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## Starting Chance – Donor Report

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### Executive summary and comments

<b>General summary of first quarter</b>	<p>From July to September, there have been several challenges both with T&amp; D and with the shack to chic builds. The training and development programme has progressed well but we have had to make some modifications due to COVID. The fieldworker site visits have continued to all schools in the SC programme when this has been possible. At times we have had to recall our team due to covid in the schools. The TTinT workshops had to return to small group training due to covid. The education coordinator visits have been conducted at the resource centre as it hasn't been safe to visit schools. The Alumni committee has met regularly and is making good progress with planning for 2022.</p> <p>There has been some progress with the 2 builds. Unfortunately, due to the third wave of COVID-19, protests and heavy rain there have been some delays with the completion of external works.</p> <p>There has been some successful fundraising.</p> <p>Land grabs, protests and crime around the Mfuleni area have continued to be problematic.</p>
<b>Details of activities (training, workshops), special projects, fundraising, etc.</b>	<p><b>Training and Development 2021:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CALM material has been distributed individually to schools in August. There has been a very positive response to the material.</li> <li>2. Our PDP programme is in process. The workshops have been well received and the visits have continued in the resource centre. Schools that are under-resourced with equipment have been highlighted.</li> <li>3. Our TTinT programme is on track. Our 3 fieldworkers have been visiting schools since Feb. Our TTinT workshops have been well attended. New schools joining the programme are progressing but have been hindered because they are poorly resourced. During August we had to return to small group training due to the COVID numbers in schools. In September we will return to big group training.</li> <li>4. Parent workshops and tech training are still on hold for the moment due to the third wave.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comments from Fieldworkers on the TTinT workshops:</b></p> <p><i>“Introduced the topic by using a CALM poster Health and Safety which gives them a clear understanding that Health food and snacks, Hygiene and safety classroom are not luxuries are essentials.”</i> Joyce</p>

**Summary**

**Update on shack to chic builds**

**Shack to chic 2021:**

After setting the first date of 29<sup>th</sup> July as the opening for Lonwabo we were not only hit by bad weather but also several different challenges, all of which were beyond our control:

Unfortunately, violent protests in Mfuleni made it unsafe for contractors (and us) to go on site for 10 days. This resulted in:

1. “Crazy Concepts”, the Hags specified contractor, missing the weather window at Lonwabo before going to another job out of the City. They have only just come back on site at Lonwabo. This delayed us through August. When they came to do the last piece of equipment last week, they found a piece is missing so whilst it has been installed it can’t be completed – in the meantime we will put a temporary solution in place. HAGS have been contacted and we await their response re. supplying the missing parts which perform a safety function.
2. The playground specialist who lays the rubberising and synthetic grass was delayed by (1). He then got COVID and ended up on oxygen – fortunately, he recovered. This delayed us through August. He is now onsite at Mzamomhle and when completed there will move to Lonwabo.
3. The connections i.e. electricity and water were delayed by protests and then COCT. Various contractors have also been delayed by staff getting COVID. The sewerage connections for both sites are still outstanding:
  - a. Mzamomhle sewer connection is at 3m to 3.5m which means that it is below the water table at this time of year – we are trying to complete the connection this week again.
  - b. Lonwabo – we are waiting on permission from City’s Sanitation Manager to connect to a newly installed sewerage line.
4. We are working to finish some final changes to the security gates and fencing – this is tricky due to availability of the contractor plus the weather. In the case of Mzamomhle we also have to overcome the sewerage connection challenge before the fencing can be closed.

At present we still have no idea if we will win the battle with the water table and/or when we will be given permission for the connection.

This is highly frustrating but in the meantime, we are progressively picking off the last few items that we need to complete which are within our control.

Based on the above, I hope it gives you a glimpse into our world for the last month and a half. Until we have clarity from COCT, we cannot give a date when we might be able to open. Both schools are primarily now being delayed by sewerage connections.

However, the plans for opening are going ahead in parallel so that in the event that we have a miracle and COCT actually give us a go ahead, we can get the opening underway very quickly. The following is happening:

- Each principal has indicated they want to do their own catering for the event. They are in the process of organising it.
- There will only be 50 guests as this is in line with current COVID protocol

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live streaming will be organised for both openings and the details will be sent to donors ahead of time.</li> <li>• We really appreciate your understanding and support during this time. We want to assure donors that the end results will be well worth waiting for. The principals, teachers, parents and children are so excited for the move to their new schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress with both builds despite COVID, protests, rain and violence</li> <li>• Ongoing site visits and PDP programme have supported the schools as they try to regain financial stability and encourage children to attend schools</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to support a Training and Development Manager</li> <li>• Land grabs, protests and winter weather hindering shack to chic - team continue their work despite disruption</li> <li>• Increasing our fundraising base to ensure we can keep our team on full salaries and we can overcome impact of Covid on shack to chic costs to fulfil our obligations to complete the 2 current builds for 2021</li> <li>• Fundraising to ensure we can deliver Phase 2 of the Campus Project</li> </ul>
<b>Focus points for the next quarter/year OR Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete construction of Phase 1 of the ERF11410 build (Lonwabo)</li> <li>• Equip Lonwabo, train their staff and get the centre open</li> <li>• Complete Mzamomhle Educare Centre</li> <li>• Equip and support staff at Mzamomhle when it opens</li> <li>• Complete the ECERS with the Year 2 schools and complete the TTinT programme for the year.</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 and new donors locally and internationally</li> <li>• Mandela Day Campaign was successful. We raised R322 916,22. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this campaign a success.</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 on approx. 900m<sup>2</sup> of land leased by the principal from City of Cape Town. This new lease agreement has recently been finalised. We are waiting for a copy to determine the exact aerial extent of the property, but a school of 150 to 200 children is likely to be possible.</li> </ul> <p>Subject to funding availability it should be possible to use a similar approach to Blooming Stars to fast-track this build under the lease agreement, rather than having to acquire the land under a purchase agreement.</p> </li> <li>• T &amp; D training programme - fundraising for 2022.</li> <li>• Little by little Global Giving focused campaign from 13-17 Sept.</li> </ul>

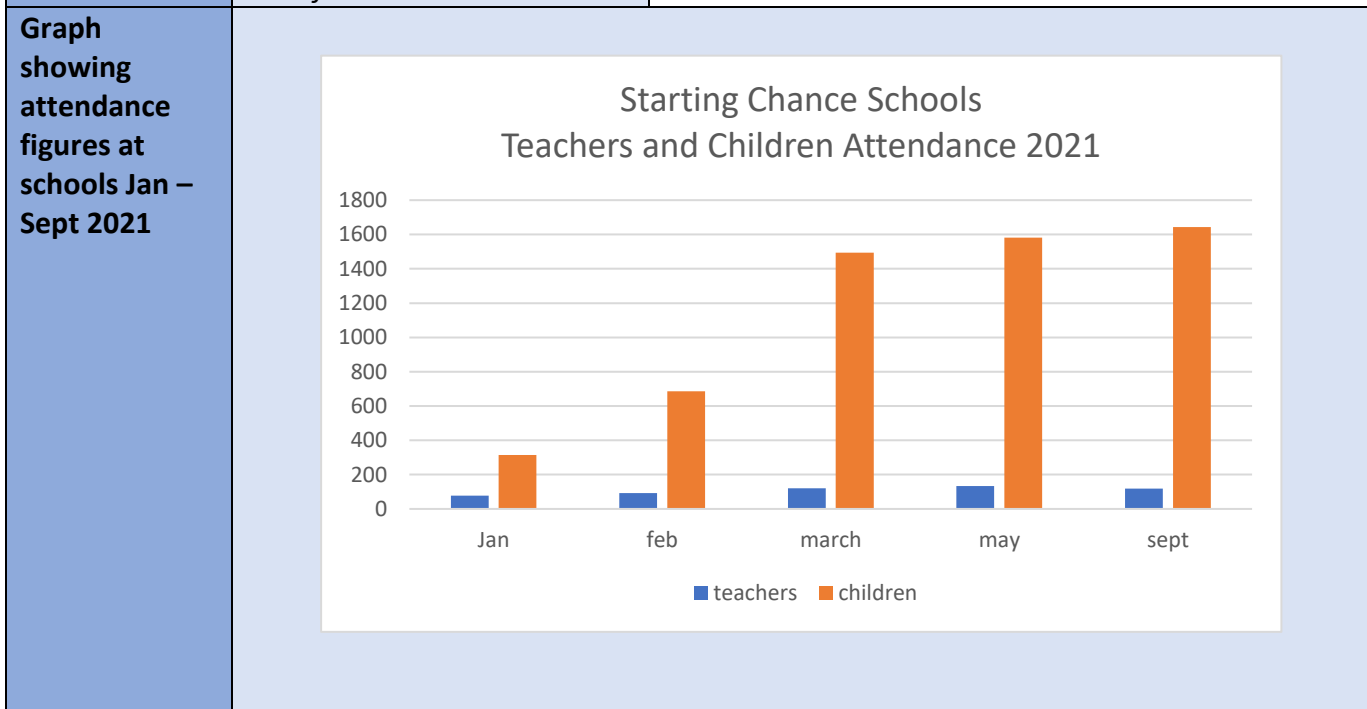
<b>Acronyms:</b>	<p><b>For your information the following acronyms have been used in this report:</b></p> <p>PDP - Professional Development Programme for principals and head teachers</p> <p>TTinT - Training Teachers In townships Programme</p> <p>CALM – Classroom and Learning Management material used for training</p> <p>COCT - City of Cape Town</p> <p>ECERS – Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale for evaluation</p> <p>ECD – Early Childhood Development</p> <p>T &amp; D – Training and Development</p> <p>SC – Starting Chance</p>
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## 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>	30
	<i>No. of children:</i>	1644
	<i>No. of teachers:</i>	118



**Training and Development TTinT workshops**



Middle TTinT group = educational games and how to play them

Grade R TTinT group – hygiene in the classroom posters



**Activities/ Mzamomhle Educare Centre Build**



Installation of the jungle gym

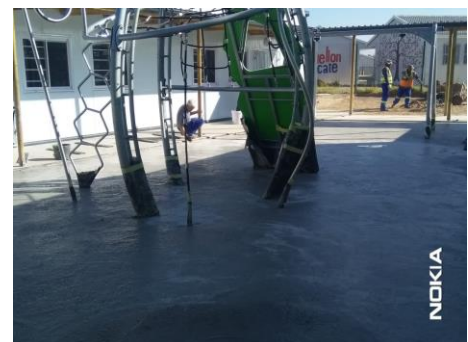


Concrete slab going in for rubberised surface

**Erf 11410 Lonwabo Special Needs Centre Build**



The completed main structure for Lonwabo



HAGS outdoor play equipment installed with cement base for rubberised surface