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## message from the director



Imagine growing up fearful of your safety, not having the opportunity to go to school and maybe being married or pregnant by the age of 15. All the places I have visited, I have come across girls in these situations on a daily basis. That is why I am so excited to introduce our new project, called The Girl Impact to help change some of these situations and give girls a better future.

The Girl Impact links in with all our other areas of action - Education, Health and Empowerment - with a special focus on how these areas apply to girls. It doesn't mean we only work with girls - to make the change long lasting, all members of the community must be involved.

2016 also saw many other achievements to celebrate, a move into conservation with a new marine project in Zanzibar, 300 learners to date being able to attend school through our sponsorship program in Livingstone and 250 children enjoying sport in the Cape Town communities, to name but a few.

I love reading the reports coming from the projects on the ground to hear how our work is progressing and how donations are being utilised in the best way to make a positive impact. The stories for me are what touch my heart and explain the reality of what people's donations can do.

Enjoy the following stories and stats to find out how your donations have impacted people's lives and get a feel for why my team and I are so invested and passionate about the difference The Happy Africa Foundation makes...

We have a big vision too, as we know more can be done! If you would like to join us to make your African Impact, get in touch and see how you can get involved. Your influence and involvement can make the world of difference to a person's life.

Finally, some other news to watch out for - in 2017 we will be changing our name to The African Impact Foundation to make a more obvious link with our amazing partner, African Impact. Keep in touch through our social media to find out more.

Thanks for getting involved and enjoy the read...

Warmest wishes

MICHELLE PROCTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

... and firm believer in the world being a better place if we all do our little bit every day!



### who we are

The Happy Africa Foundation is a registered charity in the UK and South Africa and an NGO in Zambia that supports community and conservation projects throughout Eastern and Southern Africa.

The foundation aims to empower local communities by improving educational and health facilities and supporting broad based initiatives providing the skills and knowledge necessary for self empowerment. Our commitment to 'Educate, Enrich and Empower' points to our main areas of focus: Education and Enrichment, Health & Nutrition, Empowering Communities, Conservation and Gender Equality.

We strive to develop, facilitate and support projects that are sustainable and will have a lasting impact on the communities we support. The foundation recognises the importance of identifying and fully understanding the unique needs of each community to work with them to find sustainable solutions to the challenges which they face.

We aim to educate, motivate and encourage, whilst making a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

## where we work





## education and enrichment

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Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and the most basic and important need in education is literacy. The invaluable ability to read and write gives people access to a wealth of opportunities they would otherwise be excluded from. Our education programs include helping pre-school and primary school children to learn the basics through extra lessons and one-on-one attention, sponsoring children to attend school and running reading clubs and establishing libraries. We also fund the provision of resources and building of educational facilities, to create a safe and enriching place in which to learn.

#### Early Childhood Development

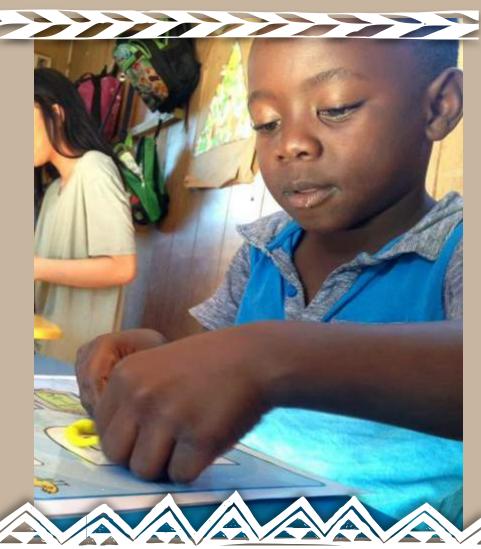
Early Childhood Development lays the basic foundation for a child's success or failure in their journey through education. Investment in early childhood development offers the potential to equalise opportunities and break the cycle of inequality.

The rural locations in which we work have limited access to the basic services and are often in need of improved ECD Centres to provide the basic education in the early years. During 2016, The Happy Africa Foundation completed a second classroom at Siyanqoba Crèche in St Lucia, Kwa-Zulu Natal to increase the current number of children able to attend up to 65, and further developed the Rural Teacher Development program to provide training to the ECD teachers in the area.

Shiners school readiness students have improved by 37% this year.

A total of **GBP 23800** was spent on providing ECD resources throughout our locations.

School readiness improved by 40% among pre-school learners at Luntu / Redhill & Children of Hope in Cape Town, South Africa



## education and enrichment

### Enriching basic education

Education is essential in bridging the divide and reducing the inequalities created in rural and underprivileged communities. Access to quality education and a safe and adequate learning environment is often very limited in rural areas. Working together with the communities throughout our locations, we have identified opportunities to develop children to be better prepared with a stronger foundation to ensure their success.

Throughout our locations we have established reading clubs and homework assistance to provide further advantages to the children in these communities. During 2016, the reading club in St Lucia was attended by 100 eager readers each week, aged between 7 and 14, with 50 of these students completing 5 novels each in English and around 80 students completing the grammar lesson plans.

This year the number of sponsored children in Zambia increased to 100

This year we celebrated 300 learners to date being sent to school through the program, with 40 of these children going on to complete Grade 12, 4 students having completed college and 2 students attending university.

In 2016 The Happy Africa Foundation completed the construction of new classrooms in Libuyu village and Zambezi Sawmills School in Livingstone, to allow 80 additional children to attend each of these schools daily. We also started a pen pal fundraising initiative with schools in the US and UK to further raise funds for the development of the Zambezi Sawmills community school.

With new fundraising efforts, we further developed the building at the Jambiani Educational Community Centre in Zanzibar towards receiving government accreditation which will permit courses to carry accreditation for participants while our Greater Kruger Area educational project established a library for one of the local primary schools and focused on improvements at Makwetse primary school.









## education and enrichment



#### Enrichment

Enrichment is vital to children's self development, but is very often not available to children in rural or underprivileged areas. Our enrichment projects work with partners to encourage play, discovery and exploration, providing the facilities and materials needed to create a safe, fun and stimulating environment where children can express themselves creatively and socially and enabling them to have fun and to just 'be kids!'

Our Extra-Curricular Enrichment project in partnership with GAPA (Grandmothers Against Poverty and Aids) provides an opportunity for children to access the greater communities they live in with excursions that educate and enhance the impact we make on their experiential learning. In 2016, we were able to take 150 children and 15 grannies on two different excursions to Boulders beach to swim with the penguins, learn about the marine world, and experience snorkeling for the first time. The second trip was to take all the children on a Bus tour through the city which included some park fun and lessons on geography and what tourism is.



### health and nutrition

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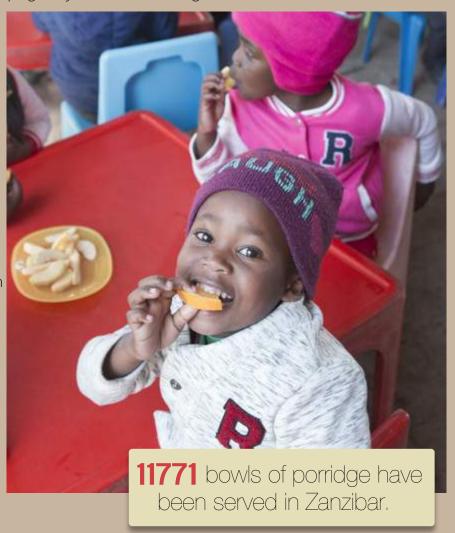
Access to essential health-care services, health and nutritional education, basic health care and sexual education in rural areas is extremely limited. Because of the limited access, many treatable ailments can become life threatening and unintended pregnancy in adolescents is high.

#### **Nursery Nutrition**

With nutrition playing an integral part in early childhood development and community health, nutrition programs provide an essential tool for growth and progress within the communities.

In 2016, The Happy Africa Foundation continued to provide meals for the children attending four of the schools we work with in Zanzibar and teach healthy habits and personal hygiene. Through the feeding and hygiene programs, we reached 420 children. In partnership with JAM, our nutrition program in Cape Town continued to provide a nutritious meal for 80 children and 6 teachers daily while monitoring the impact through BMI testing every quarter.

**4000** little stomachs fed since we started the feeding program in Livingstone.



#### **Medical Services**

Access to basic medical health services is extremely limited in rural areas with many locations in Africa are in dire need of health facilities.

The Happy Africa Foundation's Health & Nutrition programs focus on bringing access to these services at our locations through the construction of medical facilities and the provision of basic health care. 2016 saw The Happy Africa Foundation's final contribution of fundraising towards our long term participation in the construction of the pediatric ward for Kikuyu Hospital in Kenya and further construction of the Linda Community Clinic in Zambia to make it a useable space which will directly impact around 11,600 people.

The foundation's Home Based Care program in St Lucia provides support, advice, clinic transport and food to patients without access to basic medical services. Additionally, we continued to support the community garden for the local support group in Khula village and purchased construction supplies, mobility equipment, as well as for community meals.

## health and nutrition



## empowering communities



Community empowerment is about moving entire communities forward, and uplifting all individuals while creating a culture of empowerment and self-development. To do so, we focus on skills training, income generation, healthcare improvement and educational enrichment. The Happy Africa Foundation supports projects that initiate positive changes through community support projects that educate, motivate and inspire the communities.

#### Community Empowerment

Some of the communities we work with are on the fringes of society, with little or no support from government or private sector services. The families in these communities may have problems such as food insecurity, inadequate housing, and lack of access to healthcare.

In St Lucia, our Family Empowerment Project aims to empower vulnerable families identified by local leaders to become self-sustainable by working collaboratively to find solutions to the unique challenges they face. In 2016, we worked with 5 families and impacted 25 people by providing habitable, dignified homes, school uniforms and fees to keep the children in school for as long as possible, created gardens and provided 2 water tanks, provided literature and numeracy lessons in English, developed CV's and helped with job applications, and provided medical support to these families and others in this Zulu community.

In a world full of inequality- the elderly are neglected more often than any other age group. Our Langoni project in Moshi offers the opportunity to provide a safe, dignified and enjoyable space for the members of the Langoni Old People's home through the completion of the construction of a security wall. This provides them with greater security and protection against crime and creates a conducive environment for them to participate as and enjoy being members of the Moshi Community.

#### Empowerment through sports

Sport is an additional way in which we can encourage and inspire the youth to live a healthy life and have ambitions beyond their circumstance and is a vehicle to develop life skills.

Our Cape Town Community Sports Development project saw us working in partnership with Sporting Chance once again in 2016, reaching 240 children over 2 communities and 15 local coaches with street soccer and street cricket programs. We also hosted an inter-school competition for more than 1000 learners from the different schools in Khayelitsha.

## the girl impact

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Gender equality is essential for advancing development and reducing poverty. It is necessary to ensure full and effective participation and equal opportunities for women and girls and bring an end to all forms of discrimination.

The aim of The Girl Impact project is to support and educate young girls to make more informed decisions and assist in the development and education of girls through education, learning skills and social support.

A new partnership with Sonwabile Aftercare began during 2016 is showing great success already and allowing us to employ a local woman to take the project into a full-time program and extend our influence and impact on the communities we work with in Cape Town, South Africa.

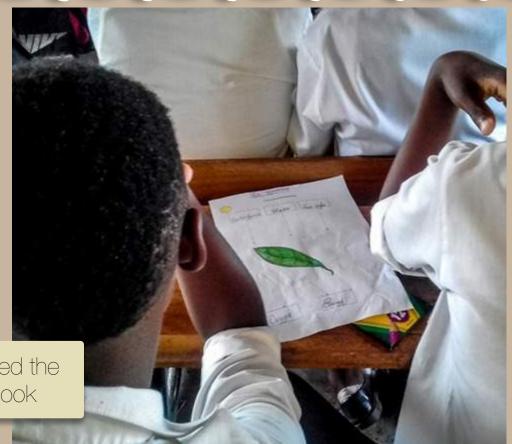
In Moshi, The Girl Impact project works in partnership with NAFGEM (Network Against Female Genital Mutilations and Early Marriage) and has impacted 75 girls through the 6-pillar framework curriculum we deliver.

The Livingstone Girl Impact program in Zambia hosted 160 workshops and is working with the local community to develop 10 acres of land for income generation for both the girls and the community members.



## conservation & education

The overall goal of our Kruger
Conservation Education program
is to broaden learners
opportunities in the Greater
Kruger area. The project offers a
conservation club where we
partner with Eco Children and in
2016 we saw 98 grade 8 learners
impacted through the program.
70% of attendees showed a 30%
increase on knowledge from pre
course test.



**400** students received the Eco Children handbook



In 2016, our Marine Education program in Zanzibar had around 50 regular students attending the conservation education workshops for Grade 1 and 2's; as well as 40 students at a local High School. This group of students also got to attend the yearly excursions which are age appropriate and aimed towards the curriculum they are taught. The aim is to continue to support the conservation education program and review the curriculum as the numbers and needs of the students increase. The future plan for 2017 is to focus on bigger developments in the conservation of the dolphins, training guides and extending impact into the tourism industry that is a major part of life for local Zanzibarians.

## Financial Reports

THE HAPPY AFRICA FOUNDATION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations	25277	91840	117117	111734
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b> Charitable Activities	26320	113281	139601	94383
Net Income / (Expenditure) and net movement in fu	inds (1043)	(21441)	(22484)	17351
Transfer between funds	1015	(1016)		
Reconciliation of Funds: Fund balances at 1 January 2016	(327)	39710	39383	22032
Fund balances at 31 December 2016	(354)	17253	16899	39383

All transactions are derived from continuing activities

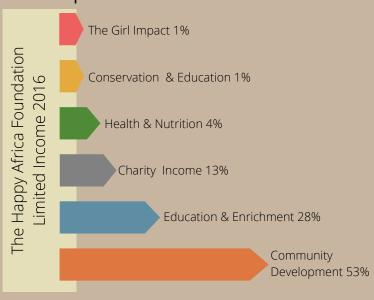
All recognised gains and looses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.



<sup>\*</sup>We also have full audited accounts for our South African and Zambia entities. To view these accounts go to our website <a href="www.happyafricafoundation.org/reports">www.happyafricafoundation.org/reports</a> or contact <a href="mailto:finance@happyafricafoundation.org">finance@happyafricafoundation.org</a>.

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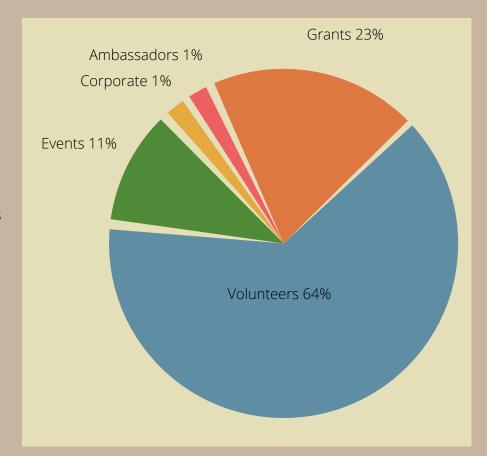
#### Income per area of focus



- ✓ 2016 saw an impressive interest from our donors in our community development projects in Livingstone and Cape Town, with 53% of donations received for these projects.
- ✓ The establishment and further development of The Girl Impact project and the Conservation & Education project brought a new focus for our donors as fundraising on these projects began in earnest.
- ✓ Our Education and Enrichment projects throughout our locations continued to see growth in donations received, particularly towards the Rural Teacher Development initiative in St Lucia, South Africa.
- ✓ Thanks to our generous sponsors, the unrestricted income for the charity also saw a large improvement on previous years.
- ✓ Our Health and Nutrition projects continued to maintain support throughout 2016.

#### Where our income came from in 2016

- ✓ 2016 saw a large increase in grants towards our community development projects with a 20% increase from the previous year.
- ✓ Much of the donations through the year have once again been from volunteers who participate actively on these projects as with previous years. The volunteering experience plays a major factor in introducing the donors to the communities that benefit directly from their donations, and provides a clear image of the distribution and management of donations for our donors.
- ✓ Our fundraising events for 2016 also saw an increase due to two auction events held in the year with prizes from our generous sponsors.





## donors and partners

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On behalf of The Happy Africa Foundation we would like to thank everyone who enabled us to do all the work we accomplished in 2016, every little bit makes a big difference.

We would also like to make a few special acknowledgments:

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**Deakin University** 

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## how to get involved

## Donate

Make a donation via our website www.happyafricafoundation.org/donate or deposit directly into our bank account.

Bank: HSBC UK (GBP/US\$ account):

Bank Address: 2 The Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 1LS

Bank Account: The Happy Africa Foundation

Sort Code: 401710

Account Number: 12198363

IBAN: GB78HBUK40171012198363

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UK Tax payers can tick the gift aid box and we will get an additional 25%. American donors can donate through CAF America to get tax breaks, contact us for more information.



#### Volunteer

Volunteer on our projects with our Partner African Impact.



### Intern with us

The NGO internship offers a lot of amazing opportunities.



#### Fundraise

Our Fundraising tool kit will help guide you through the steps.

