



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Ikhaya Lothando crisis home

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## **Chairlady's Report:**

### **Ikhaya Lothando: Description of all activities of the trust.**

#### **Mission Statement**

Ikhaya Lothando means beloved home or home of love. The mission statement is that we want to help and support children to find them a loving home and provide a safe place for children who don't have one. As a transition home/ centre, Ikhaya Lothando will serve both children and the community. To help the child is to help the family and through this, the community.

#### **Vision**

To help children who don't have a safe place, by being one or by helping them to find another forever home. We want to come along side of the youth to provide alternative for the world they grow up in. One of disfunctional families, typical of societies plagued by problems of unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child neglect and abuse etc.

*"We are so thankful to our South African as well as international friends and partners, who helped us wherever help was needed. Mostly with food and finances, for us to able to grow and help even more of those in need. We appreciate their warm and compassionate heart for those in need".*

As corona hits South Africa a lot of the work in the community had to change. Luckily we didn't have to stop completely as we were able to get a permit which allowed us to keep going to Ntuzuma where lot of people were in huge need of foodparcels. As everything came to a hold for a little, we started fundraising for foodparcels for many children and gogo's who were struggling to get food on the table, especially during the first lockdown.

In this time I worked on fundraising, buying and bringing the food to Ntuzuma, while Fundy connected with teachers and key people in the community to find out who did not receive the government support.

Soon we had a list with up to 90 children in need. We were now able to feed them, by providing monthly foodparcels and about 10 gogo's we helped with the children they were looking after.

The year 2020 has been a very different year. Corona made us do things a bit different. We had to be less in touch with people, less close too people but at the same time there was a huge need for food and other essentials. Usually we do the following:

- A weekly soupkitchen
- We support and help the sick.
- We provide miliemeal and rice to the sick and poor.
- Celebration of culture.
- Mandela day
- Christmas celebration
- We make books
- Outreaches to Eastern Cape

Besides this, God opened the door, in the most crazy times ever, for us to finally buy a beautiful house in Matatiele, Eastern Cape, which will be a crisis home for little girls. While many things came to a stop, God moved and so did we. We moved between Christmas and new year 2020-2021 from Durban to Matatiele. It was for sure a hectic time in the peak of the second wave of corona in South Africa.

The house will become a safe place for 6 girls, age 3-12 for about 6 months. We want to be the place where they can come while social work works on finding a long term solution. We ll be the first one to help the child, after a traumatic experience in which the child can not go home. We will

work together with the hospital, police and social worker to find what's best for the child, while in the meanwhile she'll be safe and looked after.

In the first few months we've worked hard to get the outside of the house ready, painted and upgraded the security by adding to the wall, extra burglar bars and new garage doors. We've come far and are now working on getting the inside ready and furnished. We hope to get everything ready in 2021 so we will be able to officially open by the beginning of 2022.

Even though for now our focus is to get the house ready and set to open, we still hope and pray that in the future we can also continue the soupkitchen in Ntuzuma once a week. It's more a matter of getting the funding up for this. One for Ntuzuma and one for Matatiele.

To everyone who has contributed in so many ways and enabled us to serve the community of Ntuzuma township, Durban and now also in Matatiele and rural area of Eastern Cape, thank you.

Joziën Koelewijn

Chairlady – Ikhaya Lothando

## **2. Identifying details of the Organization**

### **Title and registration details:**

Ikhaya Lothando, a home for children.

### **Registration**

Its a faith based welfare organization registered as follows:

- As Ikhaya Lothando Charible Trust IT020141/2014
- Non profit Organisation 155-039

## **3. Area of operation**

For the last 11 years we worked in Ntuzuma in Durban, KwaZulu Natal. This province, carries the heaviest burden with the most children and adults affected by HIV/AIDS. Thousands of children are being left orphaned every month without any adult care what so ever.

Ntuzuma township. Its home for about 500.000 people, connected to KwaMashu and Inanda, two other big townships with a high crime rate.

HIV/AIDS is high in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Statistics show it is even higher than anywhere else in the country. Especially the rural area is hit hard by the epidemic. Social problems, such as extreme poverty, abuse of women and children, unemployment, and the consequences of HIV/AIDS characterise life in many townships. While the need is high, there is no help. Most homes are already full, while more and more children end up alone or in an abusive situation.

Almost the same can be said about Eastern Cape. Eventhough poverty, abuse and children growing up with only a gogo or even alone, seem to be a bigger problem here. Through the years we found ourselves going up and down to Tinana and Matatiele, about 4 hour drive from Durban. After 11 years, this is the place where we were able to buy a beautiful property which a nice garden. As there I nothing like a crisishome around, we will soon be full as the need as only been growing since the start of corona. As we are now located in Matatiele we ll be working with social workers from Mount Fletcher, Tinana and other rural area's.

## **We want to be a safe home for those who don't have one.**

Ikhaya lothando wants to be that place, a home, where children can be child again. As we will be a crisishome and mostly work with abused children in the age of 3- 12, we had to choose between boys or girls. As we have little girls living with us, we choose to focus on the girls. It also fits with the huge and growing problem in South Africa of abuse to women in children. We hope to be able to make a difference by offering a place of safety for little girls.

### **4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES (the Goal)**

- The rescue and care of persons in distress
- The provision of poverty relief
- The provision of community service
- Help, development and support of children, more particularly (without limiting the generality thereof), children in need of care.

Based on Cristian principles and belief

### **5. Ikhaya Lothando – bridging the gap**

**Ikhaya Lothando** functions in many ways as a bridge, bringing people and organisations from different cultures, countries and socio-economic backgrounds together

We can not do the work alone. Ikhaya Lothando also strives to network with as many organisation and people who work in the same area as possible. As we did for the last 11 years in Durban, we will also do the same in Matatiele. As soon as we are ready we ll connect with the hospital, police, social workers, caregivers and churches in the area around us. We will spread the story and will do an official opening by the beginning of 2022 to invite anyone who will be a part in helping the child. Only together we can really make a difference towards a better future and awareness.

### **6. Beneficiaries**

**For the duration of the 2020-2021 financial year, Ikhaya lothando attended to problems of**

Close to 90 children in need, we were now able to feed them, by providing monthly foodparcels.

25 orphans/child headed families.

10 mothers/gogo's (HIV/AIDS)

70-80 children are in these families.

ON A MONTHLY BASES!

### **7. Services rendered**

As said earlier, because of the corona pandamic we had to scale down a lot in the contacts we had with the children and adults around us. We really had to look into what we could still do without bringing others and ourselves in danger. Where years of building contacts and getting closer to the people was important, it now changed to being more distance and how to get the story out there, in an area where people are always close to one another.

We prayed and looked into how to do it different and still help as many as possible, where the help of the government didn't get too. We have been blessed with finances to bless others and even get some people involved from the community who otherwise might never been a part of Ikhaya Lothando.

## **A. Transport**

### **Transport for groceries**

- We bought groceries on a weekly bases. As we also had to be careful with going to the shop we tried to buy in as much as possible. But we often had to add because of the growing need for food. This will come to at least 200 trips a year, might be more.

### **Car in the township**

- There is one driver, Jozien, and is using the ISUZU double cap 240 LE.

## **8. Poor Relief**

### **Food, clothing and household articles in crisis situations**

- Milie meal and Morvite was provided through the Wellness centre in Durban, which could feed up to 50 families. Sadly this stopped during the lockdown/corona.
- Every month we still helped around 9 different families/gogo's with food, depending on what we have.
- With help from a church in the Netherlands we've been able to help many more with extra food.

## **9. Administration Aspect**

Ikhaya Lothando is a small project that through the years, build the trust of the people, to be able to do what we want to do.

- Founder Fundy Shangase does most of the hands-on work with the youth as well as the little children. Like the coaching and cooking. She is an experienced child care worker and is easy going for the youth. She is a volunteer and only receives a stipend.
- Jozien is a full-time volunteer from the Netherlands. She takes care of all the transport, administration and fundraising.
- Other locals have been helping on certain occasions with practical work.
- We only pay local people from Ntuzuma/ Matatiele when needed, for example for building fences and storage space for the house.
- Our aim is to get more volunteers.

- We got a new Logo as we are preparing to move to Matatiele.



## 10. Fundraising

- Ikhaya Lothando depends entirely on financial support and donations from supporters/donors and Partners
- Overseas fundraising done by: Jozien Koelewijn
- South Africa fundraising done by: Fundy Shangase and Jozien Koelewijn

## 11. Finances

As Ikhaya Lothando has been registered in 2015, we have 4 official financial reports.

## 12. Banking details

**First National Bank**

**Account name: Ikhaya Lothando Charitable Trust**

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**Ikhaya Lothando is a non-profit organization**



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