



TO be a Safe PLACE FOR KIDS WHO DON'T have ONE

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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. Our main focus will be young (abused) little girls from 1-9 As a crisis home, 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 young abused little girls who don't have a safe place, for a period up to 6 months. We want to work with police, local hospitals and social work. As Ikhaya Lothando we will go out into the community to build trust and find those who are in great need of help and assistance. Through this kids in need will find their way to our home.

"We are thankful to all our national and international friends and partners, who helped us wherever help was needed. Mostly with food and finances and this year, to make our new home into a real 'Ikhaya Lothando' and for us to be able to grow, so we can help even more of those in need. We appreciate their warm and compassionate heart for those in need".

This year we have been able to finish the last things that needed to be done at the house. We are blessed that we have had enough finances coming in to do so. Besides all the practical work that has been done, we have had many meetings with different social workers. Its been very challenging to say at least to get them to our home and to make them understand the vision of Ikhaya Lothando. Eventhough it was hard at times, it taught us what we can expect and how to go from here. We now go back to the drawing board and changed our vision a bit. As social work is not doing what it supposed to do and only comes with their own agenda, we will go back to the things we did before. This way we will build the trust in the community ourselves and will be able to find those who are in great need of help. As the social workers are hardly doing this, we will step in and do it ourselves. Like this, kids can come to the house with a parent, a gogo or teenage mom for example.

The usual work like the soupkitchen, foodparcels, help with (school) clothing etc will be continued in and around Matatiele. We already have 3 areas where we will go to. Matatiele, area c and Maluti. We have a few young people who are enthusiastic to help and volunteer with us and some teachers. As we are at the beginning of this "new approach" we are looking forward to see how this will work out.

This year we have had a total of 6 kids in. 1 fulltime, 1 for 6 months and 4 for a shorter period. We had to deal with different circumstances and often social work dropped us in the deep end, with hardly or no support or information from their side. Fundy has visited police, social work and hospitals from the day we came here. We even met with others who had an NPO and invited them over, so we could see how we can network and help each other to help others. No one came back. Only some if they wanted a job. For now we won't hire a social worker ourselves as we are not at that point in our work to do so. Also, we don't want to work under government but want to be an independent NPO, raising or own funding and keep it as simple as possible with as less 'red tape' as possible. We can't help to get the feeling that people like this place because of what 'they' want to get out of it, rather than wanting to help this kids who need it so much.

This year has been a year of learning how to be able to get where we want to be and how. We didn't do as much as we wanted to but it did teach us how to go from here. Most important is to stay true to ourselves, to the vision of Ikhaya Lothando and to what God has called us to do.

We will want to reach out to the community focusing on the following:

- A weekly soupkitchen/ foodparcels
- We support and help the sick.
- Provide clothing/ schoolclothing
- Provide a safe place for kids who need a break/extra help, together with a parent or caregiver
- Celebration of culture.
- Mandela day
- Christmas celebration

We have been through a lot this year and it's been a roller-coaster of emotions at times. As we are new in town, we had to get to know what's what and who is who. Being outside the township has its own challenges, how to reach those people who need help. We had to find out the hard way that social work will not do it for us. We tried to do it the way that 'suppose' to be the right way. As that failed, we will take another road and are excited to get started again.

To everyone who has contributed in so many ways and enabled us to get ready with everything in and around the house, helping the homeless and the kids who we could help this year in Matatiele and rural area of Eastern Cape, thank you so much.

Jozien 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. Even though poverty, abuse and children growing up with only a gogo, a teen mom or even alone, seem to be a bigger problem here. Drug and alcohol abuse by parents seem to get out of control in so many places in South Africa and its no difference here in Matatiele. 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 big garden. As there is nothing like a crisis home around, we thought that is will be full soon, as many kids go to bed hungry as many parents are unemployed.

We have been here now for 2 years and had to find our feet in a new place. The social workers came with their own agenda, wanting us to become something under government, which we never asked for. They came running for a job they thought we would have for them but never came running for a child to be placed here. It all takes time and we do learn most through the things that go different, going through problems we find along the way. We can only hope and pray for the coming year that going back into the community, as we did for many years in Ntuzuma, will bring us the kids and people we are here for in the first place. We have good hopes that it will!

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 1- 9, 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 cannot do the work alone. Ikhaya Lothando also strives to network with as many organisations 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.

We have visited and shared the vision with the hospital, police, social workers, caregivers and churches in and around the area Matatiele and Mount Fletcher. We will spread the story and will plan to keep doing this also in 2023. Only once everything goes well and its clear how we ll continue we would love 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 2022-2023 financial year, Ikhaya lothando attended at least half of the year still to the renovation of the new crisis home.

We did however have 6 little girls living with us for a different period of time.

- We were able to take 1 who is with us full time to focussed school here in Matatiele and provided a safe place for the other 5 girls and see to all their needs. 1 is with us long term as the others left already.
- We ve also been able to help many homeless people in Matatiele and where able to feed them almost every week.

7. Renovations done are the following:

Outside:

- We painted both roofs
- got more leaking spots fixed
- had a security shed placed outside the gate
- got extra lights installed
- Had extra swings placed
- We invested in a generator
- Got a Jojo tank for extra water backup.

A. Transport

Transport for groceries

- We bought groceries on a weekly basis. Mainly for in the house as the kids where with us. Some of it was to help other in Matatiele and rural area.

Renovations

- We drove around a lot to get the stuff and help we needed for whatever we were working on, in and around the house. Also, to help the kids going to school and back home.

For the girls

- Fundy has been going up and down a lot. Sometimes to help some in Durban but also for the gogo soccer team from Kwamashu that she is still involved with and support. We hope to bring them to Matatiele some time to see if we can do something like that in Matatiele as well. I think she went up and down maybe about 10 times during the year 2023.

Car in Matatiele

- This year we ve been able to change our petrol bakkie to a diesel, much stronger Isuzu bakkie. There is one driver, Jozien, and is using the ISUZU double cap 300KB.

8. Poor Relief

Food, clothing and household articles in crisis situations

- We already started helping families in need in Matatiele and in the rural area with food and clothes. We would like to start up a soupkitchen again, maybe once a week and help in community with foodparcels once a month.
- We would like to start visiting families in need and organise a big event so we can get the word out what we are about. This way we can have the people and kids come to our house, also if there is a crisis back home. Like this we will work towards having kids in again but it will take some time.

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 (with certificates) 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 and youth have been helping on certain occasions with practical work.
- We only pay local people from Matatiele and surroundings when needed.
- Our aim is to get more volunteers and outreach teams from Youth with a mission and other churches.
- We got a letterhead for Ikhaya Lothando crisishome



- logo for 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 and donations done by: Fundy Shangase and Jozien Koelewijn

11. Finances

As Ikhaya Lothando has been registered in 2015, we have 6 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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