



Vision - Communities, able and willing to improve environmental, social and economic conditions.

Mission - To build human capacity in 17 Swazi communities, by advancing the development and learning of young children.

Goal - To strengthen skills at family and community level, in practices that support the development and learning of young children.

Programme Objectives -

1. **Early Childhood Training Programme** - to improve participants' parenting and preschool teaching practices aligned with early childhood developmental milestones and learning standards.

2. **Livelihood Training Programme** - to improve participants' financial and nutritional security practices, through self-reliant and ecological methods.

3. **Infrastructure and Management Support Programme** - to improve community infrastructure and management of preschools; of water and sanitation systems; and of hygiene and conservation practices (integrated with a community's time-plan to complete practical tasks).

Our background - Vusumnotfo is a Swazi Not-for-Profit organization whose formation was authorized by community leaders in northern Eswatini following the 1991/92 drought. These leaders identified *dependency* as an underlying factor limiting sustainable development at community level. They attributed the deep roots of *dependency* to be interwoven issues specific to Eswatini and the region. To reverse this negative cycle of *dependency* in ways relevant to their communities, they formed Vusumnotfo. Accordingly our strategy reflects Eswatini's many proverbs that **the betterment of the future is through the child** - "*Umntfwana ngumliba loya embili*".

