

2023



ANNUAL REPORT

Sawabona Africa

Support Education. Deliver Hope.



About Sawabona Africa



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Every child deserves a chance to have a bright future.

We believe the only way to give better future for disadvantaged children in Southern Africa is through a good education and develop skills.

Sawabona Africa partners with handpicked organisations who provide and support education and qualify as a trustworthy partner to receive funds and our support.

Sawabona Africa does not charge an administration fee on any donations, 100 % of all our donations to directly to our projects. All administration fees are covered by membership fees or donations from the Board.



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Message from the Sawabona Africa Board

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu

We have so much in 2023 to be proud of.

We are blessed with friends of Sawabona Africa who **volunteer their time to create social media posts, help create learning aids for Maths, set us up on Google ads or build a new website, pro Bono services**, companies who believe in our work and help us pilot a maths project, or small donation of shoes to children who have no school shoes, or a gift in honour of a late husband to the children of Lesotho – all contribute to benefit lives of those who have so little!

We were able to celebrate **2 container classrooms** this year and support children receive art classes for the first time. We are a proud sponsor of a Bright Start student who gave her absolute best in her school finals despite a challenging year. Every cent we received has gone directly to projects that without our donations would not have been possible. This is truly awesome.

This year we welcomed **Uthando** (love) as a charity partner, and are excited that we have connected with the responsible travel industry.

Thank you for your trust and we hope that our annual report will make you proud and know that all this is possible because of YOU. Thank you.

Claus, Heidi and Zilla



Our Team

Board Members



**Zilla Stekhoven, Heidi Schneider,
Claus Kaltner**

Volunteers



**Tania
Primaditya**



**Coco van
Zandvoort**



**Ritwika
Chatterjee**



**Mahika
Maggon**

A glance at some highlights from 2023

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Partner Charities



Successfully piloted extra maths and science classes at PYMA



Birthday party



Supported volunteers educational learning aids in Lesotho through the Smart Kids programme



Pro Bono PR services with PR-COM



Purchased 3 Rachel Servers in Lesotho to provide a database for learning



2nd Sawabona Africa Classroom delivered to PYMA



Shoes for PYMA learners donated



6 Bright Start Sponsored children receive quality education



Platzschaffenmitherz TOP 100



Learners attended art classes at PYMA for the first time

50

more children accommodated in a new classroom

4

tutor sponsors

Phakamani Young Minds Academy

PYMA is a youth led organisation providing afterschool support to learners throughout their school years. Support includes: mentorship, tutoring, life skills, exam preparation and for school leavers support with tertiary applications.



Art that Beats Classroom

- We secured a corporate donation for an art classroom and art supplies (South Africa donation)
- The classroom is also used for psychosocial support and additional teaching
- Heidi, Zilla and Claus joined the classroom opening celebration in April 2023

Sawabona Africa Classroom:

- With donations from 2022 and 2023 we purchased a **second classroom** for afterschool classes
- PYMA now has **3 dedicated** classrooms for afterschool tutoring
- Our classroom enables 50 more learners join the academy



Maths and Science:

- Thank you to EOS for funding the pilot maths classes for female learners
- A committed team of learners came every Saturday for tuition with dedicated maths tutors

Educational learning aids:

- thanks to Visit.org we hosted an on line activity to create learning aids and received a donation of 1900€ to support tutors
- Cards will be printed and put into action in 2024



11 children received new shoes thanks to a donation from Julian De Silva

Phakamani Young Minds Academy

In 2023 we raised € 8.554 for PYMA projects.



We continue to raise funds for container classrooms. The more classrooms the more learners can attend the academy and provide better learning conditions

We have 4 tutor sponsors signed up. Tutors send a quarterly update to all sponsors. With the monthly donation of 20€ we can supplement the stipend tutors receive



Maths and Science:

We started in 2023 and will continue to raise funds for maths tutors and hope to finance a learning lab for on line maths and science learning. With support of Ritwika our maths volunteer who joined us in 2023, we will produce maths learning aids for tutors.

Art that Beats:

Cover the costs of tutors to deliver art classes to PYMA learners.



Bright Start Education and Support Programme

Bright Start provides 26 children from the townships surrounding Hout Bay, Cape Town with an education sponsorship to attend a premium school.

Learners receive mentorship, guidance, medical care, holiday and afterschool programmes and have access to computers and additional support with their studies. All sponsors receive quarterly reports, reflections on their grades and a thank you letter from their sponsored child at the end of the year.



Our impact:

- **6 children sponsored** through Sawabona Africa.
- All donations for Bright Start were combined to cover Wafeeqah's sponsorship and the balance of Qama's sponsorship.

Highlights from our sponsored learners

- Wafeeqah has completed Grade 12 and has received a scholarship to study at an advertising academy. Congratulations!
- Awards received by our learners:
 - Qama and Wafeeqah won best effort award
 - Lithilam won the award for Most Enthusiastic Achiever

Congratulations for your great achievements in 2023 and best of luck for 2024.



Bright Start update from 2023:

- With support of volunteers, learners attended career workshops and were fortunate to do job shadowing
- All learners attended a time management workshop
- Virginia hosted a fun pool day for the children in their school holidays

Bright Start Education and Support Programme

In 2023 we raised € 16.020 for Bright Start.
Donations allocated to child sponsorship



Qama was only part sponsored in 2023. We would love to cover her high school costs and help her reach her goal of attending university to become a Psychologist.

Jonathan's full sponsorship has fallen away. He is a kind eager young boy who we recorded on video saying he will a 'good teenager'. Help us cover his school fees and afterschool support.



Help Lesotho

Help Lesotho delivers life skills training and mental health support in rural Lesotho. AIDS decimated a generation – Help Lesotho supports those who remain move on and create lasting change in their communities. Our specific focus is on supporting children attend High School which is unaffordable for most rural families.



Donation received from Yes we Care:

With the closing of Yes we Care e.v. (YWC) we received a donation of 25,500 € which we are planning to allocate to 3 projects in 2024:

1. Parental Workshops.
2. Install 3 Rachel servers which will provide on line learning in rural areas with no internet access. Servers were purchased in 2023.
3. Cover school fees and final exam costs for students at Help Lesotho supported schools who can not afford these high fees.

Smart Kids

We were so grateful to the Czernia family who collected donations in honour of the late Dieter Czernia

- Through this donation we were able to support the smart kids programme
- Help Lesotho distributed educational toys to volunteers who could help make learning fun with children



Help Lesotho

In 2023 we raised € 28.014 for Help Lesotho. Most of the funds will be allocated to projects in 2024



Child Sponsorship Programme

We signed up 2 new sponsors in 2023 for the 2024 school year.

Education fund

All general donations to Help Lesotho are allocated to help cover the costs of students to write their final exams.



Special projects

Large donations can be allocated to delivering special programmes e.g. supporting the smart kids programme, or more. We are happy to work with you and Help Lesotho to allocate funding accordingly.



Welcome Uthando (love)



South Africa

This year we introduced Uthando (love) as a new partner charity.

It was our wish to connect tourists visiting South Africa who wish to give back to meaningful projects in South Africa, knowing that their donation is secure, and Uthando fills this gap.

Uthando (Love) South Africa is an award-winning Fair Trade Tourism certified non-profit organization. They create a unique link between tourism and community development projects.

As fiscal partner of Uthando we can offer visitors from Germany who go on one of their excursions, an opportunity to donate in Germany.

Through Uthando (love) we have opened the door to a few of their selected programmes.

All donations received for Uthando will be allocated to selected projects focussed on education and skills development



Uthando (love)

In 2023 we raised € 4.667 for Uthando (love) projects.



Pebbles Project:

Provides children from farming communities access quality education programmes, health, nutrition and social work services.



Abalimi Bezekhaya:

Aims to combat poverty by training and supporting micro farmers to grow food sustainably, using organic methods, at home and in community gardens



Amy Foundation:

Develops and empowers youth through afterschool and skills development programmes



Learn to Earn:

A skills development and job creation organisation seeking to develop people, especially unemployed people, socially, economically, emotionally and spiritually.



Goal 50 Edu Hub (ECD):

Goal50 ECD (Early Childhood Development) Centre will be built from tyres, plastic bottles filled with rubbish (eco bricks), polyurethane film set waste blocks and recycled materials.

Events and Fundraising



Wine tasting at Blue Heron Wineshop Munich

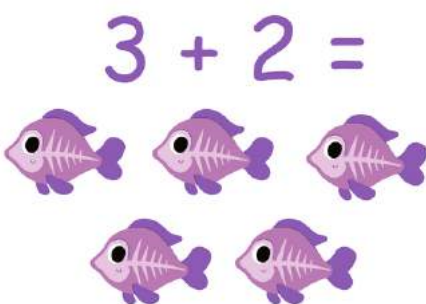
We were happy to host 3 fundraising events in partnership with Blue Heron wineshop in Munich. A donation to Sawabona Africa is included in the registration cost and Blue Heron donates 10% of wine sales on the night to our projects.

A special thanks to Christian Haag who donated 50% of the sale of his artwork to Sawabona Africa, on sale at our November event



Sawabona 2nd Birthday

Thank you to Sally and Sharon from Bright Start for hosting our birthday party. We introduced our partnership with Uthando (love) and very grateful for the donation of art which helped raised donations for Bright Start. It was a very special evening to bring many of our Sawabona Africa friends together.



Educational Materials Visit.org

Online event

Our first booking with Visit.org was with Fitch. Together staff created educational materials which will help PYMA tutors. This also included a donation to support supplement tutor costs.



Opening of Wild-Life-Culture in Bonn

Through Uthando (love) we have connected with Birgit and Nicole at Wild Life Culture tours. We were invited to their opening, received donations from a tombola and had a chance to share our story with their customers. Thank you Birgit and Nicole!

In the Press

In July 2023 PR-COM announced their pro-bono support for Sawabona Africa.

Below is a summary of what we have achieved with the support of a dedicated team.

3 Press Releases

**Revamped
our Website**

**Monthly
Blog series**

Listicles

**German LinkedIn
Page**

**Contact with local
press in Munich**

Visit the News page on our website to read more

Thank you Alain and Martina for this amazing support

Online and Crowdfunding

We are growing our on line presence through crowdfunding, donations of clothes or on line shopping.



In March we won 500€ for reaching the top 100. Clothes are sent to Otto and receive a voting voucher. Visit www.platzschaffenmitherz to find out more and support us win again (until March 2024)



To date we have raised 500€ at no extra cost to on line shoppers in Germany. It is so easy, before you shop on line visit bildungsspender.de and generate a donation for Sawabona Africa



Betterplace.org has many opportunities to double donations, or they top up donations with an additional 15%. Visit one or 3 campaigns, or start your own crowdfunder for one of our projects.

Other Crowdfunding Portals:



Follow our Social Media Channels:



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Corporate Support and Partners

Thank you for all the support we receive from our corporate partners and CSR portals



For donating to the pilot project for Maths and Science at PYMA.



WILDlife CULTURE
TOURS

For your Pebbles Project Christmas campaign, and many other fundraising opportunities



For sponsoring a Help Lesotho child

PRCOM

For your Pro-Bono PR



For donating the art that beats classroom and paint for PYMA and Pebbles Project



For mentoring PYMA tutors and staff

Visit.org

Volunteer day with Fitch and the educational cards



For donating 10% of wine sales to Sawabona Africa at our wine tastings

Climbers for Change e.V.

For supporting Abalimi

Financial Summary

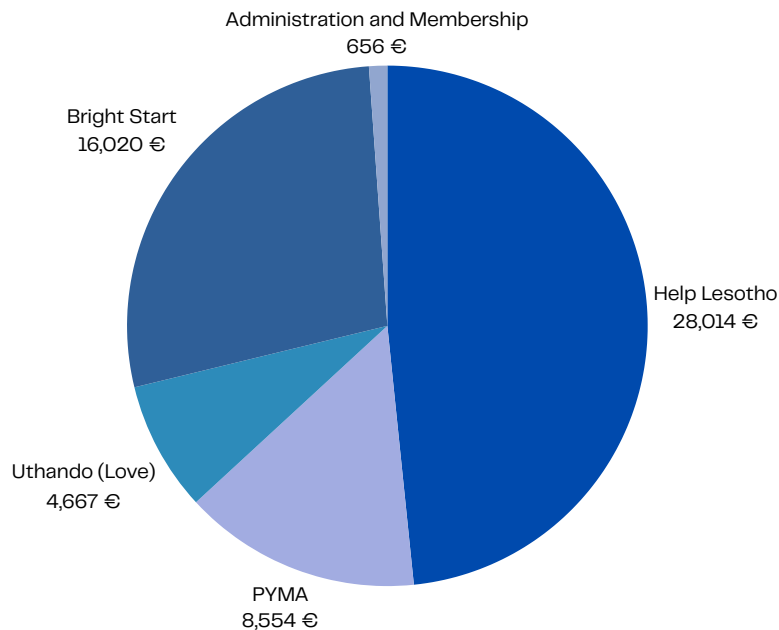
€ 57,960

DONATIONS RECEIVED

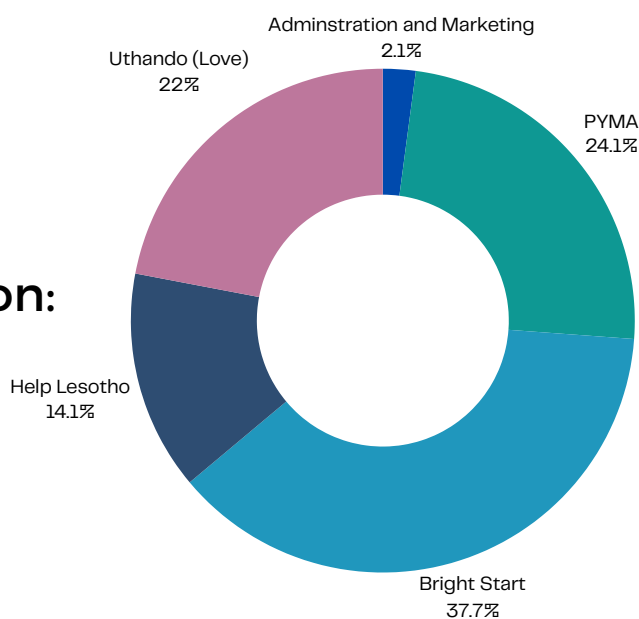
€45,445

DISTRIBUTED *

Income:



Distribution:



*Notes:

- Income received at the end of 2022 was distributed early 2023
- Balance for 2023 will be distributed in 2024
- Administration costs are covered by membership fees and donations from the Board members

From our Beneficiaries

Dear Sawabona Africa,

The Smart Kids alumni and children wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable learning and playing materials you've provided for the children. We cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions to our sessions. These materials will play a crucial role in enhancing cognitive growth, literacy, imagination, creativity, as well as communication, vocabulary, and language skills.

We extend our sincere thanks to Sawabona for recognizing the needs of our children and taking proactive steps to address the resource gap, especially at the early childhood education level where it is most critical. Your contribution is infusing more joy and enriching the daily learning experiences of the children, while simultaneously propelling us toward comprehensive child development within our communities. These resources have already begun to make a significant impact on our children's learning experiences, and we are thrilled to see the positive changes they are bringing. Your support means the world to us, and we look forward to continuing this journey of enriching education together.

Thank you

Rebeka P, Help Lesotho Smart Kids programme



From our Beneficiaries

This new classroom is a true game-changer, especially for us, the students, who benefit from the PYMA program, because this will enhance our learning environment and provide us a good chance to engage with our teachers quite effectively. Having a new third classroom means a lot to me because PYMA will be able to groom their potential and accommodate more learners, and it will also have a good effect on the community as it would be clearing future leaders from the streets.

I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible generosity of Sawabona Africa and the donors in Germany for donating this new classroom that we have now for the afterschool program. Personally, I would like to express my gratitude to them for choosing us and giving us an opportunity to display our potential within the community. I would also like to thank them for believing in us and providing shelter for us to gather around and brainstorm great ideas for the future. This undoubtedly means a lot to me as a PYMA student.

Tshidi Januarie – student at PYMA



From our Beneficiaries

Dear Zilla and Sawabona Africa

I hope that you are doing well because I know that I sure am! I've made a massive achievement: Finishing my schooling years! It feels great knowing that I did something that not many people have the opportunity of doing. However I'd not get all the credit.

I could not have done this without you. You believed in me and gave me the chance to grow, to learn and most of all to prosper. This year has had so many ups and downs. It felt like a roller coaster but in the end, I took control by grabbing the wheel. I lost friends, family and at some point I lost myself. I got back up because I knew that I had people who supported and believed in me. This encouraged me to get up and work on myself as well as my academics.

Good things that happened to me this year:

I went to my last award ceremony, I matriculated, I found who I truly want to be and my soccer team won a TREBLE!! Again, then you Zilla and Sawabona Africa for changing my life and helping me see that there are good people in this world who are willing to help others grown and learn.

Regards Wafeeqah

Bright Start sponsored child



Thank You



**to all our donors, volunteers,
members and community of
followers.**

**Only thanks to your
generosity, we are able to
support these incredible
projects.**



Sawabona:

We respect you. We value you. You are important to us.