



2015

annual report

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2015 Chairperson's Report

It has been my privilege to chair the Board of the Pebbles Project Trust as we celebrated its 10th Birthday in December 2014. It has been a decade of incredible achievement, as we surpassed the milestone of having over 1000 children participating in our programmes.

Of course, none of this would have been achieved without the loyal and generous support of our donors, the unwavering commitment of our staff, the kindness of our volunteers and especially the dedication and enthusiasm of Sophia Warner, the Founder and Managing Director of Pebbles Project.

I also wish to thank my fellow Trustees for the expertise and guidance that they have given in ensuring that Pebbles can continue to deliver the excellent service that it provides to the children, their families and communities.

Stephen Digby – Chairman



Director's Report

The last 10 years with Pebbles can be likened to bringing up a child: we got through the sleepless nights of infancy as we nurtured our precious baby, we survived the 'terrible twos' as we found our feet and gained independence (with a few tantrums along the way). We developed over our toddler years, becoming more established and recognised within the wine industry. We tripped and stumbled a bit during our middle childhood years, but have arrived at this 10 year milestone as a confident, capable and unique 10 year old; full of life and passion, looking forward with excitement (and a little bit of mischief) to the teen years ahead. Congratulations to our donors and supporters whose contribution we recognised at our 10th birthday award ceremonies in SA and UK and thank you to everyone who has held our hand this far. We are going to need you to stick with us for the next 10 years as we continue to establish ourselves as the leading NPO in the field of community development within the farm worker communities. It may not always be smooth sailing, but it'll be worth the ride.

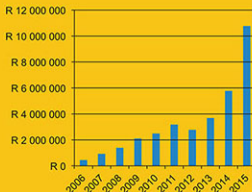
Sophia Warner – Founder, Director, Mother and Captain of this ship

Our Year in Numbers

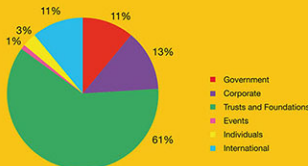
18	Farms supported
3	Township ECD centres supported
373	ASC (After-School Club) children
556	ECD (Early Childhood Development) children
28	ASC staff trained
33	ECD staff trained
106	Parents attending workshops
1	10th Birthday party celebrated

A snapshot of our finances 2014 - 2015

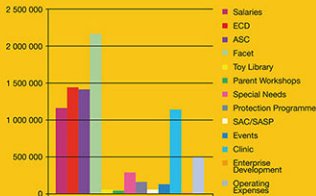
SA and UK Income 2006 - 2015



Income Sources 2014 - 2015



Expenditure 2014 - 2015



SOME DONOR STATS:

31% of our donors have supported Pebbles for more than 3 years. 15% of them have stayed with us for between 5 - 10 years. Guess we're doing something right, then.....

73% of our donors are from South Africa, 13% from the UK, the remaining 14% from Europe and the rest of the world. We have key donors and supporters in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic, Japan, Hong Kong and America, and we celebrate becoming internationally recognised.

Over the last 10 years, we have raised in excess of R33 million and spent it where it is most needed: on the children of the Winelands.



Our Programmes. What did we get up to in 2014-2015?

EDUCATION - ECD (EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT) PROGRAMME

Pebbles celebrated many highlights during the past year, the most exciting of which has been observing how the ECD practitioners have grown and developed in their role as teachers. Over the last few months many opportunities were provided to them to strengthen their skills and encourage them to create their own resources. In October 2014, renovations were completed on the Bovelé ECD centre in Wellington. Their numbers have grown and an additional class of four to five year olds was added. Citrusdal now has three ECD centres, as well as two after school club facilities.

EDUCATION - BABY PROGRAMME

Our Baby Programme is designed to stimulate the development of children between the ages of 0 – 3 years and to help parents give them the best possible start in life. The Baby Programme also offers the staff working with these babies and toddlers support and training in understanding developmental milestones, creative play and stimulating activities.

EDUCATION - ECD SPECIAL NEEDS

Since March 2014 the Pebbles Early Childhood Development (ECD) Special Needs Programme has provided support to learners from 11 ECD centres in Stellenbosch and Wellington (44 cases). The barriers to learning addressed by the ECD Special Needs Programme included the following: Developmental Delay, ADD/ADHD and Cerebral Palsy. The learners primarily presented with challenges in numeracy, language and visual perception. The Special Needs Programme assisted these learners by providing assessments, intervention sessions and referral services to community and tertiary hospitals.

EDUCATION - TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library Programme has provided age appropriate toys to our ECD children, as well as providing an opportunity for the children to develop positive life skills through play. The programme was extended successfully to include support to our new Citrusdal centres.

EDUCATION - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAMME

The ASC Programme continued to offer a variety of activities and homework support in order to develop functionally literate and numerate learners. The programme expanded, making way for new educational support programmes. The FACET mobile book library gave learners the opportunity to take out books and to develop a strong reading culture, whilst learners and parents received computer training in a dedicated FACET mobile computer bus.

Literacy facilitators created fun environments in which learners could improve their reading and literacy, and math facilitators compiled learning programmes according to the CAPS curriculum's goals and outcomes. Facility staff received intensive training on the programme and were continually coached and supported. Learners' progress was closely monitored by way of baseline assessments and staff reflected monthly on their experiences and challenges. Four educational outings for all the learners were facilitated and communities engaged in community activities to reduce substance abuse over weekends.

EDUCATION - ASC SPECIAL NEEDS

Special needs support was provided to learners who were struggling academically. A total of 228 children received a range of support including: private education psychology sessions for psychometric assessments; in-depth play therapy and counselling; screening for eye problems, ophthalmology appointments and provision of spectacles; placements in LSEN schools; provision of a prosthetic eye and a range of follow up sessions with paediatricians, psychologists and doctors as required.

EDUCATION - SCHOOL LEAVERS

This new and exciting programme started this year and aims to provide learners with sufficient information to make responsible and informed career decisions as well as the means to further their studies.

As a result of this programme Pebbles has its first university student this year as well as 12 students who were enrolled at Boland College. Two students were also assisted to further their skills training at ALL WELD.

HEALTH PROGRAMME

The clinic is fully operational, all health programmes are implemented and utilized by the rural farm communities. Free health care is provided to all children under 18 years and at a minimal fee of R50 per month for the surrounding farm workers. For the period of March 2014 until February 2015, 4185 clients received treatment at the clinic. The clinic successfully treated clients with respiratory, allergic, gastro-intestinal, musculo-skeletal, childhood diseases and wound care. Clients have access to a volunteer psychiatrist, psychologist and dentist on a monthly basis. Clients are screened for life style diseases and high risk cases are referred to a health care centre to initiate chronic treatment. Wellness days were hosted for the rural farm communities, women and youth. Farm workers received wellness training, were inspired and showcased a production to illustrate what they learnt to their broader community. The clinic hosted the Biggest Loser-Lifestyle change competition with 13 women who lost a combined 46,2kg. An oral hygiene routine and brushing programme were implemented to ensure the development of strong and healthy teeth. Clients received treatment such as fissure sealants, teeth restorations, fluoride treatment, scaling and polishing.

NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Pebbles believes that optimal learning can only take place if children are sufficiently nourished, which is why in July 2014 with funding from the Clouds Foundation, Pebbles started the nutrition programme, initially feeding 250 ECD children breakfast, lunch and two snacks daily. The menu was carefully devised by a dietician to see that the children were receiving the majority of their nutritional intake for the day. In January 2015 Pebbles expanded the programme to feed an additional 50 ECD children and added 300 ASC children who now also receive a cooked lunch and a snack daily. By the end of February 2015, Pebbles had handed out just over 26 000 meals.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Enterprise Development – During 2014 the four community members who were selected to take part in the Entrepreneurial Business Management Course continued with their studies. The students were very enthusiastic and dedicated and it showed in their final marks – they all graduated with averages above 70%. A graduation ceremony for the students was held during the Pebbles Project 10th birthday party. Some of the After School Club staff were involved in making crafts that Pebbles sold on their behalf, another group of community members started small perfume selling businesses.

Outdoor playgrounds – Pebbles received funding to erect climbing frames and to landscape the play areas of two of the ECD centres. The children were very excited about their new playgrounds that provides them with an opportunity to develop their gross motor and social skills.

Building renovations – Pebbles conducted general maintenance at many of the facilities that the organisation supports. Some of the maintenance jobs included painting the facilities, installing new flooring and erecting fencing to keep the children safely contained.

Parent training – The focus during this year was on working with the whole family system, by presenting workshops to both parents and their children. 45 families benefitted from this programme. Eight families went on a weekend camp facilitated by EducO Africa in January to strengthen relationships and to learn to work together as a unit. Five workshops were presented regarding nutrition; a total number of 60 parents attended these workshops.

Volunteers – The volunteer programme engaged and partnered with stakeholders, including XChangeSA, Pneumatix, Hoogeschool Zuyd (Netherlands); and other local individuals and institutions. These partnerships were aimed at strengthening the impact of Pebbles Projects within the various communities we serve. The volunteers facilitated effective and inclusive engagement with civil society and community groups, transferred skills and supported staff. A further look at the general attitudes of the communities were investigated by our Interns. Challenges were identified and a framework of skills were transferred to the ECD Staff, as an initiative to facilitate change.

PROTECTION PROGRAMME

During the past financial year the Pebbles Project social worker assisted 78 clients, including families with issues ranging from substance abuse, domestic violence, child neglect, teenage pregnancy, behaviour problems and trauma. Group sessions were arranged for teenagers to create awareness of substance abuse and the possible impact thereof on their futures.

Bernadette November was welcomed to the Pebbles Project team in January 2015 as our second social worker. Having a second social worker will ensure that more clients can enjoy therapeutic intervention services to promote healthy, well-functioning communities and families.





Pebbles Staff Training 2014 - 2015

Our amazing team continued to develop professionally over the last year by attending the following training:

Asset Based Community Driven Development Training Course	Aimee du Toit
Getting Things Done Workshop (sponsored by Brian Johnson)	Aimee du Toit, Bernadette November, Estee du Toit, Kobie Snyman, Liezl Worship, Marian Hendricks, Marleze Buys, Marzanne van der Walt, Sophia Warner
CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) course	Byron Langenhoven, Nina de Jager
Fundraisers Boot Camp	Charmaine Gola
Power to Speak	Estee du Toit, Marleze Buys, Mineke Toerien, Sophia Warner
Volunteer Orientation Training	Estee du Toit
Rolling Structural Integration Workshop	Estee du Toit, Mineke Toerien
Child Protection Workshop	Kobie Snyman, Mineke Toerien
Amendment Acts for Labour Legislation 2015	Kobie Snyman
PDP License	Lettie Lindoor
Basic Business Management Course	Lettie Lindoor
FASD Screening Day	Liezl Worship, Nina de Jager, Samantha Adams
First 1000 Days training course	Mineke Toerien, Nina de Jager, Rachel Ward
Attachment Theory and Therapy	Mineke Toerien
Breathe Free	Nina de Jager, Samantha Adams
BANC (Basic Antenatal Care)	Nina de Jager
Norplant Training	Nina de Jager, Samantha Adams
Dispensing	Samantha Adams
Family Planning Update	Samantha Adams





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