



BOTSWANA YOUTH FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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REPORT

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“Where we all can”

Botswana Youth for Social Development

Executive Summary

BW Youth for Social Development began their work on providing programs to develop and empower youth, ages 10-25, living in challenged and vulnerable communities within and around Gaborone in June 2018. These programs place concentration on innovation and creativity by supplementing the shortcomings of the education system and general moral and social support from families and the community. BW Youth for Social Development aims to make the learning experience enjoyable nurturing the strive for academic success while also fostering the drive for social inclusivity, civil participation, social change and economic emancipation.

The association having come about from having observed the lack of regard for social justice and how it affects social change and development in Botswana. The organisation began their work with a soup kitchen to get to know the people it will serve while also providing an important aspect in the lives of those that are vulnerable and marginalised. The soup kitchen came to an unfortunate standstill in April 2019 after running out of funds and having inadequate number of sponsors to fulfil the goal of the soup kitchen.



The association went on to launch two more programs being the Literacy and arts and crafts program at Bontleng Primary School and the woodworks and design program that take place at the BYFSD Centre. The association will soon begin the Beauty Spa program which will give youth from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds free training on beauty and cosmetics together with basic entrepreneurship and business administration skills.

In future the association will carry out retreat programs which will encourage social entrepreneurship, civil participation, social justice advocacy for those that have been part of our programs and beyond. The association is also working with the current Mr. and Miss Anglican 2019-2021 on retreat programs on personal etiquette, confidence building and pageantry.

PARTICIPANT/ SPECTATOR INFORMATION

The past 8 months the association has been able to forge great relationships with people supporting us from the community through donations and volunteering their time.

Most of the support received by the association is from the church being the society they are more linked with. Having almost all our volunteers coming from different parishes in the Anglican Diocese of Botswana and we continue to be joined by more volunteers from other churches.

Anglican Diocese of Botswana Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Office has been our point of reference on every grant proposal we have received and general advice on how we should effectively run the association. The diocesan office helps us reach out to people that can be helpful in the running of the association.

Cathedral of the Holy Cross Mothers Union

Some members of the Mothers Union were frequent donors of vegetables for the soup kitchen. Moreover, they have a great support system by occasionally providing snacks for the volunteers on

Mrs Diane Mmipi- Mbasa

Mrs Mmipi-Mbasa has allowed us from since inception to use her car for running the work of the association from carrying food to the soup kitchen, transporting volunteers and running general errands

St. Luke Foundation

The foundation provided with the opportunity to begin our Wood works and design program

through their grant. BYFSD received a grant for the purchasing of machinery and material for wood works and sewing basic skills training.

Chattered Committee for Global Missions

The Chattered committee for global missions gave us the opportunity to begin and run our Literacy and Arts and Crafts program with Bontleng Primary school through a grant, which went into purchasing of books and arts material and volunteer transport assistance. This program has been the most active in the second quarter of the year running twice a week from 1400hrs to 1630hrs with 42 students between the ages of 10 and 14

Founding Members

Leatile Kenosi

Kgomotso Manthe

Karabo Kwadibana

Phio NtloyaKhumi

Bokamoso Thokoane

Thabiso Ntwaagae

Oratile Keokilwe

Tebogo Phirinyane

Bonolo Phinius

Busiswa McBrian-Mpungose

Kgololo Mmipi

Kagiso Setlhare

Neo Mosima

Bertha Chere

Volunteers

Bertha Chere

Gaone Molefe

Maitumelo Moeng

Kgosietsile Penku

Lone Baffoe

Gosego Moshapa

Ralph Dennison

Kgomotso Manthe

Leatile Kenosi

Kgalalelo Mosimanyana

Kempho Koosimile

Bonno Chere

Tumelo Seganabeng

Mvelonhle Ndebele

Abigail Matlhodi

Gofaone Siwela



Advisors

Mrs. Susan Mogwera

Mr. Pete Crow

Mrs. Beth Crow

Mrs. Elsie Alexandra

Dr. Lebatha

Support

Mothers Union Anglican Diocese of Botswana

Mpho Selohilwe

One McBrian-Mpungose

Tebogo Phirinyane

Samantha Bogopa

Bianca Hule

Mogale Sabone

Chedza Mogobe

Pete & Beth Crow

Church of Nativity

Norsaad Finance

Bose Maposa

The Soup Kitchen

The association had fed over 8200 people when the soup kitchen stopped operating. However, we have had talks with Grand Palm Peermont Hotel to be a fortnightly sponsor. The hotel will sponsor food and cooking staff for the day and assist with giving out food at the referral hospital.



The Literacy & Arts n Craft Program

BYFSD works with 42 children from Bontleng Primary School. The school is one of the poorest urban communities in Botswana with children coming from child headed households, those that are taking care of sickly grandparents and some that live in beer depots and are exposed to many dangers. The program keeps the children longer at school from 1400hrs to 1630hrs getting extra tuition on Mathematics, Science and English. The arts and crafts part of the program is for stimulation of their minds and to enhance their skills.

On occasion the program has story telling exercises and games played as a confidence building tool for the children.

The association was initially set to have the program run in 3 different schools, although the regional office in the Ministry of Basic Education gave us a green light. The Heads of the other schools were not forth coming with availing the kids and a classroom for them to learn from.

The children we work with are between the ages of 10 and 14 from standard 4 to 6. However, in our class we have children that are unable to put together a simple sentence. We have invited a specialist in Special Needs Education to make an assessment of the kids that we may be able to adequately assist them. Moreover, during our time with the kids we have been able to identify where their lacking and have noticed a significant improvement with the children.

Some of the children are still not opening up to us being around but we are realizing that they are building very strong bonds between themselves and are often discussing their work and helping each other out where one gets stuck.



Literacy and Arts and Crafts Program (students and volunteers at work)

The Wood Works & Design Program

The program is still at infant stage and has not trained participant since inception. The Gaborone City Council was asked with inviting participants on their Social Work database who would take an interest in the program but have been slow to do so.

The association then advertised the program and has received some application which are being assessed and the program set to begin October 14 2019.

African Woodworks and Lesweedy Diaries are currently the two facilitators that the association is set to work with on both programs. The association has procured all required machinery and equipment for the program. The program will be run from the BYFSD center in Gaborone.

ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES 16 & 25,
CURRENTLY OUT OF SCHOOL AND LOOKING
TO DEVELOP A NEW SKILL

**WOODWORKS AND DESIGN
PROGRAM**

- Are you looking to change your life ?
- Do you come from a marginalised or disadvantaged community ?
- Are you passionate about youth development of artisan skills
- If this sounds like attributes you have and would like to be part of a great youth development program

JOIN US IN A CREATING A SOCIETY
#WHEREWEALLCAN

The Tests and Trials

- The association is growing at a very slow pace due to lack of local support

Government offices make it very difficult for any form of progression and occasionally wants to derail us from the mission we have. The schools are not forthcoming with allowing us to provide extra tuition and where we are afforded the opportunity the school management wants to use a forceful hand for us to fulfil their work. At current Bontleng Primary school's claims there is no class to tutor the children from but there is one for us to help Standard 7 students with revision for their exams.

- Lack of funding

There is a very serious problem with funding here in Botswana. The association stays away from asking for cash donations, however that too seems not to have enough results.

- Lack of Human resource

The association has on 3 permanent employees of which one receives a stipend while the others are volunteers. The association suffers a lot in terms of administration and marketing to attract sponsors.

- Lack of resources

The association has not had internet access for over 3 months due to a service provider fault. Changing to a different service provider would mean paying the installation fee which is a steep amount for the association at present.

TRIUMPHING IN OUR SET GOALS

The SET goals

- Launch a project every 6 months and acquire sponsorship for every individual project
- Building online presence by having communication channels like email addresses and a website to which sponsors may refer to for more information about the association. This will also assist the association to have a social media presence and use it raise awareness of the association and its work.
- Keep improving the BYFSD center to accommodate all fundraisers and programs.
- Create an income stream for the NGO to help pay volunteer stipend, rent and utilities.

How to achieve them

- The association will actively look for grants to apply to and work hard to be eligible for all grants by giving proper and timely reports.
- The association now has an active website, can be found on google, an active Facebook page and social media presence.
- Have pictures of the associations work, a board for our donors and a pledge board for potential donors. Create a garden and safe space to host all types of events
- Have monthly fundraisers, open a thrift shop and begin renting out the centers garden for small events

GRANTS & OTHER DONATIONS

BYFSD has received grants from St Luke Foundation, Chattered Committee for Global Missions and Stanlib Botswana. The church of nativity made donations towards BYFSD office furniture and the Beauty Spa Program.

The association has also applied for the Vet toolbox Grant and the British Council Grant which it did not fend well in.

The association applied on one of the largest crowd funding platforms and became members of Global Giving in June 2019. Through which it received the Church of nativity grant from.



BUILDING AN INCOME STREAM The association has decided to rent out the center for small events to raise funds for the association. This will augment the money made from the thrift shop and that from our donors. Moreover, the

association also carries out monthly fundraisers for the upkeep of the center.



Cultural Exchange Event (Playing traditional games)



Games Night Fundraiser (Some of our volunteers playing games)



BYFSD Thrift shop at the BYFSD center

Meeting our budget

The association has been able to meet all its budgets set out from the beginning of the year from our literacy and arts and crafts program which allowed us to get extra reading books and our wood works and design program which allowed us to purchase an extra machine for the sewing class.

Donations made through Global Giving will go towards the Beauty Spa Program and the Literacy and Arts and Crafts program. At present the association has bought paint brushes, coloring books, beads and strings for the literacy program and has provided snacks for the kids twice a week during tuition.

Our Considerations for the next year

The association is considering making use of government aids to acquire more food stuff to assist at the soup kitchen in addition to individual donations. Furthermore, the association is working on a proposal to acquire an inactive cafeteria within the hospital to use as both a soup kitchen providing free meals and also selling food in order to assist in the running of the soup kitchen. Our hopes are that we will be able to make tokens for those that need free meals. These tokens will be valid at certain times only and outside those times we will be open to sell cooked meals to hospital staff and patients.

Botswana Youth for Social Development Association hope to effectively run the center to raise more funds to move to poorer villages. We hope to be able to acquire a farm to be ran as a retreat center to help empower more young people to be self-sufficient through ploughing of vegetables and rearing of goats. The farm will also be an income stream as it will be rented out of different events and also used for the associations retreats and workshops.



Extra supplies for the Literacy and Art and Craft Program



Left pic : Our events space Right Pic : Hosting a group of exchange students for a cultural exchange



Students getting ready to craft – The kids were so excited to each have their own stationery.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

BOTSWANA YOUTH FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION		Financial Statement	
		<i>For the Period Ending 31 August 2019</i>	
		2019	2018
Revenue			
CCGM Grant	P	44,136.00	
St Luke Foundation	P	39,867.00	
Global Giving	P	31,230.00	-
Montly Donations	P	3,500.00	
Thrift Shop	P	4,190.00	
Fundraisers	P	1,560.00	
Church of Nativity	P	6,000.00	
Total Revenue	P	130,483.00	
Gross Profit			
Gross Profit	P	130,483.00	
Operating Expenses			
Salaries & Wages	P	4,900.00	
Volunteers Transportation	P	5,000.00	
Fuel	P	6,000.00	
Office Furniture	P	10,700.00	
Office Expenses/ Administration	P	1,833.50	
Food Stuffs	P	8,300.05	
Literacy Program Stationery	P	17,547.02	
Arts and Crafts Program	P	18,370.00	
Woodworks and Design	P	33,185.00	
Motor Vehicle service	P	1,445.38	
Internet Services	P	2,994.00	-
Foam Packs , waste plastics, disposable cu	P	2,085.00	-
Waste Collection	P	3,400.00	-
Total Operating Expenses	P	115,759.95	
Current Bank Balance			
Current Bank Balance	P	14,723.05	