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FUNDA NENJA

Annual Report 2025



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Funda Nenja has had another amazing year.

Our vice chairman, co-founder and Dog School Manager, Adrienne Olivier has relocated to Australia and we are all sad to see her go. Her dedication and commitment to Funda Nenja has been unmatched. Adrienne will be sorely missed and we wish her well.

Battesea UK came aboard as our new sponsor, and their support, financially and administratively has been awesome. Their support is greatly appreciated and has made a huge impact on the dogs and residents in Mpophomeni.

Our staff continue to grow, both in numbers and in stature and without them we would be unable to have the best outreach program in the country and provide the services that we do. Both Nomonde Dlungwane, our animal welfare education officer, and Zinhle Msimango, our social worker continued to do a sterling job in the community.

Mfundo Ngubane our driver and messenger is ably assisting Nomonde and Zinhle in their duties and home visits. Vuyo Lakani, who had previously joined the staff team as an intern animal welfare education officer has now been promoted to junior animal welfare education officer, and is progressing well.

Our Project Administrator Lisa Button and new Dog School Manager Sandra Inggs, continue to run the organization together with their many volunteers like a well-oiled machine. Glynn Harborth, our treasurer, manages the finances like any good accountant worth his salt. Well done and thank you.

Dr Daniela Steckler continues to run the Friday afternoon veterinary clinics, attending to the dogs from the Funda Nenja programme as well as dogs from the community. We are extremely grateful to Dr Dannie for always giving of her time so freely and for her role in maintaining Mpophomeni as a rabies free zone.

Dr Lee Pachonick, Di Santoro and Debbie Cook continue to run our monthly sterilisation programme efficiently and effortlessly. We are also very grateful to these wonderful ladies for their time and expertise.

We are extremely thankful to our many sponsors and supporters, and the donations we continue to receive from the members of the public which enable the team to do such a wonderful job.

We look forward to yet another successful year and feel confident that our team will tackle any and all obstacles in their way, as they have so successfully done in the past.

Neil Button
Chairman

Dog School Manager's Report

Overview

The Funda Nenja Dog School programme, which happens on Friday afternoons, continues to be the heart of our organisation and our portal into the community. Our dog school is where the values of kindness, respect and compassion are nurtured through the weekly dog training classes and our One Welfare approach to social change. The dog school is also one of the few extra-mural activities available to the community's youth, providing a safe space for social interaction, in addition to exposure to humane education and life skills.

The Dog Training Programme:

This past financial year, we held 39 dog school sessions which was an improvement on the previous year's tally of 36.

A total of 108 new learners registered with the dog school over the course of the year, which is significantly less than previous years. This can be attributed to the change of venue and inclement weather on intake days. In addition, some dog owners have found that their needs are met by using the services provided by the weekly primary veterinary care clinic and the pop-up shop which offers dog related items at discounted, affordable prices.



We had 11 monthly intakes and an average of 10 registrations each time. Our largest intake of monthly registrations was 18 in August 2024, while the smallest was 4 in both January and February 2025.

Our highest monthly total attendance of the year was 62 learners in August and September, while the lowest was 41 in February 2025, and an overall average of 50. Most of these learners were boys averaging 13 years of age, with average of 9 girls attending each week. It has been encouraging to see an increased number of girls joining the dog school and who now make up almost 20% of the registered participants.

Thanks to the very generous monthly donation of dog food by the Do- More Foundation and the Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust, we are able to provide each learner with a small portion of dog food to take home on a weekly basis, as well as the essential dog training treats used in class. Funda Nenja believes that the welfare of the children attending the dog school programme goes hand in hand with the welfare of the dogs, so every child attending the classes on Friday afternoons was given a juice and a piece of fruit each week, thanks to the ongoing sponsorship of the Merrivale and Hilton Quarry Supersparks



Our annual winter warmth drive in May 2024 was most successful thanks to our generous donors. Both the dogs and learners, as well as some of their needy family members, were gifted with blankets and warm clothing most of which had been hand crafted by charity projects based in Gauteng.

Bongani Makhathini, our intern Animal Welfare Education Officer, left us to study further and in January 2024 the position was filled by Vuyo Lokani, another of our experienced instructors.

Vuyo has proven to be a great asset to the team, assisting at the dog school, home visits and outreach clinics using the skills he acquired over many years as a dog school participant.

At the end of the school year all the children were treated to a gift bag filled with treats for both themselves and their dogs thanks to the support of kind local donors. A substantial stationary pack was included to prepare learners for the first term of 2025.



Vuyo Lakani

During the Christmas holidays when the dog school was closed, our social worker took the opportunity to conduct a simple survey during her home visits. Both adults and children were questioned about their perceptions of the impact of Funda Nenja’s services on the local community. The results were positive and confirmed that our programmes are not only appreciated, but are making a significant difference.

We are excited about a more scientific research study being undertaken by a Master’s student from Stellenbosch University. The initial research commenced in July 2024 with in-person interviews and will recommence later in 2025. We hope that this study will prove the effectiveness of our programmes on the mental health and well -being of participants

Volunteers and Community Assistants

Volunteers and community assistants are an essential part of the dog school and we had an average of 22 helpers, in addition to our 6 staff members, assisting at our Friday afternoon training sessions. The team members assist with distribution of juice and fruit, as well as dog food to the children, sales of collars, leads, dog food and kennels, preparing treat bags for our handlers, primary veterinary care, stock control, photos for media releases, and class instruction. Our community assistants are from the local community of Mpophomeni, while volunteers come from the surrounding areas of Hilton and Howick. Our Community Assistants all receive a monthly stipend in appreciation of their commitment and valued contribution to the initiative.

In view of the high risk associated with the handling of unknown dogs, all our dog school team members are regularly given the recommended prophylactic rabies treatment as a precaution. In May 2024, 22 team members were given the required vaccines to maintain protection against the deadly virus. We are grateful for the assistance of Tracey Caldecott, a nurse practitioner, who administered these vaccinations on site for us.

In the second quarter of the year, our dog school team were issued with Funda Njenja branded shirts and caps. All team members are expected to wear our branded uniforms when assisting at any of our programmes with the intention of presenting a professional image to the public. During May 2024, a group of our class instructors attended a local dog obedience competition held in Howick. This was not only a great team building exercise, but also an opportunity to broaden awareness of the world of dogs.



An end of year function for the dog school team, held at our venue at Mpophomeni Sports Stadium, was enjoyed by all and did much to develop team spirit and a sense of camaraderie. Certificates of appreciation, as well as gift vouchers, were presented to our team members in recognition of services given to our organisation.



Education and Skills Development

The up-skilling and development of our community assistants continues to be a priority and we take every opportunity to do so.

In March 2024, Sandra Inggs gave a workshop to the dog school team on dog related topics and in September Ray Gumbo gave a presentation on work ethics.



Ray Gumbo's presentation on work ethic.

Our staff members attended several workshops over the year, both in-person and online, all of which made for both personal and professional development, as well as an opportunity to network with professionals from a similar background to that of Funda Nenja.

Conclusion

Funda Nenja aims to not only impart knowledge, but to also nurture a change of social behaviour through our various programmes. The dogs attending our venue on Friday afternoons are mostly in very good condition and the handling skills of the majority of the people using our services indicate that the past 15 years of our presence in Mpophomeni has had a very positive impact on this semi-rural community.

This is my last report as the Dog School Manager as I relocated to Australia in early April 2025. Sandra Inggs, who has been a loyal supporter of the organisation since its inception, and who has all the necessary skills, has taken over my position. She has shadowed me since January 2025 and a comprehensive handover took place leaving me with no doubt that the dog school will flourish under her leadership.

The Funda Nenja dog school team remains committed to our vision of One Welfare and we are most grateful for the support of all those who contribute to the success of this vital component of the Funda Nenja initiative. We celebrate our successes, both big and small, which motivate us to strive for more and to make an even greater impact on the welfare scene in South Africa.



Adrienne Olivier
General & Dog School Manager



Project Administrator's Report

We are proud to advise that Funda Nenja has had yet another successful year. As always, there have been challenges and obstacles but we have soldiered on and overcome these issues which has helped us to streamline our organisation and improve in various areas of operation.

We have received wonderful support from the community and are happy to see how our staff are welcomed and appreciated during our outreach work. The community show their gratitude and appreciation for the work that we are doing, in both the animal and social welfare aspects of the programme. .

*Funda Nenja uses a ONE WELFARE
approach as we address the
welfare needs of both the animals
and the people.*



Administration & Funding

In order to comply with relevant authorities and donors Funda Nenja policies and procedures are reviewed annually. Although the organisation is still relatively small in comparison with most NPO's, we take the guidance of the King III report on governance seriously and are attempting to implement relevant policies in decision making and in financial management. Donor funds are utilised according to the terms and conditions set out in contracts. Staff and volunteer suitability is reviewed and parent indemnity is secured.

We are very grateful for the support received from both local and international donors. Without their support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do. For this, we are extremely grateful. We were very excited to have entered into a new relationship with Battersea, in the UK, who were our major donors for this year. They have also confirmed that they are happy to continue working with us, going forward, and we look forward to working together with them in the new year, and seeing Funda Nenja reach new goals and expectations.

We have also continued to receive support from other organisations as well as individual donors, for which we are extremely grateful.



ANIMAL WELFARE

Education is key
to change.

- ✓ Dog School
- ✓ Veterinary Clinics
- ✓ Pop-up Shop
- ✓ Outreach
- ✓ Workshops

Teaching love, compassion
& empathy.



Community Outreach:

Animal Welfare:

Our community outreach program has proven extremely beneficial in ascertaining problem areas that Funda Nenja needs to focus more on. In order to do this, our Animal Welfare Education Officer and Inspector, Nomonde Dlungwane, together with our Junior Animal Welfare Officer, Vuyo Lakani, continue to conduct home visits for all the Funda Nenja participants, where they monitor and educate families on how to take care of their dogs, as well as educating them in areas of concern.

Report by Nomonde Dlungwane - Animal Welfare Education Officer:

2025 has been another impactful year for our organization. Despite ongoing challenges, we have remained committed to improving the lives of both animals and their owners through hands-on support, compassionate care, and education. Our work continues to center around the belief that animal welfare education is vital not only for the wellbeing of dogs but also for fostering a more empathetic and responsible community.

Home Visits & Animal Welfare Education:

Home visits remain the cornerstone of our outreach efforts. Throughout the year, we conducted visits to the homes of Funda Nenja participants, community members, and staff. These visits are vital opportunities to create lasting change by offering sustainable solutions to improve living conditions for animals. Our focus is not only on the immediate needs of the dogs but also on empowering owners through education. Strengthening the human-animal bond is a key outcome of this work.

During home visits, we monitor and advise on:

- Replacing short chains with safe and humane alternatives
- Ensuring dogs have access to adequate shelter
- Promoting daily availability of clean water and food
- Encouraging sterilization as a preventative health measure
- Contacting the SPCA for sick or injured animals
- Educating on responsible pet ownership
- Supporting the upkeep of clean, safe environments for dogs



Monthly Intake :

On the first Friday of every month, we welcome new and returning children into the programme. Each intake includes recording their information for follow-up home visits, vaccinating their dogs, and distributing educational materials. Children are grouped into three classes to receive age-appropriate and comprehensive animal welfare education.

Home Visits Impact:

Our aim is to teach the community about the importance of basic animal welfare and to reduce animal suffering through early intervention and education. This year, we conducted a total of 745 home visits—including visits to new participants, long-term members, and other households within the broader community.

Additional services provided during these visits include:

- Rabies vaccinations
- Deworming treatments
- Tick and flea treatments
- Minor wound care
- Education based on the internationally recognized Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare



Kennel Donations:

We are grateful to have continued our successful kennel donation initiative. Kennels are donated to deserving Funda Nenja participants, improving the living conditions of their dogs significantly. This is made possible by generous donors who contribute new or pre-loved kennels or sponsor families in need.



Fencing Programme:

Many families in our community are unable to afford proper fencing, leading them to chain their dogs for safety. In response, we continue to implement our fencing programme by identifying families in need and constructing secure enclosures and fencing. This allows dogs to live unchained and with their freedom it improves their physical and mental wellbeing.



Community Outreach:

Our outreach efforts have extended to neighboring communities beyond Mpophomeni, where access to veterinary care and welfare support is extremely limited. Regular rabies vaccination clinics have been held, and we continue to educate and assist families in those areas. Outreach initiatives are essential for reaching underserved populations and spreading awareness about animal welfare.

Educational Workshops and Safety Lessons:

Throughout the year, we conducted educational theory classes for new intakes and hosted holiday workshops aimed at teaching children to be responsible dog owners. Topics covered include:

- The Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare
- Dog safety and body language
- Importance of vaccinations (Rabies and 5-in-1)
- Sterilization and its role in reducing overpopulation
- Responsible ownership of pit bulls
- General pet care responsibilities
- Parents workshop on basic animal welfare



School-Based Education:

We were privileged to conduct lessons at Sifisesihle Primary School, Nxamalala Islamic School and Zamuthule Primary School, spreading the message of compassion and care to even more young minds. We look forward to expanding our educational outreach to additional schools this upcoming year.



We are deeply grateful to all our supporters, donors, and community partners. Your contributions whether financial, material, or time, enables us to continue this important work. With your continued support, we will keep making meaningful changes in the lives of animals and the communities that care for them. Together, we are creating a compassionate future one home, one dog and one child at a time.



Nomonde Dlungwane
Animal Welfare Education Officer
& Inspector



EVENTS & SERVICES

*Another fun and
successful year*



Veterinary Services:

We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have Dr Daniela Steckler (Hughes) on our team. Dr Dannie is our very dedicated volunteer Veterinarian. She has continued to run our Friday afternoon veterinary clinics. She treats any minor medical issues as well as doing rabies vaccinations, tick & flea control, de-worming, 5-in-1 vaccinations etc, for any dogs from the community as well as the Funda Nenja dogs. For any major medical issues, the dogs are treated by the uMngeni SPCA.



Dr Lee Pachonick, our Veterinarian in charge of our sterilisations has continued to run our monthly clinics. Thanks to funding received from Battersea, we have been able to continue with our monthly sterilisation programme. Dr Lee, and her wonderful team of volunteers, Di Santoro and Debbie Cook, run these steri clinics like a well-oiled machine. Their professionalism and caring nature ensures that the dogs are all well taken care of and discharged once they have recovered sufficiently. Each dog is driven home at the end of the day, with a bag of dog food, by our driver. While the dog owners are waiting for their dogs to be sterilised, the Funda Nenja teams hands out juice and sandwiches, as well as some animal welfare activity books for the children.

Veterinary stats:

Vaccinated against rabies : 984

De-wormed / tick & flea : 610

5-in-1 vaccinations : 167

Sterilised : 184

Sick dogs treated : 56

Dogs referred to SPCA : 30

TOTAL ANIMALS HELPED : 2031



Outreach clinics:

On 5 July 2024, our team, together with the PMB SPCA, held a veterinary clinic in Snathing, Sweetwaters, in PMB. The clinic was very well supported and approximatively 270 dogs were brought to the clinic for various treatments.

These included:

- Rabies vaccinations
- Tick & flea treatments
- De-worming
- Any other minor ailments



Some dogs were booked into the SPCA for sterilisations and there were a few dogs surrendered to the SPCA. There were also a few sick dogs that were also taken back to the SPCA for treatments.

On arriving, each dog received a collar and lead (if they did not already have one), and before they left, they each received a goodie bag which contained a dog bowl, a blanket, some dog food and some educational material on animal welfare.

The clinic was a huge success and we hope to be able to continue doing similar clinics in other areas going forward.



Fun Day:

In June 2024, at the beginning of the school holidays, we held a fun day for all the local children. The children took part in various games and competitions and were given cake and a light snack at lunch time. Much fun was had by all.



Pop-up Shop

Our weekly pop-up shop is becoming more and more popular. We are seeing more members of the community coming to purchase items such as dog food, collars, leashes, blankets, toys, shampoo, dog houses etc, for their dogs. This shows that dog owners are taking responsibility for their dog's welfare, by providing these basic necessities.



In April 2024, we were fortunate enough to be able to trade in our vehicle and purchase a newer one. We also realised that it was important to purchase a double cab pick up, as our outreach programme often requires more than 2 people to travel together into the community. Thanks to Battersea's funding, we were able to purchase this new (second-hand) vehicle.



In September 2024 we were approached by TEARS Animal Rescue Organisation, who are based in the Cape. They are a wonderful organisation who have been around for about 25 years. They do amazing work in the Cape but were looking at doing more outreach and education, similar to what Funda Nenja does. So with funding received, they were able to send 3 of their employees to come and spend 4 days with us to observe and learn what we do, especially our outreach and education programmes. We were very honoured to host them and enjoyed sharing our knowledge and experiences with them.



Mentorship Programme:

We are excited about a new programme that we rolled out at the beginning of 2025, which is our Mentorship Programme. This new project aims at providing mentorship to other organisations or private individuals wanting to start a similar organisation. There are several different options that people can sign up to, depending on their needs.



MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

AT BONA NOBIS, it is our belief that we will never be fully, as we
found our MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME, where we will be helping and
guiding the world's people who are trying to live a better project in
their own geographical area.

Our 11-step Mentoring Program consists of:

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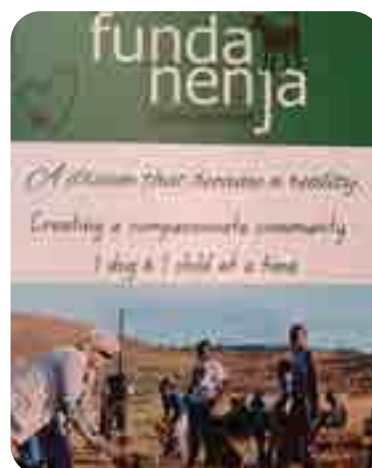
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Farewell Adrienne Olivier

We held a little farewell party for Adrienne where we presented her with a book of memories, containing photos from the early days of Funda Nenja until today.

We already miss Adrienne but wish her all the very best in this new chapter of her life.



Welcome Sandra Inggs

As we bid farewell to Adrienne, we also welcomed a new team member, Sandra Inggs. Sandra, who was originally from Howick, but had been living in JHB for several years decided to return to Howick recently. Adrienne and Sandra had been good friends for many years, so when Adrienne approached Sandra about joining our team, she jumped at the opportunity. Sandra had been involved with Funda Nenja since the early days, and had done a few staff training sessions with our team over the years. So she was no stranger to Funda Nenja.

Sandra has taken over Adrienne's role as Dog School Manager and is also on our board as the Secretary. She is also the co-ordinator for our new Mentorship Programme. We are delighted to have Sandra on our team and look forward to working with her.

Message from Sandy:

When I was in high school, and people asked: "What do you want to do when you leave school?" my only answer was "Be a dog trainer". I started my career as a Kennel and Clinic Assistant at our local SPCA but soon realised I wouldn't be able to grow a career there. I set aside my career dream and moved into banking and insurance which ultimately evolved into training and developing employees for work readiness. But I never let go of my passion for dogs and dog training, and this became my hobby, which has grown and flourished over the last 43 years.

I have been an active member of dog training clubs, and animal rescue organisations my whole life. I have been elected and served for many years as Chief Trainer, Chairman, Secretary and non-office bearing member roles.

I have always owned 2 or 3 dogs, all of which are rescue dogs from local animal welfare organisations.

My journey with Funda Nenja started at their inaugural meeting in 2009, where I volunteered to take the minutes. I lived about 525km away, but I maintained my relationship with them - fundraising and collecting donations from the members of the Birch Acres Dog Training Club for the Funda Nenja members. I was invited to present 3 workshops to the Funda Nenja Instructors to develop their skills in teaching new handlers to successfully train their dogs.

In August 2024 I moved back to the KZN Midlands where Funda Nenja is situated and am very excited to be actively involved again. Training Dogs is my passion and hobby. Training People became my joy and career. The opportunity to serve Funda Nenja enables me to combine both these areas and pass on a lifetime of skills and experience to the next generation.

For many years my Purpose Statement has been: To make a positive difference in the wellbeing of people and animals through education and active involvement.

I am honoured to have been offered the role of Funda Nenja Dog School Manager, sit on the Board and head up the Funda Nenja Mentorship Program where I can continue to live my purpose.





Social Welfare



Counselling

Food Support



Workshops



Social Welfare:

Our Aux. Social Worker, Zinhle Msimango, has continued to work with the community in several ways. She has a very challenging job dealing with a variety of physical, psychological and emotional issues, nevertheless, she has made a huge difference to the wellbeing of the those community members that she has engaged with.

Report by Zinhle Msimango - Social Worker:

Social Services offered:

- Home Visits
- Counselling
- Friday dog school lessons
- School Lessons
- Workshops & Holiday Clubs
- Support groups
- Food parcels

Home Visits:

During this period, 82 assessment and consent forms were signed for new entries, formalizing the agreement to provide Funda Nenja social welfare services to the families of our participants. A total of 389 home visits were conducted, assisting 491 individuals with various concerns. Through these visits, Funda Nenja provided counseling to many parents and children, introducing supportive activities such as parenting education and encouraging the use of available space for gardening.



Office Visits:

In the past year, we provided 102 counseling sessions to community members who scheduled appointments as well as those who visited voluntarily. Many individuals collected thousands of seedlings from our office, which helped introduce the project's objectives and deepen understanding of our vision for human and animal welfare. Funda Nenja has utilized the premises to host various sessions focused on reducing drug use, raising awareness about abuse, educating children about their rights, promoting self-awareness, and implementing additional social activities to engage as many people as possible in the well-being of both children and animals.

Friday Lessons:

These lessons are conducted once a month for senior-class children, covering emotional well-being, care, compassion, love, and responsibilities related to their rights. We emphasize the importance of human connection, encouraging individuals to support one another. Eight interactive life skills lessons have been held, with both children and instructors actively participating in the learning process. Topics such as HIV/AIDS, other communicable diseases, children's rights, and emotional well-being were key components, with explanations and discussions fostering understanding. The children have shown great courage in sharing their experiences and recognizing their own social boundaries with a sense of self-awareness.

School lessons:

We had the pleasure of working with Grade 6 and 7 students from Nxamalala Islamic School, conducting life skills lessons aimed at empowering children and fostering their personal and social development. These lessons helped them navigate challenges at school, home, and within their communities, covering important topics such as bullying, self-image, personal development, protection, HIV/AIDS, and children's rights.

During this time, we were able to donate hundreds of pairs of socks and school shoes to children in various Mpophomeni schools towards the end of 2024. Additionally, seven full school uniforms were donated to Funda Njenja children in need, with a growing awareness of these necessities observed during school lessons.



Workshops:

Previous workshops have led to the creation of additional sessions for parents, providing them with valuable information and practical skills. During this period, 36 mothers received training in gardening, hygiene, and food processing, enabling them to use their own produce to reduce costs. In collaboration with other stakeholders, these mothers also engaged in various social activities, including making and selling floor mats and beadwork.

Parents had the opportunity to explore the significant impact they have on their children's lives and the crucial role they play in their development. These workshops provided psychosocial support across multiple aspects while maintaining a confidential and safe space, often leading to individual counseling.

Additionally, four parenting workshops were conducted for parents and guardians, offering a secure and private environment for reflection and discussion. During these sessions, bereavement counseling, emotional well-being, parental burnout management, empathy-building, and social skill development for both children and parents were addressed. These efforts have strengthened the partnership between parents, children, and Funda Njenja.

Furthermore, 17 Funda Nenja community assistants participated in a workshop focused on emotional awareness and personal strengths to better support their fieldwork within the organization.

Holiday Clubs:

Funda Nenja has continuously operated during school holidays, organizing educational and recreational activities for approximately 80 children each term to provide a safe environment. During these sessions, children learn about their rights and responsibilities, values, and emotional well-being, while we consistently raise awareness about various forms of abuse to ensure their safety.

We offer a variety of outdoor games that children thoroughly enjoy, and we see an increase in participation from visiting children during school holidays. To further enrich their experience, Funda Nenja organized a Fun Day for Mpophomeni kids, ensuring a playful environment where their rights remain a priority. Additionally, Elaine, a former mathematics teacher, facilitated extra classes to engage children in math-related activities



Support Groups:

Weekly meetings have been held for mothers, grandmothers, and extended family members of Funda Nenja participants to support children's well-being. These gatherings provide a space for participants to share life experiences and engage in craftwork, some of which they sell for extra income. Through these activities, they have discovered their creativity and taken pride in their newfound skills.

Several parents have received training in various parenting techniques using Funda Nenja resources, as well as Early Childhood Development (ECD) learning in collaboration with Midlands Community Centre. Many participants previously struggled with financial challenges, but since joining the support group, most have been trained by a SaveAct agent and are now saving money using the stokvel method. This system allows them to lend money to one another at low and reasonable interest rates, helping to boost their income at the end of the year. These meetings have been both socially and educationally impactful for parents and extended families. Additionally, Funda Nenja has donated baby clothing to eThembeni's support group for pregnant mothers, assisting those who face difficulties in purchasing baby essentials.

In 2024, we engaged the services of Ray Gumbo, who has set up a new project which offers counselling sessions for people with substance abuse. Ray holds these sessions on a weekly basis, at our offices in Mpophomeni. We are please to see that the numbers have really started to grow, with more and more people learning about what the project is about and how it is already helping people overcome their addictions and regain their normal lives and repair their relationships with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing these number grow even further, as we know there is such a huge drug an alcohol problem in Mpophomeni, and we would like to help as many people as possible, which will subsequently have a positive effect on the rest of the community.



Food Gardens

With the ongoing support of Sunshine Seedlings, Funda Nenja has successfully promoted the 'One Home, One Garden' strategy to combat hunger in Mpophomeni. Many community members have contributed to making this initiative possible, with uMngeni Municipality assisting in the collection of seedlings from time to time.

We have supported four community gardens that provide fresh produce to local residents, including one in Haza and another at a community center for children living with disabilities. Additionally, we have maintained regular communication with most of the seedling collectors, offering guidance and practical advice to ensure the success of their gardening efforts.



Food Parcels:

Funda Nenja has distributed 248 food parcels last year and we have had 8 large grocery parcels donated by local supermarkets, which have been distributed to families in need. These donations have been a huge support especially to family members living with chronic diseases as it has enabled them to freely take their medications.



Feeding Scheme

During school holidays, the feeding scheme team, led by mothers, provided freshly cooked and nutritious meals to over 80 children daily. Even during holiday workshops, these mothers played a vital role in preparing warm meals. On some occasions, a few parents accompanied their children to request meals, and we provided assistance within our available resources.



Zinhle Msimango
Aux. Social Worker

In Conclusion

All in all Funda Nenja has managed to continue servicing the Mpophomeni community in both animal and social welfare aspects, and we are extremely proud of what we have accomplished and blessed to have an amazing team of like-minded and dedicated people.

We are also enormously grateful to all our sponsors and donors as their support makes it possible for Funda Nenja to grow and to continue the valuable work that we do.

Our Facebook page is still very popular with just over 12,470 followers and just over 1,500 followers on Instagram. These numbers are increasing annually.



Lisa Button
Project Administrator

FUNDA NENJA
THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE
(NPO reference 085-038)

ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I have performed the duties of accounting officer to Funda Nenja for the year ending 28 February 2025 as required by section 17(2) of the Non-Profit Organisation Act (71 of 1997) (the Act) and by its constitution.

The annual financial statements for the year ending 28 February 2025 set out on pages 5 to 8 are the responsibility of the Management Committee. I have satisfied myself that the annual financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and have done so by adopting such procedures and conducting such enquires in relation thereto as I considered necessary.

I have reviewed the accounting policies which have been presented to me as having been adopted and applied in the preparation of the financial statements and I consider that they are appropriate to the organisation and have been appropriately applied therein.

I have also satisfied myself that the association has complied with the provisions of the Act, and of its constitution, which relate to financial matters.

No audit is required by the Act and no audit was conducted by me and accordingly I do not express or imply an opinion or any other form of assurance on the financial statements.



12 June 2025. Date

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FUNDA NENJA
THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE
(NPO reference 085-038)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 28 February 2025

	Note	2025	2024
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	1 397 250	760 544
Total assets		1 397 250	760 544
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
General reserve		1 118 333	644 349
Earmarked funds	3	257 416	85 200
		1 375 749	729 549
Current liabilities			
Accrued expenses		21 501	30 995
		1 397 250	760 544

**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	2 902 738	1 076 009
<i>Donor Funding</i>	2 238 232	326 932
Educational & Charitable Trusts	150 000	125 435
Battersea	1 840 701	0
N3TC	141 850	131 950
uMngeni Municipality	0	10 000
Give & Gain	105 681	59 547
<i>Corporate Funding</i>	147 600	147 600
R C L Foods	147 600	147 600
<i>Individual Donors</i>	278 123	299 436
Individual supporters	278 123	229 436
<i>Fundraising Campaigns</i>	67 299	127 848
My School, My Village Competition	20 580	18 682
Rabies	13 559	0
Amber Valley	1 500	9 174
Family Support	0	31 621
Ulwazi show	20 050	16 115
Mass Sterilization	5 000	15 050
Other fundraisers	6 610	37 206
<i>Other income</i>	171 484	174 193
Sale of Container	0	43 000
Interest received	97 370	66 766
Sundry income	74 114	64 427

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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2 428 754

1 305 024

ANIMAL WELFARE

1 043 907

691 184

Staff Salaries
Staff: (Community Assistants)
Consultant
Training Children's Back Packs
Dog Food
Blankets, Bowls, Collars, Leads
Kennels
Education Brochures & Flyers
Training: Staff Development
Training: Uniforms / Jackets
Vet Friday
Year End Function
Laundry

504 196	390 271
68 155	53 575
44 353	0
1 679	616
275 979	175 291
11 141	2 049
56 275	46 550
19 290	4 788
20 399	4 680
14 000	1 360
11 500	11 500
15 668	0
1 272	504

Community Outreach

624 880

361 626

Veterinary Clinic, Home visits Family Support

Staff
Staff
Sterilization
Veterinary Treatment
Trainee
Workshop Team Skills
Family Support

303 367	217 532
167 301	82 698
55 952	10 854
41 981	4 230
9 644	9 729
46 635	36 583

	2025	2024
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	759 967	252 214
Stationery	10 789	9 584
Advertising	207	0
Bank Charges	12 070	5 927
Insurance	28 142	17 189
Building and Equipment & Maintenance	3 761	2 981
IT and Telecommunications	9 385	32 148
General Office Administration	2 259	935
Finance Admin & Accounting Fees	126 831	113 930
Fundraising & Marketing	0	6 836
Donation	0	450
Travel / Vehicles /Transport	42 340	44 052
Vehicle Repairs	43 365	0
Staff Medical / Vaccines	5 228	100
Staff Meetings	3 104	0
Seminar / Conference	180	(2 900)
Relocation	28 400	0
Equipment Lap Top	13 850	0
Generator	3 500	0
Microscope	19 113	0
Vehicle replacement	216 274	0
Building Fund	150 000	0
Rent & Electricity	41 169	20 982
Surplus (Loss) FOR THE YEAR	473 984	(229 006)

CORE DONORS :

Battersea
N3 Toll Concessions
Hilton Quarry SuperSpar
The Do More Foundation
RCL Foods
Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust
Merrivale SuperSpar
Anonymous Trust
My School My Village
Sunshine Seedlings

Thank you to all who donate on a regular or once off basis. Without your support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do.

Thank you for all the anonymous financial donations, and donations received from special calls via Facebook for kennels, winter warmth, food parcels, collars and leads, dog food, etc, and all those who leave donated items at collection points.

*Thank
you!*

Funda Nenja Board:

Neil Button - Chairman
 Glynn Harborth - Vice Chairman /Treasurer
 Sandy Inggs - Secretary
 Adrienne Olivier - Board member
 Lisa Button - Board member

Funda Nenja Full Board:

Neil Button
 Glynn Harborth
 Adrienne Olivier
 Lisa Button
 Nomonde Dlungwane
 Dr Daniela Hughes
 Zinhle Msimango
 Sandra Inggs

Volunteers:

Sherrell Botha
 Di Botha
 Trudy Morgan
 Simon Naude
 Sue & Matthew Tarr
 Nicky & Olivia Kinvig

Funda Nenja Staff members:

Adrienne Olivier
 Lisa Button
 Nomonde Dlungwane
 Zinhle Msimango
 Mfundo Ngubane
 Vuyo Lakani
 Sandra Inggs

Community Assistants:

Winnie Sangcosi
 Thandeka Zondi
 Sbonelo Mdletshe
 Goodluck Mvelase
 Teenage Nene
 Izwi Nxumalo
 Sisanda Zimu
 Ntokozo Khumalo
 Yandiswa Mnguni
 Lindelani Ntshangase
 Jabulani Hlophe
 Sphelele Ngubane
 Vincent Mnwabe
 Nana Nxumalo
 Thenjiwe Nzimande
 Paul Zondi
 Sbonelo Ngubane
 Nompumelelo Mabaso
 Aphiwe Zondi
 Fezokuhle Sithole
 Doreen Zondi

We would like to say a huge thank
 you to all our community assistants
 and also our regular volunteers who
 assist on Friday afternoons.

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First National Bank - Howick
 Current account
 Acc. No. 6245 8766 197
 Branch No. 220 725
 Swift: FIRNZAJJ

Physical Address:

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