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Our Vision
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Our Mission
To work with the people of Masi and key partners, offering opportunities through education to help residents progress out of poverty towards a sustainable livelihood.

Message from Milli Firth, MD
2021 was to be an ongoing year of uncertainty in Education and in South Africa. We needed all stakeholders to work together to support learning and catch-up.

Neuroscience tells us that pre-school education changes the lives of individuals, families and communities and has a long lasting impact into further schooling. Masicorp places a huge amount of our resources in this area. This year we were able to open our 3rd new pre-school and significantly expand our support to the informal creches in Masi.

Learning in SA is close to one school year behind (UNICEF JULY 2021). Rotational attendance, days off, poverty and social problems etc. resulted in school children losing valuable learning time. Our teaching team, at Primary and High School, had to help regain the lost ground and I truly commend their determination and resilience.

Learning how to learn, adapting and taking on new skills is essential and through our partnerships with MasiSports, Evangeline Life Skills and the Sewing Café we were able to help fill the gap in skills transfer, life skills and gender equality.

Everything you read in this report is due to the dedication and hard work of our team. Our heartfelt thanks go to the staff, volunteers, partners and donors who persisted to give of their best, to positively affect the community of Masiphumelele.

“Thank you all for all that you have done. Working together side by side.”

FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR 2022

Early Childhood Development ZAR 3,000,000
Masicorp believes in the importance of early childhood education. So much so that ECD now makes up more than one third of our annual budget. With three pre-schools caring for over 300 children, we also work with a further 300 children attending informal creches in Masiphumelele. Masicorp also funds the further education of our ECD teachers to ensure a high standard of care and education at all our schools. Each year over 165,000 nutritious meals are provided through our ECD Feeding Programme.

Ukhanyo Primary Learning Labs ZAR 1,100,000
Our three Learning Labs (Maths, English, Science) reach hundreds of children from Ukhanyo Primary each year. These programmes model teaching effective methods and classroom management using practical methods of skills transfer to the teachers, improving learner confidence and comprehension.

Computer Training Skills Development ZAR 750,000
Our accredited computer training centre offers free ICDL (International Computer Driving License) courses to members of the Masiphumelele community. The centre also holds free Basic Classes for those using computers for the first time. Our High School Basic Classes are offered to Grades 8-12 learners from Masi High School. The Computer Lab at Masiphumelele library was closed for most of 2021 due to COVID but will soon be reopening with usual operating times – continuing to offer access to computers and the internet for members of the Masi community.

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Life Skills
20 Trainees graduated from the Evangeline Life Skills programme in 2021. This is a six-month programme which trains students in basic computers, English and sewing skills and rewards them with their own sewing machine at the graduation ceremony.

Learning Labs
In January 2021, South Africa was in the grips of its 2nd wave of COVID-19, with the reopening of schools postponed to February. Due to large class sizes, Ukhanyo Primary School rotated learner attendance so that all could attend classes. This staggered timetable impacted learning time for the children attending our Maths, English and Science Learning Labs.

ECD
Masicorp took over management of Love and Care créche in Masiphumelele. After undertaking renovations, we opened the renamed ECD centre, now called Sunnydale Educare, in April 2021. A total of 306 children now attend our three early childhood development centres. We also worked with 300 children attending informal créches in the community.

English...Please!
The programme provides small group lessons for Masi children attending Simon’s Town Primary and Fish Hoek Primary which are both English speaking schools. The aim is to help them improve their English skills. 42 Masiphumelele children benefited from the English...Please! programme in 2021.

Computer Training
Masicorp’s three programmes focus on running computer training courses. These include the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) certified courses, Basic Computer Classes for high school students and the Basic Classes which are run from the Computer Lab at Masiphumelele Library. The Computer Lab is also open to the public for them to have free access to computers and the internet.

Masicorp’s work would not be possible without the generous donations from our sponsors. All these and many more achievements and successes would not have been realised without your help. A heartfelt thank you to all of you, from benevolent corporates through to charitable visitors and big-hearted personal friends.