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ikhaya **Loxolo** home, farm and education for people with and without special needs

Ikhaya Loxolo Yearly Report- **December 2019**



Government officials donating blankets to Ikhaya Loxolo residents



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Introduction

This is our third yearly report after the german couple Alexandra Guenther and Michael Gunther, founders of the organization, had resigned; they do still continue to help us, e.g. to fund-raise, monitor, translate and advice. Ikhaya Loxolo is still doing well in all of its programmes. We started this new year with great commitment after we have re-opened our centre on the 7th of January 2019. In short, I can simply say that Ikhaya Loxolo is mounting up like an eagle, and nothing can stop us to grow.

Disability programme



Two disabled children, two care-givers and two Madwaleni doctors on the day of the 'referral meeting'



Enjoying the coolness of the lagoon, on a rare but always very welcome outing to the beach

We are doing well in this program, and we spent quality time with our residents after they came back from the December holidays. We are so relieved to see that we found our residents in a healthy condition, and we are doing our best to keep them happy and healthy all the time. We constantly monitor and measure our success using the nine domains of the Gross Happiness Index, psychological wellbeing, standard of living, good governance, health, education, community vitality, cultural diversity, time use and ecological diversity and resilience, as much as applicable for every person in our care individually as well as for our staff.

We had a special meeting with Madwaleni Hospital, where they established a referral system through which they will refer suitable patients to us. This is an absolute privilege for Ikhaya Loxolo, because the number of our residents will grow and many disabled children will now get a warm home.

Ikhaya Loxolo was established because of this programme, there was no such place in the whole community before Ikhaya Loxolo has been initiated. This organization was established to protect, teach and accommodate people with special needs; now this place is a warm home where people with disabilities feel free, safe and comfortable because they get an education, fresh food from the garden, good medication and health conditions and are able to play different games as other non-impaired people.



Our timetable:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednes day</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Satur day</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>9 am-10 am</u>	Numeracy	Story telling and reading	Bible studies	Workshops (garden, farm, beadwork)	Drawing and painting		Bible
<u>10-1030</u>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<u>10:30- 11:30</u>	Drawing and painting	Workshops (garden, farm, beadwork)	Worksho ps (garden, farm, beadwork)	Story telling	Workshop s (garden, farm, beadwork)	Bakin g	Story telling
<u>11:30- 11:45</u>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<u>11:45- 13:00</u>	Workshops (garden, farm, beadwork)	Drawing and painting	Numerac y	Drawing and painting	Bible studies	Story telling	Baking
<u>13:00- 14:00</u>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<u>14:00- 15:30</u>	Rest	Rest	Rest	Rest	Rest	Rest	Rest
<u>15:30- 17:30</u>	Sport	Singing and Dancing	Sport	Singing and Dancing	Sport	Sport	Singing and Dancing

Farming programme

This programme is still doing well, despite us having difficulties receiving the roughly 10 000 vegetables seedlings we plant every month in a timely manner: Alexandra and Michael had always bought them in the 5-hour away East London- we buy them in the only 2.5 hour away Mqanduli, where they are not available as regularly.

We do manage, though, to grow enough vegetables to provide for ourselves as well as the wider communities, nearby Haven Hotel and Madwaleni Hospital. We had a big challenge when our of water pump (to pump river water into our tanks for irrigation) broke in the middle of last year (dry season) , and this challenge cost us a lot in production. We are very busy now in the rainy season, and our gardens look as beautiful as in 2015, when we won 2nd price in the governmental agricultural competition for female farmers!



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Ikhaya Loxolo: Every garden-square seen in this picture is 10x10m, under drip irrigation

After-School programme



Learners from Ganizulu S.S.S, are shown how to plant in the workshop we offer to them

This is an educational outreach programme for learners of 3 schools, Ganizulu S.S.S, Hobeni J.S.S

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and Nkintshana S.P.S. This programme prospers while we assist the learners with their school work, and do career- guidance with them as we know that living in such a rural area our young brothers and sisters do not have the same access (to everything) compared to children who live in urban areas; there are no activities or centres for learners of any age offered in our community, other than what we offer.

Learners we are dealing with are very committed, especially our Hobeni children who come to our centre every day.

Special News about iKhaya Loxolo in 2019

*In February two people from iKhaya Loxolo went to Port Elizabeth to attend 5 days of organizational development and project management training.

*In March two people from iKhaya Loxolo went to attend 5 days of after school training which was hosted by Thanda Organisation in Mdumbi.

*In March, the Office of the Eastern Cape Premier took two people from iKhaya Loxolo for 5 days agricultural training at Tsolo (Tardy).

*Our ward councillor Mr Sitwayi, who is also a board member of iKhaya Loxolo, took 1 person to do business training- it was very good.

*Ganizulu S.S.S teachers came to our centre during 'Mandela day' to prepare food for our disabled children and help in the garden. We have noticed that our partnership with these schools is very strong since we offer our after school programmes there.

*Mayor Mr Samkelo Janda, Mr Sibngibingi and their colleagues including our ward councillor Mr Sitwayi, were here at iKhaya Loxolo during 'Mandela day' with a gift of Blankets to our disabled children- we were very excited about that.

*In August Miss Phumza from the office of the Premier and their colleagues were visiting our centre and gave us a voucher of R30 000 for agricultural purposes only; we thank them a lot.

*In the first week of December the Office of the premier gave us tools for the garden.

Early Child Development Centre (ECDC) Programme

We have re-established this programme in early April 2019, starting with 16 children from our community. This is a new programme and we are trying to get more kids to join. We started this programme again because we have noticed that the children of our community are going to school very late at older ages because schools are very far away and children have to be able to reach the schools by foot. Now we teach them while they are still young and send them to school when they are old enough for attending school. We are moving forward with this programme and are planning to open other centres of ECDC in other surrounding communities.



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There is no funding for our ECDC programme yet, the teacher is a local volunteer and a little equipment was received through private hand-outs. We would love to be able to pay this teacher a small wage- R 2000 per month (+/- 130 Euros) would be great to keep up the motivation!

Furthermore:

Ikhaya Loxolo is doing well despite all challenges; in late 2019 we endeavoured opening a poultry-project, where we bought 30 chicks to find out whether this will be a successful idea. Those chickens were growing fast and now they are ready to be consumed. In the following year, 2020, we are planning to add this programme to our centre as we see that, due to the lack of availability of meat, it goes well and is in great demand. Even though we established other programmes, Ikhaya Loxolo's main aim, when founded, was and still is, to accommodate, feed, love and protect people with disabilities! Only because there is a lack of EVERYTHING in our village are we trying to help in so many more ways.

Please remember:

Our village Hobeni is situated extremely rural and remote, socio-economically un-developed. Inhabitants live on small governmental grants, as they have no income-there are no jobs for them in our village other than what Ikhaya Loxolo and the nearby Haven Hotel offer. Few luckier families are supported by relatives in migrant labour.

Furthermore there is a great lack of basic knowledge in successfully creating sustainable livelihoods for themselves- due to the lack of access to schools, media, books or other parts of the country just outside their village, languages and cultures. Only in the last 20 years are children being sent to school more regularly; the village is widespread and schools need to be walked to, often crossing rivers without bridges only accesible in dry season-most years 80-90%of learners are failing their grades because of that!

Poverty stricken as people in this area are, the disabled, who are not able to contribute to a family's survival, are oftentimes the last to be fed and supported. The Disability Grant is used for other expenses like schooling the 'healthy' children, home maintenance or even alcoholism of the parents, the mentally impaired get neglected and abused.



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Ikhaya Loxolo in the middle and parts of Hobeni Village in its background. The school in our village is on the side of the wide-spread houses in the background-children from 'our' side of the village have to walk and cross 2 rivers without bridges to the far side of the village.....



A half finished, neglected xhosa traditional mud hut- a sight often seen, as the family's funds run out in the middle of building



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Structure of iKhaya Loxolo

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Annual Meetings

Board members hold a meeting four times per year.

The first meeting was held in January 2019, where we discussed plans of 2019; e.g. to re-open the Early Child Development Centre (ECDC).

The second meeting in June was mainly to review our activities, what works well and what needs changing, challenges etc.

The third meeting in September concentrated on the pending visits of the Government and especially what it is we need from them.

The fourth meeting was about reporting of the work, financial reports, treasurer report, challenges and plans for the year 2020.

Management committee is meeting once every month to make preparations as well as review the quality of work done, challenges, decision takings and so on.

Staff meetings sit every Monday afternoon to prepare the week and review each individual resident and programme.

Our ongoing Supporters-without whom Ikhaya Loxolo would simply not exist

Matthew Chaskalson, South Africa

Steve Stamp (from iMana wild ride)

Ikhaya Loxolo Entwicklungshilfe from Germany

Clare Hendry

Taryn Gaunt

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Lunch-box, South Africa

Wilhelm Vranovsky, Greenbox, Austria

Your financial support is as important as the work we do on the ground- so thank you all very much.

Also many thanks to people who motivate and advice us as well as to those who believe in us- god bless you!

Yours Patheka Mhlatyelwa (managing director) with Ikhaya Loxolo