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## Starting Chance – Donor Report

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### Executive summary and comments

<b>General summary of first quarter</b>	<p>2022 started with a phone call at 3.30am from a neighbour in Mfuleni informing us that Lonwabo was on fire. We are still in the process of working with local councillors to try and understand the motive. The shock and disappointment from all parties was tangible. The Mafila family decided they still wanted to open the school later in January, so we made the decision to repair the damage. This is currently in process, and we hope to have it completed in late March.</p> <p>The Training and Development Programme began in mid-January. We welcomed our new hub schools and resumed resource training – for the first time since 2019. The schools have settled well.</p> <p>The Alumni Programme is underway, and we have begun our mentor visits of the TTinT schools. This is a very exciting development.</p> <p>We have received funding to start a Lonwabo Special Needs Training Programme. This will begin in late March and will continue throughout the year.</p>
<b>Details of activities (training, workshops), special projects,</b>	<p><b>Training and Development 2022:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The hub programme is underway with the new schools. The programme includes site visits, resource training and monthly “shop” visits.</li> <li>2. Our PDP programme has started with site visits. The first workshop on curriculum will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> March. We are introducing a “leadership” incentive booklet to encourage principals to follow best practice in their schools.</li> <li>3. Our TTinT programme started in February with good attendance at the first workshop. Site visits to all the schools commenced in February.</li> <li>4. We hope the parent workshops will resume in March. These will be run by our Alumni committee.</li> <li>5. Our newly built schools opened their doors when school started. Mzamomhle is full to capacity. Lonwabo, due to the fire, is operating a smaller section of the school that was untouched, so their numbers are restricted.</li> <li>6. Our Alumni mentor team underwent training in January and February and the team has now visited the TTinT schools for the first time. This is a very exciting development. The mentors will support the principals in the TTinT schools and help the teachers. The visits have been well received.</li> </ol>
<b>Summary</b>	

**Update on shack to chic builds**

**Shack to chic 2022:**

**Lonwabo Special Care Centre:**

On 1 January 2022, Lonwabo was subject to an arson attack. This attack destroyed the DBB Board and burned the classroom which was to be a sensory room. It also damaged the toilet block. The damage was over R550K. We are in the process of investigating the causes and motivation by working with the local councillors and committees. It was a huge shock and disappointment both for Starting Chance and for Thandeka Mafila.

However, Thandeka bravely opened the unburned part of the school 1 January and is currently operating in that section. We are in the process of rebuilding the damaged section. We hope all parts of the school will be operational in late March. Thanks to the very generous donations from some of our Friends of Starting Chance we have been able to cover the basic costs.,

Thank you to each person, organisation and NPO who has come to the rescue with this tragic event and has helped us to do the repairs so that the Lonwabo children can have the educational start they deserve.

**Mzamomhle Educare Centre:**

Mzamomhle opened its doors in January. It is full to capacity. It is the most beautiful sight to see the school buzzing with happy little voices, smiling teachers and to know that these 120 children have the start they deserve..

**What next?**

**For now, we have put all building on hold until we have resolved issues related to the Lonwabo attack. We still hope to complete the 2 projects below, but we will not start until we are assured of their safety.**

**Phase 2**

- The plans have been drawn and have been submitted for planning approval
- Land Use Management approval has been received and approval from BDMS is imminent once we answer their questions
- Planning permission is almost complete but has been put on hold until meetings with stakeholders have been completed
- **Funds need to be raised before commencement can be considered.**
- **R0.5M has already been pledged**

**Hluma Academy:**

- Initial discussions with RICTS have taken place
- Concept drawings using the Mzamomhle design are complete
- **The principal is confirming the validity of the long-term lease**
- We hope to submit plans for this educare for 180 to 220 children
- **Funds need to be raised before commencement can be considered.**

**Achievements**

- Fund raising to repair Lonwabo has been extraordinary. We have been so grateful for the support.
- The Training and Development programme has started well – we are very proud of our fieldworker team as they step up to the full programme and start to make a difference in the schools.
- Funds were raised to continue with the training and development
- New funders have come alongside SC and we are very grateful

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Alumni Mentor Programme has been well received and is operating in the schools</li> <li>• Our Alumni Committee will be running our Parent Workshops in 2022 in conjunction with our SC Education team</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to support a Training and Development Manager</li> <li>• Increasing our fundraising base to ensure we can keep our team on full salaries through the next academic year</li> <li>• Community engagement to try and understand the arson attack on Lonwabo</li> <li>• Fundraising to ensure we can deliver Phase 2 of the Campus Project</li> <li>• Fundraising to raise funds for Hluma Academy</li> </ul>
<b>Focus points 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Development Programme to continue to support schools in the Starting Chance Programme</li> <li>• Develop the Alumni Programme to encourage sustainability</li> <li>• Restart the parent programme</li> <li>• Conclude discussions with Cornerstone University to accredit the Starting Chance CALM training and development programme</li> <li>• Fundraise for the next 2 builds: Phase 2 Campus Project and Hluma Academy</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite a difficult economic climate Starting Chance has continued to attract funds, both from existing return donors and new donors locally and internationally</li> <li>• Shack to Chic funding will need to be raised to build:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The ECD facility forming Phase 2 of the Erf 11410 Campus;</li> <li>○ A new facility for Likonaitheмба Educare/Hluma Academy on approx. 900m<sup>2</sup> of land leased by the principal from City of Cape Town. The validity of this long-term lease agreement has recently been questioned by City of Cape Town Property Management. The principal is working to resolve the issue and we hope that construction of a school for 180 to 220 children will still be possible.</li> </ul> <p>Subject to funding availability a similar approach to Blooming Stars with Power of Attorney from City will be used to fast-track this build under the City of Cape Town’s Property Management lease agreement, rather than having to first acquire the land under a purchase agreement.</p> </li> <li>• T &amp; D training programme - fundraising for 2022.</li> </ul>

## Finances

<b>Received:</b>	
<b>Donation used for:</b>	Thank you for your ongoing support and donations to Starting Chance. We really appreciate your support.

## School Updates

<b>Benefiting (totals)</b>	<i>No. of schools:</i>	21
	<i>No. of children:</i>	1517
	<i>No. of teachers:</i>	108

## Pictures

<p><b>Activities/ Mzamomhle Educare Centre Lonwabo repairs</b></p>	 <p><b>One of the new classrooms in action – its great to see the children enjoying school.</b></p>  <p><b>Outdoor play – a blur of energy and action as children play on the jungle gym.</b></p>	 <p><b>People often ask us if we are making a difference. This is Joyce conducting child assessments at the newly opened Mzamomhle Educare Centre this week.</b></p> <p><b>In October Joyce will conduct a second set of assessments with the same group of children – we do this every year to make sure that we can see evidence of development milestones being met.</b></p>
<p><b>Erf 11410 Lonwabo Special Needs Centre Build</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2022/2/25 13:14</p>	<p><b>The repair of the Sensory Room section that was burned is progressing well. Windows and doors are being cut, plumbing and electrics are being replaced.</b></p>