



SNAPSHOT 2021

MASICORP

Our Vision

Everyone in Masiphumelele will have access to quality education, training, advice and support.

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 crèches 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 crèches 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.



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.



ECD

Masicorp took over management of Love and Care crèche in Masiphumelele. After undertaking renovations, we opened the renamed ECD centre, now called Sunnysdale 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 crèches in the community.



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.

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.



COVID19

Unlike 2020, the 2021 COVID restrictions were less confining and most of the Masicorp programmes could operate face-to-face with beneficiaries. Unfortunately, for many Primary & High School learners across the country, the effect of the last two years has had a negative impact on academic performance. Masicorp's focus on education, specifically numeracy and literacy, is now more important than ever, as we support struggling learners in Masi who have fallen behind.



MASICORP IN NUMBERS

All statistics used reflect 2021

BENEFICIARIES

- Nearly 4,000 Direct beneficiaries
- 12 other NGO's

DONATIONS IN 2021

- ZAR 13,360,439

26 PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

MASISPORTS

- MCC750 renamed and rebranded to MasiSports.
- Three more educators volunteered to coach after school sport.
- There are now 18 coaches altogether.
- Completed the sports complex facilities programme with the construction of the Ingrid Wheeler 60 x 30 Astro turf field.
- All 1,950 learners at Ukhanyo Primary School do Physical Education sessions.
- 555 Ukhanyo learners take part in after school sport.
- 67 Learners from both Masiphumelele High and Ukhanyo Primary school participate in the Chess Club

COMPUTER TRAINING

- 52 Young adults (32 females / 20 males) completed High School ICT classes
- 102 New ICDL students (80 females and 22 males) completed the two ICDL courses
- 293 People attended the Computer Lab (this only re-opened in the last term of 2021)

MASIFUNDE

- 132 Ukhanyo Primary School learners attended the programme, and many made excellent progress.

ENGLISH HUB

- 229 Grade 2 learners in a 2-week cycle
- 244 Grade 3 learners per week
- 12 Teachers
- Afterschool clubs: 70 learners per week
- Break time library: 140 learners on average per week

MATHS LAB

- 520 Grade 3 & 4 learners multiple times a week
- 13 Grade 3 & 4 teachers multiple times a week
- 80 Learners from Grades 4 to 7 attended the Afternoon Maths Club

BURSARY SUPPORT

- The last student graduated. This programme is now discontinued

HIGH SCHOOL SEWING

- 10 Learners from Grade 8 to 10 attended weekly training workshops

ART FOR YOUTH

- 26 Girls in Grades 5 to 8 participated in this programme

COMMUNITY SPORT

- 106 Soccer players
- 56 Netball players

STAY & PLAY

- 300 Children and 18 informal crèches

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- 306 Children
- 3 Educare's
- 25 Teachers from the Masi community

THANK YOU

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.