





# **ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

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### THE HAPPY AFRICA ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Dear Friends and Supporters,

What an exciting year we have had, we've made great progress in the communities we work with, heard touching stories from people whose lives are changing as a result of our efforts, and we have some bigger projects on the horizon.

Sometimes, it's easy to forget the difference a few small things can make ... having access to better healthcare, or having fees paid so a child can attend school, or helping a person generate an income... these things can make a real difference to a person's life. They offer people the opportunity to live a healthier life, get a better education or have the ability to support their family and put food on the table. It's these real life stories that are all small steps in strengthening a community. This is what we work towards, to give people opportunities so they themselves can make a difference in the long term.

I'd like to thank all the African Impact teams at their volunteer projects - together we are working towards the same goal and African Impact help us achieve it better and cheaper than we could on our own. Another big thank you to people who have donated to our cause, you are helping us make the difference in every step we achieve.

Enjoy reading about our year and some of our stories.





# WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO

The Happy Africa Foundation was founded in 2008 as a responsible way to manage donations received from African Impact volunteers on community projects across Africa. It has since matured into an independent organisation that provides support and expertise on sustainable development within local communities and on volunteer projects, to create a positive, long lasting impact.

Our commitment to 'Educate, Enrich and Empower' points to our three main areas of focus: Education and Enrichment, Health and Nutrition and Empowering Families. By building strong relationships with community leaders, we work together to find solutions for overcoming the issues people face every day. We make a positive difference in the direction of people's lives through education and enrichment programs in schools, crèches and orphanages; provision of health and nutrition through home-based care and vegetable gardens; and family support groups. We look at how we can build or improve community facilities to best support the needs of residents and help develop the community as a whole.



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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

#### KwaZulu-Natal:

- Toys and educational materials for seven crèches reached over 200 children, enhancing their preschool experience.
- 385 patients were offered medical assistance through Home
   Based Care in areas that are otherwise not covered by health workers.
- o HIV education certificates awarded to 220 adults and 171, children, to equip people with the tools to understand how to prevent HIV and to live a positive, healthy life style.
- 13 families reached through the 10 Families Nutrition Program providing nutritious food supplements to help recovery from ill health and better nutrition.
- Assisted 80 children through a sponsored reading programme at a library created by donated books and supplies.
- A new classroom built at Inkanyezi Crèche has created a stimulating educational environment for the children who attend.
- A scale donated to the Khula Clinic to weigh all patients wanting medical assistance, a necessity in monitoring people's health.



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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

## Western Cape:

- Upgraded the sports facilities at Ukhanyo Primary School, so that 1500 children can enjoy more exercise and sport.
- Created vegetable gardens for children at Jones
   Safe House so they receive a well-balanced meal.
- Jungle gym erected at the Jones Safe House, providing the children with a safe play area.
- Transport the children at Jones Safe House so they can go on a fun and exciting educational holiday camp.



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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN KENYA**

- Through training and development for Mukeu Special School there are now more skills programs offered, increasing the opportunities available to the children.
- Renovated a kitchen at Mukeu School creating a safe, healthy and eco-friendly environment in which to cook food.
- o Involved 40 mentally handicapped children in the initiation of the school farming project, both for skills training and to enable them to produce their own food.
- Facilitated a beading workshop and purchased beads and materials for bags and tablemats to encourage income generation.
- o Built a cowshed and purchased a cow, producing more than 30ltrs of milk daily for consumption and sale, increasing income to the school.
- Paid a \$12,000 deposit for land at Body of Christ Children Centre this is working towards the long-term goal of buying their own plot and building a new center.
- Facilitated a \$100,000 donation toward the construction of a pediatric ward at Kikuyu Hospital, to help local children get better healthcare.



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## **ACHIEVEMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE**

- The education of 80 children supported through sponsor-a-child and the school sponsorship program.
- o First yield of vegetables produced through the sponsored farm providing 80% of the food required by the school.
- Chicken project introduced for income generation, increasing the sustainability of the school.
- Provided a new gate for the school, ensuring security for the children and staff.
- Provided school uniforms and equipment to the children of School of Good Hope making sure they have the tools they need and feel proud on their way to school.
- Aquired a new scale to help monitor weight gain in the children's nutrition program, enabling us to keep an eye on the progress made and catch any weight loss.
- Provided E'Pap for 80 children a month to help combat the high levels of child malnutrition.



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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN ZAMBIA**

- Distributed 22,000 books with Books for Africa to schols and projects around Livingstone.
- Completed two classrooms, a health guidance office and computer laboratory at 'Tabo Hall.'
- Two additional classrooms erected at Mwandi School to assist them to get government support.
- Sponsored the education of 70 children to help give them a chance to complete their education and 50 Bicycles (donated by Bikes for Africa) were provided for these children to help those living far away from school attend school more regularly.
- Donated 10 brand new mattresses to Maramba Old People's Home to provide the residents with better living conditions.
- Supplied Marumba Clinic with a security gate and fence, to help combat vandalism and security issues.
- Presented Holy Cross Soccer team with new football Boots, giving their team a little boost!



## SUCCESS STORIES: HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Home Based Care (KwaZulu-Natal)

Home based care patient Bheki is a happy, smiling, motivated man who lives with his wife in the community of Dukuduku just outside of St. Lucia. If you were to see this man compared to when we first met him only a few months ago you would not believe it was the same person.

When the home based care volunteers met Bheki in October 2012 they were shocked at the sight that greeted them. Unable to walk, he had to crawl from his house to meet them. He was in a huge amount of pain and was becoming very depressed at the thought of his wife having to run their lives by herself. Our team invited the head nurse from the local clinic to accompany them on their next visit and she was as taken aback as the volunteers had been at the sight of this frail man.

Through the support, hope and nutritious diet provided by THAF, Bheki has now turned a corner and is a different man from who he used to be. He has joined our support group with his wife and also attends adult English classes.

When the head nurse returned to his home she was astonished at the progress he had made and said "I though this man was dead."



## **SUCCESS STORIES: EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

22,000 Books (Livingstone)

Ever wondered what 22,000 books looks like?

At the beginning of 2012 a shipment finally arrived in Livingstone, Zambia full of 10 desktop computers and 22,000 books from 'Books for Africa' to be distributed throughout the schools of Livingstone.

The teachers and students were thrilled to have new books for school and library use. "The students will benefit from your contribution both now and in the future. In times of limited resources, contributions such as yours make an incredible difference in what's available to our students" said Reverand Mubuyaeta Imasiku, a school official in Livingstone.

The project was such a great success that the group has been in communication with government officials about plans to bring more books to Southern Zambia.



### **SUCCESS STORIES: EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

Inkanzeki Creche (KwaZulu-Natal)

The countless hours of brick building, digging and plastering finally came to a head on Nelson Mandela Day, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, when Inkanyezi Crèche was opened during a lively and well-attended ceremony. Inkanyezi Crèche is a day care run by Mama Gumede, and African Impact volunteers have been assisting her and her crèche since late 2010.

Inkanyezi Crèche was a small, dark, wooden hut with a leaking roof and only a few small windows. The children who attended the crèche were forced to endure uncomfortable, damp and dark conditions. The structure provided little shelter against the elements, was hot and stuffy in summer and cold and wet in winter.

Secure fencing was put up in 2011, protecting the crèche from vandalism and keeping the children safe during the day. In July 2012 a basic  $8m \times 7m$  classroom was built, which now ensures that the children can play and learn in a comfortable, clean, dry and light-filled environment. The children have also benefited from a fantastic jungle gym and the community is using the new building for English lessons.



## SUCCESS STORIES: EMPOWERING Communities

Body of Christ (Kenya)

In 2009, we met Mary who had an informal day care centre for 55 orphans and vulnerable children at her small house! Women would often leave their children while they go to the market and she would also invite many children she found wandering around to join in as well! She recognized the need to educate the children to give them a chance to pass the entry exam that would allow them access to free primary school education.

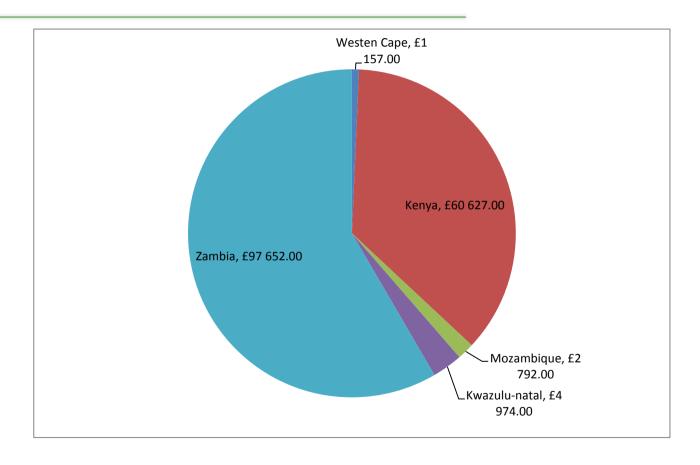
Having no teaching experience, she explored curricula from neighbouring schools and started teaching the children. With our assistance the project relocated to a suitable and spacious location and Mary did part-time teaching course, which she has completed! So far, thanks to her dedication, over 200 children have been accepted into free primary education.



## AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT – IN NUMBERS

- 3 Support groups held to provide a platform for community growth
- 4 Countries reached
- **12** Projects worked with
- 13 Building project completed
- 15 Schools improved
- **7** Children sponsored in Zambia
- **50** Vegetable gardens completed
- **700** Food parcels delivered to help those recovering from illness

# 2012 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE BY COUNTRY



## **2012 PROFITS AND EXPENDITURES**

			2012		2011
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
INCOMING RESOURCES  Donations		24,443	154,715	179,158	91,448
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct charitable expenditure	2	-	168,211	168,211	67,489
Governance costs	3	19,552	-	19,552	17,412
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		19,552	168,211	187,763	84,901
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,891	(13,496)	(8,605)	6,547
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2012 Fund balances carried forward		415	26,910	27,325	20,778
at 31 December 2012		5,306	13,414	18,720	27,325

All transactions are derived from continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### THANK YOU

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