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Young Children, Our Future

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Dear Trenely,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you a little more about TREE and to explore possible ways we can partner with you to promote early childhood development in South Africa but particularly in I Lembe KZN.

TREE has been dedicated to and fully involved in Early Childhood Development for 28 years. We have a valuable role to play in Early Childhood Development in South Africa and particularly in KZN where our foot print is the biggest. The Early childhood development programmes we run have impact at many levels, from the individual child to adults and groups responsible for child-care. Our Vision is to ensure that young children develop to their full potential in line with their rights and needs. We work towards this vision by promoting and supporting holistic and sustainable ECD programmes for children from birth to age 4. TREE achieves this through providing access to quality training and resources which impact on the lives of young children. Working with adults and communities to understand early childhood development allows them to act and ensure that children receive appropriate and quality interventions. Together with these communities we believe that “young children are our future”.

TREE’s ECD Training and Site Support programme provides holistic and sustainable programming targeted at community based ECD site stakeholders such as practitioners, Supervisors, Governing Body and Parents/Caregivers. The aim of the programme is to strengthen the quality of care and programming available to young children in line with legislation through the provision of both accredited and skills qualifications on ECD.

TREE’s Community and Home based ECD programmes focus on community led ECD interventions which aim to create a quality ECD experience for children who do not have access to formal ECD programmes. This programme also allows for parents and caregivers to become critical role players in the provision of ECD services to their children and to the community at large.

Provision of teaching and learning resources is aimed to support both centers and households to access quality educational toys that address all the critical components of a child’s development i.e. social, physical, intellectual creativity and emotional aspects.

Within the ILembe area, we have worked in partnership with the department of Social development and have so far reached a total of 55 practitioners.

Funder	Year	No. Of Practitioners	Courses they attended
ILembe Airport	2009 - 2010	10	Orientation, CPW & Basic Course in ECD
NDA Ndwedwe	2011 - 2013	20	CPW, Basic Course, Positive Living, SGHC, Committee Skills, Toy Making & NQF Level 4
DOSD Maphumulo & Stanger	2012 - 2013	25	Enrichment Programme & Toy Making
Total		55	

The need for training and capacity in this area is huge as you know. Our model is community oriented and so we work to ensure that communities are linked to their local resources as much as is possible. So we have established good relationship social development to ensure that all the challenges that these practitioners meet are referred to the appropriate level. We also work through the locally established ECD forums.

The ECD Forums that we working together with in these areas are:

- Isikhukhukazi ECD Forum (Ndwedwe) – Mrs R. d. Ngiba - 0767127942
- Sisonke ECD Forum (Ndwedwe) – Mrs Ngidi - 0826252575
- Bumbanani ECD Forum (Maphumulo) – Mrs Nxumalo – 0839523530
- Amaqhawe Association (Stanger) – Ms Nonhlanhla Manzi – 0713682036
- Syathuthuka (Maphumulo) – Ms Albertina Fihlela - 0725748000s with the

As per our discussion, I would be happy to come and make a formal presentation to your constituency on all of our programmes and be able to answer any questions for clarity.

Looking forward to hearing from you on how we can take this forward.

Kindest Regards,

Bertha Magoge
TREE Director



