WHO WE ARE

Hlokomela was established in 2005 in response to research findings that highlighted the need for health care among farm workers in the greater Hoedspruit area. Guided by ongoing research and development, Hlokomela remains a prominent and respected role player in the health and well-being of a significant portion of the local community, reaching about 30 000 people annually (direct and indirect beneficiaries).

OUR VISION

A culture of caring that empowers all.

OUR MISSION

To provide quality, all-inclusive health care to everyone in the Kruger2Canyons Biosphere Region.
WHERE WE WORK

We do most of our work in the greater Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa areas, a major centre of the Maruleng Municipality, which is situated in the Mopani District of the Limpopo Province.

We also work in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga where the focus is on sex worker education and health awareness.

Tourism, government services, farming and forestry are key to the economic activities in these areas. The farming sector supports a significant section of the local population of seasonal and migrant workers.
FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TRUST

With this 2017 Annual Report, we the Board of Trustees, would like to recognise the people who work so tirelessly to ensure that Hlokomela stays open for business day after day, to care for people of our region.

We would also like to recognise the contributions of our funding and government implementation partners. These efforts demonstrated that the collective impact is more than the sum of our separate individual efforts.

Take a lump of graphite - a bunch of carbon atoms - put it under enormous pressure for a long time, and you’ve got a diamond, the hardest substance on Earth. That’s nature’s best example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

Building a team that shares this attribute is similar to the process forming diamonds: it sounds straightforward in theory but it’s really hard in practice and rare to find in the real world. Creating a team that’s greater than the sum of its parts is a function of certain leadership behaviour.

For Hlokomela, it is the organisational culture our Director, Christine du Preez, creates. How she motivates and organises the team and her ability inspires others.

Hlokomela is a diamond. It offers the most cutting-edge services. It has manpower, proper delivery channels and accountability systems.

Marié-Tinka Uys

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM THE DIRECTOR AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Last year we indicated that the general trend is for long standing funders to withdraw their money from NGOs due to various reasons. This is now truer than ever before. For this reason, Hlokomela started to invest in the organisation’s Income Generation Projects (IGP) and is currently investigating a fee-for-services model.

Throughout the past 12 years we have always responded spontaneously to issues that affect our communities and will continue to do so but the community will need to assist us where our resources fall short. Hlokomela staff hope to assist the community in 2018 with the challenge of malaria that is becoming all too common in the Hoedspruit area. But we will only be able to take on this task if funding can be secured.

For myself, and for us at Hlokomela, it was a challenging year. From one year to the next we do not always know for certain if we will still have a job in the New Year. This is stressful, but the one thing that binds us together as a team is hope.

Hope is such a wonderful emotion because it gives us strength. My wish for you this year is that hope may carry you through, no matter what challenges you may be facing in your life.
WHAT WE DO

The work we do is grouped under three main headings; Health, Income Generation Projects (IGP) and Administration:

HEALTH

- Working with farm management to assist in developing a healthier work environment, and to develop and implement workplace HIV and AIDS policies and programmes;
- Providing peer education;
- Providing Primary Health Care by training and mentoring workers as caregivers (Nompilos);
- Sensitising, training, and mentoring male role models with the aim of addressing issues such as Gender Based Violence, transactional sex, and poor health-seeking behaviour in men;
- Developing and implementing an integrated Social Change Communication programme, such as billboards and pamphlets and other materials, to promote behavioural changes to reduce high-risk behaviour;
- Organising and implementing recreational programmes to increase social participation and improve the quality of workers’ and their families’ lives;
- Establishing and running wellness clinics to provide information, condoms, and health care services (Primary Health Care) and referrals, including HTS and ART, to workers and their families;
- Improving the nutrition of sick workers by monitoring their nutritional status and providing them with e-pap and food donated by farmers;
- Operating a wellness programme to provide health services to mining-sector employees, sex workers, truckers and general community members at Hlokomela Clinic;
- Running a dedicated Women’s Clinic for cervical and breast cancer prevention and awareness.
- Offering pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to people at risk such as sex workers and truck drivers.
- Addressing gender based violence through the Victim Empowerment Project (VEP)

INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS (IGP)

- Growing and selling fresh herbs and herb products to local grocery stores, restaurants and lodges in the Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa area;
- Running a charity second hand clothing shop;
- Organising and running social interest tours to Bavaria and Richmond Creche, Hlokomela Herb Garden and Hlokomela Clinic;
- The Spekboom Project grows and sells spekboom trees. One hectare of this amazing plant can convert more carbon dioxide into oxygen than an entire rain forest. The leaves are also edible and are used as fodder for livestock.
- Hlokomela offers MiniChess to farm workers’ children at Richmond Creche.

ADMINISTRATION

- Good administration is the backbone of the organisation. This department supports the other departments in conducting operations and their field work by ensuring that the paperwork, buildings and finances are all in order.
PROJECTS & SERVICES

WHO WE SERVE

- Farm workers, including seasonal workers, in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region.
- Migrant farm workers from Mozambique, Zimbabwe (external) and South African provinces (internal); notably Mpumalanga, Gauteng and the Free State.
- Sex workers and truck drivers in the Hoedspruit, Phalaborwa, Acornhoek, Bushbuckridge and Hazyview area.
- Farm owners and managers in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region.
- Our partners in Government; the Maruleng Municipality, Mopani District, Limpopo Department of Health and Department of Agriculture, Limpopo.
- Our donors and funders.
- Our staff and Board of Trustees.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES
1. ORAL PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP)
2. SEX WORKER PROJECT
3. HOME BASED CARE
4. SUPPORT GROUPS
5. CARE & SUPPORT
6. HIV TESTING SERVICES (HTS)
7. NOMPISO PROJECT
8. BREAST CANCER PREVENTION PROJECT
9. HEALTH AWARENESS
10. HAST-HIV/AIDS, SEXUAL TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS & TUBERCULOSIS
11. 9X CLINICS
12. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
13. MIGRANTS PROGRAM
14. VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (VEP)
15. CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION PROJECT
16. CONDOM DISPENSERS

INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS ACTIVITIES
17. FINANCE DEPARTMENT
18. HUMAN RESOURCES
19. MARKETING
20. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21. SPEKBOOM PROJECT

ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES
22. HERB GARDEN
23. SEWING PROJECT & MARKET
24. MINI CHESS
25. CRECHE
26. TOURS
27. GRANTS & DONATIONS
28. FUND RAISING EVENTS
THE PROGRAMME

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Creating an enabling environment

Hlokomela facilitates the development and implementation of workplace policies for HIV and AIDS. At present, we assist 72 enterprises (58 small and 14 large) to set out a management and worker endorsed policy that also includes a peer education programme.

Activities include signing a memorandum of co-operation, setting up HIV/AIDS committees, HIV Testing Services (HTS) and social communication initiatives to reduce HIV transmission. During the year under review, Hlokomela reached 22,191 people at their workplace.

We facilitate access to health services, programmes and medical products. Hlokomela runs wellness clinics on a rotational basis at Richmond, Hlokomela, Bavaria, Klaserie Private Nature Reserve, Ngala, Waterside, Phelwana, Singita Lebombo, Thornybush, South African Wildlife College and Timbavati Foundation. Doctors and professional nurses provide health care services and referrals, information and condoms at the wellness clinics. In addition, Hlokomela provides confidential HTS on farms to accommodate workers who cannot visit the clinics.

During the year under review Hlokomela had:

- 17,336 Clients provided with HTS
- 1,555 Patients on ARVs
- 948 Newly diagnosed HIV Positive clients
- 26,415 Clients screened for TB

Support Groups

Clients discuss health related subjects during support group meetings held at the wellness clinics. In 2017, Nompilos (care givers) reached 3,125 people through one-on-one or small group discussions.

Home Based Care

Care givers, also known as Nompilos, attend to patients on farms. During the year under review, 44 Nompilos rendered Home Based Care services to 99 clients who are on chronic medication. Interventions range from primary health care to disseminating social and educational information.

Many of the patients are on ARV and TB treatment. During the year, care workers referred 412 individuals to clinics.

Condom Dispensers

Hlokomela maintains condom dispensers at 134 locations, including high transmission areas such as truck stops, shebeens, taxi ranks, hawkers’ markets, hotels and lodges.

During the year under review, we distributed:

- 6,185,000 Male condoms
- 165,200 Female condoms

Sex Worker Project

Hlokomela has two sites, the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality and the Mopani District Municipality, to educate an increasing number of sex workers in these areas. Each site has 13 peer motivators who reach sex workers at more than 50 hot spots per site.

The programme aims to empower sex workers with skills that will enhance their capacity to speak for themselves, to address human rights concerns, to make informed choices and provide opportunities for them to test for HIV and AIDS.

During the year, peer motivators reached:
Pre-exposure prophylaxis

Hlokomela offers pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to people at risk such as sex workers and truck drivers. During this period, of the 9223 sex workers reached, 851 tested negative for HIV and 281 of those clients were initiated on PrEP. Of the 281, only 1 became HIV positive after starting with the treatment.

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Hlokomela Women’s Clinic

On 7 July 2017 Hlokomela’s women’s health projects all came under one new roof. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Projects are now run from the brand new Hlokomela Women’s Clinic, donated by the Thembisa Foundation.

In May 2017 a staff nurse was appointed to be the dedicated ultrasound provider for the Hlokomela Women’s Clinic. She underwent training with experts in the field of ultrasound and gained valuable knowledge and experience at the Helen Joseph Hospital’s Mammography Department.

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Since May 2017 approximately 300 patients were screened for breast cancer. We strive to teach self-examination and create awareness about this disease as a top priority at Hlokomela.

During the year under review, 29 Visual Inspections with Acetic Acid were done to detect early cervical cancer cells. 5 clients received cryotherapy treatment and 9 clients were referred to hospital for further treatment.
BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE COMMUNICATION

Dialogue through focus groups and daily discussions

During the year under review, Nompolos facilitated creative discussions in which 12 968 people took part. Gender dynamics are often highlighted in these dialogues. The dialogues explore quarterly themes and monthly topics during lively sessions where participants are encouraged to discuss relationships and interactions, and social and cultural issues that affect their health. The sessions are embedded in ongoing efforts to build trust and confidence to deal with the impact of the issues at hand.

THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY TOPICS WERE

"MIGRATION LIFE" (THEME)

"Sexual behaviour of migrants"
"Responsible Africans in migration"
"TB, HIV and AIDS treatment adherence and support"

"INFORMATION IS KEY TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY" (THEME)

"Human rights"
"Voice it out"
"It’s time"

"THE STRENGTH OF A HEALTHY COMMUNITY" (THEME)

"Let’s decide"
"The contributing factors towards violence, abuse and murder"
"Community action towards behavioural change"

"TREATMENT, ACTION AND BEHAVIOUR" (THEME)

"All challenges must be faced"
"The right movements and actions"

Outreaches

During the year, Hlokomela reached more than 12 968 farm workers and migrants through various outreach activities that included awareness campaigns and regular health information sessions on farms. Topics ranged from hygiene, TB, malaria, cancer, nutrition and condom use, to migration rights, sexually transmitted diseases and community capacity growth.

We link appropriate activities with special days, such as World TB Day, Worldwide Candle Light Memorial, World Aids Day and 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children.

Media

Information material
During 2017 we distributed 11 000 educational pamphlets at events and activities on farms.

Promotional material and other media
964 T-shirts with the message "Africa is everyone’s home. Say no to xenophobia" and 624 Hlokomela branded t-shirts were distributed at events to create awareness about these issues. 100 coffee mugs with the same message were also distributed.

Publicity
A general article about the Director and Hlokomela appeared on the front page of Die Kerkbode on 23 June 2017.

Beautiful News published an article and video about the Director and Hlokomela on 1 July 2017.

The local newspapers, Kruger2Canyon News and Hoedspruit Herald, are valued supporters of Hlokomela and publish regular articles about the organisation, its events, people and achievements.
Special events and recreational activities

During the year under review, we organised a number of special events to mark issues of interest, also allowing Hlokomela stakeholders to get to know each other in a different setting than usual. These include:

- STI and Condom Week
- TB Day
- Hlokomela Open Day
- World AIDS Day and a march for 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children in cooperation with Air Force Base Hoedspruit
- Candle Light Memorial
- Annual Nompilo Awards

Workshops

Every month, Nompilos meet to discuss challenges and progress of the wellness programme. During these discussions, feedback on the quarterly and monthly dialogues and group discussions is reviewed and integrated to keep activities relevant and effective.

Also on the agenda are analyses of formal reporting tools like patient records, referrals and home based and health promotion tally forms.

Department of Health workshops

Nompilos and staff attend regular workshops organised by the Department of Health regarding programmes for conflict management, reporting tools, mental health and other organisational and health issues.

Gender and migration

Hlokomela facilitates workshops on gender and migration to empower migrants and local farmworkers about human rights, access to health services, and other support services. Sessions include topics such as bullying, gender-based violence and alcohol abuse.

Community Capacity Enhancement (CCE)

CCE is a methodology used to engage community members in identifying their own personal problems and, through facilitation, to come up with their own solutions to these problems. These problems may be work-related or can be of a personal nature.

During the year under review Hlokomela staff collected a portfolio of evidence at a local farm where they were busy with the implementation of the CCE model. During the resolution of the CE dialogue, farm workers discovered their underlying problems; financial instability due to gambling, substance abuse and multiple concurrent partners. Since the resolution, a financial institution was invited to teach the workers financial literacy such as budgeting and saving. Individuals were referred to a social worker to deal with their substance addictions.

Seminars and symposia

The Director attended the annual Trust Conference in London, UK in November 2017 thanks to a scholarship she had won. More than 600 people attended, all of whom are in the front line as human rights defenders. Trust Conference delegates take action and forge tangible commitments to empower women worldwide and to fight modern-day slavery.

At the Trust Conference, inspiring and entrepreneurial thought leaders propose innovative solutions to address the conference themes. Of these, “Help LGBTQI People Escape Persecution and Violence - protecting LGBTQI rights around the globe” resonates deeply with Christine and the work of Hlokomela. (LGBTQI stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning and Intersex). Topics covered during workshops at the conference included the role of business in human rights, best practices in eradicating slavery from supply chains, financial crime and human trafficking, the living wage as a fundamental right, and reproductive rights as human rights.

In June 2017 Hlokomela had an oral presentation at the 8th SA AIDS Conference. The Director presented the abstract titled “Overcoming challenges in developing a sustainable cervical cancer screening programme in Limpopo Province, South Africa: Training of Health Workers and Sex Workers.”
ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Funders

HTT has entered into a new agreement with NACOSA for more reach to the communities. This has enabled us to operate in the Mpumalanga area as well, giving us more impact by operating at a radius of about 200km around the border between Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces.

New Partnerships

During the year under review, Hlokomela established four new funding partnerships. The President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) came on board to enable Hlokomela in the delivery of HIV Testing Services (HTS) in the Maruleng Local Municipal area. Tshemba Foundation has thrown in their weight behind women’s health care at Hlokomela by donating a brand new, dedicated Women’s Clinic to the Organisation. The Foundation also offers volunteers to medical professionals and Hlokomela has benefited to a great extent from doctors and specialists donating their time to Hlokomela through connections made by Tshemba.

The AVON Foundation for Women have granted funds to Hlokomela to support the Organisation’s Victim Empowerment Project (VEP) that deals with victims and families of abuse.

Although not funded to provide Primary Health Care (PHC) services, a large percentage of Hlokomela’s patients frequent our clinics to access PHC. Dis-Chem Foundation has enabled us to cope with the extra patient load through regular donations to buy medication from Dis-Chem Pharmacies.

HIV Testing Services (HTS)

During 2017 Hlokomela’s mobile HIV Testing Services teams provided HTS in the Maruleng Municipal area thanks to funding from AgriAids up until October. The contract to deliver HTS in Thaba Chweu Municipality ended in September. After both these funders closed out, PEPFAR came on board in October, enabling the Organisation to continue taking HTS to the communities.

Hlokomela Staff

Our staff drive our success. We have a committed team of 65 people and strive to empower them through appropriate training programmes, workshops, seminars, networking and enabling peer contact. Through the Employee Wellness Programme, staff are also given the opportunity to access debriefing.

Our annual general meeting (AGM) in October featured presentations of progress reports for all Hlokomela activities. Farmers and other stakeholders attended the meeting. A presentation from the Department of Labour on the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA), and the process for employers to follow in the event of an injury on duty, was very informative.

We are very proud of Prof John Gear, Deputy Chairman of Hoedspruit Training Trust and volunteer medical doctor at Hlokomela’s Phelwana Clinic who received an honorary doctorate from the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences. Prof Gear pioneered primary healthcare at Wits in the 1970s and was the Academic Director of Wits Rural Facility in the early years.
FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING

HTT relies mainly on donor funding and governmental assistance to keep our doors open. In addition, Hlokomela runs income generating activities to supplement our income. Detailed audited financial statements are available upon request.

HLOKOMELA Funder Contribution Chart 2017/18

*Detailed audited financial statements are available upon request.

HLOKOMELA Donations Chart 2017/18
GlobalGiving

GlobalGiving is the largest global crowdfunding community connecting non-profits, donors, and companies in nearly every country. They help non-profits from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe (and hundreds of places in between). Hlokomela features projects on GlobalGiving, including: breast cancer, malaria and trauma release.

Why should you donate through GlobalGiving?
Every 2 months donors receive a report on where their money has been used on the specific project. GlobalGiving is an US based, online platform, with US donations being tax-deductible. They also provide UK Gift Aid benefits for registered non-profits around the world—in 170 countries. Payment is taken through a secure platform, with the options of a recurring donation or one-time payment.

How Hlokomela benefits from GlobalGiving
- The more donations we receive, the more visible we are on the platform as our search rank increases.
- We reach a broader, global demographic.
- We achieve a stable monetary stream with recurring donations.
- We can see who has donated, and send them a thank you email.
- Bonus events through GlobalGiving where we get x amount of money extra for every donation received.
- Networking potential with other brands and platforms.

Hlokomela’s successes with GlobalGiving
Since starting with GlobalGiving in 2016, we have generated $23,240 from 113 donors. We hit superstar status in January 2018, which means a higher percentage of earnings for bonus events, more exposure on the GlobalGiving website and external platforms. This also makes our projects more likely to be referred for a grant from a corporate partner and to be featured in GlobalGiving’s newsletter that reaches 120 000 donors.

Hlokomela’s projects on GlobalGiving

**Breast Cancer**
Our breast cancer prevention programme will include training for local health workers in the use of ultrasound for breast cancer screening as well as on-site treatment for early-stage cancers. We also aim to teach the community about breast symptoms and how to conduct a potentially life-saving breast self-exam.

**Malaria**
Funding will contribute to: indoor residual spraying, raising awareness, a volunteer team who manage spray records and logistics, accurate testing, diagnosis and treatment to eradicate malaria, screening people to identify carriers of the disease, microscopes to diagnose, providing healthcare to farm workers and migrants from South Africa, provide a network of mobile clinics and trained staff, provide bed nets and also help us liaise with the government for long term solutions.

**Trauma Release Exercises (TRE)**
We will bring TRE to the communities. TRE is an effective and safe self-help tool to release tension and trauma, which can be used in large groups. TRE is culture and language independent and is used successfully with traumatised communities all over the world, including US Veterans. With your support, we will give training to 20 community workers and care givers so that they can spread and facilitate TRE in their communities.
INCOME GENERATION PROJECTS (IGP)

Hlokomela Herb Garden

The Hlokomela Herb Garden was established in 2008. It received funding from the National Development Agency (NDA) in 2009 for development and growth towards self-sustainability. Under the management of Solomon Ngobeni and M.J. du Freez, the Herb Garden supplies fresh herbs, salads and herb products to many of the top restaurants and lodges in the Hoedspruit area.

Hlokomela Market

The Hlokomela Charity Shop mainly sells second hand clothes donated by the community. Located opposite the Bavaria Bus Stop outside Hoedspruit, it attracts many farm workers while they wait for their buses in the afternoons.

Hlokomela Spekboom Project and Maze

The Spekboom Project is a tough little plant that requires minimal care. It is one of the most effective trees when it comes to reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The plant is also edible, high in basic nutrients, and can treat dehydration and heartburn. Currently we are building a stockpile for wholesale purposes. At the Hlokomela Herb Garden, a recently planted Spekboom Maze is growing well and will surely become a popular tourism attraction within a year or two.

Events

Hlokomela’s annual Herb Bush Party has become a well-supported greater Hoedspruit calendar fixture. This event is held annually and supported by most of our local customers, including lodges, restaurants and food outlets in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region. This year the event was hosted at the Bush Venue in Thornybush. The event was supported by nine lodges, restaurants and individuals who participated by creating finger foods adhering to the theme “Meat, Feet and Beet”.

The Herb Bush Party was preceded the night before with another fundraising event with South African artist, Francois van Coke. The two events combined raised about R80 000 for Hlokomela.
OUR 2017 TEAM

CHRISTINE DU PREEZ DIRECTOR
ANTOINETTE NOVENYA PROGRAMME MANAGER
ANNIE MOHLANE CLINIC MANAGER
ALBERT MATUMBI FINANCE MANAGER
M.L. DU PREEZ MEDIA, MARKETING & IGP MANAGER
SPEKE MAZIBUKO SENIOR PROJECTS MANAGER
DARWYN WRIGHT OFFICE MANAGER
CANDY NGOKO PROJECT MANAGER
DE MARK BLAIR MEDICAL OFFICER
DE LOUV DU TOIT MEDICAL OFFICER
DE JOHN GEORGE VOLUNTEER DOCTOR
SR KELLA VAN WYK SRN PROFESSIONAL NURSE
SR JULIUS MORRI SRN PROFESSIONAL NURSE
FORTUNATE KHUMALO FINANCE ASSISTANT
IRIS SHAYI FINANCE ASSISTANT
SR MAMY MONDLANE PROFESSIONAL NURSE
SR EUNICE MASHEGO PROFESSIONAL NURSE
SR GOMOTSO KOEZA PROFESSIONAL NURSE
SONJA ROTH STAFF NURSE
SOLOMON NGOBENI SUPERVISOR
GITA LIEBERHERR VOLUNTEER
LISA MARIE ZIMMER VOLUNTEER
SIMON DÖHRMAN VOLUNTEER
ISABEL ROSSMAN VOLUNTEER
DAPHNEY MALENGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CONSTANCE RAHLOANE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
AMANDA AGIETI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CHRIS SEBUTU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
KGOTOKO MANAMALA PROJECTS TEAM LEADER
SINDS NKUNA ADMINISTRATOR
MERIEM NOLOVOUX AUXILIARY NURSE
RACHEL MALAPANE AUXILIARY NURSE
PATIENCE SEKONE AUXILIARY NURSE
OLIVIA MOKGANE AUXILIARY NURSE
MODERN MNGisi AUXILIARY NURSE
LUCY MALOPE COUNSELLOR
JUNIOR MOKGANE COUNSELLOR
DORIS MALEPE COUNSELLOR
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VALENCIA DUBE HTS COUNSELLOR
TINAH MASHOOGO HTS COUNSELLOR
NORMAN MAFONA HTS COUNSELLOR
EUGENIA MODISE HTS COUNSELLOR
SAOMO MANGOME HTS COUNSELLOR
CATHERINE MOKHANYE HTS COUNSELLOR
DEBRA MOGABA HTS COUNSELLOR
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HEALTHCARE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - PEER MOTIVATORS’ EXPERIENCES

I have been working with Hlokoseka as a care giver since 2005 on a farm near Hoedspruit. I am the health worker for this farm and my duties include first aid, lay counselling and peer education.

One day I was busy giving a health talk about STIs and HIV/AIDS in the clinic, also demonstrating the use of male and female condoms. We discussed why people have multiple partners.

I told the men that they create poverty in their own families because they live from hand to mouth but still they have girlfriends at work. But at work there is no true love because these women are just looking to make some extra money from them.

On the farms men and women are employed for the same minimum wage salaries, but only the women will progress in life because they supplement their income with money from another woman’s husband.

I told them, those of you who have wives at home, stop proposing to girlfriends at work and those who have husbands at home, don’t say yes to the men at work!

After this health talk a woman, a male supervisor and a forklift driver who work on the farm came to me. The two men had been fighting over this girl who was having an affair first with the forklift driver and later also with the supervisor because he promised to give her a job on the farm every picking season.

The forklift driver accused the supervisor of wanting to infect him with HIV/AIDS through this girl. The supervisor refused to be tested and it is your own choice whether you want to be tested for HIV/AIDS so no one can force you. Eventually I sat them down and the girl confessed that she doesn’t love the forklift driver anymore. He left his job at the farm that same week.

I told the girl never to repeat this kind of behaviour again because one day men will kill each other over her. Today, both the girl and the supervisor are on antiretroviral treatment.

FARM WORKERS CARE FOR EACH OTHER
HLOKOMELA HONOURS

2007: Independent study finds farm workers trust confidentiality of services offered

2007: Oral presentation at South African AIDS Conference in Durban

2008: Maruleng Municipality’s Best Non-Profit Organisation in Mopani District

2008: Christine du Preez is a finalist in The Southern African Trust and Mail & Guardian Drivers of Change Investing in the Future awards

2008: Poster presentation at the 17th International AIDS Conference in Mexico City

2008: Poster presentation at the 4th Annual South African AIDS Conference in Durban

2009: Hlokomela received an award from Mail & Guardian “Investing in the Future” awards selection committee with the 2009 ‘Investing in Life’ award for its holistic innovative approach to medical and social service delivery for farm workers and their families

2010: Hlokomela participated in the 2010 International AIDS Conference in Vienna

2010: Silver Star award from Impumelelo for innovations in government and public sectors

2011: Board member presentation on the Herb Garden at the Peace Corps South Africa Health Symposium

2012: Denmark based television crew films an episode of a cooking series by the winner of Master Chef Denmark, using ingredients from Hlokomela Herb Garden

2012: Poster presentation at the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC

2013: The Director of Hlokomela received the award and was the winner of the SA’s Most Influential Women in Civil Society Organisations and Related Services.

2013: Poster at the 6th SA Annual AIDS Conference in Durban

2014: Director accepted as Ashoka Fellow

2014: Herb Garden manager and general assistant awarded Entrepreneur and Female Farm Worker of the Year respectively by the Limpopo Department of Agriculture

2015: Christine du Preez receives a Recognition Award in the category International Community Workers Recognition at the Women4Africa Awards UK 2015.

2015: Discovery Fund makes a mini documentary of the Hlokomela project: ”Sprawling farm clinics winning the war on HIV/AIDS in Limpopo”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X6J2J-0OSU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BXI0KKsNVQ

2016: Poster presentation on behalf of the Discovery Fund at the 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban.

2017: The Herb Garden entered the Limpopo Province Department of Agriculture Maruleng Municipality 2017 Female Farmer of the Year competition and took second place in Top Entrepreneur Processing at the awards ceremony in August 2017.