



Annual Review 2017

March 2016 to February 2017



Together to see families thrive and communities transformed.



A Message from the Board Chair

South African NGOs are subjected to a challenging mix of competitive pressures and increasingly scarce donor resources. Macroeconomic and political mismanagement of resources affects the poorest and most vulnerable of society — the very beneficiaries of many NGOs. As a result, there is a growing demand upon NGOs to intervene and address policy and market failures to counter the many challenges at individual and societal level.

International NGOs continue to enter the South African market. When driven by a short-term 'project approach' the process is often to override the local NGO and interface directly with programmes that do not necessarily prioritize community needs nor integrate with local systemic solutions.

Local NGOs are further challenged by internal constraints, such as:

- i) a lack of strategic planning enabling ownership over their mission, values and activities; this in turn leads to vulnerability to donor demands and difficulty in measuring their effectiveness over time. Sometimes the NGO becomes incentivized to shift their interventions solely to satisfy the donor's priorities.
- ii) limited technical and organisational skills with limited financial resources to build capacity.
- iii) poor governance leading to ineffective management of resources, with low accountability and transparency; private and institutional donors require sound financial accountability and evidence of successful program implementation and outcomes.

Within this framework, Connect Network recognizes the importance of adapting to strategies that promote ownership, efficiency, accountability and outcomes. This report shares our vision, processes and learnings to build and equip our Network in a sustainable way, collectively.

However, at our core, our primary objective remains intact: to serve vulnerable women and children at risk. We are committed (and accountable) to the beneficiaries affected by our efforts, and we seek to empower our Affiliates and their beneficiaries at individual, community and organisational levels. We recognize that communities have assets, wisdom and skills and we look to grow our investment in the 'safe community' model.

Connect targets collaborative funding where, with regional and thematic synergies, we can achieve economies of scale. We actively partner with select International NGOs and donors that provide our Affiliates with opportunities for mutual learning and understanding, improved coordination and cooperation and local advocacy.

By recognising that financial uncertainty affects operations and effective planning, we have diversified somewhat to generate alternative income streams. We have developed a consultancy, Connect Consult, where clients can access training, information and specialist skills and expertise. We actively pursued the first Social Impact Bond (SIB) launched in the Western Cape, to develop experience in new funding instruments in the social sectors within which we work. Furthermore, Connect made an initial investment into iKapa Volunteers a social volunteering business that invites international volunteers to support our Affiliates.

We are most grateful to our active funding partners that support Connect's operations and initiatives.

Our Affiliates remained committed over the past year to best practices through QIS; there was 100% participation from 12 organisations completing three modules, four organisations were verified: Sikhula Sonke, Kuyasa, Think Twice and SA Cares for Life.

We are indebted to: The Connect Board and Management, the Connect staff, Connect Volunteers, and our Affiliate for their commitment, perseverance and enthusiasm during the past year, in contributing to a robust Network, and we wish them every success in 2017.

Nicole Serfontein



A Message from the Executive Director

"When I think of the child victims of violent crime in Cape Town this year alone, I'm overcome by emotion. Horror, anger, frustration, despair, pity and sorrow sit in my stomach like something that's impossible to digest. Grief is probably the hardest to process. I grieve for Franziska Blöchliger, little Saadiqah Lippert and for Sinxolo Mafevuka, to name just a few of the victims. I grieve for their families and their friends. But I grieve also for you and for me, for us – as a city and a society – because Franziska, Saadiqah and Sinxolo were our children. And we failed them."

Excerpt from our press release for child protection month, May 2016

With current statistics showing that 68% of all South African mothers are single, 11.9 million children receive child grants of a wretched R360 per month, 50% of South Africans don't complete school and 9.3 million South Africans are unemployed, there is no doubt in my mind that services offered by non-profit organisations and churches are vital, most especially to these vulnerable people.

The mission of the Connect Network support office is to serve a network of NGO's and Churches who work with women and children at risk, to see families thriving and communities transformed. This offering is undergirded by the spiritual values of discipleship to connect, equip and mentor ministry leaders to be at their best in their social justice service to women and children at risk (i.e. widows and orphans).

We fully realise that our affiliates fulfill their valuable roles in a competitive funding environment, with 172,000 registered non-governmental organisations in South Africa alone. A significant number of these are serving vulnerable children and address various areas of need, from food security to shelter, to early childhood development, education and career counselling, to music therapy, trauma counselling and sports programmes. By and large, NGOs are poorly funded and under-resourced and usually pay their staff a stipend or a meagre wage. They are mostly reliant on government and private individuals for funding. This year we have endeavored to structure the network in a way where network affiliates are better positioned to partner with each other for joint funding.

We are excited about the progress affiliates are making in their Quality Improvement journeys. This is evidence that they are serious about ensuring the work they do is sustainable and has the desired effect on the needs they address. The Child Protection Campaign was a highlight this year with more organisations and churches embracing the campaign. Our research on the scope of the Network's Early Childhood Development revealed some significant opportunities for collaboration, and our popular monthly network prayer breakfasts have given affiliates the opportunity to network informally.

On behalf of Connect Network I am grateful to our investors who continue to partner with us, to the network coordination team, the Connect board and the Non-Profit Company members who provide solid leadership and good governance.

All-in-all it has been a good year in the development of Connect Network's strategy.

Thank you.

Dee Moskoff



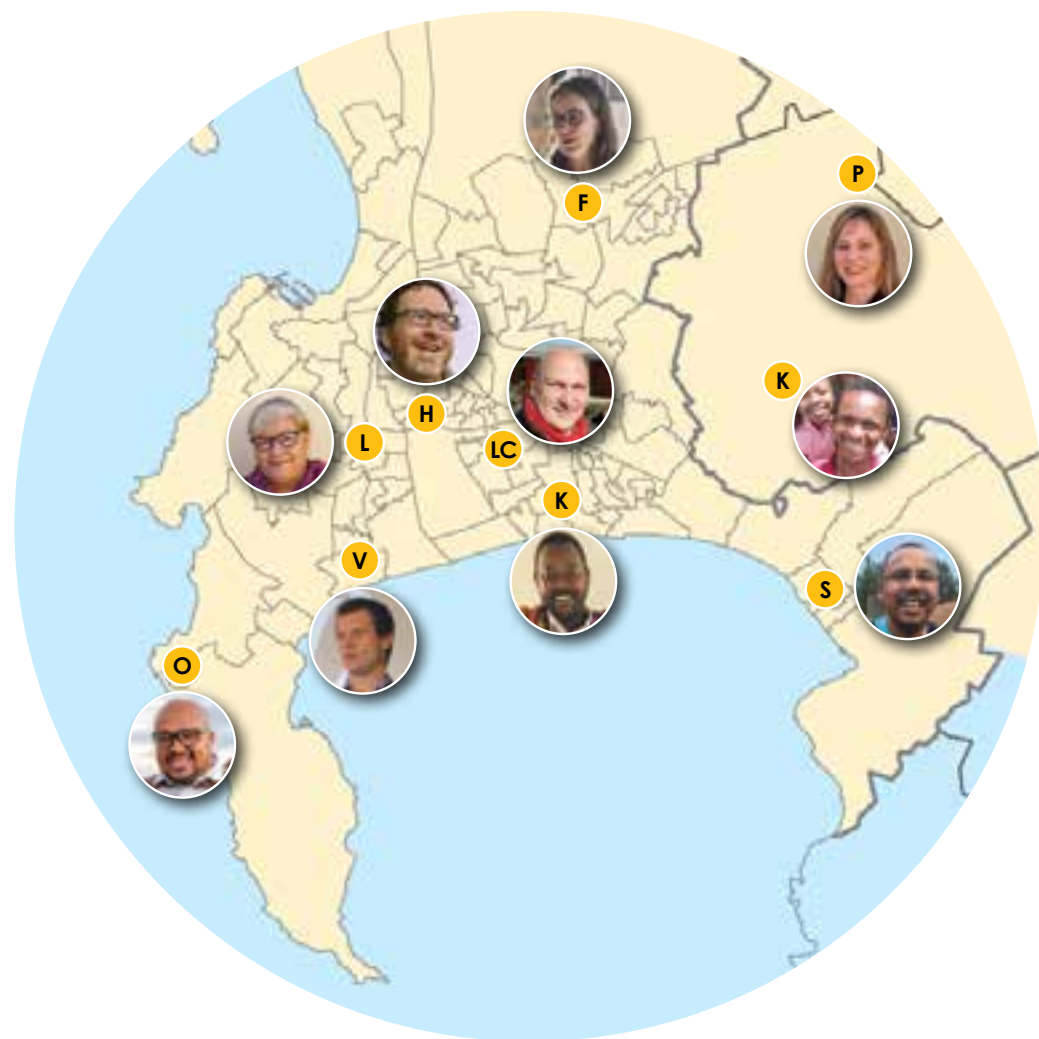
Connect Strategy

Franziska Blöchliger, Saadiqah Lippert and Sinxolo Mafevuka are children who were brutally murdered in Cape Town in the first six months of 2016.

Connect Network affiliates are dedicated to protecting children but the ongoing violence against children is overwhelming and we realise, now more than ever before, the urgency to work together and focus our joint influence at community level.

It is with this in mind that the leadership of Connect put our heads together to design our theory of change for the Network's 2016–2019 goal of promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and thriving families through collaboration and capacity building in at least 10 Western Cape communities.

We believe this can be effected through affiliates who are committed to the Quality Improvement System and who wish to be the Network's lead agents for child protection in their respective areas. Connect's role is to play a supportive function in the equipping and the establishment of child protection steering groups lead by these affiliates.



The 10 safe community areas are:

O: Oceanview, Living Hope, Nathan Pantl
L: Lansdowne, The Salvation Army, Linda Walters
V: Vrygrond, The SOZO Foundation, Anton Cuyler
H: Heideveld, ARISE Children's Ministry, Steven Nicholson
LC: Lower Crossroads, Beautiful Gate, Vaughan Stannard

K: Khayelitsha, Sikhula Sonke, Mdebuka Mthwasi
F: Fisantekraal, Mercy Aids, Barbara Clarke
P: Paarl, EZRAH Community Training & Development, Mariette Jacobs
K: Kayamandi, Kuyasa, Nkosinathi Sixabayi
S: Strand, Phambili Community Development, Collin Van Wyk



Connect Strategy: Theory of Change

The theory of change is based on the fundamental logic that by having Connect affiliates as lead agents for child protection in the various communities there will be greater awareness of child safety. This will in turn provide necessary elements for children to thrive in families and communities that are empowered to take responsibility for their children. The key assumption is that other agencies and people living in the communities will have the willingness to collaborate on the issues of child safety.

Inputs (What we invest)

People: Skilled Program Manager, 10 Network Coordinators, Child Protection Officer / Social Worker, Admin, Trainers
Money: Funding, membership fees, training fees

Equipment: Communications equipment such as laptops, camera / smart phone, data management system, transport
Research: Skilled researcher, interns for fieldwork

Infrastructure: Admin support, CN HQ (Finance, M&E, Legal, HR, Marketing, Communications), Policies and Contracts

Outputs Activities (What we do) and Participation (Who we target)



Appoint and equip a Lead Affiliate (LA) organisation in 10 communities

Oversee Community Mapping (led by LA): which orgs exist, geographic location, services provided, etc.

Support LA to setup and run Child Safety (CS) Working Groups, where children can participate, in each community



Develop an integrated training curriculum based on the CN assets, i.e. scalable programmes³

Assist CS Working Groups to identify service and capacity gaps in each community, then tailor-make capacity building curriculum (10)

Coordinate CN and CN Affiliates to deliver training and mentoring



Initiate and assist CS Working Groups with fundraising for ad hoc collaborative initiatives, e.g. camps

Support CS Working Groups to run a coordinated child protection campaign (that includes children)

Our Target Group
Connect affiliates identified in communities
Other community organisations involved with children²

Outcomes

Short-term: 1 Year



CS Working Groups have a raised awareness of their joint assets for serving and benefitting children

CS Working Groups able to recognise service delivery gaps in the community

Organisations in CS Working Groups begin to cross-refer children to appropriate community services

Medium-term: 2 to 3 Years



Organisations in CS Working Groups no longer work in competition, have a safe space to work on protection concerns, and hold each other accountable

Organisations in CS Working Groups that receive QIS training have improved governance and management skills capacity

Organisations in CS Working Groups that receive programme training are offering new / enhanced services

Communities use resources more efficiently, e.g. different orgs no longer feeding the same kids / areas

Adults in community understand child protection issues and are acting to protect children

Children are actively participating in CS Working Groups

Children are aware of child protection issues and are learning skills to protect themselves

Long-term: 4 to 5 Years



CS Working Groups are community-driven and relatively matured (although not yet financially sustainable)

CS Working Groups act as a unified voice for the community, advocating to external stakeholders and government.

CS Working Groups start to mobilise resources for collaborative solutions to community issues

More Children and families have access to more and better services (gaps in services to children are being addressed by CS Working Group)



Photo courtesy of Ikhaya le Themba
www.ikhayalethemba.co.za

We Network: Locate & Connect

It was an ordinary summer evening when 16 year old Francizka went jogging in the Tokai forest. Who would have known that at the same time another young person, Howard, who was high on mandrax, would be in that same forest and was out to murder someone.

The situation of crime against children in South Africa is critical. Connect affiliates are deeply committed to do all they can to keep children safe and realise that by networking together they can strengthen their efforts.

Networking Strategy



Prayer Breakfasts

Connect Network provides a platform for networking at our monthly prayer breakfasts where we reflect on the situation of children in Cape Town, strengthen relationships among each other and pray for children in our city. This year we hosted 10 events that were represented by 27 organisations.



Women's Retreat

Working in drug-ridden communities is tough on caregivers working with vulnerable mothers and their children. These caregivers are mission-driven and need regular encouragement. The annual retreat for 25 women leaders in the network provided a safe space for them to be revitalised to face the work they do.



Social Media

Digital marketing and social media platforms have provided a way for Connect affiliates to remain informed about each other's child protection activities and needs. This is evidenced by over 1500 online activities on social media platforms.

Networking with Viva

Through Viva, Connect affiliates are linked with four other networks in Africa and 33 networks worldwide. In May, network coordinators from the Africa region gathered together for training and equipping in Kampala, Uganda.



We Engage...

Six year old Saadiqah was known as a friendly, jovial child who enjoyed hugging her teachers and friends. In May 2016 she had been playing outside her father's home in Bokmakierie when two men came running down the road firing a gun. Saadiqah was caught in the crossfire and died in hospital the next day.

Stray bullets have taken a terrible toll on Cape Town's children. At least seven children and one parent, who was dropping his child at a crèche, were killed in crossfire incidences in 2016.

Connect Network's annual child protection campaign is aimed at raising greater awareness about child protection at neighbourhood, community and society levels.

Networking Strategy



Our City, Our Children

Each year during May the Department of Social Development initiates a National Child Protection Week. Connect Network affiliates use the whole month of May to run their child protection campaigns. These are awareness campaigns that remind everyone that child protection is our joint responsibility, from public policy, to legal infrastructures, child justice systems, mothers and fathers, households, families, neighborhoods, communities, health centers, education facilities, private sector companies and non-profit organisations. Together we all contribute to the safety-net for our children to grow and thrive in South Africa.

2016 Child Protection Month Stats



Children, Church & the Law

We are proud to announce the publishing of the manual for church leaders "Children, Church and the Law". Connect Network conducted the baseline research for this manual in 2011 and collaborated with The Warehouse to produce a manual for church leaders to know their legal responsibilities towards children in accordance with the South African Law.



...and Equip

The Quality Improvement System (QIS) programme of Connect Network, in partnership with Viva, forms an integral part of the Network strategy for 2016-2019. Through participation in this programme, network affiliates who are committed to work together for child protection have the opportunity to be equipped with knowledge, skills and tools to align their organisational development with the aims and standards signed off by the international Quality Standards Reference Group. After participating in QIS training and mentoring, organisations may choose to get verified by an independent verification team to confirm that they have met all the agreed upon aims (Foundations level) and standards (Accountability level).

This was another great QIS year with an average of 28 delegates from 13 organisations participating in each of the three training modules that were hosted: People Care, Child Protection and Child Wellbeing. We are also growing in terms of the mentoring uptake with 12 organisations completing mentoring related to one or more of these modules. Furthermore, four affiliates were successfully verified by the external verification team which is an excellent achievement. We want to congratulate SA Cares for Life, Sikhula Sonke, Think Twice and Kuyasa Horizon Empowerment for this outstanding achievement.

With QIS gaining momentum each year, we are looking forward to hearing many more exciting fruit stories of how Connect affiliates were able to grow into significant child protection stakeholders due to the empowerment provided by the QIS programme.

QIS Fruit Story: Sikhula Sonke

"Sikhula Sonke has passed foundations on Quality in six modules. The verification and due diligence process means that we can submit our proposals together with the verification certificate to any government department or foundation as a strong supporting document, which will increase our chances of getting funding. QIS increased our awareness and other important aspects of child protection and child wellbeing in our programme design. Our programmes are better planned and have attractive layouts that everyone can understand. Through the People Care module, our human resource department has managed to put most of labour related matters together. All in all, each department at Sikhula Sonke was encouraged to share support resources with other organisations in the network. QIS has been instrumental in the development of the entire organization."

Mdebuka Mthwazi, Executive Director

First Aid Training

30 Connect affiliates from 15 organisations who are on the Quality Improvement System were sponsored by SANTAM to attend the St Johns Ambulance First Aid level one training course. This means that each of these organisations now have two health officers on staff a best practice standard for NGOs.



We Collaborate

'Going to the toilet' is a basic need but when you are a young girl living in an informal settlement, where there are no lights at night and the communal toilet is far away from your home, down a dark alley, it is not safe. In 2016, 19 year Sinixolo lost her life... her body was found in one of Khayelitsha's communal toilets. Six year old Asenathi disappeared and was never found after leaving her crèche to go to the toilet.

Connect Network affiliates do all they can to change such situations and realise that on their own they cannot reach every child at risk. In 2016, affiliates collaborated on issues of education, economic empowerment, psycho-social support and health to try and combat the desperate situations that so many children live in every day. We acknowledge that city-wide solutions for children do not happen overnight and that there are multiple stakeholder interventions for children from research, to public policy, to government programmes, to advocacy, to direct care. Connect Network's approach is to create collaborative projects for organisations in the network to partner in and move into formal working arrangements. Through this a collaboration track record is built and trust grows. These are important elements for ultimately partnering on big solutions for a city-wide strategy for children.

Networking Strategy



Education: A Critical Research – Early Childhood Development

Research forms a critical foundation of any strategic plan, with Early Childhood Development forming one-third of Connect Network's constituency, we conducted an in-depth research project on the scope and locale of every crèche linked with the network. The findings of this research will inform Connect's 2017–2019 collaborative plans. We discovered that through our ECD affiliates, more than 20,000 children are having access to well run crèches. Recommendations included a conference for crèche practitioners, jointly funded social worker for rapid response to child protection issues and a joint nutrition programme.

Economic Empowerment: Helping NGOs To Employ Workers

Connect Network's approach to economic empowerment is based on the premise that non-profit organisations are contributing to the economy by providing employment and volunteer opportunities to mothers, fathers and youth through a wide variety of interventions that influence their ability to enter the economy. Added to this, we recognised that the importance of entrepreneurship and social enterprise in the context of ECD crèche owners is job creation, but our research revealed a lack of financial resources to be the leading barrier of success. Our 2016 research revealed that funding challenges faced by organisations directly affects the organizations' viability in terms of staff retention, DSD compliance, teaching resources, and ultimately service delivery to the children. Currently through the network more than 5000 people have either paid jobs or volunteer posts. On the basis of stakeholder consensus on working together, there is potential for centralised fundraising, resource mobilisation, capacity enhancement through volunteers, and bulk buying. Connect NPC aims to use this as a basis for advocating on behalf of the network to bring new funds into the sector.

Psycho-Social: Camp Africa & Child Protection

In 2015, Living Hope lost one of their star children, 13 year old Amani, which instigated a mass community uprising in Masiphumelele. With funds from Active Education in the UK affiliates, Resilient Kids, UCSA, EZRAH and Metro Kids collaborated to deliver a five day Camp Africa for 30 of Amani's friends from Living Hope along with 30 more children from Vineyard Houses, Kin Culture, The Ark and Immanuel's Haven. The camp activities focused on trauma support.



World Vision SA, Valcare, Think Twice and EZRAH collaborated on a joint child protection training using Jerry Giraffe to more than 50 crèche practitioners in Atlantis and Paarl. Think Twice developed the Jerry Giraffe programme to teach children about healthy sexuality and prevention of child abuse.

Health: Women's Health & Eyecare

Beautiful Gate International and The SOZO Foundation collaborated with 80 high school learners in Vrygrond to improve girls' personal and collective wellbeing in reducing gender inequalities, increasing social cohesion and to grow empowered, informed and dignified women. Onesight and Hollander Optometrists collaborated with Connect Network to provide glasses to 42 Care givers from 9 organisations who serve women and children at risk.

Health Story: Dignity Campaign

"The 3 mothers from the community who attended our launch (Dignity Day) said they felt very encouraged to have a programme like this in the community because they didn't have the opportunities to learn about what it meant to be a woman, menstrual management and other topics that were seen as taboo. One mum in particular said that it was a privilege to be given a safe space to discuss self esteem and confidence with her daughter because she didn't want her daughter to struggle like she did when she was a teenager."

Sophie Oliver, The SOZO Foundation

The Generosity Project

"Educate women and their community will prosper.
Deny them education and the world will suffer."

Sabra T. Reichardt, 1938–2015, Co-founder of the Barney II Foundation

In 2016 Connect Network partnered with the Barney II Foundation to introduce the Generosity Project. This project teaches children the principles of 'pay it forward' whereby the beneficiary of a good deed repays the good deed to others instead of to the original benefactor. Groups of Students identify people who they want to intentionally express gratitude to. Each group applies for a R200 grant and decides how to 'pay it forward'.

School of Hope, part of the Thembalitsha Foundation, is an organisation committed to their Quality Improvement journey, who have applied to Connect Network's Small Grant Fund to implement the Generosity project with their learners. The school offers a second chance at education to at-risk and vulnerable youth where 130 students enjoy individual attention in small classes within a trusting learning environment. Youth who would otherwise be at home or on the streets are making the bold choice to return to school, aiming for Grade 12!

"One of our core values at School of Hope is giving generously, and we would like to give the opportunity to our grade 12 learners to use the funds as seed capital to add value to someone else's life. As they have received hope so they will give hope to the next person in need."

Laura Collura, Principal of School of Hope

One group raised over R1000 using their R200 as start up capital, they used this money to spend a day in an old age home sharing hygiene packs and goodies with the elderly.

Another group used their money to have lunch with a homeless woman and then assisted her with the basics to clean herself up for her job search. The idea was to identify with others in need by seeing the homeless as people who need connection too.

The third group of students chose to invest their money in 'The Tableview Angels' who help destitute people in desperate situations.

Small Grants

From time to time Connect Network is approached by people who want to give money to our small grant fund. People who give to this fund usually choose the organisation they want to support from the list of affiliates who have committed to the Quality Improvement System. These affiliates must be actively involved in the network and have a child protection policy in place. This year small grants were allocated to:

- Eagle's Nest bought text books for their grade 4–7 learners.
- Hope to the Hopeless received organisational coaching and funding for their food programme.
- Metro Kids added their small grant towards purchasing a much needed vehicle.
- Lerato's Hope helped Mamma Beauty purchase furniture and shelving for her Abaholo Educare centre.
- Sir Lowry's Pass Empowerment Project was given assistance with sponsoring children in their after school programme.
- Prochorus used their grant to contribute to service provision costs to ECD centres.



- Thembalitsha's Graceland facilitated a staff wellbeing programme.
- Thembalitsha's School of Hope installed an air conditioner in one of their classrooms and launched the Generosity Project with their grade 12 learners.
- The SOZO Foundation facilitated a women's health project called the Dignity Campaign for their adolescent girls.
- We Have Hope programme hosted by ALICT trained 18 caregivers who work with traumatized children.
- The Tereo Project used their grant for their nutrition programme for grade 1–7 learners.

"I was amazed by the impact using my hands to express my emotions had on me. When I would squeeze the clay so tightly, it felt like my anger and all those feelings were coming out of me into the clay."

Participant of We Have Hope training

Governance

Seven of our Network affiliates are members of the Connect Network Non-profit Company (NPC). These members appoint the Board and they agree on the network strategy. The Board provides fiscal responsibility for the NPC and appoints the Executive Director. The network office provides administration and support services to the Network.

Non Profit Company Members (10 nominated affiliates / QIS alumni)

Network affiliates who have completed QIS and who are committed to the “safe community for children” strategy.

Current NPC members complete their first 3 year term in August 2017. It is proposed that new nominations are selected from the identified lead agents.

NPC members determine the goals and strategy of the network.

Board of Directors

NPC Directors are registered on the CIPC registry and form part of the board (David, Dee, Andre).

The balance of the board is made up of business professionals and NPC representatives (Nicole, Marcia, Vaughan).

The board provides governance to the finances and resources of the NPC as well as provide strategic direction for the network.

Executive Director

Operational Support (Staff)

Network Activities

Made up of individuals who are committed to the network vision and who either volunteer or receive some form of remuneration either through employment, contract work, a retainer or refund of expenses.

All co-ordination team members have a contract and a portfolio.



Staff

Shown, Left to Right: Melissa Kidd – Communications, Chewe Adjasi – Fundraising Associate, Dee Moskoff – Executive Director, Mariette Jacobs – QIS Coordinator, Priscilla Muller – Office Manager, Linda Walters – Community Coordinator, Beverley Stoffberg – Finance Manager, Rachelle Appelo – Volunteer, Yolanda Nxesi – Project Administrator

Not shown, Interns: Emily Essi – Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY; Benji Van Baelenberghe – Belgium; Danielle Davelaar – CHE University, Holland; Jessica Moskoff – UCT; Paolo Osato – ECD Research

Non-Profit Company Members

Arise: Steven Nicholson
Beautiful Gate: Vaughan Stannard
Living Hope: Avril Thomas
Metro Kids Africa: James Senior
Phambili Community Development: Colin Van Wyk
Sikhula Sonke: Mdebuka Mthwazi
Think Twice: Moussa Mulamba



Board Members



Nicole Serfontein
Board Chair



David Nefdt
Human Resources



Vaughan Stannard
Director of Network Strategy



Dee Moskoff
Executive Director



Andre Mahoney
Finance Director



Marcia Sibara
Member Representative

Connect Network Community

95 Affiliates, 5100 workers, 240,000 women & children

360 Transformation
ACVV Bright Lights
ACVV Somerset West
Arise Children's Ministry
Baby Safe
Beautiful Gate Ministries International
Beautiful Gate South Africa
Beauty for Ashes
Bridges of Hope SA
Bridging Abilities
Carehaven Salvation Army
Choices Centre
Common Good Foundation
Community Empowerment Project
Eagles Nest Ministries
Emyezweni Pre-School
Ethel's Place Youth Care Centre
Ezrah Community Training and Development
Fikelela Aids Project
Friends of Child Protection
Hand of Hope (Joyce Meyer Ministries International)
Heatherdale Children's Homes
Helderberg Development Centre
Home from Home Trust
Home of Compassion Ministries
Hope Prison Ministries
Hope to the Hopeless
Ikhaya Le Themba Home Based Care
Immanuel's Haven
Izandla Zethemba
Joya Homes and Educare Company
Jubilee Health Centre
Khula Development Group
Kibwe Kids
Kin Culture NPC
Kuyasa Horison Empowerment
Lerato's Hope
Life Child
Living Hope
Mater Domini Home
Matla-A-Bana
Mercy Aids
Metro Kids Africa
Missing Children SA
Mould Empower Serve
Naomi's Joy
Neo Life Hermanus
NewDay United

Open Schools Worldwide
Op die Plaas
PACT - People Against Child Trafficking
Paradigm Shift
Percy Bartley House
Phambili Community Development
Philippi Children's Centre
Philippi Trust SA
Place of Hope
Prochorus Community Development
Proud2B Me Foundation
Rock Crisis Centre
SA Cares for Life
Safeline Child Abuse Prevention
& Treatment Centre
Sarfat Community Projects
S-Cape Home
Scripture Union
Seasons Crisis Pregnancy Centre
Sikhula Sonke Early Childhood Development
Sisters Incorporated
Somerset West United Church
Sport Implementation Foundation
St. Anne's Home
St. Peter's Church Mowbray
Straatwerk
Tereo Project
Thando Trust
The Ark City fo Refuge
The Pearl Community of Development Project
The Phoebe Care Centre
The Salvation Army
The Sozo Foundation
Thembalitsha Foundation
Think Twice
Touch Community Network
Trinity Children's Centre
Umnqophiso Primary School
United Christian Student Association
uThando leNkosi
Valcare Trust
Village Care Centre
Vineyard Houses
Vision Afrika
Walk with a Purpose
World Vision Atlantis ADP
World Vision Mbekweni ADP



Partnerships



Alternative Prosperity (APROS) provides a broad range of services and products relating to B-BBEE, Sustainability and Responsible Investment. APROS performs the external verification of Connect Network's QIS affiliates. They also provide Connect Network with the annual Independent Competent Persons Report.



Mergon is a private investment group that uses 70% of its proceeds to impact lives, and seeks to equip others to do the same. In 2016 Mergon partnered with Connect Network as a Strategic Initiative to build and support the impact of christian value-based organizations into communities



Ezrah Community Training & Development NPC (Ezrah), strengthens community-based organisations through capacity building, leadership development and training in effective programmes with the goal of promoting ethical service delivery and quality education. Ezrah is both an affiliate and a contracted partner of Connect Network NPC to coordinate the Quality Improvement System, assist with ethical service delivery through reviewing and updating our policies.



OneSight brings vision care to people all over the world by mobilising eye care professionals, industry experts, volunteers and partners. Their shared passion is for giving the best care to every patient that needs eye exams. This includes top quality eyewear that allows them to see, look and feel their best. Connect's partnership with OneSight allows caregivers and children from Connect's affiliate organisations to access free eye care.



Viva is a world wide network of Christians working with children at risk working in 21 different countries, supporting thousands of projects working with children at risk in 35 city-wide networks. Viva is the standard bearer for Connect's Quality Improvement System. Viva and Connect Network are committed at all times to exploring mutually beneficial collaborations through joint programmes.



Wellspring International is an outreach of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM). Through a process of due diligence, the vision of Wellspring is to identify and financially equip existing organizations aiding women and children at risk, as well as to provide individual scholarships to support education, healthcare, and basic living needs. Connect Network offers intermediary support for Wellspring's beneficiaries in Cape Town.



World Vision South Africa (WVSA) is a Christian Humanitarian Organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to reach their full potential by tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. Connect Network is assisting World Vision SA in their succession planning around the Western Cape Area Development Programmes through facilitating collaborations of local organisations in the areas that World Vision currently works.

Donors

Connect Network donors are vital partners of the vision to see families thrive and communities transformed. They do this through covering the core operational costs of the network office, specific projects, programmes, grants and affiliates' collaborative initiatives. The donor profile can be seen on the pie chart on the following page.

Donors

Barney II Foundation
Brent van der Linde
CBS Manufacturing (Pty) Ltd
Cebano Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Claytile (Pty) Ltd
Daniel Viviers
Ivan & Dee Moskoff
ECHO
Hollander Optometrists
HT Gormley Testamentary Trust
Louw & Coetzee Attorneys
Mergon Foundation
Muratie Wine Farm
Nathan Conrad
New Day United
Patrick Luxande
Pick n Pay
Rudolfo Bruno
SANTAM
Sowers Trust
St. Armands College (Belgium)
The Community Chest of the Western Cape
Ultimate Activity Camps UK
Valley Electrical Contractors (Pty) Ltd
Virginia De La Hunt

Calendar Sponsors

Alternative Prosperity
Barney II Foundation
Cape Agricultural Products (Pty) Ltd
Cebano Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Children's Campaign Trust
Claytile (Pty) Ltd
Geohydrological & Spacial Solutions International (Pty) Ltd
HomeLife Construction
Ivan Moskoff Financials (Pty) Ltd
Media Creations
Purple Line Plastics (Pty) Ltd
Robosol
Sunflower Beauty Room Health & Skincare Clinic

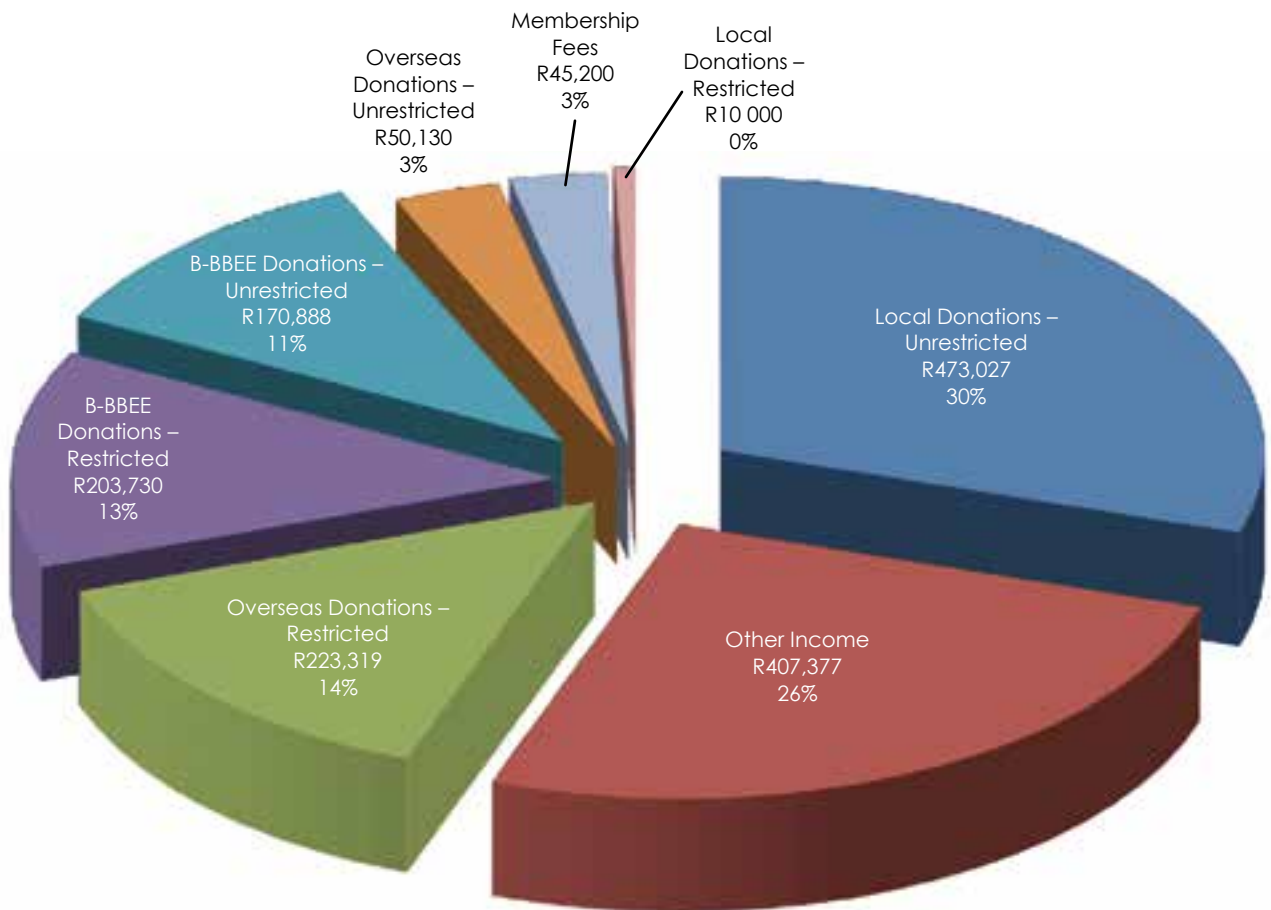
"No one who hopes in You
will ever be put to shame."

Psalms 25:3

Finances

Income

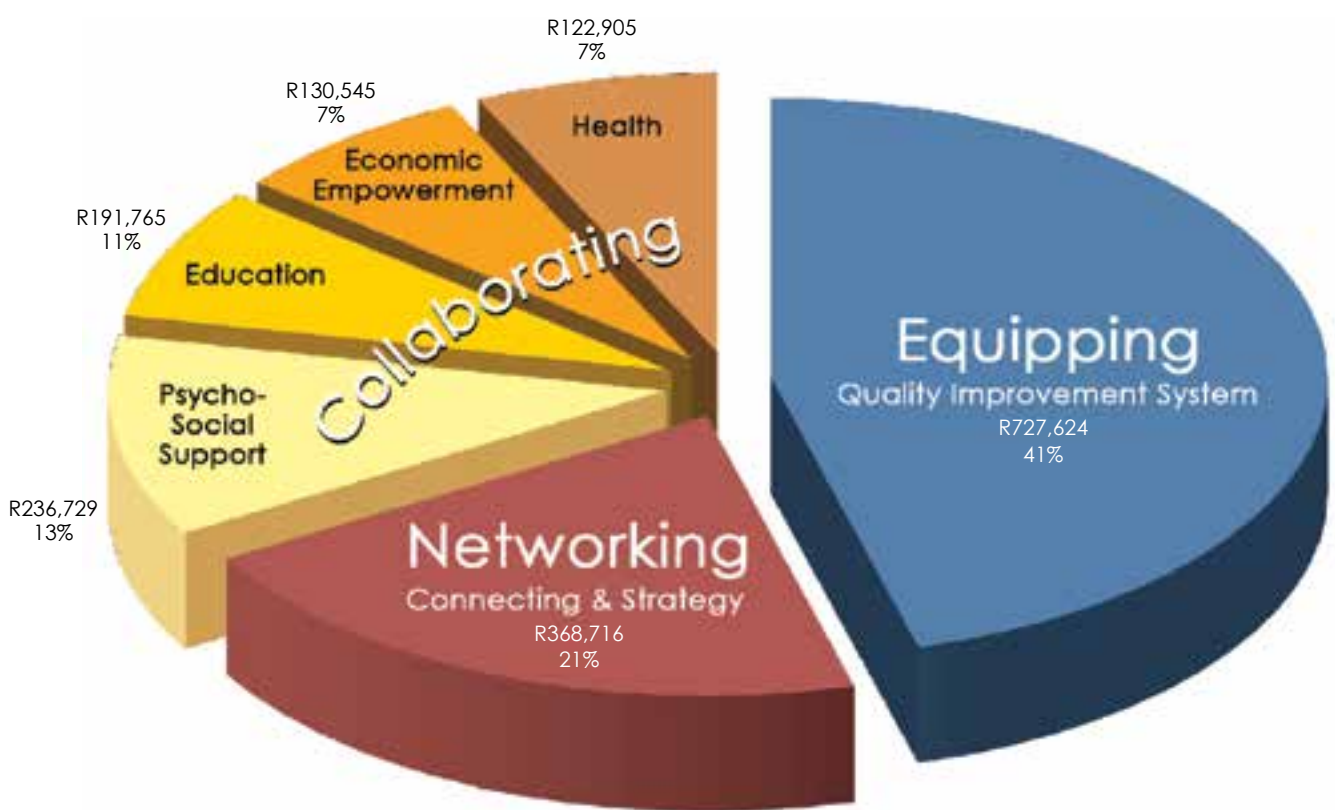
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2017: R1,583,671



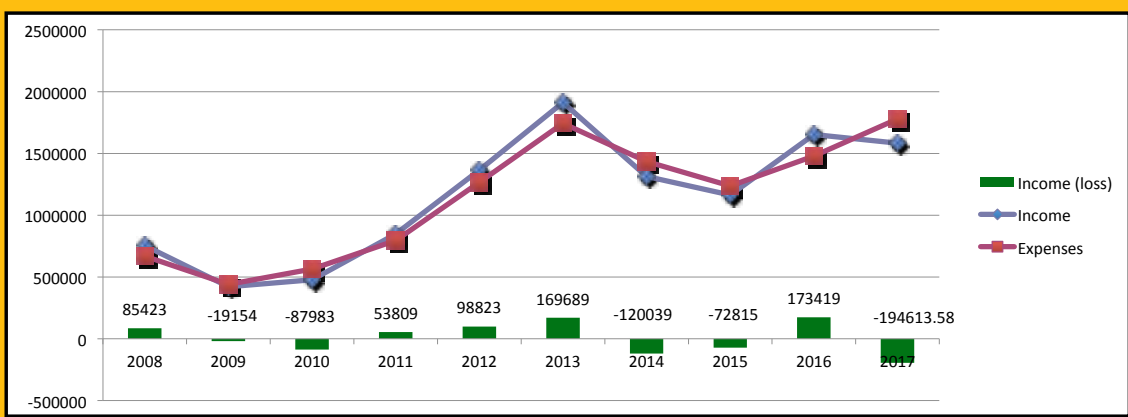
Income has been received from various sources, which prevents Connect Network from only depending on a few large financial contributions. This diversified income base ensures Connect Network is financially secure and reveals how the organisation is developing ways to manage financial risks.

Expenditure

2016: R1,479,424
2017: R1,778,285



Connect Network's strategy is to equip affiliates to be more effective and impactful in their work, both individually and collectively. This is clearly reflected above, with these two components accounting for two-thirds of financial spend over the past financial year. This assures all stakeholders that income distribution is in line with strategy.



This chart reveals Connect Network's dedication and commitment to develop a strategy that improves the lives of women and children. It also reflects our adaptability and resilience in a changing and volatile funding environment. In this year, Connect is in a transition phase diversifying our business model. Through the shift, we lost a long time donor, while it was the first year of funding from a new donor. The demand for QIS increased significantly and this resulted in two modules and five organisational verifications being covered by operational funding due to programme funds not coming in. The resultant deficit is fully covered by the surplus from 2016 and the promise of funds from a 3-year donor partnership, thus none of our activities have been affected. Furthermore, we have contracted the assistance of 4 volunteers to assist with grant writing, brand enhancement and digital marketing to 'ramp-up' the appeal to potential donors for the medium and long term.



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We are a Level 1 B-BBEE contributor with 135% procurement recognition and 100% B-BBEE SED recognition.

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Our deepest Condolences go to the families and communities of Franciszka, Saadiqah and Sinxolo and every other child who was murdered in Cape Town. Their lost lives will be remembered as we endeavour to work with other stakeholders in neighbourhoods communities and society at large to make South Africa a safer place for all children.

