

Annual Review 2020

March 2019 to February 2020





A Message from the Chairperson

This year Connect Network entered a significant year in the life of the organisation, one of introspection, self-reflection and of discerning the path for the future. The year was initiated by the announcement from our Executive Director, Mrs Dee Moskoff, sensing that her season of leading Connect was drawing to an end. A sad announcement, but also an opportunity to celebrate what the Network has achieved and gather together to reflect and envision the future.

The Network Leadership Retreat

Thus during our tri-annual strategic retreat the Non Profit Company members (NPC) and lead organisations in the Network gathered to review the Network's strategy against the national development plan, the economic environment and the status of children in the city. Our over-arching strategy remains to strengthen and extend the Christian response to children at risk through networking and capacity building in order to keep children safe. From this, the safe community strategy of Connect Network was launched in 2016 and is an important collaborative community approach aimed at addressing the abuse and neglect of children against the backdrop of post-apartheid communities challenged with poverty, injustice and resultant social deconstruct of basic human dignity. This indeed is a challenge we cannot tackle alone and requires communities and organisations – within and outside the Network – to work together collaboratively to bring about lasting change.

Leadership Transition

As our founder and leader for many years, we would like to say farewell to Dee Moskoff, who will be leaving us mid-2020. Dee has been the amazing inspiration behind and ahead of the Connect Network providing innovative ideas and energy for the members with large doses of wisdom, courage and sacrificial love. Thank you, Dee – not only for leading the Network thus far, but in taking the step of handing over the network into new hands. Thank you also for your continued love and support to the Network.

Our succession journey led us to meeting many amazing people. But in the end, we are so grateful that Mrs Grace Nkomo has chosen to join us as our new Executive Director in 2020. Grace strongly believes that the lives of women and children can be improved through effective equipping and collaboration. As one of the founding members of Think Twice, which was established to empower children, Grace has a good understanding of the NGO sector.

Grace also has degrees in theology, community development and is currently completing her PhD in broader development studies with children and food vulnerability. In addition to this, her practical experience in trauma and crisis intervention counselling has given her a greater understanding of the challenges that women and children are facing and how to appropriately respond.

Grace is married to Woyisile and they have two young daughters and we want to sincerely welcome her as the new Executive Director of Connect Network!

Thank you also to the Board who has worked faithfully to discern the right path during this year of transition. A special thanks to David Newby, who assisted the Network through facilitation of the many meetings and discussions around future and the succession journey. Then, thank you to all the network members for all you do for children, women and family strengthening in our City – we are proud of you and all you are and do. Thank you to our dedicated office team, for supporting and guiding the members towards greater efficacy in serving Cape Town.

To all of our donors, without whom we would not be able to celebrate some of the success highlighted in the report below, we thank you sincerely for your trust and support. Together we have journeyed closer towards a safer city for children and families.

God bless,

Vaughan Stannard



A Message from the Executive Director

During 2019 we saw a steady advancement in the progress of Connect's strategy which we are pleased to share with you in this report.

Highlights of 2019 include:

- The enactment of the Western Cape Commissioner for Children, 2019 (Act 2 of 2019). Connect Network was represented as part of the public participation process ongoing since 2017. This presented several opportunities for our child ambassadors to participate in public policy throughout the year as the position of Child Commissioner was debated and ultimately formed.
- Also, on the advocacy front we held our first press conference and our representations were published in several newspapers.
- We received ongoing commitment by our lead agents and their child protection officers to build up our networkers through Viva's Networker Training Course and the Quality Improvement System.
- We made slow progress with the mapping initiative which will be explained in the report.
- We formed a partnership with Ranyaka who focus on community mapping. This helped us to see community mapping in a broader context and saw good results in Kayamandi.
- 48 Child Ambassadors from 7 communities enjoyed a 5-day camp where they learned all about emotional regulation.

Some things progressed slowly largely due to some of our organisations going through leadership change dynamics, as well as the continual fragility and uncertainty in their respective communities and our own limited capacity at the network office.

A special note of thanks to two colleagues who have served on the Connect Coordination team in key roles over the past few years: Mariëtte Jacobs, who coordinated QIS, served as a NPC member and a safe community lead agent over the past five years and Zandi Siwali who managed the network operations for the past two years.

Thanks to Beverley, Priscilla, Lindy and Phumza who make sure that the network is administered well.

Thank you to all investors who have sustained the network office financially – without you this incredible work would not be possible.

On a personal note, it has been 16 years since the founding days of Connect Network and five years since I returned from a fellowship year in the USA and resumed the role of Executive Director of Connect Network. I thank all the board colleagues who I have worked with over the years, for their leadership and governance. I have learned so much from each one of you and it has been a privilege working with you.

As a good friend said during a chat recently, "everything has a beginning and an end". The timing to end this chapter for me seems just about as right as it could be; I am delighted to have handed over my baton to Grace Nkomo who is a long friend of Connect and knows the network well.

I wish each of you every success for the future.

Sincerely,

Dee Moskoff

“Coordinating a network is a dynamic working space, with complex variables and competing tensions, it requires extraordinarily intentional leadership doused with prayer and wisdom to move 90 organisations forward in a joint direction towards seeing more children in safe environments where families are thriving and communities are transformed. This is our hope and our mission.”

~ Dee Moskoff, 2019

Connect's Strategic Goals for 2020-2023

To promote the safety and well-being of children and to help families thrive in communities across Cape Town, through networking, capacity building, collaboration, and advocacy.

Connect is organised in such a way that every affiliated organisation can be actively engaged in a city-wide strategy for children and their families.

We Network: Locate & Connect

Coming together informally is strategic for building a network, it is time set aside to revisit values, vision, seek mentors, share ideas, influence among peers, referrals and support. It is during these events that a commitment to cooperation is emphasized.

Monthly prayer breakfasts and the annual network event provided the platform for such cooperation.

The bi-weekly info page, Facebook and Instagram provided public communication on the Network's activities and helped affiliates to stay connected with each other.

We held 5 radio interviews within the month of May. Interviews were conducted for Bush Radio (89.5fm), Radio Helderberg (93.6 FM), CCFM (107.5 FM), Radio KC (107.7) and KFM (94.5 FM) with several key people from the Network being interviewed.

All interviews were quite extensive and those interviewed were given ample time to fully explain the CRITICAL importance of protecting children within all spheres of influence, as well as how their own individual organisations were contributing to this cause.

Networking Strategy



Locating through Community mapping

Before a network can work in effective collaborations, affiliates need to know something of the issues, difficulties and challenges that children and their families in the city are facing. Community mapping is important to understand who is doing what and where and identifying gaps in service and then seeing who can work together to address the gaps.

Our objective was to produce a tailor-made child protection mapping tool and deploy research assistants to each of our Child Protection Networks to assist the lead agents with their mapping. During the year we came across the organisation Ranyaka, who specialise in community development through mapping. Realising the richness of their approach to mapping, we entered negotiations with them to equip our Child Protection Networks using their method.

In October Ranyaka did an introductory training with all the network Coordinators. Networks who have done mapping are: Drakenstein and Kayamandi using Ranyaka, Strand using mapping guidelines from Viva, Khayelitsha and Oceanview using local government mapping tools. All of them had done the Courage Mapping in 2018 and have agreed that they would eventually like to do the Ranyaka mapping as a deeper process that covers all community assets that contribute to child well-being including spatial and municipal assets.

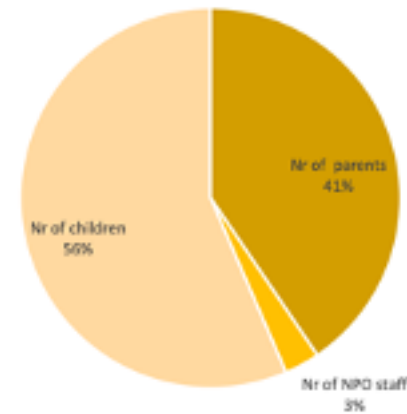


Connecting Through Child Protection

The Connect lead agents for Child Protection Networks used the annual child protection campaign to promote networking in their respective communities. This year saw a significant effort to reach parents through the campaigns.

Number of people reached through child-protection awareness campaigns across 44 schools and 34 communities during May 2019

Number of Parents	6147
Number of NPO Staff	454
Number of Children	8573



“The campaign was received well for most and it was a platform for people to vent if not express themselves about whatever they were and are frustrated about in both their communities and their personal lives. The most talked about topic from the men in the train was the fact that disciplining their children was perceived as abuse and how this was frustrating and again this was an opportunity to empower and educate them about the difference and reason for discipline rather than harming the child out of frustration.”

Marcia Sibara, Think Twice

Khayelitsha – Sikhula Sonke's Network

“Sikhula Sonke held a world picnic day for pre-schoolers in Khayelitsha. Stakeholders, ECD practitioners and community members were engaged on a panel discussion while children were playing outdoors. The purpose was to identify issues concerning child protection, share information and the participating stakeholders gave some solutions concerning identified issues.” ~ Winkie Cebisa

Ocean View – Kids Church Network

“Living Hope held week long full day programmes for 1331 children. The aim of the programmes was to teach the children to protect themselves from the dangers in the community. They did this through skits and games and discussions.” ~ Nathan Pantl

Vrygrond – Child Well-being Network

“In order to establish Child Ambassadors who will represent the Vrygrond Network in upcoming discussions, 21 children from 17 schools in the area came together to discuss children's rights and responsibilities and prepared for later attending a children's consultation of the commissioner for children's Act.” ~ Lorraine Moko

Service of Hope and Blessing

“Various affiliates joined together with others to host the annual Service of Hope and Blessing at Gardens Presbyterian Church on 26 May. Friends of Child Protection, Safeline, NewKids, Child Protection Collaborative, Protective Behaviours, The Salvation Army, Western Cape Street Children Forum, and Matla A Bana were all in attendance.

The purpose was to honour those working on the frontline with children, pray for the protection of children across the country and to pray for their perpetrators. The service brought together several more organisations of CN 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.” ~ Lindy Johnson

Kayamandi – Child Protection Network

“Kuyasa had a family fun day. This event was organised for kids and parents to have fun together, while teaching parents on how to best protect their kids during and beyond the Child Protection Week. Child ambassadors were part of organising the event.” ~ Mkila Mfezeko

Lower Crossroads – Beautiful Gate

“The programme manager explained to the children that it's Child Protection Week and that we at Beautiful Gate care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our communities. We held an event about bullying to children. We had a speaker explain what bullying is and how it affects children. The children were then divided into nine groups where they discussed the nine fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” They then discussed the fruits as a way to fight bullying. They discussed how we can show the fruits of the Spirit to each other and then each group presented its fruit of the Spirit. Over 200 children and their parents attended.” ~ Nomawonga and Asisipho

Drakenstein – Child Protection Steering Group

“Child Participation training was held for 27 people from 9 organisations. Members of the steering group also implemented some child protection initiatives and proudly wore green ribbons: Salt and Light and Khula Development Group raised awareness about bullying and child protection in identified schools. Khula had competitions related to child protection, invited speakers in collaboration within ten schools to speak about child protection and decorated trees with green ribbons. The children involved in Paarl Youth Initiative's programme visited a local children's home and Kin Culture (who collaborated with Kibwe Kids) launched the first ever World Foster Day. Valcare staff decorated their office with green ribbons and promoted child awareness through their social media platforms. Various members of the steering group also participated in radio and television interviews to raise awareness for child protection and foster care.” ~ Mariëtte Jacobs

Strand – Child Protection Network

“We hosted a community walk with grandparents. About 20 grandparents joined the walk through the streets of Broadlands Park and we interviewed 63 homes. Some of the questions asked included: How many children were in that home and their ages? Are the children exposed to violence or domestic abuse? What can we do collectively as a community to keep the children safe? They had a tree planting ceremony where more than 50 people attended and the tree was covered by community members with ribbons as a symbol of commitment to protecting children.” ~ Colin Van Wyk



Kuyasa



Sikhula Sonke



Living Hope



Beautiful Gate



Ezrah Community Development and training



Phambili Community Development



Photo courtesy of The SOZO Foundation

We Engage & Equip

We trained 50 leaders from 18 organisations through QIS, 17 network leaders and child protection officers in network development and 48 children as child ambassadors.

Once organisations have been equipped and verified through the Quality Improvement System, they're well positioned for excellence in their work. They also become eligible for leadership in the network through governance by signing up as a member of Connect's Non Profit Company or a Lead Agent for child protection in their area of work either geographically or thematically. Being a part of either of these positions means they are part of the leadership team that determines the strategy of the network.

Networking Strategy



Quality Improvement System

The Quality Improvement System Programme, implemented by Connect Network in partnership with Viva, celebrates another successful year. This programme is rolled out in Viva's partner networks in 10 countries across the world and is a capacity building tool, which helps Christian organisations and projects to improve the quality of their work with children.

During 2019, Connect was privileged to get the input from experienced and knowledgeable trainers within the non-profit sector to equip our QIS delegates in the following three modules: Project plan and Design, Financial Accountability as well as Governance.

Each module's training was combined with mentoring, which assisted participating organisations to contextualise the training for their own organisations.

In November the Verification team from Viva Africa, Mim Friday and Paul Kabunga assisted by Priscilla Muller from the Connect Office conducted the external verifications against Viva's Standards.

We congratulate the four Connect affiliates who were successfully verified in line with Viva's QIS standards on Accountability level:

- Ikhaya le Themba
- Naomi's Joy
- Paarl Youth Initiative
- Valcare

... as well as all organisations who received certificates of improvement.

"I came to the workshop specifically to look at theory of change for Child Ambassadors. It was a bonus to get theory and practical information on that as well as on other aspects straight away."

Barbara Clarke, Lead Agent for the Child Ambassador Network

"It was very interesting, as I never understood the risk factors each organisation has to go through."

Participant, Financial Accountability Module

Engaging & Equipping: Networker Training

2019 Objective: Train, mentor and coach 20 network leaders and child protection officers, from Connect's Lead Agents for child protection, through Viva's Networker Training Course. The aim is for these networkers to coordinate the activities of the Safe Community Network strategy in their local communities and to be connected with each other for a joint city-wide approach to child protection.

24 Networkers and child protection officers signed up to the NTC, they wrote one assignment per month and developed practical applications to build their local networks. They met each month for peer to peer support. 10 module topics included: successful networking, unity in a network, identity of a network, mapping of the network scope, collective action in the network, leadership of the network, systems in the network, sustainability of the network, relationships within and benefits of the network, results and impact of the network.

17 Networkers and child protection officers completed all 10 modules and received a certificate of completion.

"This was always something we as an organisation intended on doing and it helped me personally, to be more intentional and taught me how much investment goes into relationships. We were trying to build a network with secular organisations in our community and through the networker training we realised the importance of the church working together during the module on unity in a network, we then turned our focus to building a church network."

Nathan Panti, Coordinator for Ocean View's Kids Church Network

"The Networker Training Course helped me to understand the role of the Lead Agent and the importance of networking to keep children safe. After we did our mapping in Kayamandi we realised that we need to work together with others to fill the gaps in child protection in our community and we influenced the decision to have a community led child protection campaign."

Andiswa Makoala, Child Protection Officer for the Kayamandi Child Protection Network

"I learned that network development is complex, labour- intensive and a slow long-term process. It is important to take time to build relationships and be realistic about what type of resources (persons, skills, finances, communication strategies etc.) are required for network development. Relationship-building and capacity-building should be in balance all the time. Different types of leadership are required as one moves through the development phases: strategic, relational and operational to make network development sustainable."

Mariëtte Jacobs, Coordinator of the Drakenstein Child Protection Steering Group

Equipping Child Ambassadors

The Child Ambassadors Programme works with children to help them identify issues that affect them and teach them how to advocate on behalf of themselves and other children in their communities. We give the children five key goals that the training will achieve to help them keep other children safe:

1. Knowing my rights as a child
2. Learning skills that will equip me for life
3. Sharing what I learn with other children
4. Advocating for other children
5. Becoming a leader in my community

Two trainings were hosted by two Connect organisations for the Child Protection Networks' Child Protection Officers: Ezra's LEAD child participation training for all the Child Ambassador leaders and network coordinators and Resilient Kids emotional regulations training to the Child Ambassadors and their leaders.

48 Child Ambassadors aged 11-12 years old from 6 of the Child Protection Networks attended CampAfrica in April where they learned about emotional regulation. The purpose of this is to equip these children to regulate their emotions so that they are able to peer teach their families and children in their communities, helping them cope with and reduce the amount of anger and violence in the world around them. This is the first part of their leadership training. These children go back to the Child Protection Networks and participate in leadership of the local networks.

These children reunited for a Christmas party in December where they shared stories of how they had applied the skills through their year in the respective communities.

Feedback from ambassadors:

"A child who had been on camp for the second time in 2019 spoke about how happy she was that the party had happened and that the group could be together again. She had doubted that a reunion would be possible. She was encouraged that they had not been forgotten."

"The fact that an opportunity to reconnect and to talk to peers about their experiences since camp was what many children enjoyed. They were keen to recruit other ambassadors when they went back to their organizations. They were glad to be part of something that will grow."

Each of the six participating Child Protection Networks ran holiday clubs during school holidays where Child Ambassadors participated in leadership.



Photo courtesy of Metro Kids



Photo courtesy of Sikhula Sanke



Photo courtesy of Phambili Community Development

Collaboration and Solutions

City-wide Child Protection Solutions

“If we aspire to address children’s needs city-wide, then workers also need to come together across cities to find solutions to the biggest issues that cause these needs. When organisations and churches come together as a network to share vision, planning and collection actions, opportunity is gained to influence city-wide changes, leading to transformed children’s lives.

At the same time as developing a plan of collective action for the city, we encourage small organisations and churches to continue their individual work and outreach by equipping them to achieve more through better management of their programmes.”
Viva Network



Child Protection Networks

Connect’s goal for establishing a city-wide strategy 2016-2019 was to create Child Protection Networks across 10 communities in Cape Town. This year we measured the progress of these networks following the network development milestones. The aim was to have all 10 networks at level 3 by the end of 2019, which meant they had:

- Established local steering groups and named their network
- Completed community mapping
- Child ambassadors participating in the networks
- Networkers and child protection officers engaged with training



Photo courtesy of Living Hope

Progress Over Last Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Lower Crossroads: Beautiful Gate	Level 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
Ocean View: Living Hope	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2
Strand: Phambili	Level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3
Khayelitsha: Sikhula Sonke	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 3
Kayamandi: Kuyasa	Level 2	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3
Vrygrond: Sozo Foundation	Level 3	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4
Drankenstein: Ezrah	Level 4	Level 4	Level 5	Level 5





Photo courtesy of Sikhula Sonke

Collaboration and Solutions: Advocacy



Public Policy

Connect Network NPC is a participating member of the Western Cape Child Protection Collaborative, a civil society-led child protection advocacy group.

The group met on the last Friday of every month to seek, review and discuss all opportunities for advocacy for children. We took every opportunity to engage at public participation processes.

The Western Cape Commissioner for Children Act, 2019 (Act 1 of 2019) was passed in February.

This was a moment of celebration for all who participated in the process. This is the first of its kind in South Africa.

Connect Network was involved throughout the process since 2017.

In July one of our CCPN Coordinators represented Connect Network at Parliamentary hearings and presented the Safe community Strategy.

16 Child Ambassadors from four of the CCPN's participated in the Children's selection process for the appointment of the first Commissioner for Children.

Two Connect Network leaders were approached, and one nominated as candidate for the position as the first Western Cape Commissioner for Children and Connect nominated a candidate who was short listed in the top five candidates.

Connect Network hosted a press conference during child protection week addressing the proposed amendments to the children's act. Three of Connect's advocacy focused affiliates participated on the panel and the press release was published in three national newspapers.

Improvement Grants

This year we managed R87,100.34 in grants. These grants are designed to be awarded to affiliates who are committed to QIS and who are contributing to the Network's development. They are only available when funding allows. Typically, donors will choose which organisations they wish to invest in; thus, it is not an open-grant system for any applicant.

Beautiful Gate: Child-friendly Churches

The Improvement Grant awarded by the Barney II Foundation was allocated to support local township churches to grow and develop their children's ministry. This initiative forms part of their developing the Child Protection network in Lower Crossroads.

Community Empowerment Project: Sir Lowry's Pass

The Improvement Grant awarded by the Barney II Foundation was allocated to their Heaven on Earth Project to provide 50 children with remedial workbooks for the year.

School of Hope: Thembalitsa Foundation

The Improvement Grant awarded by the Barney II Foundation was allocated to staff development workshops and the Generosity Project.

Generosity Project: A project designed by the late Sabra Reichardt, co-founder of the Barney II Foundation, to encourage young people receiving help the spirit of generosity and "paying it forward":

Grants were awarded to 4 groups of learner leaders:

- Group 1: Spent a day reading to children with intellectual and physical challenges at Sunrise school for the disabled. The learners knew very little about disabilities and this was an eye-opening day for them.
- Group 2: Used their Grant to spend a day with a family with two small children living on the street. They treated them to a meal and purchased supplies for them.
- Group 3: Donated school supplies to Trinity Children's Centre in Mitchells Plain, they assisted the teachers for a day in the classroom and did activities with the children.
- Group 4: Planned a trip to an old age home in Kensington. They used their Grant to purchase non-perishable items for the home to supplement their food supply.

Sikhula Sonke: Child Protection Network – NTC Mentoring

The Improvement Grant awarded by the Barney II Foundation was used to assist Sikhula Sonke's two Child Protection officers through Viva's Networker training course, through the support of their mentor, Chewe Adjasi, they were able to successfully complete the course and apply their knowledge to grow the child protection network in Khayelitsha.

"Our focus is early childhood development; I was struggling to understand how to start our network and through the training course I realised that we are already doing it and I was able to put everything in perspective and understand the important role we have as a Lead Agent in coordinating our network to keep children safe."

Papama Matesa, Child Protection Officer for Sikhula Sonke's Khayelitsha Network

The Sozo Foundation

The Improvement Grant awarded by the Barney II Foundation was used to facilitate two leadership programmes for both boys and girls. The programmes focused on strengthening the character of young people as they mature into adulthood.

Village Care Centre

The Improvement Grant awarded by Claytile (Pty) Ltd was for the leadership development of Village Care Centre's Board and Director. This year's grant enabled them to have a facilitated board retreat where they reviewed the organisation's strategy. It was also used to mentor them through the QIS modules.

Governance and Operations

Non-Profit Company Members

The Non-Profit Company members' role is to determine the goals and strategy of the Network. They met three times in this year, two of which were with the board for the strategic review Indaba and the AGM.

Beautiful Gate: Minah Koela and Theresa Le Roux

EZRAH Community Development and Training: Mariëtte Jacobs

Living Hope: Nathan Pantl

Sikhula Sonke: Mdebuka Mthwazi

The SOZO Foundation: Lloyd Williams

Think Twice: Marcia Sibara

Mercy Aids: Barbara Clarke and Kay Lorentz

Prochorus Community Development: Jan Scannell

Note: EZRAH Community Development and Training resigned from NPC membership in January 2020



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors provides governance to the finances and resources of the NPC as well as provides strategic direction for the network. The board meets once every six weeks. Board development included a day's training with Third Sector Insights as well as QIS Governance. The Board also worked closely with David Newby from DNA-Consulting to drive the succession processes for election of a new Executive Director.



Vaughan Stannard
Board Chairperson



Cheryl Anderson
Finance Governance



Moussa Mulamba
Advocacy Governance



Camngca Mda
Risk Governance



Dee Moskoff
Executive Director

Network Coordination Team

The Coordination team is made up of individuals who are committed to the Network's vision and receive some sort of remuneration either through employment, contract work, a retainer or refund of expenses. Together they provide coordination and administration services to the activities of Connect.



Chief Finance Officer
Beverley Stoffberg



Operations Manager
Zandi Siwali



Network and
Finance Administrator
Priscilla Muller



QIS Coordinator
Mariëtte Jacobs



Office Administrator
Lindy Johnson



Hospitality Officer
Phumza Mhlonyane



Fundraised Projects
Coordinator
Chewes Adjasi



Fundraising
Contractor
Sophie Olivier

Interns

Interns and Volunteers: Every year we welcome academic interns or professional volunteers to have work experience while assisting us with research projects. This year Katie Conrad assisted us with admin on Connect's volunteer programme and Anika assisted us with research on QIS management systems.

Stellenbosch University Department of Economics – Phd Candidate: Anika Berning

Gordon's Institute Business School – Entrepreneurship Studies: Katie Conrad



Photo courtesy of Thembalifsha Foundation

"It gives me great pleasure to be joining Connect Network as the Executive Director. What a privilege to be serving the most vulnerable in our city and country in this way. I look forward to working with each of the valuable stakeholders that are part of Connect Network – without a doubt we are stronger together. Through networking, equipping and collaborating we can continue to bring solutions to the challenges faced by our women, children and families."

~ Grace Nkomo, Executive Director Connect Network as of 1 March 2020





Connect Network Community

86 Affiliates, ~ 3660 Workers, 335,120 Women & Children

- 360 Transformation
- ACVV Bright Lights
- ACVV Somerset West
- Arise Children's Ministry**
- Baby Safe
- Bayakhanya Foundation
- Beautiful Gate Ministries International
- Beautiful Gate South Africa**
- Beauty for Ashes
- Bridges of Hope SA
- Bridging Abilities
- Carehaven Salvation Army
- Choices Centre
- Circle of Unity (Immanuel's Haven)
- Common Good Foundation
- Community Empowerment Project
- Eagle's Nest Ministries**
- Emyezweni Nomfaneleko Pre-School
- Ethel's Place Youth Care Centre
- Ezrah Community Training and Development**
- Family Adventure Centre Vredendal
- Fikelela Aids Project
- Film School Africa
- Friends of Child Protection
- Good Hope Psychological Services
- Heatherdale Children's Homes
- Helderberg Development Centre
- Home from Home Trust
- Home of Compassion Ministries
- Hope House Counselling Centre
- Hope Prison Ministries
- Hope to the Hopeless
- iKhaya Le Themba Home Based Care**
- Joya Homes and Educare Company
- Just Grace NPC
- Khula Development Group**
- Kibwe Kids
- Kin Culture
- Kingdom Vision Bible School
- Kings and Queens NPC
- Kuyasa Horizon Empowerment**
- Lerato's Hope
- Life Child

- Living Hope**
- Ma's vir Wellington
- Matla-A-Bana
- MeCAHT – Media Campaign Against Human Trafficking
- Mercy Aids/Resilient Kids**
- Metro Kids Africa**
- Naomi's Joy**
- Open Schools Worldwide
- Paarl Youth Initiative**
- Paradigm Shift
- Percy Bartley House
- Phambili Community Development
- Philippi Children's Centre
- Philippi Trust SA
- Prochorus Community Development**
- Rock Community Centre
- SA Cares for Life**
- Safeline 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
- Tereo Project**
- Thando Trust
- The Ark City of Refuge
- The Healing Heart Foundation
- The Salvation Army Lansdowne
- The SOZO Foundation**
- Thembalitsa Foundation
- Think Twice**
- Touch Community Network
- Trinity Children's Centre
- UCSA – United Christian Student Association
- uThando leNkosi
- Valcare**
- Village Care Centre
- Vineyard Houses
- Warrior Woman
- Western Cape Street Children's Forum
- World Vision Atlantis ADP

Affiliates highlighted in yellow have been QIS verified.

Partners



The Active Education Group creates programmes that provide holiday activities and childcare for children in the UK. They provide language schools for international students and sports coaching academies. AEG partners with Connect Network by providing funding for the annual Child Ambassador camps. The aim of these camps is to provide a fun, activity packed, learning environment for 60 children per year.



Barney II Foundation was established by Bill and Sabra Reichardt (from New York, USA) to support, through funding, value based initiatives that focus on the education and wellbeing of children. The foundation was introduced to Connect Network by Viva and has partnered with us in establishing the Connect Small Grants programme since 2009.



A civil society child protection movement which is made up of representative practitioners and professionals from various entities. The Child Protection Collaborative focus collaboratively on disseminating research, advocacy and child protection awareness. Connect is a founding partner.



Since its launch in 2012, Collaboration Dialogue have continued to provide a platform which facilitates sharing and learning across the 'for purpose' sector, with curated content featuring a broad range of topics and specialists. Connect is one of the collaborators and is represented on the Western Cape planning committee.



Community Chest engages and collaborates with organisations, concerned citizens and professionals 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., based in the United States, has an agreement with Connect Network to use the South African edition material of The Ministry of Listening: Caring for People in Crisis. The course provides training in basic crisis intervention counselling skills to enable participants to effectively minister to people in crisis.



Mergon is a private investment group that exists to impact lives, and seeks to equip others to do the same. Mergon and Connect Network have worked in partnership since 2016 in order to further develop the network's ability to make meaningful impact for children.



Kerk in Actie is the programme for missionary and diaconal work of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands and of 10 smaller churches and ecumenical organisations. Kerk in Actie facilitates relations between local congregations in the Netherlands and churches and organisations abroad regarding the proclamation of the Gospel and promotion of justice. The partnership with Connect is their enabling the Safe Community Strategy for children through funding the project coordination.



Ranyaka was established as a non-profit, urban planning consultancy in 2013 to develop transformative strategies for towns and neighbourhoods. They work hand-in-hand with residents, civil society entities, faith-based institutions, business, all levels of government, academic institutions and local change agents to co-create places where people can prosper – in every sense of the word. By the end of 2019, they will be working in eight towns in six provinces across South Africa and are partnering with Connect to map our safe communities.



Viva is a world-wide network of Christians working with children at risk operating 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.



The WCSCF is a network of organisations working in partnership to create a coordinated, integrated and collaborative sector for children living, working or begging on the street and always acting in the best interest of the child and are partnering with Connect to synergise common efforts to safeguard children.

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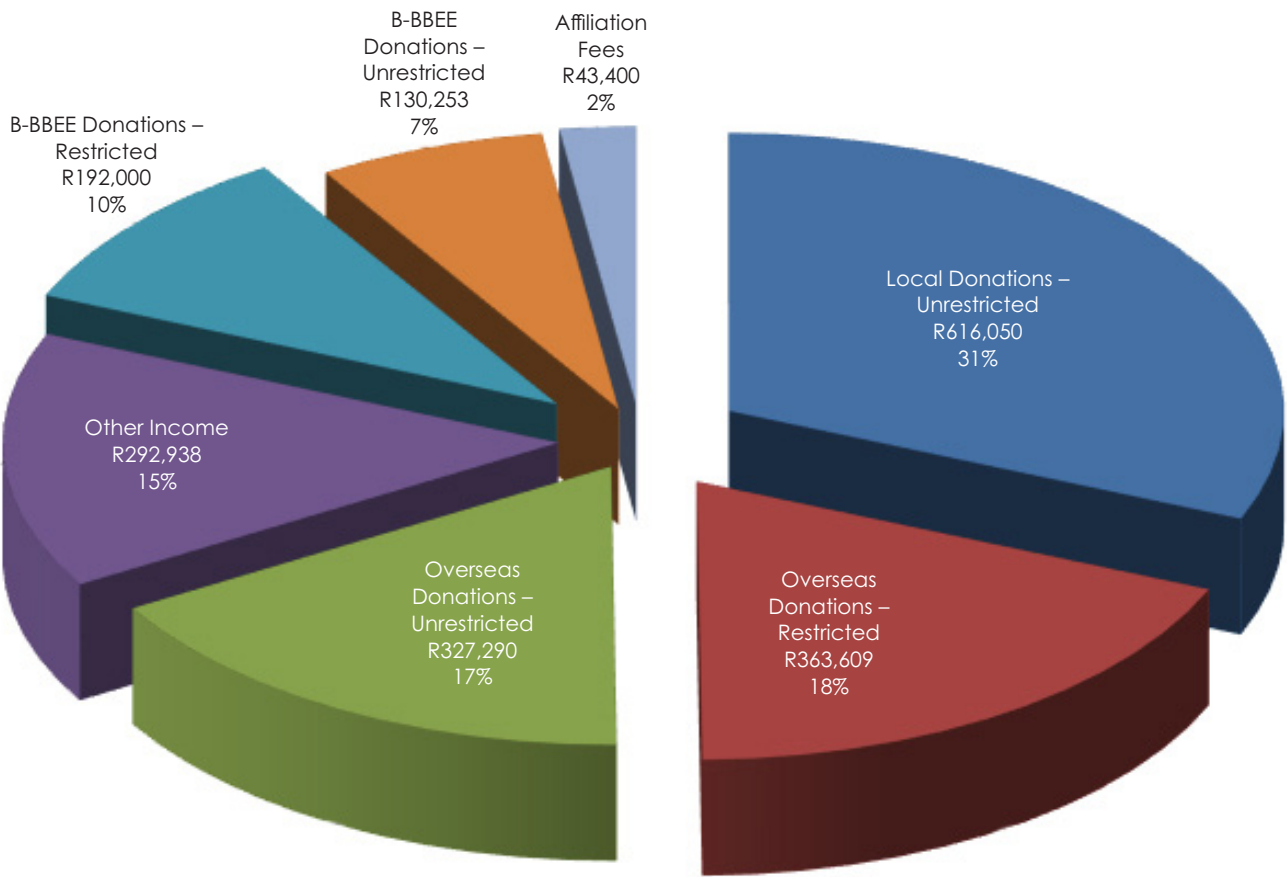
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Approximately R213 500 was contributed to the overall network income through donations in-kind including volunteer time, equipment loaned for free, donated meeting spaces and resources. This equates to 11% of our financial income for the year of R1965 541.00.

Income

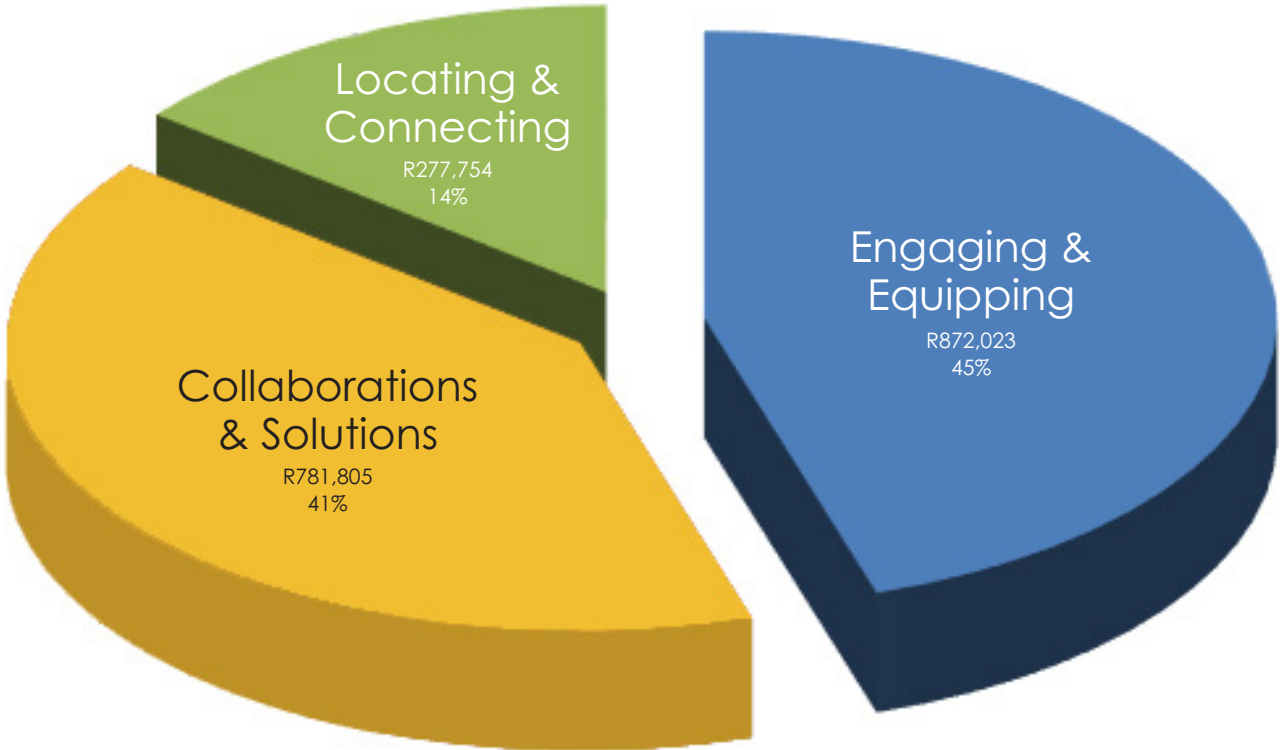
2020: R1,965,541
2019: R2,033,004



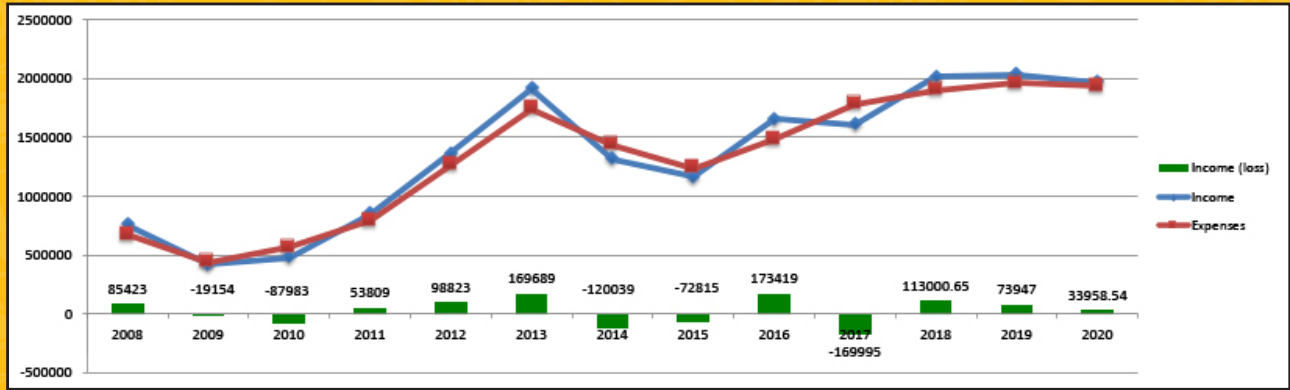
Of the total income raised, 2% was raised through affiliation fees, 63% was raised through local donations and fundraising, and 35% through foreign donations. It is great to see so much money being raised locally, thus demonstrating immense local support for the work being carried out by the Network.

Expenditure

2020: R1,931,582
2019: R1,959,057



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 more than three quarters of the 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 collaborative strategy that improves the lives of children and their families. It also reflects our adaptability and resilience in a changing and volatile funding environment. Significantly, operations were focused on the smooth succession of the Executive Director while continuing to decentralise services out to the network members. Decentralisation efforts once again helped to contain operational costs so that more of the funds could be allocated directly to the collaborative efforts of the Network affiliates.



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