

Sethani UK



Relieving poverty in Kwa-Zulu Natal

Registered Charity 1107745



Annual Report

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For Year Ending 31 July 2016

Sethani UK is a charitable trust, formed in 2004 in response to the needs seen by members of Winchester Family Church, UK, during several visits to KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, from 2002-04.



Background

Sethani UK works internationally to provide grants to relieve poverty in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa through our partner, Sethani South Africa.

Sethani SA is a community-based organisation working to empower the community and to relieve poverty in KwaNgcolosi, a semi-rural tribal area of KwaZulu-Natal. The area has poor infrastructure, high unemployment and lacks educational resources. Many of the community have been affected by HIV/Aids leaving children orphaned and living with extended family who are willing to care for them but unable to provide financially.

The majority of the community live in huts, some with access to electricity and water. Education is available for all but schools are entitled to charge fees and children are required to wear uniform and to provide much of their own equipment. This is beyond the means of many families and can result in children not attending school. Members of the community in need of support are referred to Sethani by schools and local community health workers.

Partnership

In our eleventh year of operation, we have continued to work in collaboration with our partner organisation, Sethani, South Africa, to identify and provide for those in need. Sethani, South Africa, co-founded by Debbie Wells and Eric Shezi, is registered as a public benefit organisation in South Africa and works with the community in the KwaNgcolosi area of the Valley of 1000 Hills, Kwa-Zulu Natal.



Sethani runs Bongimpilo Creche, providing 60 pre-school places for children in the community and has its own buildings nearby, comprising a Resource Centre with library and computers, hall, meeting rooms and offices.

People from the local community are employed in either the Creche or at the Sethani Centre, whose buildings are used for a variety of community activities including computers, counselling, food distribution and youth clubs.



Income 2015-16

Our total income for 2015-16 comprised donations of £3067.88 and bank interest of only 24p; the interest rate continues to be negligible but we are fortunate that our clubs and treasurers account remains free of bank charges. This income took our total raised to just over £93,000 since 2004. Income was largely generated from donations by schools and the Leeds team and the trustees would like to thank all our donors for their generosity. All UK administrative costs have continued to be covered by the trustees.

Grants

For the first time since the inception of the charitable trust, no grants were made during the financial year. This was due to both the timing of donations arriving in the UK bank account and a visit to the UK from Debbie Wells, Sethani South Africa Project Director. To save bank charges, we have traditionally transferred a grant to Sethani SA once a year, usually been towards the end of our financial year in July. We're not always aware in advance of the size of donations, but were notified that a large donation was due to be made which did not arrive until a few days before the end of July. As some line items from previous grants showed an underspend due to funds or goods being provided from other donors, it was decided to delay making a grant until discussions could take place with Debbie Wells as to which grants could be transferred to other line items and which items would need new funding. As Debbie Wells didn't arrive in the UK until the end of July, no grant was made during the 2015/16 financial year.

Project updates

The UK team is in regular contact with Sethani SA and financial reports, updates and photos of the project are sent by the South African team. News is also posted on the Sethani Facebook page. Sethani SA has continued to attract funding from Starfish, PEPFAR, National Lotto and Ubuntu Community Chest as well as from Sethani UK and individual donors. Debbie Wells, Sethani South Africa Project Director visited the UK in July 2016, met with the trustees and gave verbal updates on the project.

Future funding

Funding for both consumable items and for repairs and maintenance to items previously funded will continue to be needed, together with the provision of grants for staff salaries, vehicle and administration costs. These continue to be essential to the effective running of the project but appear difficult to attract funding from other sources.

Thank you

To all who've supported us this year, your donations are very much appreciated and make a significant difference in the lives of those in KwaNgcolosi.

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Sethani UK – Income 2015-16

Donations	£3067.88
Bank interest	£0.24
Brought forward from 2014/15	£862.75
Balance at 31.7.16	£3,930.87

