

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Penreach

Message from Acting CEO

A Letter from the Acting CEO

As we reflect on a year of remarkable growth and transformation, it's impossible to ignore the profound journey we have undergone at Penreach, both as an organisation and as individuals. 2024 has been a year marked by milestones, deep collaborations, and significant change. However, it has also been a year that brought with it immense loss, as we said goodbye to our beloved CEO, Andile Ncontsa.

Honouring Andile Ncontsa: A Legacy of Leadership

At the end of 2024, we lost our visionary leader, Andile, whose commitment to driving educational change and empowering those without a voice has shaped Penreach in ways words cannot fully capture. Andile led us with unwavering conviction, and his loss has been felt deeply across the organisation and beyond. I am privileged to step into this role as Acting CEO, and I do so with the responsibility of carrying forward the incredible legacy that Andile built.

The Strength of Support: A Community Behind Us

As Penreach navigates this journey, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support we have received. The NGO and education sector, the Penryn Council, and our Penreach staff have been pillars of strength during this time. But above all, it is the incredible community of ECD practitioners, teachers, and school leaders in Mpumalanga who keep making our journey possible. They continue to be the reason we keep doing the work we do. They are the ones on the frontlines, facing daily challenges with courage and dedication, and it is their resilience that keeps the heart of Penreach beating.

Their commitment to improving education, often in the most challenging environments, drives all of us at Penreach. They remain the reason we persist, as we share a common dream — to provide better opportunities for all our children. This is not just a goal for Penreach; it is a vision for the future of South Africa. It is my wish, and the wish of all who work alongside me, that we continue to build on this shared dream, creating a more equitable and bright future for our young learners.

A Year of Expansion and Colaboration

2024 has been a transformative year for Penreach. We saw the growth of our Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes, with the successful transformation of centres into Centres of Excellence and the graduation of over 200 practitioners. These milestones, made possible by our strong partnerships with organisations like FirstRand Foundation, Sasol, and Sappi, are a testament to the power of collaboration in advancing education.

Our partnerships have continued to flourish in 2024, and we celebrated significant collaborations with organisations like Edulution, Click Learning, Global Teachers Institute, and JumpStart Foundation, SmartStart, among many others. Together, we are reshaping the educational landscape, particularly in foundational literacy and mathematics, while integrating digital solutions and innovative teacher development strategies.

This year, our commitment to collaboration has been stronger than ever. We have forged partnerships with over 10 organisations, from RED INK, Wordworks, and Trackosaurus in enhancing instructional practices to ForAfrika and The Lunchbox Fund in ensuring better nutrition for our children. These partnerships are key to our efforts to scale and sustain meaningful change in education.

Growing Our Bursary Programme: Shaping Future Leaders

One of the highlights of 2024 was the continued growth of the PenreachBursary Programme, which continues to unlock doors for young South Africans. We hosted the inaugural National Bursary Symposium in partnership with Raise the Children International, which brought together key stakeholders to enhance bursary support across the country. Our bursary recipients, including Bongisipho Ngoma and Sinhle Mona, are shining examples of the leadership potential nurtured by Penreach's support.

Our People: The Heartbeat of Penreach

The real driving force behind Penreach's success is our people. In 2024, we expanded our full-time team to over 100 members and continued to invest in our staff's development. We also celebrated the promotion of several interns to full-time roles, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing talent and creating a pathway for future leaders in education.

Our wellness initiatives also continue to support our team's physical and mental health, ensuring that we remain a resilient and motivated organisation.

Financial Stewardship: Ensuring Sustainable Growth

Our financial performance in 2024 exceeded expectations, securing over R10m in additional funding. This surplus has enabled us to expand our programmes and enhance their impact. As we move into 2025, we are committed to diversifying our funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability.

Looking Ahead: A Vision for 2025 and Beyond

As we look toward 2025, I am filled with hope and optimism for what lies ahead. The road ahead is undoubtedly challenging, but with the incredible support of our sector, our partners, and the community of educators who continue to inspire us, I am confident that Penreach will continue to lead the way in educational transformation.

Together, we will continue to build a future where every child has access to quality education and the opportunity to thrive. This is not just our mission — it is our shared dream for the future of South Africa.

Do more foundation

Gratitude and Acknowledgement

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported Penreach in 2024. Your dedication, belief in our work, and continued collaboration have been the cornerstone of our success. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

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Susanna Behrendt | Acting CEO



Continuous Professional Development

Our Reach in 2024

11 110 ECD Children aged 0 to 4 years

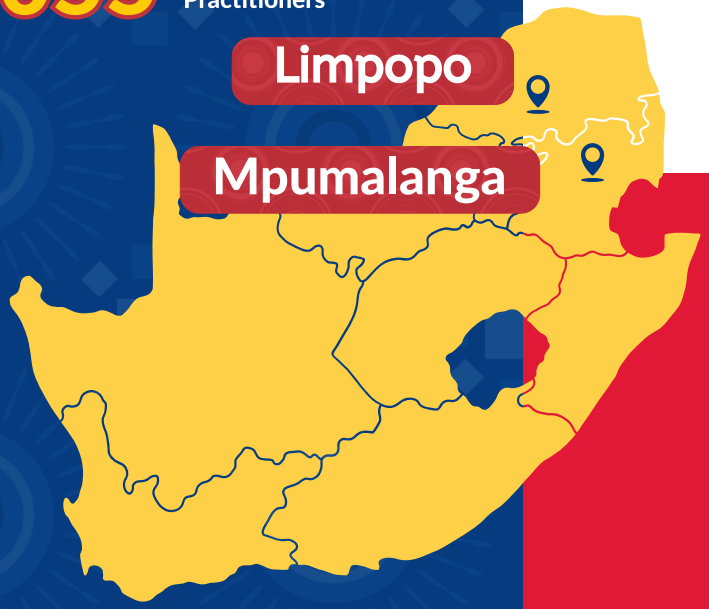
Number of Centres Reached **165**

107 Registered with DBE

Qualified NQF Practitioners **214**

1055 ECD Practitioners

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

Increase access to quality Early Childhood Development services for all children



Outcomes

Number of children demonstrating age-appropriate development milestones across physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains.

Number of ECD centres providing quality ECD services



Number of ECD Practitioners with a nationally recognized Qualification (minimum NQF Level 4 QCTO qualification) and trained practitioners on ECD related subjects such storytelling play-based learning and daily programmes.



Success Story

In 2024 Penreach celebrated two major Early Childhood Development milestones:

The transformation of ECD centres into Centres of Excellence through the PenBEAM programme and the graduation of over 200 ECD practitioners with NQF Level 4 qualifications. These achievements, made possible through the support of partners like FirstRand Foundation, Sasol, and Sappi, reflect Penreach's continued commitment to strengthening foundational education and building a brighter future for South Africa.

Supportive Systems

ECD Support Systems provides a range of community-based programmes designed to enhance the lives of children throughout South Africa.

These programmes include toy libraries, SmartStart, and nutritional support initiatives, all aimed at fostering comprehensive growth and development.

Our Reach in 2024

5361 Children reached through toy libraries

SmartStarters children **6557**

2478 Children recieved nutritional support

Parents reached under ECD Programmes **3377**

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

Increase access to quality
Early Childhood Development services
for all children



Outcomes

Number of children and franchisees benefitting from the ECD SmartStart programme.

Number of children and volunteers accessing toy libraries; and volunteers trained.

Number of children receiving nutrition and practitioners trained on nutrition.



Success Story

Penreach continued to demonstrate the power of passionate people and strong partnerships in 2024 through two signaficant milestones with SmartStart South Afirca. At the **SmartStart Franchise Awards**, Penreach was honoured for exceeding its 2023-2024 targets. A special congratulations to Penreach Change Agent, Solly Sarela, a true pillar of excellence, who was celebrated for achieving the second-highest coach conversion rate nationally and for his outstanding commitment over five years to the SmartStart programme.

We also proudly recognise John Chirindza, whose energy, dedication and Leadership earned him the title of Most Engaged Community Activator - a testament to his vital role in mobilising communities and championing early learning.

At the **2024 Unite Event**, Penreach and SmartStart celebrated the broader impact of their work - advancing access to early learning, empowering women as entrepreneurs, and building a strong foundation for South Africa's future through collaboration and innovation.



Solly Sarela



John Chirindza



TOY LIBRARY



Penreach proudly celebrated the launch of its 100th Asidlaleni Toy Library in 2024 — a major milestone in expanding access to quality early childhood development services for children in marginalised communities. This achievement, featured on **SABC** marks a significant step in closing the early learning gap and creating brighter futures for South Africa's youngest learners.



SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE

Our Reach in 2024

388 Grade R Teachers

Parents **13 450**

199 Active Schools

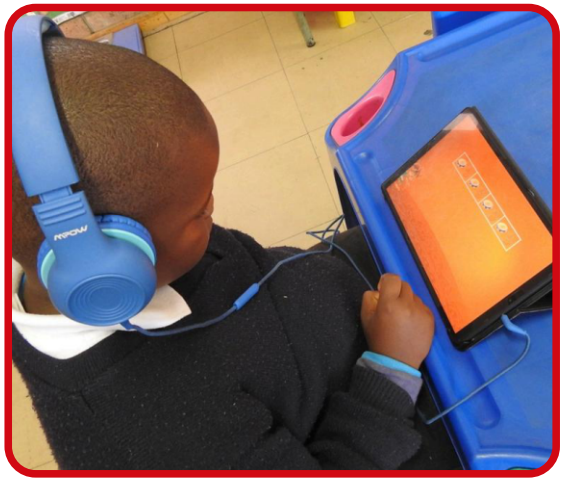
Children **14 659**

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

ALL Children are ready for **GRADE 1**



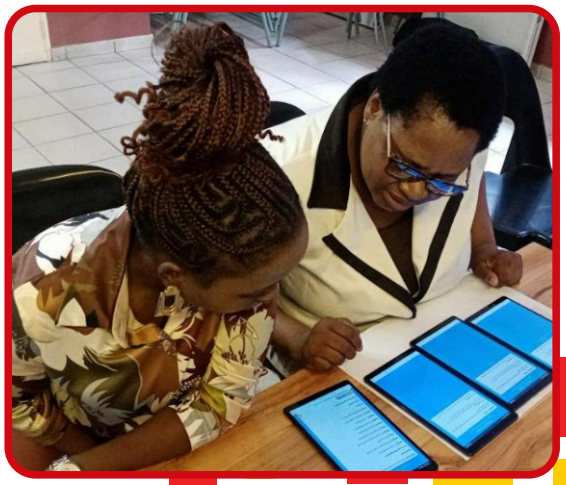
Outcomes

Increased awareness and engagement of parents, teachers, community members, and government officials in enhancing early learning and school readiness.

Expanded access to age appropriate learning environments for vulnerable Grade R children, including improved classrooms and outdoor play areas.

Strengthened educator skills in child development and early learning through digital tools.

Building teachers' content knowledge



Maths & Literacy for Grade R Children

The heartbeat of the SRI Programme is tablet-based teacher modules is designed to reinforce Grade R learning content in alignment with the CAPS curriculum.

Natural PLAY GROUND

Holistic Development for Grade R Children

The natural playground concept perfectly syncs with modern educational principles, highlighting the significance of hands on, experiential learning. By providing a space where learning meets fun, SRI creates a positively charged school atmosphere and enriching the educational journey for all learners.

1005 **Natural Playgrounds established to date!**

Success Story

Penreach proudly celebrated the dedication of nearly 500 Grade R teachers across Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal who successfully completed the comprehensive 10-module School Readiness Initiative (SRI) programme in 2024. Through intensive workshops and the introduction of digital teaching tools like tablets, these educators demonstrated outstanding commitment to innovation and excellence in early learning.

Beyond equipping teachers with modern pedagogical skills, the programme is also transforming learning environments — creating vibrant, theme-based classrooms and expanding natural playgrounds that inspire creativity, exploration, and meaningful play.

A key highlight was the strong partnership between Penreach and the Departments of Education in both provinces, which has been instrumental in equipping Grade R teachers with the tools and skills needed to inspire young minds and ensure a brighter future for South Africa's learners. At the heart of the SRI programme is a clear mission: to ensure that every child is ready to thrive in Grade R and beyond.

1. The School Readiness Initiative (SRI) recently celebrated their R-Maths Teachers at the Penreach auditorium.
2. The Penreach School Readiness Initiative (SRI) team came together in KZN to recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication of Grade R teachers
3. Our School Readiness Initiative (SRI) had their certification ceremony in the Bohlabela District to honour the Grade R teachers.







Asifundze

Numeracy & Literacy

Our Reach in 2024

24 686 Children

130 Schools

508 Teachers

140 Principals

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

All Children can **read** for **meaning** in **Grade 3**

Foundation Phase stakeholders are empowered to actively support and promote a **culture of reading**, ensuring that learners continue to **develop** and **enhance** their **basic reading skills**

Outcomes

To improve foundational literacy and numeracy skills

To utilise national and international days to create awareness and interest among learners and teachers in literacy

To engage parents in supporting early literacy development







Readathons | Spelling Bees | Workshops | Literacy Days



Challenge:

81% of children can't read with meaning by Grade 4

The Penreach Asifundze programme focuses on developing reading as a foundational skill in the Foundation Phase while also integrating coaching and training in Maths.

Success Story

At our Penreach Read Aloud Day celebration, we were excited to reconnect with Lifa Masilela, a bright Grade 5 scholar from Kaapmuiden Primary School. Lifa, who was crowned Best Unprepared Reader at our 2022 Asifundze "Read-A-Thon Reading Competition," has continued to shine. In 2024, he wrote a captivating book titled The Diary of a Special Kid, chronicling Kevin's adventures and dreams — all completed within just five days!

Lifa's journey reflects the heart of the Asifundze programme: Nurturing a love for reading and ensuring that every child can read for meaning by Grade 3. His achievements are a powerful reminder of the potential we unlock when we invest in young readers.We believe Lifa's story is just beginning - and we dream of helping him publish his first book! Watch his inspiring interview here.





LEADERSHIP

Our Reach in 2024

73 Schools

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

Improved learner outcomes in functional schools

Supporting **"courageous leaders"** targeting **principals, deputy principals**, and **departmental heads** through **training, coaching,** and **mentoring** in a bid to boost the capacity and performance of school leadership and management teams, and ultimately to improve learner outcomes.





Outcomes

Improved school management (SMT)

Increased level of stakeholder support and buy-in

Improved school management and delivery. 75% SMT

Members able to track curriculum coverage.

Enhanced leadership by school management teams. 60% subjects such storytelling and daily programme



Workshops

Training workshops for Departmental Heads, Principals & Deputy Principal

Mentoring

Communities of Practice for peer2peer mentoring - Departmental Heads, Principals & Deputy Principals

Coaching

Individual coaching of Departmental Heads, Principals & Deputy Principals



Our Footprint



The most significant impact of this programme has been the way it has united all school stakeholders. This collaboration has allowed us to work collectively toward a shared goal; the advancement of education excellence. By actively involving staff, parents, learners, and the broader community, we have fostered an environment conducive to innovation and growth. Notable outcomes include the establishment of food gardens, the renovation of school facilities, the implementation of systems to reduce late coming, and significant improvements in overall school safety.



Success Story

In 2024 Penreach celebrated the conclusion of an impactful 18-month journey with 151 Principals, Deputy Principals, and 226 Departmental Heads across Mpumalanga through our Penreach Courageous Leadership Development Programme (PCLDP).

The PCLDP equips primary school leaders with sustainable tools and strategies to foster thriving learning environments for every child. Beyond developing leadership skills, the programme embeds best practices into daily school management and strengthens collaboration across leadership teams. One of the most rewarding outcomes has been seeing leaders rise into new roles. Several participants credited their career growth to the skills and confidence gained through the programme: Lydia Siyenga, previously a Principal, was appointed Acting Circuit Manager of the Nkululeko Circuit; Nurse Thela and Hlazeka Masango were appointed as Principals in the Mkhondo Circuit; and Adam Nkambule, a Departmental Head from Yinhle Lentfo Primary School, became a finalist in the National Teaching Awards for Best Mathematics Teacher — attributing his success to the PCLDP's Curriculum Coverage Tracker. A heartfelt thank you to Liberty Community Trust for making this journey possible and for recognising the vital role of strong leadership in education. Today, we proudly celebrate these inspiring leaders for their commitment to driving lasting change in our schools.

To see the impact of the programme and watch the highlights of the awards ceremony, click here.



Lydia Siyenga



Hlazeka Masango



Nurse Thela

STEAM

Our Reach in 2024

81 911 Children

758 Schools

1739 Teachers

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

All learners can think critically & creatively, can collaborate and communicate to solve real world problems

90% of learners achieving above 50% in Maths, Science & Language with increased 21 Century Skills. The General Public is aware about new trends in STEAM. More children can read with understanding at an early age

Outcomes

More Scholars access universities

Scholars performing above 60% in Maths, Science and English

Reach more Parents & Scholars (Scale to other provinces)

More Impact , Improved Knowledge and Skills for scholars and parents







Science **Technology** **Engineering** **Art** **Math**

Shalamuka STEAM Centre | Makerspace | Engineering | ICT







Making 21 Century Learning possible for one and all South Africans

Other highlights included:

STEAM Festival
Cooking Competition
National Science Week

Success Story

The Penreach Shalamuka STEAM Centre unveiled three exciting inventions in 2024 — a Self-Teaching Maths Book, Smart Solar Panels, and an AI-Assisted Learning Device — designed to spark curiosity and make learning more interactive. Spearheaded by Xolani Khumalo, a dedicated Penreach STEAM Science exhibitor, these innovations are crafted with local needs in mind, reflecting our commitment to empowering learners and educators while promoting awareness of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).



Xolani Khumalo

A Standout Moment in Our STEAM Journey

While 2024 brought many exciting milestones across our STEAM initiatives, one standout highlight was the Grade 12 Maths, Physical Science, and English camps hosted at the Penreach Shalamuka STEAM Centre in Mpumalanga, alongside a parallel camp in Limpopo, with the support from Eskom.

More than 600 learners from three districts participated, strengthening their understanding of challenging topics like calculus, electricity, chemistry, and mechanics in preparation for their final exams. Through interactive lessons, hands-on experiments, and dedicated mentorship, learners left the camps not only academically stronger but also more confident and inspired.

The results, based on pre-tests, post-tests, and final marks, spoke for themselves:
In Limpopo, English pass rates soared to 100% across all circuits, while Physical Science saw significant gains, with the average pass rate rising above 65%. Mathematics performance was equally impressive, exceeding a 55% average and reaching up to 90% in the Ellisras Circuit.

In Mpumalanga, all schools achieved above 50% in English, and thirteen out of sixteen schools recorded Mathematics pass rates of 40% or higher, with some exceeding 70%. Physical Science performance improved across the board, with only one school below 40%.

Teachers praised the transformative impact of the experience, with one commenting, "This experience didn't just prepare learners academically; it inspired them to believe in their own potential." Learners were equally enthusiastic. One Grade 12 learner shared, "I've never understood science this clearly before.

Now I feel ready for my exams and my future."
This initiative not only bridged critical academic gaps but also reignited a passion for STEAM subjects among learners — laying a strong foundation for future success.

Our Impact Statement

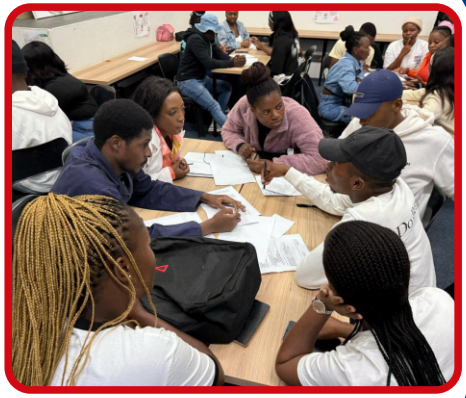
Build a socially conscious and ethical future workforce



Outcomes

Absorption of skilled interns in workforce

Aimed at giving young people an opportunity to gain work experience, a collaboration between government, labour and the private sector. It is aimed at unemployed black South Africans aged 18 to 35 and gives them an entry point into a market which often demands experience as a prerequisite for a job.



Our Reach in 2024

126 Interns

Our Footprint



Success Story

The Power of Interns at Penreach:
Building the Future, Strengthening the Present Time and again we've seen the remarkable impact that interns can have on both our organisation and the broader NGO sector. Interns bring fresh perspectives, new energy, and innovative ideas, contributing to the success of key projects and driving meaningful change. Through structured internships, we're not only enhancing our work but also investing in the next generation of changemakers. Many of our interns have gone on to secure full-time roles within the NGO sector, education, and beyond, demonstrating the long-term value of such programs.



Phetheni Mbalane is one such example of how our internship program has shaped career paths, showcasing the success and impact of our commitment to developing young talent.

EDULUTION
transforming learning

Our Reach in 2024

8 436 Children

19 Schools

79 Teachers

44 Maths Change Agents

Our Footprint

Mpumalanga



Our Impact Statement

All children perform at grade level mathematics by Grade 7

Penreach's partnership with **Edulution** moved beyond traditional programme delivery, exemplifying a dynamic collaboration rooted in shared innovation, mutual learning, and collective responsibility in 2024.

In our first full year of implementation, nearly 60 Maths Change Agents were embedded across 19 schools, significantly strengthening the local math ecosystem and driving measurable improvements in learner outcomes.

This partnership directly advanced Penreach's vision of educational excellence for all South Africans, with notable gains in learners achieving grade-level math proficiency. The alignment of Edulution's learner centered, data-driven approach with Penreach's values fostered a strong sense of accountability and purpose, enabling us to deliver real and lasting impact in under-resourced communities.

Highlight snippet: At Tsembaletfu Primary - one of the programme beneficiary schools and math teachers celebrated a historic milestone as Grades 4 to 6 achieved over 60% in Mathematics for the first time — a proud academic highlight for the school and a testament to the programme's impact.







BURSARIES

Our Reach in 2024

31 Scholars

Our Footprint



Our Impact Statement

More children from disadvantaged backgrounds reach their full potential

Outcomes

- Scholars performing above 60% in Maths, Science and English
- Reach more Parents & Scholars (Scale to other provinces)
- More Impact, Improved Knowledge and Skills for scholars and parents

The Penreach Bursary Programme continued to open doors of opportunity for talented young leaders, supporting 31 scholars in their educational journeys. The year was filled with milestones that reflect the power of investing in potential.



Success Story

Another proud moment came when two of our bursary scholars, **Bongisipho Ngoma** and **Sinhle Mona**, were elected to serve on the 2025 Penryn Scholar Executive— with Bongisipho later being elected as Head Boy. Their achievements showcase the leadership potential nurtured through Penreach support.

Big cheers for Bongisipho Ngoma and Sinhle Mona— our first Penreach Bursary Scholars chosen as Penryn Execs for 2025!



Video



Video

Penreach Hosts Inaugural Bursary Symposium



In a bold step towards shaping the future of education, Penreach, in partnership with Raise the Children International, hosted its first-ever **Bursary Symposium**, reaffirming its leadership in the bursary and scholarship space.

This landmark event brought together bursary providers and school partners from across the country, fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and exploring innovative strategies to ensure scholars thrive. By creating a platform for open dialogue, Penreach is driving impactful change in supporting young leaders.

Penreach is committed to expanding bursary opportunities and building a brighter future for tomorrow's trailblazers.

Our bursary stars cleaned up at the Penryn 2024 Awards—winning in Drama, Music, Art, and Sport!





Success Story

Now a BCom Honours student, KPMG employee, and WITS graduate, **Samu's journey** shows the power of hard work and dedication.





Our alumni continued to inspire, with achievements like **Nokulunga Nkambuleearning** her BA in Community Development and Leadership from UJ and starting her Honours journey, and Samukelisiwe Nkambule completing herBCom Honours and joining KPMG as a young professional.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Our Reach in 2024

922

Educators

2024's Penreach AWARDS

2024's Penreach Awards yet again celebrated the dedication of educators, volunteers, and community champions who continue to shape a brighter future for education.
Congratulations to the award recipients whose contributions remain a beacon of hope and inspiration:

- **ECD Centre of the Year:** Likusasaleftu Pre-School
- **ECD Practitioner of the Year:** Bongekile Magagula
- **Reading Camp Volunteer of the Year:** Shirley Sihlangu
- **Toy Library Volunteer of the Year:** Sibongile Sibambo
- **Teacher of the Year:** Lihle Sibande
- **School of the Year:** Prince HR Nkosi Primary School



Our Impact Statement

Transforming education outcomes through effective educator skills development workshops



Thirty years ago, 24 dedicated educators came together with a vision — to grow, to learn, and to change the future of education.

Today, that vision continues to inspire, as nearly 1,000 Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioners and teachers gather annually to be part of our iconic Teacher Development Workshops. Standing shoulder to shoulder, these educators share a deep commitment to uplifting South Africa's education system. Teaching effectiveness remains the single most important driver behind learner performance. Yet, in communities across Mpumalanga, educators often face significant barriers that hinder effective teaching.



Penreach, in partnership with the Mpumalanga Department of Education, addresses these challenges throughintensive, practical, in-service Teacher Development Workshops accredited by the South African Council forEducators (SACE).

To witness the highlights and reflections from 2024, watch our Reflection Video:

ArtREACH

Our Reach in 2024

60	Children
3	Teachers
1	School



Our Impact Statement

Promote school-based art at under resourced schools in disadvantaged communities



Impact

Builds capacity with teachers and learners to practice music, develop talent and promote the benefits of the arts.

Success Story



It's not every day you get to play marimba alongside the MEC! In 2024,Penreach Artreach, Education Africa Marimba Hubs, alongside Boschrand Primary School and Penryn South Africa, lit up the Mpumalanga Sports Awards at Mbombela Stadium with an unforgettable performance.

Our phenomenal scholars stole the show, welcoming MEC Mr. Fidel Mlambo and HOD Mr. Godfrey Ntombela — who didn't just watch, but joined in, dancing and laughing with the kids, creating magical moments that will be remembered for years to come.

- Mbombela Circuit Teachers Awards
- National Eisteddfod
- Skyjack Million O'Clock Double Bill Tour

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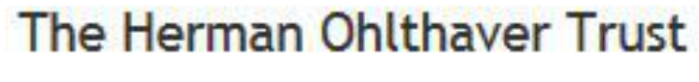














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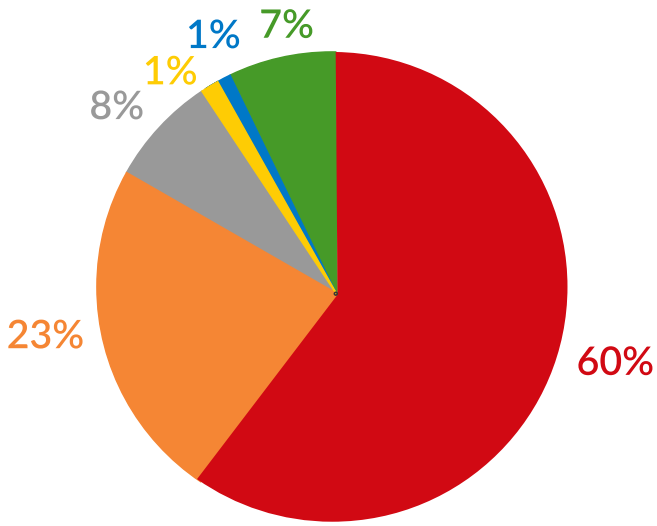
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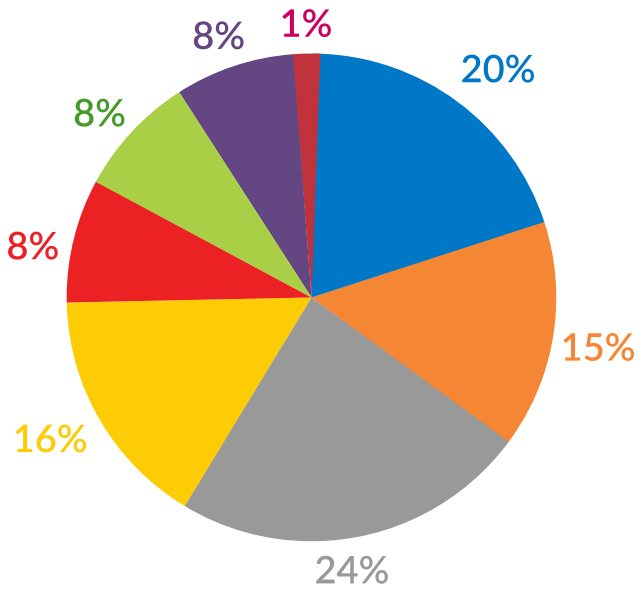
Total Funding: R57, 8 million

- CSI
- GRANTS
- CONTRACTS
- CROWDFUNDING
- DONATIONS
- OTHER



Programme Funding

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- BURSARIES
- SRI
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A TRIBUTE TO

Andile Ncontsa

15 APRIL 1966 - 20 NOVEMBER 2024



A TRIBUTE FROM RAISE THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL

Andile Ncontsa
Nguye lowasicondzisa emtfonjeni welitsemba
Endzaweni lapho timpompi toma khona
Nguye lowasicondzisa ekukhanyeni kwemfundvo
Endzaweni lapho kucima khona tibani
Nguye lowahlanyela timbewutemaphupho
Emagcumeni lanematje nemadvwala

Uma intsaba yebuhlungu nelusizibemphakatsi
wetfu kusicindzetela
Wenta bucili kute kube melula kukwetfwala

Lapho sihlakatekile
Wahlanganisa
Sihlahla lesikhulu
Ngephansi kwemagala aso satfola umtfunti
wekucabanga ngematfuba lamasha
Sihlahla lesikhulu
Leso timphandze telitsemba laso tijulile kitsi
Tasita nemibono yetfu kutsi itsele titselo.

Bekangumoya lophakamisa lusoti
kute lubone tidzingo tebantfu phasi emhlabeni

Lala ngekuthula
Moya longaphansi kwemaphiko etfu
Sitawuchubeka sindize siphakame kakhulu ngenca yakho.

Andile Ncontsa
Giant among men
He who led us to a spring of hope I
n the land where the taps run dry
He who led us to the light of education
in the land where the lights go out
He who planted the seeds of dreams
on mountainsides of rock and boulders

When the mountain of our community's sorrow and pain
weighed us down
His joyful spirit made it easier to bear

When we were scattered
he gathered—
A great tree under whose branches we found shelter
to imagine new possibilities
A great tree whose roots of faith in us ran deep
and helped our ideas bear fruit.

He was the wind that lifts the Falcon
to see the needs of the people below

Sleep well Wind Beneath our Wings
We shall fly higher still because of you.

Bongi Ngoma Tribute