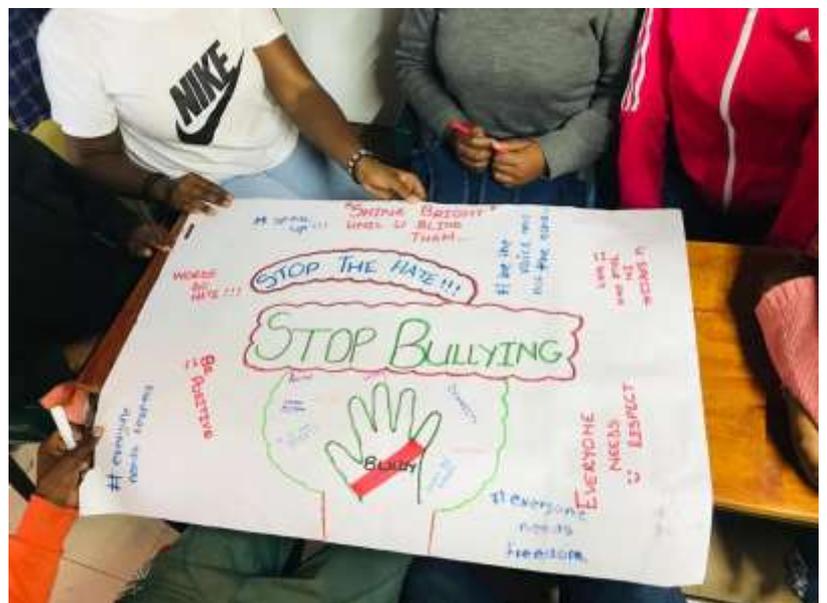
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### Pandemic 3<sup>rd</sup> wave in South Africa

Our president announced the increase of Covid -9 cases about 15000 new cases as of Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> daily. "The peak of this third wave looks set to be higher than the previous two." South Africa is now on a strict lockdown measures for two weeks. The new restrictions will impact all gatherings, both indoors and outdoors - meaning these will be banned for 14 days, along with the sale of alcohol, dining in restaurants and travel to or from the worst-hit areas of the country. Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> was the last day for most of the schools and some were still in the middle of the exams. . We hope that they will get an opportunity to finish the exams when they are back at school. We are all feeling the effects of Covid-19, people are losing their jobs, families are suffering, and some are losing hope. We can only be hopeful that things will get better soon.

### Youth Month:

June is dedicated to the youth of 1976 who stood up against the Apartheid government and laid down their lives fighting for freedom and the right to equal education. This year marks 45 years since the uprising in which many children lost their lives while standing up against a system that sought to strip them of their identity, and break their spirit. Th struggle still continues as most of our youth are faced with challenges of unemployment, substance abuse, gender based violence, and cyber bullying which is damaging the self images of our youth.



## #Notobullying:

With everything that is happening with our youth, we thought we should raise awareness on "anti bullying campaign". Our students had small discussions about what is bullying, different types of bullying, and the effects of it, how can we support those who are bullied or suffered from it. Our students were encouraged to speak out, write about it on their social network to raise awareness, and to strive by making sure that at Sakhisizwe YDP we are a safe space and bullying is not welcomed..

## #wearebetterthanthis

June 16<sup>th</sup>:



We celebrated our June 16<sup>th</sup> on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June; we had an event in partnership with God Youth who supported the event. The theme was "Up we go Mzansi!" Students had discussions about Social Cohesion, what it means, people looking out for each other, working together, the importance of people coming from different background to work together. Why do we need Social cohesion, Ubuntu, what prevent social cohesion? As a result of our past we still face inequality which leads to most of our youth experiencing low self-esteem, lack of belonging, lack of hope. It was interesting discussions on "What would a better future look like for South Africa, some

mention that the youth need better education, safety places like Sakhisizwe YDP, more access to meaningful work, skills development etc. They then listen to great inspirational speeches by Thabo Mbeki "I am an African" and Zozibini Zondi "How girls need to be empowered" and we had a special guest Mr Hans, who motivated the youth to make good use of their time, doing great things that will benefit them for their future. It was a fun day with dances, poetry and acting.

## Fathers Day:



In this June month we also celebrate our fathers, grand fathers, uncles for playing their role in loving and empowering our youth. Sadly not all our youth are in touch with their fathers or even know who they are. This is a very sensitive issue for most of them. On our Friday night programme we talked about God as the father of the fatherless, we encouraged our youth to forgive their fathers, and that it is not their fault, they didn't do anything wrong, and that we understand that every child needs a father, we prayed for those who need reconciliation with them that it will happen and those that

longs to know they are that they may do. It was a night of sadness and lots of crying. Sadly enough the effects of poverty,



substance abuse have a huge effect on fathers, which leads to mothers raising their children alone. A father plays a huge role in a child's life and they are needed..

**Kirstenbosch outing:**

We took 60 students including our mentors to Kirstenbosch gardens for their term 2 outing. It was a wet and raining day but they had so much fun learning about bio diversity, different types of plants, global warming, and plants that are extinct. We would like to say thank you to Kirstenbosch garden for sponsoring this event. Students continued to study preparing for exams; we had tutors from UCT who assisted with our Maths and Physics students.

**Parent support:**

Parent chat program is via whatsapp every week they are learning new lessons and chat every day. This is a platform for parents to support and advising one another. They have covered topics like, positive discipline, keeping our child safe with household rules and routine, praising your child, spending time one on one.. Every 2 week they answer survey questions and receive data as well. Our grade 7&8 parents participated with the Poverty stop light program, which is giving us more idea of how we can support them at home. We have supported few families with food parcels; home visits were made especially with those students who are struggling with behavior, starting to smoke, dating and also those who are not attending regularly.



**Mentorship & leadership program: (18-25 years)**



Our mission with this group is to make sure that they are equipped with skills that will help them for their future. On our Thursday programme we have discussed issues of greive and trauma, how to live a balance life by taking care of their emotions, physical life, social life, spiritual life and building towards their career. We had few mentos that attended different trainings and program, first aid, houtba y forum,

envirnmental world day and camp facilitators at Apostle Battery. Well done to Mmeli, Sihle Krishe and Nkamvelethu who have been volunteering for the past 4 months while they are waiting for their next phase inlife.

**Staff development & training:**



We celebrated Lihle's Ngece's birthday this month. We said goodbye to Thembisile Tabata who will continue being a mentor at Sakhisizwe, and welcomed our interns who are supported by God Youth Sihle, Khayakazi and Ria. Our staff, mentors and parents attended a first aid training sponsored by Rotary Club of Hout Bay and EMS. Social Project also trained our facilitators on how to assist our students to use the tablets. We will continue supporting our students during this break, few of them will attend a holiday club for 4 days and our grade 12 will continue studying in the evening.

*We are in need of more individual donors to continue changing lives of our youth. We have provided job opportunities for our community; we have created a safe space and great programs for them. Introduce a friend to contribute monthly as small as: .*

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>Euros</b>	<b>GBP</b>
<b>Investment per child per year</b>	R 12,881	\$ 859	€ 781	£ 657
<b>Investment per child month</b>	R 1,073	\$ 72	€ 65	£ 55
<b>Investment per child per hour</b>	R 12	\$ 1	€ 1	£ 1
<b>Investment per child per week</b>	R 268	\$ 18	€ 16	£ 14

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