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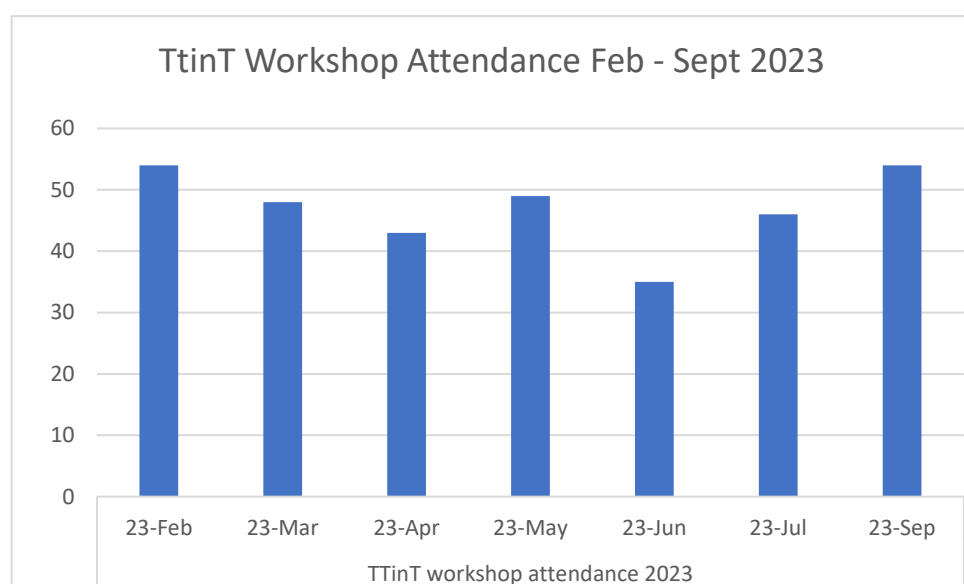
Starting Chance – Donor Report

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Executive summary and comments

Executive Summary 2023	<p>Starting Chance has had an exciting and fulfilling June to September quarter 2023. During this period, we have enjoyed a wonderful Mandela Month, progress in our schools, guest speakers and a full and varied training and development programme. In addition to this, we have had a successful “small wins” shack to chic programme and an excellent parent workshop.</p> <p>Our fieldworker team has continued to grow in confidence, and in this quarter, we have seen Joyce plan and run our PDP workshop, Noms plan and run our TTinT programme, Lebo has continued to run and develop the principal's computer sessions and Tandeka plan and run our parent workshop.</p> <p>We continue to develop our Starting Chance educational material. We have completed our Fieldworker’s Guide to Early Childhood Development. The Principal’s Tool Kit and Training Teachers in Townships workshop manuals are underway. We hope that these manuals will become available for general use.</p>
Details of Training and Development activities.	<p>Training and Development 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have completed 2 PDP workshops and our third one will be delivered on 21st September. The second workshop focused on storytelling and the importance of literacy. In September, we focus on planning and finance. Principals continue to participate and engage, and we are seeing great progress in their leadership skills. 2. Our TTinT programme has been very active. We have presented 6 TTinT workshops, covering a variety of ECD topics. Attendance continues to be very pleasing. More importantly, our fieldworkers are observing great implementation in the classrooms. This has been shown in the children's assessments, which are conducted in March and September each year. 3. Site visits and resource training have continued throughout the year, highlighting the need to implement the learning that has taken place through the workshops.

4. Our special needs programme has continued at Lonwabo and progress has been made. The visits by our occupational therapist and our fieldworker team have supported the staff.
5. The Alumni team, together with the school reps and our fieldworker team, have delivered two very successful parent workshops Parent engagement is a critical factor in ensuring our children are ready for school. The mentoring team continued the visits to the new Tint schools. We had an excellent lunch with the Alumni Principals, where we discussed further involvement from the team.
6. The children’s assessments for the year will be completed by the end of September. Results from these assessments help the SC team to plan the programme going forward.



Update on shack to chic builds

Shack to chic 2023:

Shack to Chic projects progressed through our winter months as more schools experienced severe water leaks due to heavy rain. In addition to Lutho Educare, Annie’s Daycare Centre and the Hluma Academy Shack Educare were completely re-roofed and extensively renovated/upgraded to ensure water, sanitation, and electrical supply are all functioning safely.

- **Qingqa** planning approval is still awaited.
- **Little Shining Stars Educare** planning approval is still awaited. Fundraising has been completed thanks to Stichting Mzamomhle and Wilde Ganzen in the Netherlands.
- **Shining Stars Educare** – the hunt for a property to convert into a school continues. A number have come on the market, but none were suitable, and prices being asked are very high. The possibility of a temporary upgrade is being explored with Dormac Marine & Engineering to improve the learning environment while we continue to actively seek alternative longer-term possibilities.
- **Hluma Academy** is still waiting for the award of a long-term lease for erf 11448 in Minister Street. A quotation for the conceptual design has been received - the budget for the new centre for about 200 children is likely to

	<p>be R4.5million, and we are continuing to seek funding for this project. Plans will be drawn as soon as the signed lease has been issued.</p> <p>In the meantime, Starting Chance has, in addition to installing a jungle gym at the shack facility, re-roofed and rewired the facility to ensure the environment is fit-for-use.</p> <p>Outdoor play areas at Mzamomhle and Blooming Stars still need to be refurbished if possible as the existing surfaces are badly worn due to the heavy usage.</p>
Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our fieldworker team continues to grow in capability and is making an impact. • Our new schools are showing progress. • The Training and Development programme is well underway for 2023. • Our Alumni Mentor Programme has been well received and operates in the schools. The mentors are committed and are making a difference. • We have made some progress with Shack to chic upgrades. • We have made considerable progress on the compiling of our educational resources.
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support a Training and Development Manager • Fundraising to raise funds for the minor shack to chic projects. • Security in the township continues to be a challenge. We are still providing security at Lonwabo.
Focus points 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Development Programme to continue to support schools in the Starting Chance Programme • Develop the Alumni Programme to encourage sustainability • Fundraise for the next 4 minor builds
Fundraising	<p>Thanks to the generosity of our Starting Chance family of supporters, donations have continued throughout the year.</p> <p>Our Mandela Campaign in July and August 2023 was very successful. We had two guest speakers for our workshops. We raised just under R350K from the campaign. This allowed us to donate “Building Blocks for Literacy” kits for all the schools in our programme, including the Alumni schools. Over 150 kits were distributed. We also ran three very successful workshops: for principals, practitioners and parents.</p> <p>It is now confirmed that Stichting Mzamomhle and Wilde Ganzen will be donating R500 000 to enable us to deliver Little Shining Stars their new classroom facility. Thank you! This donation forms part of a newly signed agreement for programme funding over a minimum of 2 years which will contribute R500 000 towards each of the Shack to Chic projects we will be working to deliver by the end of 2024 if possible.</p> <p>The Hluma Academy project will be a large-scale construction project. We currently estimate that we need to raise a further R4 million. to complete this project. Given</p>

the continuing land invasions we still hope to be able to start this project as quickly as possible after the long-term lease is issued.

Finances

Received:	
Donations	Thank you for your ongoing support and donations to Starting Chance. We really appreciate your support.

School Updates

Benefiting (totals)	No. of schools:	24
	No. of children:	1788
	No. of teachers:	129

Pictures

Activities		
Mandela Day Workshops to promote language to develop reasoning.	<p><i>As part of the Mandela Day workshops, a guest speaker, Dr Pete Rodgers, showed staff and children how to use wire to make moving toys.</i></p> 	<p><i>Practitioners were delighted to learn new skills with wire making.</i></p> 

TTinT workshop in September focused on educational games. We encouraged practitioners to make their own games from recycled waste.







"Building Blocks for Literacy" kits were distributed to all our schools and to parents. Our fieldworker team provided training on how to use the items in the kits to promote literacy in the schools.

Fantasy Play
– builds
creativity,
vocab and
language to
develop
reasoning.



Annie's Day
Care Centre
ready to
reopen after
the revamp.



 <p>Joyce</p>	<p>I noticed progress after June at Little Shining Stars' 3-4 years group classroom layout and outdoor play activities. They have 40 children in the class, practitioners managed to split children into two groups, one working inside for creative art while others they busy outside in different areas such as fantasy areas, water, etc.</p> <p>Ttint workshop implementation shows up on the children's assessment that I have done this month. Spatial orientation shows that all the schools have been implementing what they learned. "Building blocks for literacy" also takes place; children are able to tell stories through pictures.</p>
 <p>Noms</p>	<p>Noms New: Hluma Academy - :Hub school. Improvement: Cornie Hollander -is doing great this term in resource training. She is consistently implementing what she is learning, and practices teaching from her resource work. The behaviour of the children in class improved. She is running the programme daily in a neatly tidied room.</p> <p>New: Raise of Hope: TtinT school Improvement: Raise of hope has made a huge improvement in controlling noise, and accessibility of games for children. I have seen lots of ttint implementations She has gone ahead with most topics in TTinT.</p>
 <p>Lebo</p>	<p>Little Shining Stars- toddler class has managed to have stable practitioners and has extended the play areas outside because of space. She built a shelter for potties (toilets for toddlers).</p> <p>Hluma- practitioner implemented the building block kit games very well and interacted with Toddlers in small groups.</p>
 <p>Tandeka</p>	<p>Little shining stars - age 0-2 Practitioner Nozi is implementing very well in telling a story. It's also lovely how she interacts with older babies.</p> <p>Little Stars TTint school Did very well this term so much progress in TTint implementation, the building block games had a huge impact, They managed to use much recycled material, and they made stack-up games with boxes.</p>