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2017 Swazi Legacy Funding Report

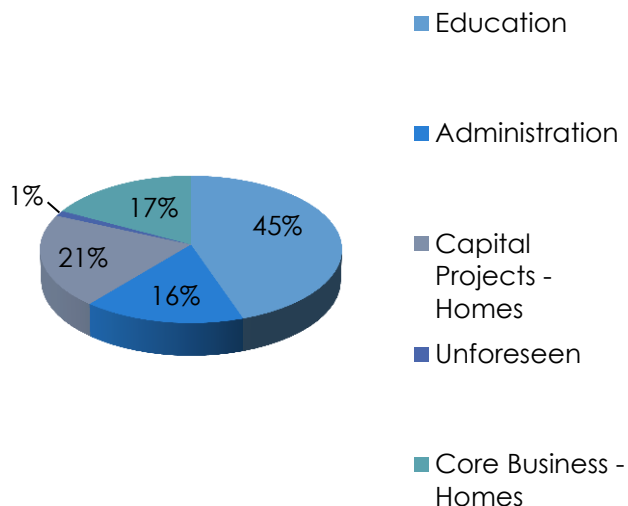
Executive Summary

For eight years now MYC has received support from Swaziland. In those eight years we have seen the support growing from just being one of our funders, but to being the biggest contributor to the MYC objectives. The 8 years is an understatement, considering that some of those in Swazi Legacy today have been involved with MYC one way or the other since Fr. Pat and the other Salesians at the time started what became MYC later.

In 2017 MYC received SZL 989,670.00 from Swazi Legacy which forms 52% of the overall international support income for 2017 so far and 27% of the overall revenue generated. The costs of education continue to be a barrier to access to education for a number of young people in Swaziland and as a result 47% of the 2017 funding from Swazi Legacy was spent on education.

For many years, the MYC homes have been neglected or stop gap repairs done and fortunately in the current year we were able to invest in the refurbishment of all the homes except for McCorkindales, which unfortunately politics have reared their ugly head to the detriment of the development of the home. 21% of the 2017 funding was spent on this exercise, and we are relieved that we were able to put in place a proper sewer system in one of the homes as this was costing MYC more than SZL 4,000 every two weeks.

Project activities



Economic Impact

Swaziland’s unemployment rate is currently calculated at around 42% and estimates of the populace living below the poverty line calculated at 63%. MYC currently employs 63 people and Swazis have an average of nine immediate beneficiaries, without the support from Swazi Legacy MYC would have not been able to keep some of the projects on which these people are working on and because of this support we have been able to channel funds from other sources to these projects.

Investing on the Children

MYC is keen on developing the young people in our care holistically and as a result, in the current year, we introduced new things to the lives of the young people and also restored some of the activities that used to be part of these young people’s development. We have increased the protein intake in their diet, taken them out for a weekend camp, school holidays study and recreation sessions. MYC has affiliated the boy’s team to one of the local soccer leagues which enhances the community integration of our young people and have restored some of the Youth Centre sporting equipment to enhance recreational activities of the young people.

MYC, through the Swazi legacy funding, have supported three of our residents enrol at tertiary institutions in 2017, one at the Good Shepherd College and two at Nazarene University.

Education

Through the Swazi Legacy support, MYC have been able to support twenty nine young people in our residential care homes, four that are reintegrated with their families and nine none MYC residents with school fees for 2017. We have also been able to pay examination fees for the young people who will be sitting for their external examinations.

Through this year’s support, we have been able to provide Enjabulweni School with teaching materials and we were surprised in one of the parents meetings when a parent proclaimed that her child has been to all the best schools but never got good marks until she enrolled him at Enjabulweni.

Infrastructure Development

In 2017, MYC have invested part of the support from Swazi Legacy on the MYC residential care homes. Most of the homes needed a lot of work in the bathrooms and showers and this is the area we focused on. We painted the walls, outside at Enjabulweni, both inside and outside at Fairview. Sikhunyana had a serious sewer problem, which was costing MYC lot money, about SZL 4,000 every two weeks, however this concern is not existent anymore as through the current year’s support have been able to construct a new sewer system. We have also improved the security at this house through the installation of burglar gates at the

2018 Opportunities

- ❖ Enjabulweni School Kitchen – We are concerned with the current structure used to cook the children’s food at Enjabulweni bridging school and if were to have the resources we would build a better structure.
- ❖ Refurbish the Bosco Youth Centre and add more variety to the activities that can be undertaken at the centre.
- ❖ Improve further, the diet of the youth in the residential homes and those at the Enjabulweni Bridging School.
- ❖ Develop blue prints for further developing the Ngwane Park home and plot, with the view to make it the MYC intake home.

Expenditure

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| Education | SZL 381,282.79 |
| Administration | SZL 138,804.55 |
| Capital Projects – Homes | SZL 175,230.73 |
| Unforeseen (MYC office Security) | SZL 10,260.00 |
| Investing on the Children | SZL 146,343.37 |
| TOTAL | SZL 851,921.44 |
| A/C balance | SZL 140,687.52 |

Photo Gallery

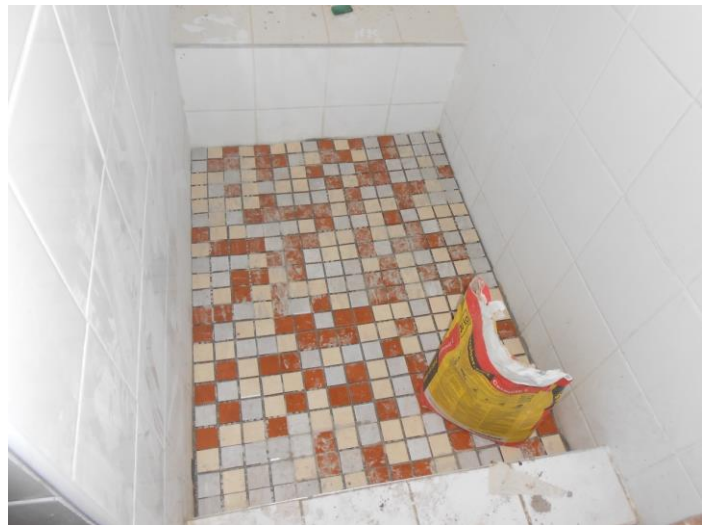


Up left: The sewer system at Sikhunyana being constructed, **Above:** Enjabulweni Ceiling repairs.

Left: The security upgrades at Sikhunyana home

Below Left: Front of Fairview after painting, and Fr. Mbongiseni handing over an award to Sakhile following his excelling at the athletics competitions.





Above from left: the bathrooms at Enabulweni before and when they were about to be finished on the right.

Left: Mrs Simbayi assisting the children with extra lessons