



End of year newsletter for #DoMore4Worcester: A place where young children flourish

The young child sector in Worcester remains vibrant on all fronts. The DO MORE FOUNDATION is privileged to engage with many stakeholders in the community including Early Childhood Development (ECD) forums, the public sector, civil society organisations, and academia to continue building on the goal of making "Worcester a place where young children flourish!"

Towards the end of the year, there's a chance to reflect on programme implementation quality, challenges faced, successes, and improvements for the following year. The last quarter is a mix of slowing down and wrapping up programmes, along with activities like children's graduations and year-end events.

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WE GROW WHAT MATTERS

WORLD FOOD DAY 2023



Through collaborative partnerships and efforts across South Africa we have been able to sustainably impact

6,500 YOUNG CHILDREN



500 VOLUNTEERS GAVE THEIR TIME



5,000 SEEDLINGS WERE PLANTED



50 ECD CENTRES PARTICIPATED



50 JOJO WATER TANKS DONATED



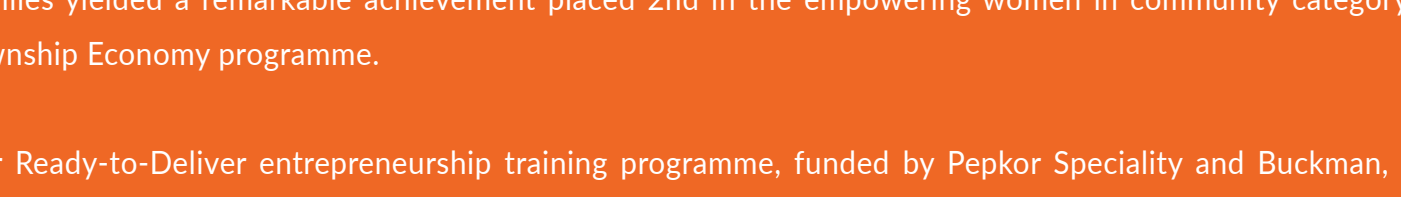
7 PROVINCES REACHED



23 SITES ACTIVATED NATIONALLY

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Thank you to our campaign partners who made this possible.



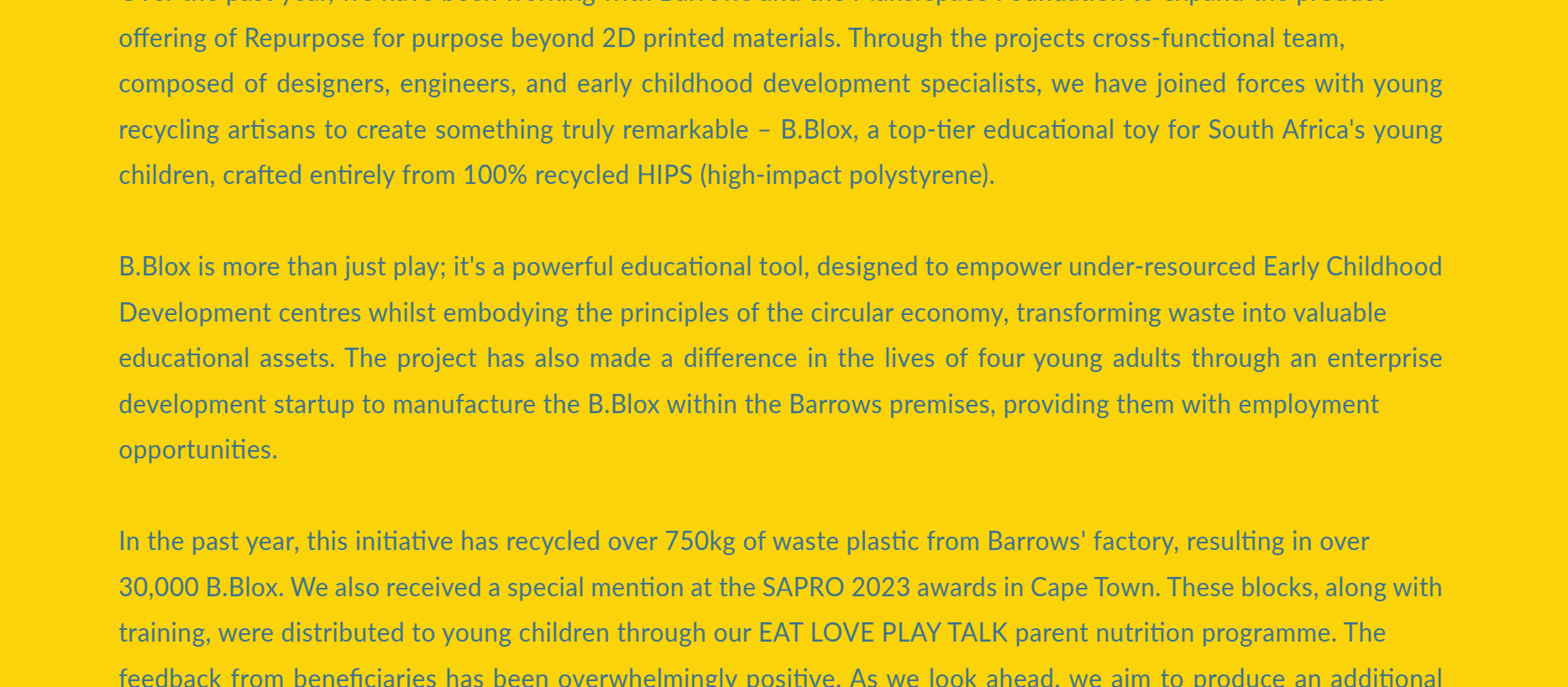
The Township Economy Programme continues to defy mainstream gender roles

Last year, our Township Economy Programme's unwavering dedication to the economic development of young families yielded a remarkable achievement - placed 2nd in the empowering women in community forums for our Township Economy programme.

Our Ready-to-Deliver entrepreneurship training programme, funded by Pepkor Speciality and Buckman, nurtures business acumen and confidence among young female entrepreneurs in Hammarisdale and Rustenburg. As Nontobeko Mtshali, a benefited beneficiary, expressed, "Since I joined the programme, I feel charged up, electrified, full of life and completely trusting of what's next." This initiative equips young women running small businesses in their community with practical business skills.

As part of our enterprise development basket of services, the overall aim is to strengthen the caregivers' ability to sustain their families and the communities they serve. These Small, Medium, and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMME) candidates gain invaluable knowledge to scale their enterprises sustainably, providing much-needed economic stability. As we look to the future, we plan to expand the programme to reach more caregivers. Nkomazi is our priority for 2024, where we hope to replicate the success, we've achieved in Rustenburg and Hammarisdale.

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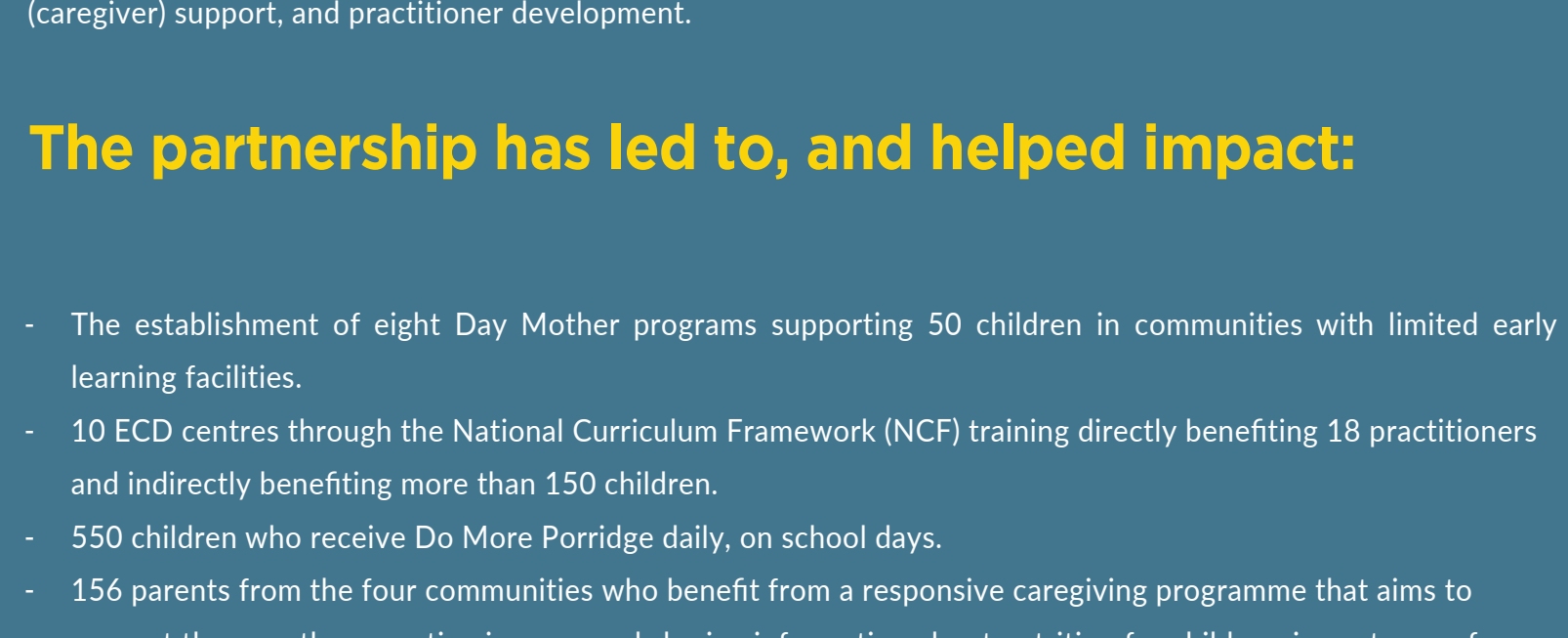


B.Blox: Creating a blueprint for repurposing recycled resources for education

Over the past year, we have been working with Barrows and the Makerspace Foundation to expand the product offering of Repurpose for purpose beyond 2D printed materials. Through the projects cross-functional team, composed of designers, engineers, and early childhood development specialists, we have joined forces with young recycling artisans to create something truly remarkable - B.Blox, a top-tier educational toy for South Africa's young children, crafted entirely from 100% recycled HIPS (high-impact polystyrene).

B.Blox is more than just play; it's a powerful educational tool, designed to empower under-resourced Early Childhood Development centres whilst embodying the principles of the circular economy, transforming waste into valuable educational assets. The project has also made a difference in the lives of four young adults through an enterprise development startup to manufacture the B.Blox within the Barrows premises, providing them with employment opportunities.

In the past year, this initiative has recycled over 750kg of waste plastic from Barrows' factory, resulting in over 30,000 B.Blox. We also received a special mention at the SAPRO 2023 awards in Cape Town. These blocks, along with training, were distributed to young children through our EAT LOVE PLAY TALK parent nutrition programme. The feedback from beneficiaries has been overwhelmingly positive. As we look ahead, we aim to produce an additional 60,000 blocks in the coming year, scaling up our impact. These resources will be piloted in all eight of our communities before being distributed to Resource and Training Organisations through the NECD distribution network, benefitting young children and ECD centres across South Africa.



Stepping up for Rustenburg community - The Standard Bank Tutuwa Community Foundation

The Standard Bank Tutuwa Community Foundation partnered with DO MORE FOUNDATION in November 2022 to expand our Nkomazi "Leave No Young Child Behind" Initiative into the communities of Rustenburg. Throughout its existence, the Tutuwa Community Foundation has been committed to enhancing the lives of South Africans through the various programmes they support, including ECD, schooling, and post- schooling support.

The Rustenburg community, like many other communities in the country, faces challenges with child nutrition, limited resources in ECD centres and parental support. The partnership involves the Tutuwa Community Foundation providing various resources that contribute towards a comprehensive basket of ECD services for young children and their families.

The Tutuwa Community Foundation has committed to funding this work in Rustenburg for five years. This collaboration includes efforts focused on food security and nutrition support, early learning through play, parent (caregiver) support, and practitioner development.

The partnership has led to, and helped impact:

- The establishment of eight Day Mother programs supporting 50 children in communities with limited early learning facilities.
- 10 ECD centres through the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) training directly benefiting 18 practitioners and indirectly benefiting more than 150 children.
- 550 children who receive Do More Porridge daily, on school days.
- 156 parents from the four communities who benefit from a responsive caregiving programme that aims to support them on the parenting journey and sharing information about nutrition for children, importance of providing love and support and providing a stimulating home environment. The parents attend monthly parent workshops called EAT LOVE PLAY TALK.
- 35 ECD centres who participate in monthly Young Child Forums. The forums are for knowledge sharing about various topics that affect children and centres such as nutrition, registration, governance, creating play resources using recycled materials and child safety and protection.

The partnership has raised the profile for young children, women, disabled youth, and holistic work with ECD centres on behalf of all the young children in the communities they serve, the DO MORE FOUNDATION extends gratitude to the Standard Bank Tutuwa Community Foundation for their continued contribution in improving the lives and the communities where these young children reside.



Simple ways you can #DoMore this month

Together, we can make a BIG difference through small actions.
You can provide a meal to a child for as little as R1.50
Do a little more today to fight malnutrition.
Contribute via Zapper, SnapScan, Card payment, or PayPal.

Join the #DoMoreFriday Movement!
Are you a business that wants to get your employees involved in the #DoMoreFriday movement to #GiveMore? Proceeds for each T-shirt sold provides approximately 20 bowls of DO MORE Porridge to young children.

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