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## **Born in Africa – Financial year 2019-2020** **Working report**

1. **School uniforms:** in January we provided the 350 school going children with 2 pairs of shoes, socks, pants/ skirt, shirt, writing materials and backpack. The older learners received memory sticks and calculators.
2. **Educational Camps:** this year we were only able to organize 3 camps due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The camp theme was DRAMA & ACTING.
3. **Educational Outings:** due to the COVID- 19 restrictions starting in March 2020 we were not able to take the children on outings.
4. **Mentorship:** Our 4 mentors worked with themes around positivity, Corona-19 awareness, Drugs prevention and child abuse. Unfortunately, we lost one of our mentors due to a Chronic disease.
5. **Education Support:** All staff members adjusted their timetables to be able to give the children more English and Maths classes. 50 children were part of an online Homeschooling MobyMax online course where they practiced math, language, reading, vocabulary, social studies and science daily. Over 150 learners were able to go weekly to the centers to use an online maths and English program: IXL. All BIA primary school children worked weekly in the by BIA provided extra maths books, called Slimkoppe. The BIA library was opened daily for all our learners in Kranshoek.
6. **Medical support:** 12 learners received glasses, a few learners were taken to the doctor and the dentist.
7. **Educational centers and sports field:** In the Craggs we now have our own educational centre, equipped with WIFI, laptops and printer. In Wittedrift in the Green Valley classroom 4 tablets are used to improve the children's computer, maths and English skills. In Kranshoek we now have 20 working computers with a printer and WIFI sorted out. The paperwork is still at the Municipality for the building of a new classroom. The basketball stands and soccer goals are ordered for the field.

8. **Life skill programs:** the first term; 17 learners were part of the water awareness course, 11 learners learned to surf, 15 learners were part of the Adopt a Swimmer learn to swim program and 10 learners were part of the Nippers Life Saving program. Due to the Covid-19 regulations these lessons were only continued after the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.
9. **Donation of parcels:** this year we provided all 350 learners with a food voucher, 2 food parcels and a blanket.
- 10 Dream project:** Home make-over, bicycles, beds and linen, toys, maths books, rebuilding of house, painting of room, baking sets, hair and nail sets, matric farewell, electric lights, Adventure Land, Ashante's extra room, pizza outing, clothing vouchers, blankets
- 11 Tertiary Bursaries:** 41 children received a full study bursary. This includes accommodation, food, transport, books and fees. Unfortunately, 2 students fell pregnant and 1 student ended his studies. It was a challenge for most of the students to study online, luckily, they kept on receiving a monthly allowance from BIA so they could keep up with the online classes. We have 4 students finishing their studies this year. Next year we will have 43 students studying through BIA study bursaries.
- 12 Wittedrift High bursaries:** This year we have 38 students who are at Wittedrift High school and fully sponsored by BIA. School fees, books, transport, hostel fees and computer classes were sponsored. Due to the covid-19 situation the hostel was only open for the grade 12 learners from March till December. The first term all 38 students were staying at the hostel.
- 13 Social Media:** This year we reached 4000 likes on Facebook. The most favorite post on Facebook was the Jerusalema Challenge movie we made. Over 20 000 people watched the movie and it reached over 35 000 people. The website is fully functional and very user-friendly.
- 14 Volunteers:** the first term we received help from 9 volunteers. Due to the Covid-19 regulations no volunteers were allowed to fly into SA.
- 15 Born in Africa office:** We placed laminated floors in the 3 bedrooms and a new kitchen at the BIA office.