



### Sakhisizwe Youth Development Programme

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### Report for Youth Month, June 2022

Our young people have played a significant role in resisting apartheid and fighting against inequality in education. On 16 June 1976 more than 20 000 pupils from Soweto held the historic protest march. As we celebrate this milestone in our history, we discussed different themes with our young people. Together we created short video clips to post on Social media to create awareness.

#### Event celebration: June 16



On June 16 we had an amazing day at Sakhisizwe YDP. We spent the day playing games, walking around the community singing amagwijwa, raising awareness of the cries of the youth of Imizamo Yethu, Hout bay. We ended the day with drama and dance performances in different groups. We had visitors from an organisation called *Hand in Hand* who are exploring a partnership with us. They will be



employing 25 youth from our community to assist in different NGO's to reduce youth unemployment. We are assisting with recruitment. They were very impressed by how talented and creative our young people are. We look forward to working with them.

#### #bettereducation

In South Africa education is free but it's still not equal. We have seen the effects of poor quality of education during covid-19 where most schools were unable to support students during this time. Our young people are facing difficulties at school as they are back full time, in overcrowded classes in which it is difficult to



concentrate fully because of various distractions in the classrooms. It's important to create a space for them to be able to study, be involved in group discussions and to go through past questions papers so that they could be ready for exams. Education is the key to success, and we would like to see change in their lives through education.

### #Notodomesticviolence



There has been an increase in the number of deaths of women and children being killed by men, which has caused the youth of South Africa to cry out in despair. Every day, women are murdered, physically and sexually assaulted, threatened and humiliated by their partners often in their own homes. We hope for a community that will not keep quiet when they see women/children or LGBTQI+ people being killed or abused. We hope for a bold generation that will stand against this sickness that is demoralising our community

### #Notosubstanceabuse

One of the causes of gender-based violence is substance abuse. Substance abuse is a major challenge for many young people globally. South Africa has been reported as a country that is experiencing high levels of alcohol abuse. SYDP was chosen by the SABC to be one of the projects that would coordinate a documentary for Cutting Edge. Individuals from our community were interviewed to talk about the effects of alcohol especially on young people. Lihle, Lelo and Lumka featured in that documentary. They talked about how difficult it is for youth to adapt in a world that is unequal in front of their eyes, where you see poverty around you and the lack of housing in Hout Bay. Lelo commented that there are more than 30 taverns in the relatively small community of Imizamo Yethu, almost one in every corner, without the proper registration documents to operate. Lumka stressed how difficult it is to raise a child in these conditions, because they easily fall into traps of alcohol abuse, succumbing to peer pressure in order to fit in. Many other members of the community were also interviewed. Please take the time to watch the full video on Cutting Edge. <https://youtu.be/OVcDwYONnGc>



### Mentorship: 18-25years

#### IEC Voting Workshop



Phumla from the IEC hosted a workshop to teach our youth about voting, its importance and the benefits of doing so. Most of the youth feel disappointed with the government especially by the corruption they see from the leaders who make a lot of promises ahead of the elections. The conclusion of the workshop was that they are the future and that they can make a difference by ensuring that they vote for a party that will represent their

needs and aspirations and elect candidates that will provide good leadership.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge our cook, Mama Mirriam. She is dedicated to cooking healthy meals for our students. She makes meals like samp & beans or pap & sausage, and our youth are always making positive comments about the food they get at Sakhisizwe YDP, saying that this is the only program that provides a decent meal for the youth program. We would like to say thank you very much to all our donors, sponsors and partners for their monthly donations. You are making a difference to our future leaders. Should you require a tax return certificate please let us know.

We are still looking for more partners to support us. Below are our banking details, PayPal and givengain accounts for your convenience.

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Kind regards

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