

Sethani UK



*Relieving poverty in Kwa-Zulu Natal*

Registered Charity 1107745



# Annual Report

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For Year Ending 31 July 2017

**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 twelfth 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 2016-17**

Our total income for 2016-17 was almost identical to the previous year, comprising donations of £3088 and bank interest of only 24p. Although we gain little interest due to the low rates, we continue to be fortunate that our clubs and treasurers account remains free of bank charges. This income took our total raised to £96,600 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**

One grant of £4210 (R72,000) was made to Sethani South Africa in December 2016 as follows:

<b>Creche</b>	R 15,000.00
<b>Vehicle running costs</b>	R 14,000.00
<b>Annual financial audit</b>	R 15,000.00
<b>OVC coordinator salary</b>	R 10,000.00
<b>OVC workshops</b>	R 5,000.00
<b>Food parcels</b>	R 12,000.00
<b>Forex &amp; bank charges</b>	R 1,000.00

Funding has been provided largely for areas with ongoing needs, such as food parcels and the crèche, or to those for which it is difficult to attract other donors.

The Sethani vehicles continue to be key in enabling Sethani SA to distribute goods provided by other donors, particularly for the delivery of food parcels, and are also used to provide emergency transport for vulnerable members of the community who cannot access public transport. To facilitate this, funding was again given to provide fuel, maintenance and other vehicle running costs.

Sethani SA finds it more difficult to attract funding from other donor organisations for administrative costs so we have continued to provide funding towards the cost of the annual audit.

### **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 Debbie Wells, Project Director. 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.

### **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.



## Sethani UK – 2016-17

<b>Donations</b>	<b>£3088</b>
<b>Bank interest</b>	<b>£0.24</b>
<b>Brought forward from 2015/16</b>	<b>£3930</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>£4210</b>
<b>Balance at 31.7.17</b>	<b>£2809</b>

