

Annual Review 2018

March 2017 to February 2018



Together to see families thrive and communities transformed.



A Message from the Chairperson

"Freedom cannot be achieved unless women have been emancipated from all forms of oppression. Our endeavours must be about the liberation of the woman, the emancipation of the man and the liberty of the child." ~ Nelson Mandela, State of the Nation Address, 1994

Child Protection is a priority for every South African. There are currently around 18.5 million children in South Africa. The research report, 'Out of Harm's Way', published by the Children's Institute in 2017, was the first national prevalence study on child protection, and it estimates that between 20% and 34% of children experience some form of contact violence before the age of 18. Out of a classroom of 30 learners, that's 10 learners in every class! We know that certain forms of violence against children – such as physical and emotional violence – are often perpetrated by parents, teachers, caregivers and other relatives, yet are seldom disclosed or reported.

Over the years Connect Network has grown into a network of child and family-focused organisations who connect and shape the Christian response to Children and Women at Risk, specifically in our City. During 2017 a rising tide of violence in our communities has led us to develop what we have called a Safe Community Strategy. The approach is simple: identify 10 of the most at risk communities and through the great work of our network members begin to build collaborative action in each of these 10 communities. In so doing, we help to create safer environments for children and families. We look forward with anticipation to see communities begin to strengthen the Child Protection challenge in their own areas.

Also during the past year, Connect embarked on a process to decentralize the leadership within the organization. Our member organisations are the true heroes who serve the children and families and we continue to see the Network guided and driven by the strengths and the needs of our members and affiliates.

We realise too that the not-for-profit sector is not an easy one to work in; there are constant challenges and at Connect it is no different. Over the past three years the Network has faced a decrease in income stream, with added financial challenges. That said I would like to thank the Director, Mrs Dee Moskoff, and the board for their wisdom in guiding the Network through this period of financial challenges with a good dose of introspection, re-organisation and a dedicated commitment to ensure that the Network continues to serve our City in a sustainable and meaningful way.

Finally, our sincere thanks to all our members, donors and partners who have individually and corporately helped the Network achieve, collaboratively, what could never be achieved singularly. May God, whom we serve, continue to grow us as we work together to realise in our generation the protection of children and the strengthening of families in greater Cape Town.

Vaughan Stannard



A Message from the Executive Director

"We can't just accept the world as it is, we must move the world closer to what it should be." ~ Fr. James St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Many children in Cape Town are vulnerable and Connect Network's affiliates are helping to ensure the children under their watch are protected and thriving. The devastating number of children that have died of unnatural causes during 2017 is sobering, and a stark reflection of the state of Cape Town's society. Connect Network acknowledges that we all have a role to play in dealing with this social disintegration and we are serious in our commitment to moving our society closer to one where families and especially children thrive.

Connect's affiliates are ordinary people doing extraordinary work with women and children. Despite being poorly funded and under-resourced for the work they do, we found that those who have a budget to pay salaries do so more as a stipend (or a minimum wage at best) and depend a lot on generous volunteers, motivated by their vision to see families thrive.

The Quality Improvement System (QIS) has seen those participating organisations in our Network really gear up their service offering. 2017 saw a growth in the numbers of children and their moms being served throughout the Network. Ten affiliates have taken the lead in their communities to advocate for child protection and are establishing community-led networks, while collaborating across the different communities to form a framework that will establish them as a robust city-wide network for children. The Connect Network Support Team have diligently provided leadership, administration and coordination of joint activities to these affiliates to ensure optimal support as they work towards our joint vision of children thriving and communities transformed for the better.

Connect's external contributions to a wider audience of related work has expanded for the purpose of strategically linking our affiliates to places of influence: The NPO Collaboration Dialogue Committee; Stellenbosch Department of Practical Theology's research on "faith matters"; the formation committee for the Western Cape Child Protection Collaborative; a committee to establish a new post-graduate course in Non-profit Leadership Development at University of Stellenbosch Business School; participation in the Nation Builder business collaboration for social investments; and attendance at University of Johannesburg's conference on New Trans-Disciplinary Horizons in the Criminal Justice System.

In summary, the 2017–2018 period saw Connect Network consolidating its combined efforts for the protection of children in local communities, while making a meaningful contribution to wider systemic efforts in academia, business and society at large. The Network overall has a good balance of programmes and is engaging a range of expertise, a good foundation in which to develop a strong and focused city-wide strategy.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making Cape Town a better place for children to live and grow, especially to those who give their time, resources, expertise and indeed their hearts to our cause. May you be inspired to continue in the hope that our combined efforts can change the lives and welfare of our children and in turn South Africa's future.

Dee Moskoff

"A network of community organisations and churches, locally focused and united in purpose, is the best vehicle for bringing city-wide change for children at risk." ~ Viva

A photograph of a woman in a red dress sitting on a chair in a doorway, surrounded by a group of children. The woman is smiling and looking towards the right. The children are looking in various directions, some towards the camera. The doorway is framed by blue-painted walls. To the left of the doorway, there is a window with a white frame and a stack of bricks on the ground.

Connect's Strategy Update

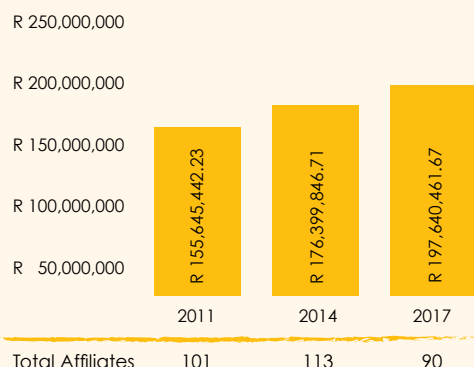
Every three years Connect profiles the scope and reach of the Network. This data will be used in the next strategic review of Connect's mission and goals. It also helps the affiliates to showcase themselves in their wider context.

Network Profile: 2011 ~ 2014 ~ 2017

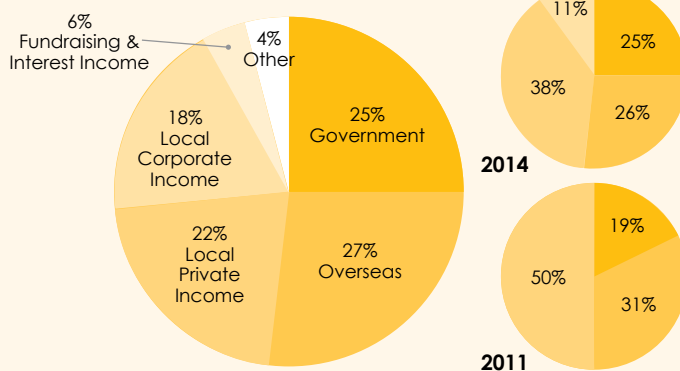
Economic Profile

This pertains to the organisations' economic standing, which covers budgets and funding sources. Most affiliates have consistently remained under R3 million income. There has been positive growth seeing increase in those reaching the R3-6 million income and a shift in a few more affiliates reaching R8 million plus. This positive growth is attributed to exceptional leadership of organisations, an improvement in governance, accountability and funding opportunities. Since 2011, income from government has increased by 6% while overseas income has decreased by 4%.

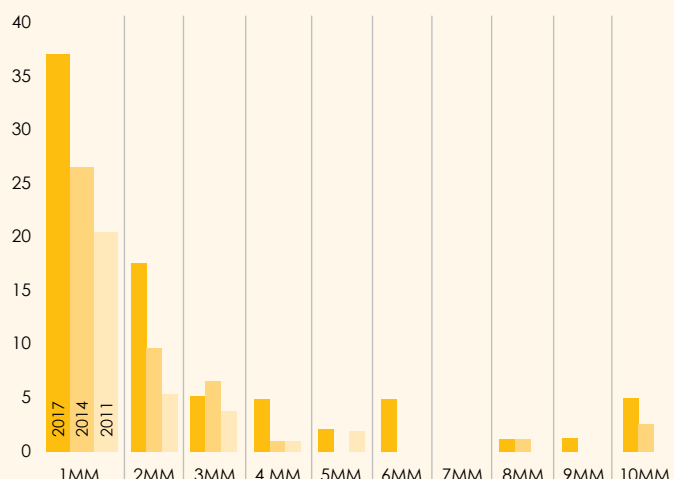
Aggregate Financial Growth 2011-2017
2017: R198,000,000



Funding Breakdown By Year: 2017

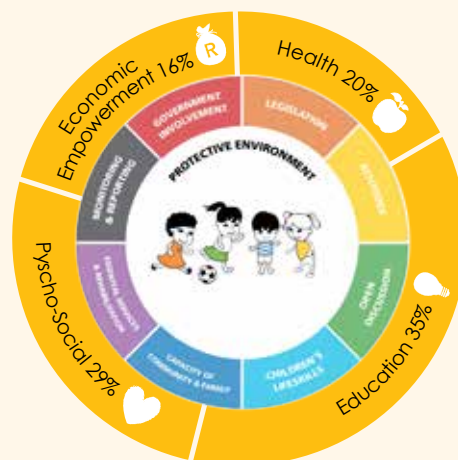


Distribution of NGO Income Sizes



Network Affiliate's Interventions

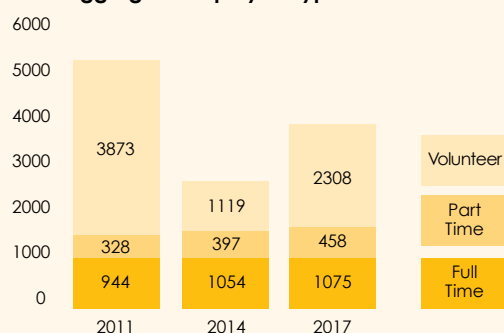
90 affiliates working with children and families in the areas of health, education, economic empowerment and psycho-social issues.



Workforce

With a 40/60 split between paid staff and volunteers, the latter remain significant contributors to the workforce and nearly doubled in number since 2014. The total workforce for 2017 was 3841.

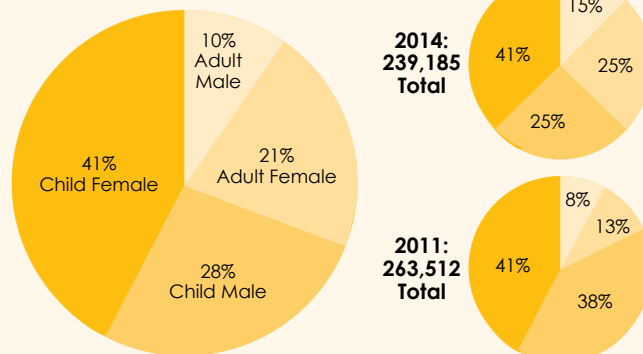
Aggregate Employee Type 2011-2017



Beneficiaries

Although the beneficiary numbers have increased by 30%, the ratio of beneficiary parents to children has remained fairly consistent since 2011.

Aggregate Beneficiaries Growth
2017: 345,534 Total



Connect's Strategic Goal for 2016-2019

To promote the safety and wellbeing of children and to help families thrive through collaboration and capacity building in ten Western Cape communities.



Our goal is to create an awareness of child well-being by enhancing child-focused networks in ten local communities, served by ten of Connect's affiliates. They will provide the necessary community support to help vulnerable families thrive. Our hope is that through this initiative other agencies and individuals, living and working in these communities, will have the desire to collaborate on child well-being awareness.

We Network: Locate & Connect

During 2016 ten organisations in Connect took up the mandate as lead agents and in 2017 initiated joint activities during child protection month. Nine of the ten received training in the 'Courage Child Protection Mapping Tool' which will be used as a tool to identify child-protection issues and service delivery gaps.

Monthly prayer breakfasts were also held where we saw greater connectivity happening between affiliates as the year progressed.

Networking Strategy



Organisations in the child safety-net working groups are cross-referring children to appropriate community services:

"In December, while running our kids holiday clubs, one of our little boys came running up to me saying he heard a baby cry in a driveway in St. Josephs Road. He took me to the place where a baby was left abandoned with no adult in site. Immediately I sent a text to our WhatsApp group of the child protection forum and in no time an ambulance and the police arrived. The baby's mother was nowhere to be found and through our network he was placed in emergency foster care where he could be cared for while a case of abandonment was being investigated. Lansdowne Child Care forum is a well connected group of community organisations and churches who have decided to network with each other for the sake of protecting children."

~ Linda Walters, Coordinator of Lansdowne Child Protection Forum

7725 children and 2740 adults participated in child protection campaigns across seven of the safe community sites.

This year the child protection campaign was used as a vehicle to initiate and raise awareness of the importance of working together across agencies serving in the respective communities.

We saw non-profits, churches, local police, health clinics, schools, libraries, crèches and community residents coming together across the different communities.



These efforts culminated in a "Service of Hope and Blessing" at the Garden's Presbyterian Church to pray over the children of South Africa and their protection. This service was the coordinated effort of the following organisations: Friends of Child Protection, Safeline and NewKids. The service brought together several more organisations of Connect Network as well as prominent members of society who are instrumental in facilitating child protection policies and procedures in the Western Cape. The turnout was over 100 people.

Ten radio stations supported the campaigns by offering interview time. All interviews were quite extensive and those interviewed were given ample time to fully explain the severe importance of protecting children within all of our spheres of influence, as well as how their own individual organisations were contributing to this cause. Bizweek published Connect's child protection press release. Think Twice hosted an awareness walk around Rondebosch Common and Hope to the Hopeless held a march through the Ravensmead community.

We Engage and Equip

Quality Improvement System

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).

Networking Strategy



As the Network strategy for 2016-2019 was to establish at least ten safe communities in the Western Cape gains momentum, the original purpose of QIS becomes even more important: To equip Christian organisations through a quality capacity building programme so they can be a collective voice for child protection.

This year we were again privileged to have the following professional trainers as lead facilitators: Elmarie Becker (Financial Accountability), Susan Farrell (Project Planning and Design) and Ricardo Wyngaard (Governance). In each module quality training was combined with mentoring, which assisted participating organisations to contextualise the training. On average, seventeen organisations attended the modules, while three organisations were successfully verified in line with Viva's QIS best practice standards for non-profit organisations: S-Cape (Foundations level), Eagle's Nest Ministry (Foundations level) and Ezrah Community Training and Community Development NPC (Quality level).

The success of the QIS programme in strengthening the capacity of the Western Cape non-profit sector is not only evident in the organisational development of individual affiliate organisations, but also in the role it plays to strengthen the network as a whole and to provide important platforms for the sharing of solutions. This flagship programme, together with the Network strategy, makes Connect Network an important role-player in the civil society sector to address situations of risk that children face and to make a significant difference in their lives.

Comments from QIS participants attending events during March 2017 to February 2018:

- *"Enjoyed this course. Was very practical and made you feel that you are empowered to get it in place."*
Participant after Financial Accountability Module
- *"All the information is useful and eye opening, especially for me who is new in the NPO field and still learning."* Participant after Financial Accountability Module
- *"Loved every moment of it. One of the most impactful courses I have attended in years."*
Participant after Project Planning and Design Module
- *"It has really given me tools to improve the quality of our services in a systematic, accountable way. Finally understood the terminology which opens up a new world in me and our organisation."*
Participant after Project Planning and Design Module
- *"Top quality. As good as any commercial training."* Participant after Governance Module
- *"NPOs are of the utmost importance in South Africa due to unemployment. I hope this will be further embraced by government."* Participant after Governance Module

"Ezrah is recommended for Quality Level, and has the most comprehensive set of policies and procedures that I have seen at any NGO have in Africa. They are to be commended for their hard work, attention to detail, and training and capacity building service offered to NGOs and other clients." ~ Barenice Lacheke, external verifier for QIS

QIS Testimony

"My experience of Connect Network training for capacity building has been an extremely joyful one! The training presented is focused, helpful and gives us an ability to structure our organisation that meets legal and international standards. We have gained momentum and now have a useful tool to align existing policies to comply with legal requirements. We've also given our partners a better understanding of who we are and where we are going, and we've met and networked with the most amazing people. Well done to you and your team."

~ Theresa Richardson, Project Manager
Ikhaya le Themba Community Development





Top photo courtesy of CampAfrica • www.campafrika.org.

Bottom photos, from left to right: ProLiteracy meeting; Walk-a-Mile In Her Shoes event; Marcia Sibara and the Think Twice team

We Collaborate

Our Connect affiliates continue to change for good the situations of children at risk, knowing too that individually they cannot provide holistic support services. We know that a city-wide solution does not happen overnight considering the various stakeholder involvements, from research to public policy, government programmes to advocacy, and, of course, direct care.

Connect's approach currently is to create smaller, collaborative projects where organisations can practice partnering by engaging in formal working arrangements. In this way a track record of collaboration develops and trust grows. These are key elements for partnering on the bigger solutions for a city-wide strategy for children later.

20 Organizations ~ 5 Different Initiatives

We carried out several collaborative initiatives which included:

- CampAfrica for 60 vulnerable children, where seven organisations worked together to give selected children in the network an opportunity to break away from their threatening situations.
- A women's health literacy project to benefit 300 mothers of pre-school children in Khayelitsha was initiated.
- A written submission to the Premier's office to spearhead the establishment of a Children's Commissioner for the Western Cape Government (as stipulated in the Constitution of the Western Cape) which would serve R2.1 million children living in the area.
- Hollander optometrists and One-Sight provided much needed spectacles to caregivers within our Network.
- The Salvation Army and The Media Campaign Against Human Trafficking (MeCAHT) worked together on a joint awareness-raiser about Human Trafficking in Bredasdorp at the annual Cape Floral Kingdom Festival by hosting a "Walk-a Mile In Her Shoes" event.

Networking Strategy



In our visits to organisations during the year, we were encouraged to hear stories of how these joint projects had played a part in changing the situation of children and their mothers:

"In 2010 we sent some of our boys from the drop-in centre to CampAfrica. For the first time in their lives they felt hopeful and could dream about their future. We are so proud of those boys and where they are at now. One is managing an ice cream shop on Beach Road in Strand, another went on to complete his schooling. These were boys who lived on the street and are young men now making something of their lives."

~ Andre Putter, Bright Lights Drop-in Centre for Boys #PsychosocialSupport #EconomicEmpowerment

"Before I had glasses my eyes would be sore from staring on the computer for too long. Even when watching TV on weekends I would sometimes get blurred vision and text on the screen would be hard to read no matter how close I was. I would often get headaches at the end of my work days. The first week was hard for my eyes to adjust. I was still getting headaches. I then remembered that it will take a few days for our eyes to adjust. I persevered and from the second week I no longer had headaches. I am now seeing in high definition. They make me look smart and beautiful and help me with my parenting and my work!"

~ Marcia Sibara, Director of Think Twice #Health #EconomicEmpowerment



Graceland Preschool

Small Grants

This years small grants were mostly awarded to assist affiliates with their immediate organisational capacity needs and staff care. Though small, they are meant to serve as an encouragement to organisations who are committed to improving their quality of services to women and children.



Ikhaya le Themba

Graceland Preschool provides early childhood development services to children in the Devon Valley community. They received a grant from the Barney II Foundation specifically for their staff development programme. The grant afforded them to each receive a team uniform and have an outing to the beach and a wine farm. Wearing this uniform has given them a strong sense of team and comradie. They were also able to provide counselling support services for a traumatised member of staff. All this has encouraged them to work more effectively with the children to ensure they receive the education and nurturing they need.



Neolife

Hope to the Hopeless received a grant from Claytile (Pty) Ltd. for leadership coaching for the director and board members. This has helped them to run their services to destitute children and families without income efficiently.



Metro Kids

Ikhaya le Themba and Neolife both received small grants to enable them to do the People Care and Project Plan and Design modules of QIS. Both organisations provide direct care to mothers in crisis: Neolife to mothers with unplanned pregnancies, and Ikhaya le Themba to mothers of households needing extra care and support.



Sir Lowry's Pass Empowerment Project

Metro Kids received a small grant from the Barney II Foundation for a leadership development camp for 130 young leaders in their programme. These leaders work with more than 2500 smaller children in various communities across the city providing bible teaching and home care visits.

School of Hope received a grant from the Barney II Foundation to purchase much needed teaching aids for the computer lab.



SOZO Foundation

Sir Lowry's Pass Empowerment Project are addressing the low standard of literacy amongst younger learners which is causing children to fall out of the education system. They do this through providing literacy and numeracy support. The Barney II Foundation grant was used to support classes for 200 Grade 1 and 2 learners at Dr GJ Joubert Primary School.

The SOZO Foundation was given a grant from the Barney II Foundation to conduct a Dignity Campaign for 42 teenage girls in Vrygrond. The aim of this programme was for SOZO staff to connect with the female students from their Educentre Programme. Through the Dignity Campaign, they fulfil a practical need by giving them high quality reusable sanitary pads to relieve the financial burden of purchasing female toiletries every month.



Before

Simni Crèche, After

Simni Crèche, who are part of the Prochorus Early Childhood Development programme, received help from Umvoto Africa (Pty) Ltd. to provide sanitation in a crèche in Kayamandi. This was done in partnership with Green Chain Engineering. The 40 children now have hygienic and safe sanitation.

Village Care Centre received a small grant from Claytile (Pty) Ltd. to provide the board and director with leadership coaching and strategic planning as well as for them to go through the Quality Improvement System. They offer services to unschooled children and the elderly in Lavender Hill. The grant has enabled them to address their gaps in leadership and governance.

"I remember sitting in class, loving it and telling myself that this is what I want to do with my life. This is where I needed to be. I would just like to thank the Sir Lowry's Pass Empowerment Programme Team for putting this course together, because if it wasn't for you, I would still be a lost girl trying to find her way through life."

~ Adri Hartzenberg, trainee for teacher support

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 2017, Connect Network and the Barney II Foundation partnered for the second year with School of Hope for the Generosity Project. This project teaches children the principle 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 R200 grant and decides where to 'pay it forward'.

School of Hope offers a second chance of education to at-risk and vulnerable youth where 130 students enjoy individual attention in small class within a trusting environment. These youth who would otherwise be at home or on the streets are making a bold choice to return to school, aiming for Grade 12. Two groups of children applied to participate in the project:

Group 1 responded to emergency needs after a fire. The Learners Leadership Team (LLT), led by Benjamin Kabengele, were moved with compassion when thousands of people were left homeless due to devastating fires in the Imizamo Yethu informal settlement in March 2017. As such they took steps to collect clothes, food and toiletries and delivered them to the crisis site. They used R250 from the Generosity fund to run a cake sale and multiplied the R250 to R650 and donated it to the RESPOND Network (an affiliate of The Warehouse) to use in their response effort.

Group 2 supplied needed materials to the Filia School (special school for children with moderate to severe disabilities). The learner leadership team visited the Filia School armed with storybooks for the library (surplus from a donation received from Australia), t-shirts for 50 small children (also a surplus donation to the school), and a R500 gift for the school from the Generosity Project.

They spent the day with the children, playing and reading to them. Lungi, their catering manager, herself disabled, joined the team and spoke to the children about having the courage to see oneself as an able person with a disability, and not just a disabled person.



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. Board meetings were held every six weeks, the NPC members met twice and the coordination team met monthly.

Non Profit Company Members

(Up to 10 nominated affiliates / QIS alumni)

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

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 (Andre, David, Dee).

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

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



Executive Director



Coordination Team
(Staff)

Network Projects
(Contractors)

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.



Coordination Team

Shown, Left to Right: Zandi Siwali – Research Volunteer, 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 – iKapa Volunteers, Yolanda Nxesi – Project Administrator

Not shown, Interns: Emms Barret, Danielle Davelaar, Lindy Johnson, Madeleine Prior, Naoki Hiroi

Non-Profit Company Members

Arise: Steven Nicholson

Beautiful Gate: Theresa Le Roux

Living Hope: Avril Thomas

Metro Kids Africa: James Senior

Phambili Community Development: Colin Van Wyk

Sikhula Sonke: Mdebuka Mthwazi

Think Twice: Moussa Mulamba



PHAMBILI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Board Members



Andre Mahoney
Finance Governance
Feb – Aug 2017



Cheryl Anderson
Finance Governance
from Sept 2017



David Nefdt
Human Resources



Dee Moskoff
Executive Director



Vaughan Stannard
Board Chair

Connect Network Community

90 Affiliates, 3841 Workers, 345,534 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 School
Ethel's Place Youth Care Centre
Ezrah Community Training and Development
Fikelela Aids Project
Film School Africa
Friends of Child Protection
Heatherdale Children's Homes
Helderberg Development Centre
Home from Home Trust
Home of Compassion Ministries
Hope to the Hopeless
Hope Prison Ministries
Ikhaya Le Themba Home Based Care
Immanuel's Haven
Joya Homes and Educare Company
Jubilee Health Centre
Khula Development Group
Kibwe Kids
Kin Culture
Kuyasa Horison Empowerment
Lerato's Hope
Life Child
Living Hope
Ma's vir Wellington
Mater Domini Home
Matla-A-Bana
MeCAHT – Media Campaign
Against Human Trafficking
Mercy Aids
Metro Kids Africa
Missing Children SA

Naomi's Joy
Neo Life Hermanus
NewDay International
Op Die Plaas
Open Schools Worldwide
Paarl Youth Initiative
Paradigm Shift
Percy Bartley House
Phambili Community Development
Philippi Children's Centre
Philippi Trust SA
Prochorus Community Development
Proud2B Me Foundation
Rock Crisis Centre
SA Cares for Life
Safeline Child Abuse Prevention
& Treatment Centre
Salt & Light Children's School Discipleship
S-Cape Home
Scripture Union
Seasons Crisis Pregnancy Centre
Sikhula Sonke
Sisters Incorporated
St. Anne's Home
Straatwerk
Tereo Project
Thando Trust
The Ark City of Refuge
The Healing Heart Foundation
The Pearl Community Development Project
The Phoebe Care Centre
The Salvation Army
The Sozo Foundation
Thembalitsha Foundation
Think Twice
Touch Community Network
Trinity Children's Centre
United Christian Student Association
uThando leNkosi
Valcare Trust
Village Care Centre
Vineyard Houses
Vision Afrika
Walk with a Purpose
Warrior Woman
World Vision Western Cape



Partnerships



The Active Education Group UK provides a unique camping experience for children in Connect through CampAfrica. These camps teach key life skills that build self-esteem and give them a holiday they would otherwise never have.



Alternative Prosperity (APROS) performs the external verification of Connect Network's QIS affiliates. They also provide Connect Network with the annual Independent Competent Persons Report.



Barney II Foundation supports, through small grant funding, value-based initiatives that focus on the education and wellbeing of children.



Community Chest engages and collaborates with Connect to build resilient and responsive communities where access and opportunities to health, education and income-generation services are advanced. The partnership has resulted in Connect Network being one of the founding organisations of the Western Cape Child Protection Collaborative, an advocacy group for child protection.



Equipped to Serve, Inc. USA has an agreement with Connect to administer the South African edition material of The Ministry of Listening: Caring for People in Crisis. The course provides training in basic crisis intervention counseling skills to enable participants to effectively support people in crisis.



Ezrah Community Training & Development NPC, is both an affiliate and a contracted partner of Connect Network NPC to coordinate the Quality Improvement System and assists with ethical service delivery through reviewing and updating our policies.



Mergon and Connect partner to develop the Network's reach in impacting children's lives, by ensuring that the network office has sufficient capacity and funds.



Connect's partnership with OneSight allows caregivers and children from Connect's affiliate organisations to access free eye care.



ProLiteracy partners with Connect to uplift the lives of women and children by working together to adapt and localise a health education manual focused on women's health issues, specifically centred around their and their children's reproductive and sexual health.



Viva and Connect are committed at all times to exploring mutually beneficial collaborations through joint programmes. Viva is the standard bearer for Quality Improvement System. Through the partnership Connect is linked to 35 similar networks worldwide.



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.

Approximately R490,000 was contributed to the overall network income through donations in-kind including volunteer time, equipment loaned for free and donated meeting spaces and resources. This equates to 24% of our financial income for the year of R2,009,861. 2% was raised through affiliation fees, 67% was raised through local donations and fundraising and 31% through foreign donations. It is great to see so much money being raised locally, thus demonstrating immense local support for the work being carried out by the network.

Barney-II Foundation
Bill Tolken Hendrikse Attorneys
CBS Manufacturing (Pty) Ltd
Cebano Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Claytile (Pty) Ltd
Elmarie Serdyn
HT Gormley Testamentary Trust
Ivan Moskoff Financials (Pty) Ltd
Kerk in Actie
Lisiana Dutka
Mergon Foundation
Microsoft Corporation
Middelvlei Wines
Muratie Wine Farm

ProLiteracy
Rodolfo Bruno
SANTAM
Simon and Penny Hood
Sint Amands College – Belguim
Standard Bank
Strand Signs
The Community Chest of the Western Cape
The Sower's Trust
Susan Farrell
True South Foundation Trust
Ultimate Activity Camps UK
Umvoto Africa (Pty) Ltd
Virginia De La Hunt

Calendar Sponsors

Alternative Prosperity (Pty) Ltd
Barney II Foundation
Cape Agricultural Products (Pty) Ltd
Claytile (Pty) Ltd
GEOSS (Pty) Ltd
Ivan Moskoff Financials (Pty) Ltd
PurpleLine Plastics (Pty) Ltd
Spinnaker – IMS
Sunflower Beauty Room

Back-a-buddy Donations: Cape Cycle Tour

Ben Moskoff
Ben Prior
Christopher Mills
Dee Moskoff
Laura De Clercq
Pat Davidson
Rebecca Moskoff
Reuben & Kirstin Kade
Tanya Fourie



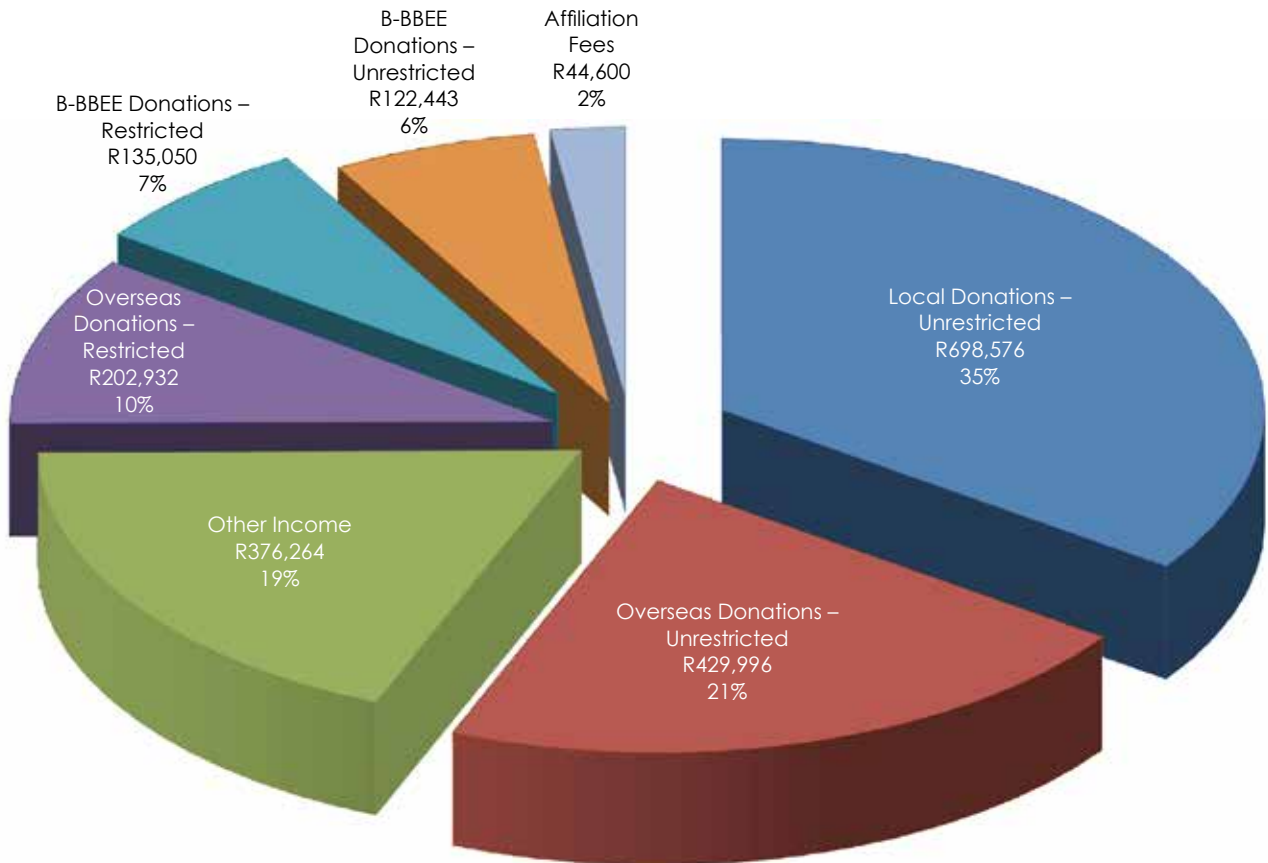
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Finances

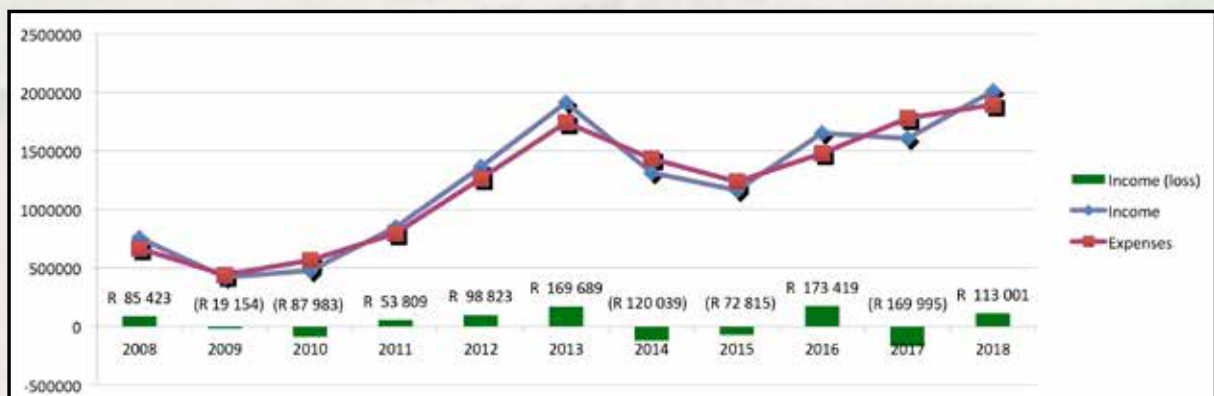
Income

2017: R1,608,290

2018: R2,009,861



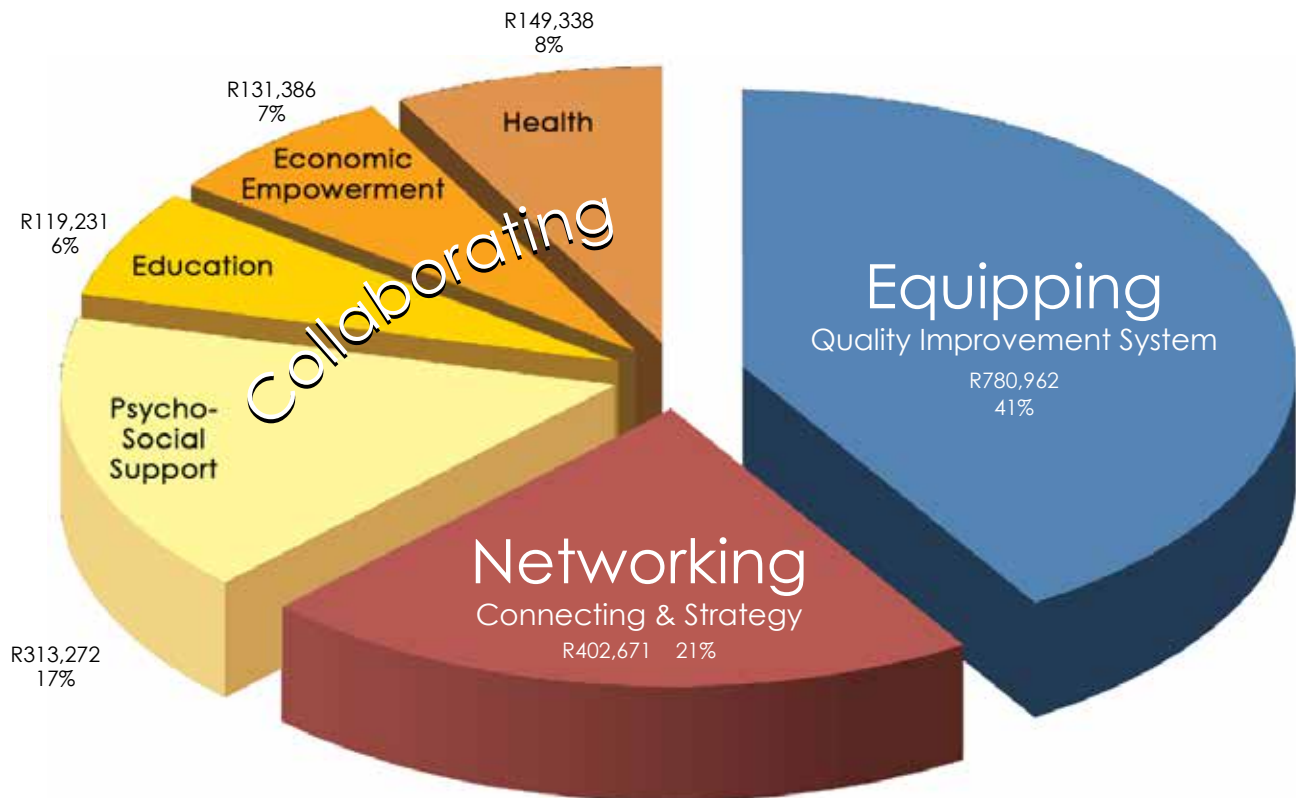
Income has been received from various sources, which prevents Connect Network from only depending on a few large financial contributions. This diversified income base ensures Connect Network is financially secure and reveals how the organisation is developing ways to manage financial risks.



Expenditure

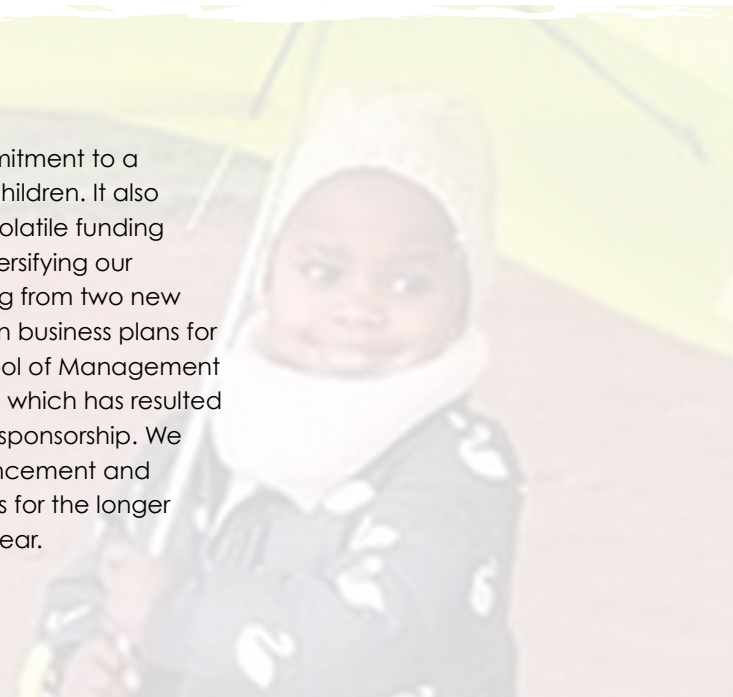
2017: R1,778,285

2018: R1,896,860



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 a strategy that improves the lives of vulnerable women and children. It also reflects our adaptability and resilience in a changing and volatile funding environment. In this year Connect is still in transition and diversifying our business model. Through the shift, we have acquired funding from two new donor relationships that we've formed. We have focused on business plans for QIS Sustainability and iKapa Volunteers which the Yale School of Management assisted us with in 2017. The demand for QIS is still on the rise which has resulted in three modules being offered and covered by corporate sponsorship. We have continued the work on our grant writing, brand enhancement and digital marketing to increase our appeal to potential donors for the longer term. These factors have contributed to our surplus for this year.



Let us remember the children murdered in Cape Town in 2017 & 2018

2017

Kaylan Visser, Belhar, Age 17
Stacey Visser, Belhar, Age 17
Ebie Smal, Mitchells Plain, Age 15
Whaseema Matthews, Delft, Age 17
Manual Hamilton, Rocklands, Age 17
Brandon Cloete, Wesbank, Age 14
Zinadene Pelton, Hanover Park, Age 14
Dorian Solomons, Hanover Park, Age 15
Nathaniel Davids, Bonteheuwel, Age 12
Dylan Pelton, Bonteheuwel, Age 13
Child, Worcester, Age 17
Nathaniel, Hanover Park, Age 14
Bradwin Benting, Manenberg, Age 16
Lwando Msobe, Bridgetown, Age Unknown
Boy, Avian Park, Age 17
Boy, Eerste River, Age 16
Rene Roman, Lavender Hill, Age 13
Fernando Williams, Elsies River, Age 17
Maximo Deus Yela, Hout Bay, Age 3
Octavia Deus Yela, Hout Bay, Age 3
Stacha Arendse, Tafelsig, Age 11
Iyapha Yamile, Khayelitsha, Age 4
Lindokuhle Kota, Khayelitsha, Age 14 months
Roman Hartnick, Wesbank, Age 16
Courtney Pieters, Elsies River, Age 3
Nathaniel, Hout Bay, Age 16
Rafiq Mohamed, Hanover Park, Age 17
Tauriq Claassen, Uitsig, Age 13
Minentle Lekhatha, Khayelitsha, Age 5
Cleo Skippers, Atlantis, Age 3
Jeremiah Ruiters, Kensington, Age 18 months
Child, Delft, Newborn
Child, Delft, Newborn
Nadelin Lukas, Scottsdale, Age 15
Keegan Overmeyer, Elsies River, Age 16
Lushane Goliath, Kensington, Age 14
Yaseen January, Mitchells Plain, Age 14
Linley Abrahams, Heideveld, Age 16
Jayden Sellidon, Fisantkraal, Age 15
Cameron Britz, Ocean View, Age 14

Tino, Delft, Age 15
Wade Adams, Lavender Hill, Age 15
Portia Frans, Delft, Age 16
Girl, Phillippi East, Bonteheuwel, Age 15
Zahier Sondag, Steurhof, Age 16
Kaithlyn Wilson, Riebeeck Wes, Age 5
Reuben September, Kensington, Age 11
Riyaad Hendricks, Hanover Park, Age 16
Kane Martin, Tafelsig, Age 11
Girl, Manenberg, Age 1 day old
Octavia Johannisen, Hanover Park, Age 16
Enrico Baartman, Tafelsig, Age 13
Gavin Hartzenberg, Tafelsig, Age 15
Vinesher Christians, Delft, Age 5
Chad Thomas, Mitchells Plain, Age 15
Wallentino Williams, Atlantis, Age 17
Girl, Elsies River, Newborn
Ezra Daniels, Parkwood, Age 7
Abduragiem Jordan, Manenberg, Age 15
Aqeel Davids, Ocean View, Age 9
Nur Muhamed, Manenberg, Age 16
Raydon Brown, Atlantis, Age 17
Boy, Mitchells Plain, 28 Days Old
Janico Lakay, Ocean View, Age 17
Shaquill Maarman, Strandfontein, Age 15
Charnell Macral, Manenberg, Age 10
Child, Manenberg, 1 Month Old
Bonono Boni, Delft, Age 4
Athenkosi Katsha, Delft, Age 15
Damian Swart, Scottsdale, Age 8
Boy, Scottsdale, Age 15
Aldino Presens, Uitsig, Age 14
Reagan Jaggers, Hanover Park, Age 17
Enzo O'Connor, Hanover Park, Age 17
Boy, Eerste River, Age Unknown
Thurston Hoffman, Elsies River, Age 15
Matthew Smith, Robertson, Age 3
Mishqah Pietersen, Delft, Age 2
Monray Mackriel, Bishop Lavis, Age 17
Chad Abrahams, Delft, Age 14

2018

Marilyn Moses, Worcester, Age 4
Jodene Pieters, Bredasdorp, Age 15
Wayne Botha, Bishop Lavis, Age 17
Nathan Lakay, Worcester, Age 15
Child 1, Atlantis, Age Unknown
Child 2, Atlantis, Age Unknown
Child 3, Atlantis, Age Unknown
Child 4, Atlantis, Age Unknown
Courtney Jackson, Steenberg, Age 16
Alton, Elsies River, Age Unknown
Diego, Elsies River, Age Unknown
Thea Lewis, Uitsig, Age 4
Nathan Bradley, Rocklands, Age Unknown
Riaan Adamson, Mitchells Plain, Age Unknown
Boy, Klapmuts, Age 14
Clinton Farooq, Belhar, Age 15
Asheeq Mitchell, Bokmakierie, Age 13
Keanin Smit, Klapmuts, Age 12
Ashton, Manenberg, Age 16
Antonio, Manenberg, Age Unknown



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