



2019

**Children's Education
& Youth Jobs**





Empowering Through Education

This report highlights the successes, statistics and achievements of the 2019 Children's Education and Youth Jobs initiative that you so generously invested in. The project pioneered an innovative approach of empowering a community to improve the education of its own children.

The project's mission is two-fold:

(a) to provide opportunities for children in the Port Elizabeth townships to get a high quality education, discover and develop talents, and to grow towards their potential.

(b) to empower the community to uplift itself by creating jobs for previously unemployed youth to work in their own community's primary school.

We are proud to report that the project successfully achieved all of its initial objectives. We successfully hired and trained 46 local, previously unemployed youth to work in the projects. Those youth in turn worked with over 3,350 children across the four schools, 543 of which were receiving literacy sessions.

These children are often packed into classrooms with 40 or more learners, making it impossible for the teacher to provide the individual attention a child often needs to learn.

Our sessions provided that individual attention, for an hour at a time, and were customised to be working with the child on their level. We had partnerships with some of the best literacy

organisations in the country: Wordworks, Shine Literacy and Breadline Africa.

The methodologies are backed by a decade of research and measured impact. We are thrilled to witness the progress of the children and have attached a detailed database of the performance of each individual child.

We have also made significant investments into the infrastructure of multiple primary schools.

We have built an entirely new Literacy Centre and upgraded the kitchen at Fumisukoma Primary School in Motherwell. We have also renovated the libraries, both indoors and outdoors, at Ben Sinuka Primary School and Seyisi Primary School. Finally, we finished construction of a new pilot Literacy Center at Isaac Booie Primary School.

Masinyusane continues to pioneer Educational Technology Centres at Seyisi Primary School and Fumisukoma Primary School. The EduTech Centres allow our kids to access some of the world's best educational apps and software.

We also continued to run an array of extra-curricular programmes providing children with the opportunities to discover and

develop talents that they possess outside of the classroom.

All in all, 2019 has been a great success. We have made a major difference in the lives of thousands of children and provided hundreds with the literacy foundation they need in life.

We hope you are inspired by the stories that follow and thank you sincerely for your investment into our children.

You are changing their lives and providing hope for a better future.



LITERACY SESSIONS

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a colorful patterned top, is smiling and looking down at a young boy. The boy is wearing a white shirt with a dark blue vest and is focused on writing with a blue pencil on a piece of paper. They are in a classroom setting with other students and a green pencil holder visible in the background.

23,708 Sessions

A Generation of Readers

Masinyusane's Literacy Coaches provide customised, individual literacy sessions to children for the first 5 years of their schooling. This provides them with the foundation they need to read, write and comprehend. Every child is unique and learns differently. Even worse, many of our children are packed into classrooms with 40 to 50 children. Our Literacy Coaches provide customised, one-hour literacy sessions designed to work with the child at their level. This is the most effective, full-proof way of ensuring every child learns and no one is left behind.

543

Children Are
Receiving
Literacy Sessions



46

Literacy Coaches
Work in Four
Schools



42,674

Hours of Literacy Coaching Have
Taken Place in 2019



Children's Progress

The children have made fantastic progress in 2019. We assess each child every 6 months on four different metrics. If a child reaches 'reading level' for their grade, we graduate them out of the programme and focus our energies on children still struggling. The sessions with the 5-6 year old children focus on phonics and sounds, while the sessions with the 9-10 year old children are focused on reading and writing. The results from our end-of-year assessments show that on average, our children have drastically outperformed the control groups.



91

Children Have Graduated Out of
The Programme in 2019



11.7

Letters learned by our Grade R's, in
comparison to 2.7 in the control group



38%

Improvement
with Site Words
vs. 16% in control
group



YOUTH JOBS



46 Jobs Created

Youth Employment

Your generosity allowed us to hire 46 youth from our communities to work in our Children's Education programme.

The jobs provide the youth with the opportunity to earn an income, gain work experience, receive training, and take part in uplifting their own community's children.

These youth are critical support staff to overwhelmed teachers. While a teacher may know a child is struggling to keep up, there is little she can do to assist when she has 49 other children in her classroom. This is where our youth step in - pulling the child to the side and working with them individually.

Masinyusane receives thousands of applications over the course of the year. The team we ultimately hire is incredibly talented, passionate, and committed to helping their children.

There is incredible talent within our communities. This programme unleashes that talent to contribute in the schools.



LIBRARIES



8,124 books borrowed

A Culture of Reading

Masinyusane is assisting to sponsor projects at all four of Masinyusane's school libraries. While the Literacy Centres teach children 'how to' read and write, the libraries make reading fun. Our library managers run a variety of projects, reading clubs and competitions. They are all designed to get as many children reading as possible. 93% of South African homes have fewer than 10 books, so we are proud to share that over 8,000 books have been borrowed by children in 2019.



620

Children Are Currently
Participating in our Library Clubs



8124

Books Taken Home By Children So Far
in 2019



6+

Different projects
are underway in
each library



EDUTECH CENTRES



901 Children Participating

Educational Technology

Masinyusane is helping to pioneer Educational Technology Centres in Port Elizabeth township primary schools. These Centres provide children with the opportunity to develop basic technological literacy skills, to access the world's best educational apps and to learn from countless innovative games. The Centres consist of both laptops and tablets. The laptops cater to the older children who learn to type, navigate Windows, and use Microsoft Office. The tablets enable the younger children who learn from literacy, math, creative & logic apps.

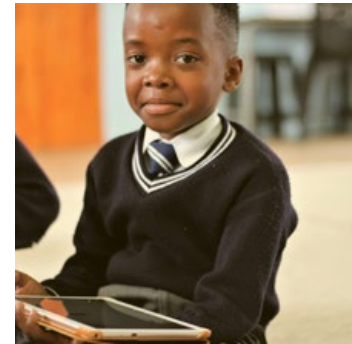
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Children Are Participating



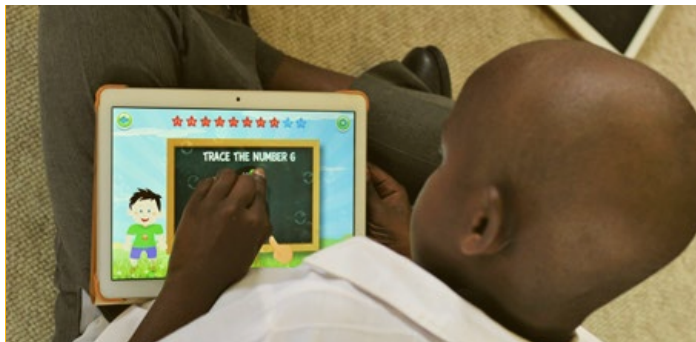
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EduTech Centres



95

Laptops and Tablets Being Used



EXTRA- CURRICULARS



20 clubs & teams

Talent Discovery

Masinyusane runs over 20 clubs and teams designed to help children discover and then develop skills they possess.

Not every child was made to sit still and read words or count numbers. Some were born to dance, draw, run and/or sing.

We believe in providing opportunities for those children to discover the talents that make them special.

Moreover, these extra-curricular programmes are safe after-school spaces for children to productively spend their time.

In addition to any given talent, the children develop social skills, confidence and friendships.

Our children have participated in events and tournaments across the city this year.

Teams include chess, traditional dance, rugby, soccer, board games, choirs, gardening, life skills, karate and a variety of computer clubs.



INFRASTRUCTURE



Fumi Literacy Centre

Building a Better Environment

Masinyusane invested over R400,000 in infrastructure upgrades across four schools in Port Elizabeth's townships. These projects ranged from building brand new facilities, including libraries and computer labs to upgrades of failing infrastructure. The environment in which the teachers and children operate has a profound impact on their attitude, behaviour and ultimately performance. Every child deserves to learn in decent, safe and even inspiring environments. We hope to build even more libraries and literacy centres in 2020.



Projects Included:

- 2 New Libraries
- 1 New Educational Technology Centre
- 1 School Kitchen Upgrade
- 3 Outdoor Play Areas
- Numerous Classrooms



3354

Children Are Benefiting from the New Infrastructure



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School Infrastructure Projects



WELFARE



Welfare

Masinyusane has multiple partners investing in preventing unnecessary suffering amongst our children. We work in schools in our city's most impoverished communities, so there's no escaping the need to welfare assistance to the children and families most in need.

This ranges from crises in which we provide housing and food parcels to children's dignity in which we buy school uniforms and school shoes. We also do our best to ensure every child receives a piece of fruit after-school enabling them to participate in our extra-curriculars without being hungry.

In 2019 we distributed hundreds of school shoes and uniforms. While the gesture seems small to some, the uniforms provide the children with a sense of pride and self-worth. We never want any child feeling small or embarrassed because their uniform is ripped or their shoes are falling apart.

Thank you to the countless people that stepped up when we reached out in a time of crisis. We appreciate all of you.



200
Children received brand new school shoes.

300+
Children were participating in after-school activities and receiving fruit.





THANK YOU

You are changing lives, empowering a community, and helping to build a better future in South Africa.