



Our impact partner:



uPhongolo community newsflash

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Key wins

- SASSA presented at Meeting 8 of the YCF, providing valuable information on various grants available to support children and families. Practitioners learned about the eligibility criteria and age restrictions for each grant, including the Child Support Grant, Foster Care Grant, and Disability Grant. A key takeaway was the importance of beneficiaries informing SASSA of any changes in their employment or financial situation to avoid serious consequences.
- The Funda Engadini (Learning in the Garden) early learning programme has shown significant improvement in the quality of teaching and learning. Practitioners are now more confident and engaged with the curriculum, and children are demonstrating increased confidence in their learning and play. While there is still work to be done to involve parents in the programme, the progress made so far is promising. Positive feedback from practitioners includes the ease of implementing activities, the ability to prepare for daily lessons, and the joy of watching children develop new skills.

uPhongolo community reach this quarter

- 2,005** Number of **young children** reached through our basket of services
- 116** Number of **ECD practitioners** reached through our basket of services
- 115** Number of **ECD programmes** reached directly through our basket of services
- 257** Number of **parents/caregivers** reached directly through our basket of services



Where this work is happening

- Amanzabomvu
- Mboloba
- Magudu
- Madanyini
- Candova
- Ncotshane Township

- Emkhwakhweni
- Emagengeni
- Mphafeni
- Godlwayo
- Dekville
- Nyawoshane
- Belgrade
- Ntuthuko
- Thusazana
- KwaShoba
- Emoyeni
- KwaNkomfe
- KwaMabophe
- Mshololo
- Gulukudu
- Mpakama
- Waterbase
- Sivule
- Mshinini
- Emdonini
- Mgomane
- Kwaliba
- Ntumbane
- Mzinsangu
- KwaLubisi
- Esigungwini
- Phondwane

Responsive basket of services

Active this quarter Inactive this quarter

- Nutrition Child & maternal health
- Caregiver support Child protection
- Early learning Enterprise development
- Infrastructure First 1000 days
- Capacity building & leadership

Tracking progress this quarter vs annual targets

Note: Actuals are cumulative totals of FYTD | Click underlined text for more info

- Number of nutritious DoMore Porridge meals provided to young children**
Actual = 548,207 vs Target = 548,207
- Number of LovePlayTalk radio segments aired on Pongola FM**
Actual = 43 vs Target = 40
- Number of ECD centres supported with upgrades (i.e equipment, infrastructure, etc)**
Actual = 9 vs Target = 20
- Number of Young Child Forum meetings held for training of ECD practitioners**
Actual = 11 vs Target = 10
- Number of BookDash books distributed through our basket (including Read and Play at Home programme)**
Actual = 1,453 vs Target = 2,475
- Number of vegetable gardens established at ECD centres (produce used in kitchen)**
Actual = 18 vs Target = 20
- Number of EAT LOVE PLAY TALK sessions completed**
Actual = 7 vs Target = 7

Notable partnership contributions



Thank you so much to FNB for conducting a Financial Literacy training to ECD practitioners at the ECD centres we support in uPhongolo.

Partners for collective impact





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Impact in photos



Young Child Forum with SASSA



Funda Engadini programme



EAT LOVE PLAY TALK workshop at Ezimbuzini creche



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DUPLO activities training