

urkuthasa



Encouraging local communities in Africa

Report and Receipts and Payment Account For the Year ended 31 December 2018



Registered charity number: 1055539



LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

Ukuthasa is constituted under a trust deed dated 3 May 1996 and deed of amendment dated 12 September 2006. It is a registered charity, number 1055539.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Letter from the Chairman

I take great pleasure in providing a report of Ukuthasa activity during 2018.

Words on a page hardly do justice to the reality of lives being changed. The facts in the report actually represent the injection of hope into the lives of people whose history has been hopelessness. Ukuthasa, in partnership with many people, is contributing to a different story, a better future. As you read the report, please celebrate the change that your support brings.

We have enjoyed another year of being able to partner with Emyezweni pre-school and reception classes, Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre and the Helderberg (Sports) Academy providing much needed support in The Western Cape of South Africa.

Particular challenges and highlights during 2018 were:

- Supporting Choices through a very tough time as their Administrator became chronically ill with Cancer and subsequently died.
- Continuing our support of the sponsored Counsellors at Choices, who provide services which are free at the point of delivery.
- The Choices *Baby Saver* has been activated several times leading to the rescue and adoption of babies who would otherwise have died.
- Continuing to provide event and equipment support to the Academy.
- Facilitating a large grant to the Academy.
- Continuing to support Emyezweni through sponsorship as they completed their transition to local leadership.

We are acutely aware that our impact and support is only possible because of the generosity of consistent and faithful regular and ad hoc donors. Through their contributions we are able to support and train those who volunteer for us as well as our care for our small team of staff and Trustees who continue to be change agents, making a difference in the communities into which they work.

On behalf of the Trustees it is my role to extend our grateful thanks to all of you.

We remain active in supporting various local communities in the areas of advocacy, education, training and empowerment in Africa.

Because of the timing of this report, we are already planning a celebration in July 2020 to enable us to thank our donors and supporters as we share in a celebration of 25 years of service.

We look forward to completing another year of activity where we are enabled to build on our past experience, our trusted reputation and the commitment of our community of supporters.

Chris Wilks, Chairperson, **Ukuthasa**, September 2019.

Objectives

The trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects (“the objects”) in Africa (the “area of benefit”)

- the relief of poverty, particularly by the provision of assistance in the building of housing for persons living in squatter communities,
- the protection and preservation of public health to establish a health centre and nutrition centre,
- the advancement of education by the provision of vocational skills training and a pre-school education project.

There have been no changes in objectives since the last annual report.

Activities, achievements, performance and future developments

The Trustees' aims for the year were:

To provide ad hoc HIV training and development to project partners working with us in Africa.

To continue the support of **Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre**.

To continue the support of **Emyezweni School** in Lwandle.

To continue to support projects which provide mentorship and life-skills training to children and young people in disadvantaged communities, principally through the **Helderberg Academy**.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We continue to work with those providing care in local communities by enabling community members to design appropriate interventions in terms of advocacy, education, empowerment and training programmes.

We are working with educators and other service providers, who in turn seek to influence and serve their local communities so they can make informed choices and have better opportunities for the future. This extends to substantial support of **Emyezweni Preschool**, which provides good quality foundation stage education, as well as projects working with teenagers in secondary schools and interventions for women and couples in crisis (**Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre**).

We also continue to support projects which provide mentorship and life-skills training to children and young people in disadvantaged areas (**Helderberg Academy**).

Summary of the main achievements

We currently sponsor 22 children at **Emyezweni Preschool**.

We continue to support women and couples in crisis as a result of pregnancy through **Choices**.

Life-skills training and mentorship through sport continues through support of the **Helderberg Academy** holiday club sponsorship.

Emyezweni School continues to provide quality education for children between 2 and 6 years old.

Ukuthasa continues to partner with the **Helderberg Academy**, **Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre** and **Emyezweni Day Care and Primary School**.

Financial review

The financial performance of the charity is shown on the accompanying receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed to have reserves sufficient to fund existing projects (including employees' wages) for a minimum of six months. Where a project has less than six months to run, the reserve for that project will reduce on a monthly basis. The reserve figure is calculated by the treasurer, and at each trustees meeting the trustees are informed of the state of the finances and reserves.

Risk management

The trustees consider that there are no major strategic, business or operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that they will review these on a regular basis.

Public Benefit Statement

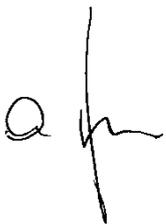
The activities currently carried out for the public benefit by the charity can be broadly categorised into the following groups of programmes where we support local communities:

- Support for education: Emyezweni Pre-school
- Empowerment of local communities: through of peer education projects and the Helderberg Academy.

The common feature of all these programmes is that we are working with the most vulnerable groups in Africa.

In setting our programme each year we have regard to both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and prevention, and relief of poverty for the public benefit. The Trustees always ensure that the programmes we undertake are in line with our charitable objects and aims.

Our ambitious aim is to support communities in the areas where we work so that they are able to live healthily, and support their immediate and extended families.



Chris Wilks

Chairperson

Date: 17th October 2019

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UKUTHASA

I report on the accounts of **Ukuthasa** for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

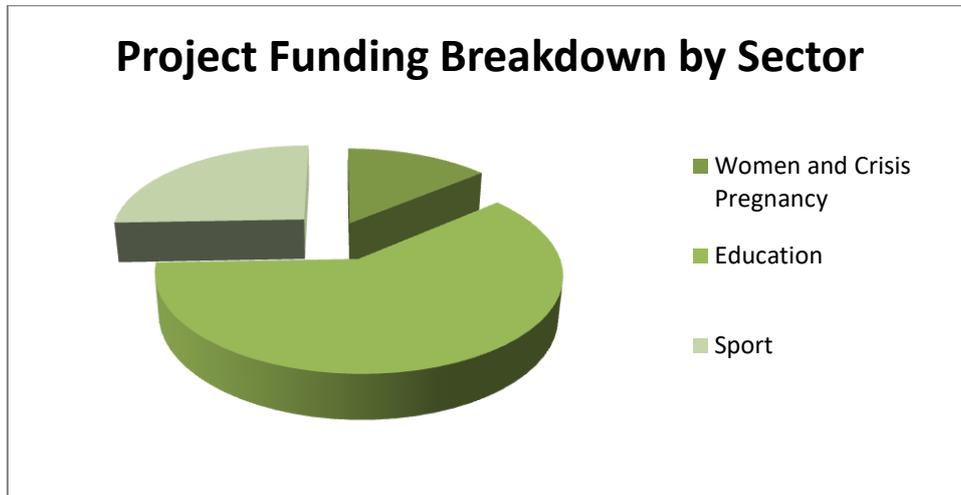
- which gives reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Graphical representations of the receipts and payments pages 7-9.



The above chart represents all active projects to 31 December 2018 allocated within the sectors of focus that Ukuthasa supports.

