



September 2015

The library runs!

We are so happy! It only took 3 months –from October 2014 till January 2015- to establish a library at IKAGENG. This couldn't have been achieved without the generous support from the Austrian Embassy in Pretoria! **Thank you Austrian Embassy!**

The Library was opened on January 16th and more than 30 students from Grade 1 to Grade 11 age 6-17 attended. What a success!!

Ikageng's reading club members were the first to benefit from the library. And the children were very happy about doing the honours of being the first to benefit. They expressed excitement particularly about having books in their respective native languages like IsiZulu, Sotho & others! And the safe space for reading and learning.

The organisation caregivers are also part of the learning process. It is true what they say learning never ends. The schedule is as follows:

Mondays: Students facilitate the kids.

Tuesdays: Children from local crèches come for reading sessions at Ikageng.

Wednesdays: Thabang, one of the caregivers, conducts reading sessions with the kids.

Thursdays: The Reading Club still continues.

Fridays: 6 Caregivers teach the children life skills, have presentations on different subjects such as hygiene, goals etc. A student from the University of Johannesburg assists the children with reading.

Saturdays: The Sophia town counselling, a tutorial group which has been established will be support kids with both, reading and schooling difficulties. The "Khulanathi Study Buddies" are currently supporting 12 kids.



Hello and Thank you from IKAGENG!!

This is our first newsletter, and we would like to start off by briefly telling you about IKAGENG, for those who do not know. Ikageng is a non-profit organisation in Soweto caring for children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS including those orphaned and vulnerable. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and donors for their support. **IT WOULDNT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU, THANK YOU!**

In order to give the much needed support. We also need the much appreciated help from our great group of supporters and donors. We hereby extend the invite to the normal people on the street to come and assist us as the needs of the organisation go far beyond.

We recently established a library and are currently in need of tutors, for the different respective subjects offered at school for the different grades. We are in need of individuals who offer skills such as organising skills, individuals who can come up with techniques/games to enhance learning.

This newsletter will be our way of speaking to you. Should you want to contact us please do not hesitate to contact us at the provided contact details.

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Reading plus...

The new library not only is a place for reading and learning. It is also a place to do other beneficial activities such as the career expo, Support groups and workshops.

The Adolescence workshop

It is conducted by our Social Auxiliary workers in partnership with HIVSA. The workshop aims at helping the teenagers to be more informed about the risks they could come across and how to avoid them. It also encourages teenagers to use non-fiction books since they need more factual information. The library will also cater for this group as it offers books on HIV and other subjects relevant to them in their respective languages. This will make learning even more fun.



The biggest challenge today:

Money for school uniforms

Education= Success. The organisation prides itself in ensuring that the children have all they need to achieve academic success. And having uniform is a big part of it. We believe other children's attitude towards another child is as good as the uniform they wear. Children can be very brutal towards children with a low standard uniform or without a uniform at all. The number of children in need of Uniform is alarming and overwhelming.

Spoil a child by buying him/her a uniform.

Help us by buying a child Uniform.

Total cost per child WITH school badge:

R 965.00

Total costs per child WITHOUT School-Badge:

R 775.00

Contents:

Jersey long sleeve, jersey pull over, trouser gray, skirt Grey, skirt colour, school shoes toughies, socks, tunic, white shirt long sleeve, white shirt short sleeve, coloured shirt long sleeve, coloured shirt short sleeve

Importance:

The school uniform is a big part of our children's life as they are required to wear it every day to school. The only time they are not entitled to wear uniform is during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Please send your donation with the reference "School uniform "

Banking Details

Account holder: Ikageng Itireleng Aids Ministry

Name of bank: FNB

Account number: 62053128685

Branch Code: 256005

Type of Acc: Cheque

Thank you in advance!!!



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Our helping caregivers: Nthabeleng, Dimakatso, Buhle, Mkhululi and Tumi.

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Facts on Ikageng



IKAGENG becoming the family that destiny took away.

Health Support	Psychological Help	Food Parcels	Education/School programs	Social work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health adherence support. • Accompany ill people to hospital. • Organizing medicine for ill people. • Controlling the use of medication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial help for children twice per week, 5 sessions a day (thanks to our partnership with the University of Johannesburg). • Support groups for parents living with HIV, children living with HIV, leadership development for youth, traumatised and abused children, grannies and soft skills for children and youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly food parcels allocated to households. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education scholarships. • After school study groups. • School placements for children with special needs. • Holiday school programs. • Support and help at school problems (direct contact to schools). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visits by Social workers (once a week per child). • Help with application for government grants. • Counselling for children including family interventions.

Children and youth in youth headed households, granny headed households, households with single parents or house mothers from Soweto identified by the Johannesburg Child Welfare.

Background on Ikageng

Ikageng Itireleng Aids Ministry is a non-profit organisation based in Soweto, Orlando West, formed in 2002. The organisation currently serves 850 beneficiaries who are either infected/affected by Hiv/aids or orphaned and vulnerable. The organisation cares for its beneficiaries through the provision of the following services, Education which is focusing on creating a safe environment for children to learn from early childhood development to tertiary, nutrition focuses on eradicating poverty by giving out monthly food parcels to the families that it caters for, Health focuses on the delivering and administration of medicine, Social focuses on the psychological well being of a child through methods such as support groups and counselling sessions, House mother program focuses on placing destitute children in safe homes of foster parents in Soweto, these housemothers have been identified by the Johannesburg Child Welfare.

In 2011 the Department of Social Development (DSD) due to the exponential decrease in funding

for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) advised and commanded that IKAGENG serves areas surrounding its location. These areas are Dube, Orlando West, and Phefeni. However, Ikageng is still finding itself still caring for children out of the its defined area of demarcation as defined by DSD because the children staying in those areas do not have any source of income and do not have organisation that cater for these specific needs.

Main problems of the households, supported by Ikageng:

- Loss of parents, and lack of parental guidance
- Children/ youth headed households where older sibling assumes the role of parent, have no parental skills training to teach them the basic stuff about being parents.
- Need for school uniforms, material and supplies, food and also money for school transportation has increased.

- We are in need of structured therapeutic support groups for children dealing with death and other difficult situations/events.
- Structured support groups for HIV/AIDS disclosure, prevention, and treatment across all ages and also closing the generation gap between granny's and children who have lost parents due to HIV/AIDS.

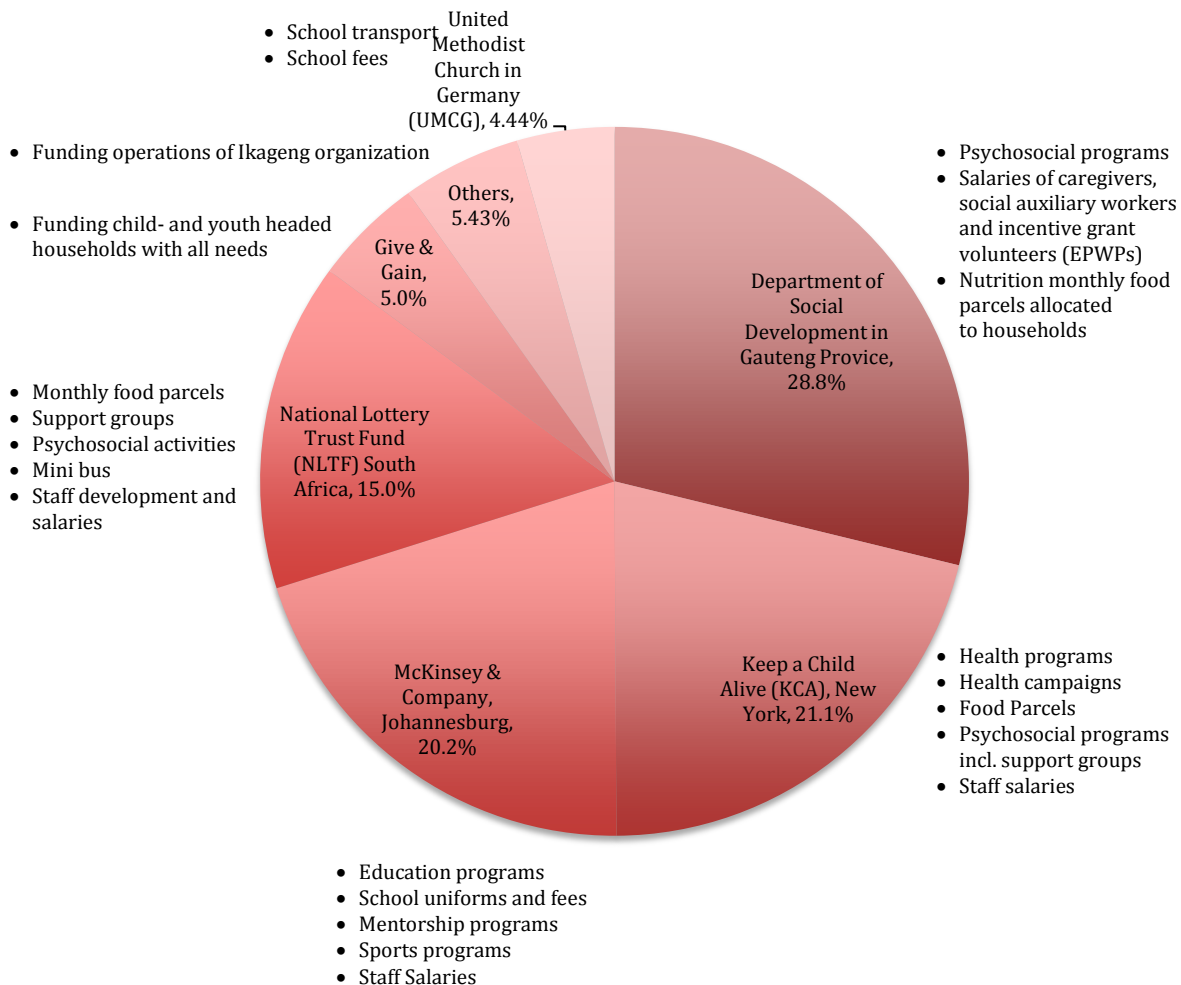
Services offered by Ikageng:

- Daily home visits conducted by caregivers, at least once a week per child.
- Caregivers are in direct contact with the school and help whenever it is necessary.
- Caregivers are always available if a child/family needs assistance immediately.
- Health adherence support, caregivers accompany children/family to hospitals to collect

- their medication and attend doctor's appointments, ensuring that they eat nutritious meals.
- Caregivers facilitate after school programmes helping children with home works and reading classes.
- Social workers' doing practical's from the University of Johannesburg, help the children and grannies apply for governments grants.
- Children going through different stages of life, attend counselling, including family interventions.
- Support groups for parents living with HIV, children living with HIV, leadership development for youth, traumatised and abused children, grannies, and soft skills for children and youth
- School placements for children with special needs, school transportation cost, and also holiday school programme for children in primary schools.

The Annual Budget for Ikageng

The annual budget is R 4,500,000. Here you see the main-sponsors in 2014 and what they support.



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