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SAAYC

young people living their dreams

Annual Report 2024

"Honouring workers goes beyond remembrance it requires building sustainable pathways for youth employment. Empowered and prepared young people are essential to South Africa's economic and social prosperity"

– Gift Mohosane (SAAYC Board Member)

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Tshidiso Motaung

The year 2024 was yet another year to amplify the voices of South Africans through casting their votes as part of guiding the direction to which the country must go. This produced an unprecedented phenomenon where no single political party had an absolute majority to lead the government, thus resulting in the government of national unity (GNU). In the larger scheme of things, politics influence everything that happens in the country, and our work as Southern African Association of Youth Clubs (SAAYC) gets heavily impacted by everything that happens in the political arena. For example, our programme operations are funded through our in-house investment wing (Friedshelf PTY Ltd), which unfortunately would not be able to produce the required funding if the markets do not perform well as a result of policy uncertainty, thus dropping the share price and subsequently resulting in lower dividends to fund the work of young people. Hence, our voice and many others were needed to create an awareness about the importance of voting. The voices of young people were necessary as the ultimate heirs of South Africa and the bouncing point of many ills that result from functional or dysfunctional government.

In my reflection I will confine myself to a broad overview of strategic issues that we have had to confront as the detailed report of the Executive Director will dwell much into the finer details of our work.

The year 2024 further marked the end of our 2018-2023 strategy implementation period. As the Board, we undertook an exercise to evaluate the strategy. We needed to be brutally honest with ourselves and needed not to downplay anything either good or bad, hence we utilised the services of an external service provider to lead us in that exercise. The exercise was very intensive; the Board and management sat over 2 days to reflect on the overall performance of the organisation in relation to the strategy. Amongst other things we identified the lack of performance indicators and periodic evaluation of the strategy as major flaws from ourselves as the board of SAAYC.

RELEVANCE

Most of us on the board of SAAYC fall outside the youth age as prescribed by the Youth Act 54 of 2008 in South Africa, but the responsibility given to ourselves requires of us to understand the youth culture and the trends, which would inform our decision-making. Hence, we have over the past two years been on the ground during the youth month activities to hear for ourselves what the wishes and aspirations of young people are and we will continue to spend less time in air-conditioned offices and hit the ground running to derive our mandate from young people because being relevant is not a nice to have but an essential tool to secure our space in the South African Youth Development discourse. We even made a conscious decision to set funds aside to enable the organisation to make a meaningful contribution to the Youth Month celebration activities across the country.

One of the strengths of SAAYC as a youth-oriented organisation is that it has always showed capacity to evolve. Over the past decade, it has evolved from a haphazard to a more structured approach to its development agenda. Through its campaigns, messaging and programme strategy, it continues to be an NGO of choice for many Youth Clubs and remains appealing to its target audience.

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OPERATIONS

With lots of projects and programme, it became apparent that we needed to do some realignment in our key departments hence our sharp focus had to be drawn to the administration space which is an enabler of the magic that SAAYC performs. We can without a shadow of a doubt report that we have approved in the past year the strengthening of the finance department and restructuring of our PR and communications division.

The programme department was no exception. The management in that department had to be stabilised, and we further approved employment of additional Coordinators to ensure that our footprint is broadened.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

It is common cause that with growing demand for our interventions, the need for monetary resources also grows and with the funding climate in South Africa, it's a steep exercise to source unrestricted funding.

With that being said, as the Board, we did not rely on self-pity, but instead, we devised creative means to utilise our existing resources to raise more funds:

Amongst others, we managed to explore the hospitality and logistics space to further diversify our investments.

All those efforts translate into a relief of just 11% of the overall operational budget of SAAYC per annum, which in itself is not sufficient. Hence the organisation, as part of the new SAAYC strategy, it should prioritise resource mobilisation for the sustainability of the organisation.

Internally, in our 2018-23 strategic plan, we made it clear that we are going to be intentional about eliminating wastage and spending only when it's absolutely necessary. That strategic pillar was followed to the letter and we are happy that it is almost culture in the organisation that we will all exercise financial prudence.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

We have not done well with research and programme measurement. The scientific evidence emanating from our research processes will enable our interventions to be direct and mindful of the dynamics of area-to-area and if not urgently attended to it could lead to a catastrophic assumption of a one size fits all approach.

Resource mobilisation is another area that needs our urgent attention. Rightfully so because even one of the key roles of boards revolve around ensuring long term sustainability of organisations. With the ever-changing dynamics in the world and the shrinking funding for civil society in general, SAAYC runs the risk of ending up with restricted funding that will eventually distort its identity.

In spaces where oversight is minimal, we tend to leave the rot until it cannot be contained, hence we should intensify our oversight role. This should not only be carried out with the sole purpose of uprooting the rot, but it should give a sense of the realities experienced by employees out there and a timeous audience to the recipients of our programme offering.

CONCLUSION

I can confirm that the journey was not easy and that along the way we made many mistakes, took very unpopular decisions and tested many grounds that had never been tested before. All that was purely for the betterment of SAAYC and its future.

The business of SAAYC is made possible by the unwavering commitment of Mr. Khomotso Phakgadi, Ms. Nomakhosi Handa (Board administration and Logistics support) the sub-committees chairpersons:

Mr. Mthandeni Mbele-Programme, Ms. Ntombi Khumalo-Resource mobilization, Mr. Gift Mohosane - Human Resource, Mr. Bonginkosi Nkosi-Finance. These are the colleagues who, against all odds, stood firm to provide strategic direction for the organisation over the past five years. I've had the pleasure of observing these colleagues grow from strength to strength as colleagues and as individuals and I can attest that the future of SAAYC is bright with them at the helm.

It would be a miscarriage of justice not to mention that our work and our voice finds expression through the competent leadership of the Executive Director Mr. Jeff Mkhwanazi, his executive management team, Ms. Matshepo Sibiya, Ms. Dee Moyce, Ms. Victoria Putu and Mr. Casswel Komako together with their teams and the whole of the SAAYC work force. We thank them for their unwavering commitment to implementing the Strategic plan and ensuring that the footprint of SAAYC is felt even in the most difficult to reach places of South Africa.

My outmost word of appreciation goes to our many stakeholders: beneficiaries, generous financial Partners, the volunteers and interns for having their hands on deck to help us realize our goal of seeing young people living their dreams.

We will forever be indebted to them.

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2. OVERVIEW BY THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAAYC
Mr. Jeff Mkhwanazi

The year 2024 was a year of growth and transformation for the Southern African Association of Youth Clubs (SAAYC). The organisation witnessed the incredible potential of young people in the communities that it serves as they embraced opportunities for learning, leadership, personal and organisational growth. SAAYC as an organisation is committed to equipping young people with skills, knowledge, and confidence required to shape their destinies and become leaders in their own communities.

This annual report demonstrates the tangible impact of our programme and interventions, featuring stories of resilience, achievement, and progress that define our work, achievements and positive change that define our work. This report celebrates the collective impact of our work, demonstrating how we are building stronger communities, one young person at a time. In 2024 we continued to advance our vision of Young People Living Their Dreams by focusing on our key strategic pillar “Our Young People”.

3. PROGRAMME **IMPLEMENTATION**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. CASWELL "CASS" KOMAKO

Mr. Caswell Komako was appointed as the SAAYC National Programme manager during the year under review.

Mr. Caswell Komako has dedicated his career to youth and community development. A dynamic and respected leader, his journey bears testament to his unwavering commitment to social transformation.

As part of his extensive career within SAAYC, Caswell has made a positive impact across various touchpoints. His journey began in 2009 when he became SAAYC's volunteer at Makeneng Resource Centre in Qwaqwa, Free State. He went on to succeed Mr. Jeff Mkhwanazi, as the Centre Manager in 2010. In 2012 he became a Provincial Coordinator responsible for Free State and KwaZulu-Natal Provinces respectively. He later advanced to be and eventually promoted to Programme Manager in 2024.

A registered qualified assessor, Cass's result-oriented approach and expertise in outcomes-based assessments support the successful achievement of organisational objectives. He is involved in the strategic planning and implementation of national youth programme and ensuring that they align with SAAYC's mission to empower youth.

Caswell's impressive academic credentials reflect his dedication to continuous learning and personal development. This includes a qualification for Monitoring and Evaluation from the University of Cape Town, an NPO Management qualification from the University of Stellenbosch and a General Business Management qualification from the Institute for Business Management. His specialised professional training includes workplace coaching, facilitation, report writing and active citizenship.

Over and above youth development, Caswell is passionate about proactive community upliftment and changing the lives of people from various backgrounds. Initiatives he has participated in include the Football for Hope – LoveLife Youth Centre where he served as an advisory committee member since 2013, and he was an adjudicator of the Community Developer of the Year initiative hosted by the Free State Department of Social Development.

Caswell also participated in notable conferences and seminars including the Commonwealth Conference on Education and Training of Youth Workers and the Knowledge Network Seminar on Increasing Youth Volunteering. His leadership roles with the Ipopeng Young Women's Organisation, SOS Social Centre Free State and Thabo Mofutsanyane Youth Network further showcase his strategic vision and commitment to empowering marginalized groups.

Additionally, Caswell's fluency in South Sotho, English and isiZulu aid him in bridging cultural and linguistic divides to ensure that his initiatives resonate with diverse communities and foster a sense of togetherness.

A goal that is close to his heart is to lead by inspiration and encourage others to embrace the potential of visionary leadership within themselves; and use it to champion positive change and make a tangible difference in their own communities.

4. EDUCATION **SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

The Education Support Programme across the Etwatwa, Soweto, Free State, and Orange Farm centres demonstrated resilience and adaptability in meeting the growing educational needs of students. The Etwatwa Centre, for example, focused on providing regular homework assistance and preparing students for the Primary School Spelling Bee competition. These spelling bee events, held at various centres, were all preliminary rounds, designed to build up to the final national spelling bee competition. In addition to academic support, Etwatwa also ran a book club, offering students a chance to explore literature and enhance their reading skills. The centre also innovated by developing a new sign-in app to streamline attendance tracking and improve programme effectiveness. Despite challenges, Etwatwa collaboration with local schools led to increased participation in the Spelling Bee.

At the Soweto Centre, educational support covered a wide range of subjects, including Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), Language, and Arts & Culture. The centre's STEM programme s, which combined Technology, Engineering, and Science, helped students build websites using Code.org, while the mathematics team utilised the Department of Basic Education's curriculum to aid homework support. Soweto also ran a book club, where students had the opportunity to engage with a variety of books, fostering a love for reading and critical thinking. Throughout the year, Soweto supported learners in exam preparation and helped Grade 12 students with tertiary applications. The centre also successfully held a preliminary Spelling Bee in September, which was part of the ongoing build-up to the final national competition, with 15 participants and 10 medal winners, highlighting its strong community engagement.

The Free State Centre made significant strides in its first year by launching a recruitment initiative that targeted schools in Makeneng village. It successfully held a preliminary Spelling Bee in August, selecting the top 10 learners from 39 participants across several schools. Like the other centres, the Free State Spelling Bee was a preliminary round, aimed at preparing students for the national competition. The centre also ran a book club that encouraged students to read and engage in discussions, helping to improve their literacy and critical thinking. In addition, the centre played a crucial role in assisting students with exam preparation and tertiary applications, particularly supporting Grade 12 learners with Maluti TVET Colleges' open registration. While attendance decreased during exam preparation camps, the

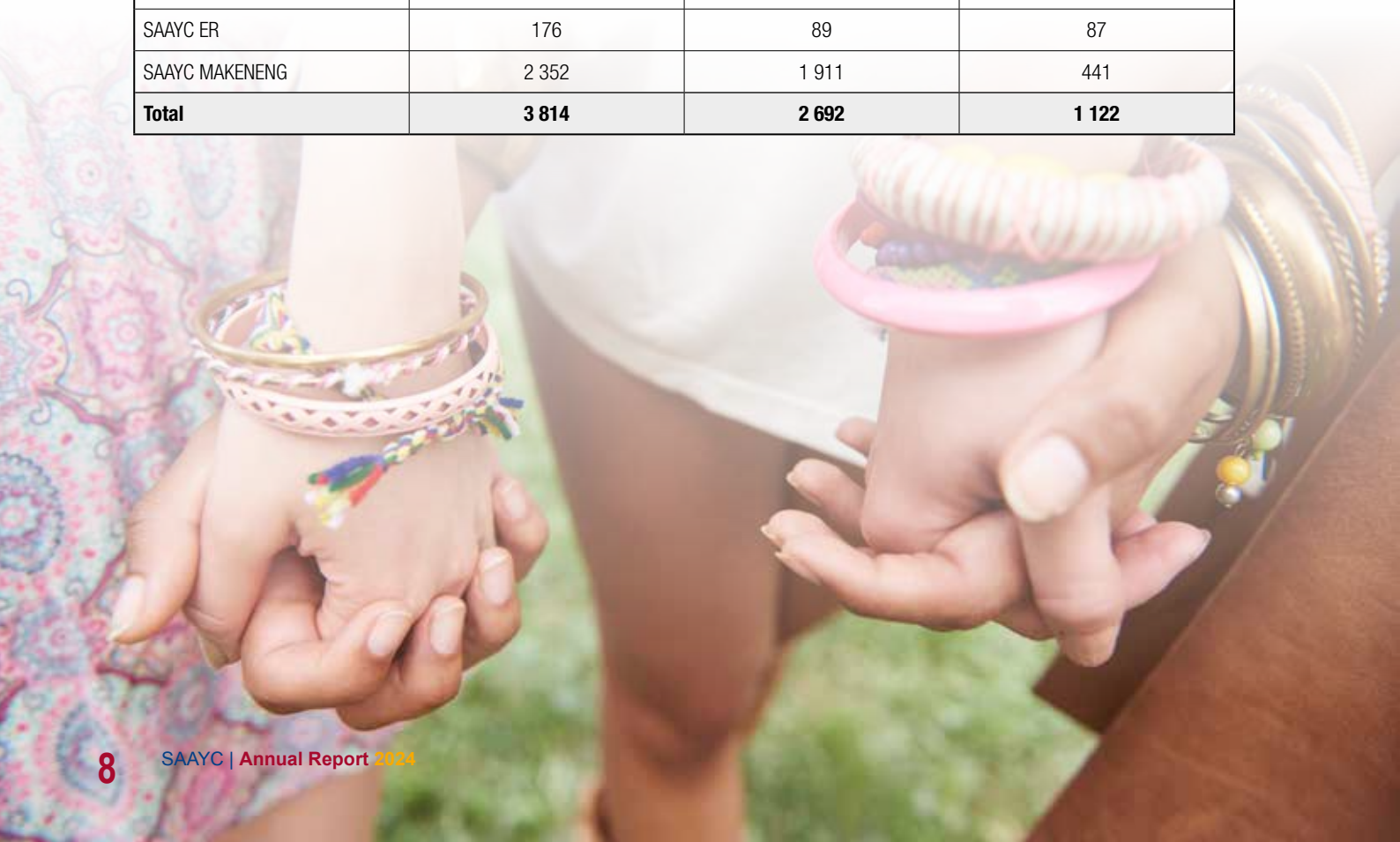
centre remained a vital resource for those seeking academic support, including help with projects and research.

In Orange Farm, the centre's focus was on providing academic support in English, Biology, Life Science, and Life Orientation. The centre also emphasized important cultural themes such as Mandela's history and Women's Month. The Orange Farm book club became a key part of the programme , offering students the opportunity to explore a wide range of books that enhanced both their language skills and knowledge. While attendance dropped during the exam season, the centre continued to provide tailored support for specific subjects, including Natural Science for Grade 5, History, English essays, and Mathematics for other grade levels. Orange Farm also assisted students with late NSFAS applications and provided access to a laptop for a young person taking a UNISA open-book exam. Despite lower attendance, the centre remained dedicated to meeting the needs of every student who sought help.

Throughout all centres, the Education Support Programme successfully adapted to fluctuating attendance, particularly during exam periods when many students prioritized exam preparation. Despite these challenges, the centres remained essential in providing academic resources and support. The implementation of innovative solutions, like Etwatwa's sign-in app, enhanced the programme 's efficiency, while the preliminary Spelling Bee competitions at all centres became a major highlight of the year, fostering student engagement and community spirit, all building up toward the final national competition. Additionally, the book clubs across all centres played a vital role in nurturing students' reading habits, improving literacy, and encouraging critical thinking. The following are the numbers in terms of participation.

4.1. EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	1 017	514	503
SAAYC SWT	269	178	91
SAAYC ER	176	89	87
SAAYC MAKENENG	2 352	1 911	441
Total	**3 814**	**2 692**	**1 122**



5. HOLIDAY **PROGRAMME**

Our holiday programme successfully engaged children across the Free State, Etwatwa, Orange Farm, and Soweto, providing them with opportunities for meaningful activities that kept them off the streets. Designed for inclusivity, these programmes catered for a variety of ability levels, offering a mix of physical, intellectual, and creative activities to ensure all participants remained engaged. From sports and games to workshops and coding boot camps, the activities aimed to foster both personal development and teamwork.

In the Free State, the programme featured group games, outdoor sports, and workshops that promoted physical activity, teamwork, and friendship-building. A standout activity was the coding boot camp, which prepared participants for an upcoming hackathon. The boot camp enhanced coding skills, fostered problem-solving, and sparked interest in technology.

The Etwatwa programme combined fun with educational elements, introducing life skills, English literature through poetry, and arts and crafts. Though engaging very young children posed challenges, we found innovative ways to involve all participants, including older children. A key activity involved teaching entrepreneurship through monopoly, where children created and sold bracelets using monopoly money, with some even receiving real money for their creations. This experience not only taught business skills but also nurtured creativity and pride in their work. Additionally, scrabble was used to enhance vocabulary, encouraging losing teams to write poems from the words they created, fostering both a love for poetry and improved language skills. Life skills sessions were held outdoors, creating an interactive and dynamic learning environment.

In Soweto, the programme saw enthusiastic participation in a range of activities, including Scratch for coding and game development, Canva for graphic design, and sports like soccer, volleyball, and basketball. These activities offered a well-rounded experience, enabling children to explore technical, artistic, and physical skills. The scratch programme helped develop coding abilities in a fun and engaging way, while Canva encouraged creativity and digital literacy. Sports activities promoted teamwork, physical fitness, and healthy competition, ensuring every child had a memorable and fulfilling experience. The following are the numbers in terms of participation.

5.1. HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (EASTER HOLIDAYS - TERM 1)

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	73	39	34
SAAYC SWT	66	30	36
SAAYC ER	131	82	49
SAAYC MAKENENG	67	28	39
Total	**337**	**179**	**158**

6. DESIGN SQUAD **GLOBAL**

The DSG Club connected children aged 10-13 through dynamic afterschool programmes that focused on engineering and invention. Through high-energy, hands-on activities, participants explored creative problem-solving and developed their technical skills. In 2024, DSG successfully recruited five participants for a Saturday-focused group, which was in the fifth of twelve sessions, working on creating a green manual as part of their project development. The programme's core focus was to foster creativity, teamwork, and technical proficiency through real-world applications.

Key learning areas in the DSG programme included creative problem-solving and the design process. Participants learned to use their imaginations and analytical skills to devise unique solutions to problems, while developing confidence in their creativity. They were encouraged to explore multiple solutions rather than seeking a singular "right answer" and to understand how teamwork was vital in solving complex challenges. The design process itself was central to the programme, as participants learned to define the problem at hand and think through solutions systematically. By applying the design process, they gained valuable skills that extended beyond engineering and invention, teaching them to tackle various types of problems.

The programme saw unique regional developments throughout the year. In Orange Farm, the Weekend DSG programme initially attracted more participants than expected, but attendance dropped significantly due to conflicts with other activities, such as Saturday classes and church attendance. Despite this, participants continued working on meaningful projects, including a solar-powered stove aimed at addressing local electrical issues. On weekdays, smaller-scale projects such as balloon cars and water bottle fans allowed participants to further develop their problem-solving and design skills. However, attendance issues persisted throughout the exam period and the festive season, which hindered progress on projects like website development for local organisations.

In the Free State, eight active participants reached the end of their 12-week DSG programme, which centred around designing a Drinking Water Treatment Distillation System to address local water contamination. The project allowed participants to explore distillation, a method that effectively removes up to 99.5% of impurities from water, offering a solution to the community's concerns about water quality. Despite setbacks with prototype malfunctions, including issues with some components, the participants adapted and successfully completed the project. Additionally,

weekend activities focused on addressing the community's water scarcity, culminating in the development of a water distillation project that provided both a practical solution and a valuable learning experience.

Etwatwa, participants engaged in a range of creative activities, from knitting to building robot hands. They also explored educational YouTube tutorials on subjects like science experiments and coding. The weekend sessions focused on developing a sign-in app for the centre, with Tshepo leading the project and Kabelo offering support. Participants also worked on building interactive websites, marking significant progress in both their technical abilities and creativity. The development of a mini-sensor robot, designed to detect movement and alert users with a beep, was another highlight of the programme. This project, in preparation for a final showcase, reinforced participants' problem-solving skills and their ability to apply the design process to real-world challenges.

In Soweto, weekly DSG sessions continued to build on projects from the Saturday programme. Participants worked on creating a remote-controlled car from recycled materials, such as old equipment and cardboard. These projects fostered creativity and teamwork, while sessions began with icebreakers to ensure a welcoming atmosphere. Participants also explored more self-directed creative projects, including crafting pencil holders, painted paper frogs, and decorative photo frames. This shift toward independent learning allowed participants to take greater ownership of their projects and showcased their growing problem-solving and creative skills.

Despite challenges such as attendance issues in certain regions and disruptions caused by external events like exams and team-building activities, DSG Club participants demonstrated resilience and creativity throughout the year. In Free State, for example, a staff team-building event led to disruptions in weekly sessions, but weekend activities were adjusted to focus on solving local issues like water scarcity. In Orange Farm, while the festive season and exam period caused a slowdown in attendance and project completion, the group still made progress in their work on website development. The following are the numbers in terms of participation.

6.1. DESIGN SQUAD GLOBAL WEEKLY

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	8	2	6
SAAYC SWT	74	54	20
SAAYC ER	37	10	27
SAAYC MAKENENG	61	54	7
Total	**180**	**120**	**60**

6.2. DSG SPECIAL PROGRAMME (WEEKENDS)

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	15	6	9
SAAYC SWT	33	19	14
SAAYC ER	10	8	2
SAAYC MAKENENG	13	11	2
Total	**71**	**44**	**27**

7. ICTAGE

The ICTAge programme made significant strides across all centres despite facing resource constraints. The programme 's primary focus was on equipping participants with essential IT skills through Netacad certifications, practical learning with Cisco Packet Tracer, and hands-on modules in cybersecurity and technical communication. While attendance and participation were occasionally impacted by external factors, the programme's progress remained strong, with each center achieving key milestones in skill development and practical application.

In the Free State, the programme made notable progress, advancing through Windows configuration and completing Chapter 12 on Mobile, Linux, and macOS Operating Systems. Participants successfully completed multiple exams, including Certification Checkpoint Exam #4, and began preparing for Chapters 13 and 14, which covered Security and the IT Professional. The goal to complete Checkpoint Exam #5 by October was achieved, marking a successful year for the center.

Orange Farm focused heavily on Netacad certifications and practical skills development. The center achieved an 80% completion rate for certifications, and 11 out of 18 participants successfully completed the "English for IT" module. A key milestone was when participants successfully bypassed system scoring limitations in the Cisco Packet Tracer project. However, financial constraints limited consistent attendance and participation, which impacted some activities but did not overshadow the centre's achievements.

Soweto faced similar challenges with attendance but continued to make progress, particularly in Netacad certifications and Cisco Packet Tracer activities. The completion rate for certifications was 80%, and 11 participants completed the English for IT module. Despite issues with system limitations in Cisco Packet Tracer, the team overcame these obstacles, showcasing strong technical growth. Financial constraints, however, impacted consistent participation, slowing overall progress.

The ICTAge programme also delivered key initiatives, including comprehensive personal and professional development through the SAAYC ICTAGE Life Skills and leadership training. Networking Essentials final assessments and reviews reinforced participants' networking skills, while project-based learning and capstone projects allowed them to integrate the skills they had acquired. Participants presented their projects and received constructive feedback, further enhancing their learning experience.

Across all centres, participants worked on various modules such as hardware, networking, virtualization, and security. In the Free State, a new password recall system was introduced to address challenges, and participants made use of Packet Tracer for hands-on network simulations. Orange Farm's cohort completed their assessments and transitioned to the Cisco platform, with a focus on practical skills and simulations. Etwatwa, despite limited laptop availability, successfully launched a new class and benefitted from a collaboration with a local mentor, which introduced coding to the participants. The center also held a five-day Cisco Hackathon, allowing students to complete two Cisco courses. In Soweto, the programme emphasized IT Essentials training, online presence, and professional development, with a shift to the Cybersecurity module in September to enhance participants' digital security skills.

At the culmination of the programme, all centres hosted successful graduation ceremonies for the participants. These graduations were a testament to the hard work and dedication shown throughout the year. Each ceremony was graced by the presence and support of senior management team members from the organisation, who

attended to celebrate the achievements of the participants and acknowledge their progress. The graduations served as a significant milestone, highlighting the success of the programme and the participants' growth in acquiring valuable IT skills for their future careers. The ICTAge programme made impressive progress in 2024, successfully advancing participants' IT knowledge and skills. Despite financial and resource challenges, each center achieved significant milestones in training, practical application, and project-based learning. The following were the numbers in terms of participation.

7.1. ICTAGE AND CODING

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	46	4	42
SAAYC SWT	74	35	39
SAAYC ER	64	11	53
SAAYC MAKENENG	30	3	27
Total	**214**	**53**	**161**

8. CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse youth skill development programme has undergone significant growth, with a marked transformation in both participation and impact. Despite initial challenges in engaging teens in computer skills, we have seen remarkable enthusiasm, particularly among younger members aged 10-12. This period highlighted the long-term success of our approach, as teens who have grown up within the Clubhouse community continued to demonstrate consistent attendance and development.

Throughout the year, our focus on fostering creativity and enhancing technical skills has been central to our programming. We introduced coding concepts, allowing members to explore software development through hands-on projects, equipping them with essential digital literacy skills. In addition to coding, participants engaged in physical and software-based projects, designing and prototyping innovative solutions using recyclable materials. These activities promoted problem-solving, critical thinking, and the application of theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios. Integrating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) elements, including Design Squad, further enriched the learning experience and encouraged creativity and collaboration.

The Clubhouse environment has remained a hub of energy, particularly with the teens from Soweto and Etwatwa, who did coding and web development, gaining both backend and front-end development experience. This hands-on experience has fostered a sense of confidence and collaboration among the members, further solidifying the Clubhouse as a thriving space for young creators.

The 2024 Regional Teen Summit, held at the Sci-Bono Discovery Centre from August 8-11, was a cornerstone event for the programme. Six members from five different Clubhouses across South Africa came together to explore cutting-edge topics such as robotics, design, coding, photography, crafts, sewing, and virtual reality. The summit was an opportunity to showcase and deepen the technical and creative skills of our youth, and feedback from

participants was overwhelmingly positive. Remarkably, 96% reported increased confidence in tackling challenges, 95% gained a greater appreciation for diverse cultures, and 91% became more aware of tools and resources for making and coding.

Beyond the Regional Teen Summit, our members also engaged in business-oriented activities, such as preparing business plans for The CHANGE REACTION – Biz for Social Good – Pitch Competition. These activities helped to sharpen both hard and soft skills, with 90% of participants showing substantial improvement in coding and app development and 65% demonstrating enhanced creativity and teamwork through design projects.

Despite the programme's success, there were challenges, particularly with access to technology and inconsistent internet connectivity, which occasionally hindered progress. Additionally, the varying skill levels of participants required tailored support to ensure consistent advancement. However, these challenges did not detract from the overall progress, as the Clubhouse continues to thrive as a space of innovation and growth.

A key development in 2024 was the shift from the International Teen Summit to the Regional Teen Summit. Following a planning meeting on March 15, 2024, in collaboration with the Sci-Bono Clubhouse and Joburg Region B Clubhouse, the new summit dates were finalized for 8 – 11 August 2024. This change was necessitated by logistical challenges, including payment processing delays, but it ultimately enabled us to host a highly successful and impactful event that amplified the voices of our teens. The following are numbers in terms of participation.

8.1. CLUBHOUSE

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF SAAYC SWT	94	46	48
SAAYC ER	51	25	26
Total	**145**	**71**	**74**

9. FOOD **SECURITY**

Food Security Programme made significant strides with the expansion into organic farming and hydroponic systems. This initiative not only addressed food production but also embraced sustainability, education, and community resilience. Despite unexpected challenges arising from climate change, our teams demonstrated adaptability and determination, ensuring continuous progress throughout the year.

At the Soweto Centre, activities focused on garden maintenance, crop research, and educational programmes for children on food security and nutrition. These programmes helped raise awareness about sustainable food practices. The garden was expanded with three new raised beds, increasing the total to 48. Over 1,000 seeds were planted, including onions and peas. A soil test revealed a phosphorus deficiency in mustard spinach, prompting corrective actions. Additionally, a resource assessment was conducted to identify the necessary supplies to optimize garden productivity.

In Orange Farm, the team worked on soil preparation, planting, and maintaining the garden beds. A key achievement was the successful rebuilding of the hydroponic system, which had deteriorated earlier in the year. The team initiated the germination process, with participants taking an active role in setting up planting beds and protective nets. Although attendance was impacted during the exam season, participants were trained in transplanting seedlings and crop management. With seedlings thriving, the team anticipated transplanting soon.

The Makeneng Centre focused on enhancing its hydroponic system and expanding its gardening facilities. The Centre also implemented sustainable farming training to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to boost food production.

At the Etwatwa Centre, new garden beds were created, and community donations of harvested produce were facilitated. During Heritage Day, the centre showcased spinach, demonstrating the programme's success. The team harvested spinach, beetroot, and lettuce, which were sold locally, providing valuable insights into growing and harvesting practices. Despite the collapse of the hydroponic system, efforts were made to rebuild and improve its design and structure.

9.1. TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

A comprehensive food security training programme was rolled out across all centres to enhance participants' skills in sustainable farming. The training focused on practical, hands-on learning to enable participants to increase food production and improve local food security.

The soil farming initiative was expanded by adding 13 new planting beds, bringing the total number of beds to 44. Crops such as cabbage, spinach, onions, and carrots were planted. However, frost damage resulted in a 60% seedling loss, a second planting was successfully carried out. At Orange Farm, the hydroponic system was rebuilt, with participants taking an active role in its restoration. The seedlings were thriving, and transplanting was expected to begin soon.

At Soweto, three new raised beds were added, bringing the total to 48. Over 1,000 seeds were planted, including onions and peas. A soil and plant analysis revealed a phosphorus deficiency in mustard spinach, which prompted corrective measures to improve growth. Participants were trained in food security practices and hydroponic system hygiene, gaining hands-on experience in managing the hydroponic systems, which supported Swiss chard and tomatoes.

9.2. REINFORCEMENT: FREE STATE & ORANGE FARM

In the Free State, the soil farming initiative continued to thrive, with 54 planting beds. Additional planting space was created behind the old toilets. Participants learned organic vegetable growing techniques using the Reel Gardening app. However, the hydroponic system faced setbacks due to snow damage, which affected plant growth. The team worked to reinforce the structure and added steelwork to improve its durability.

In Orange Farm, the team prepared 16 new planting beds and trained participants in transplanting seedlings and crop management. Despite a dip in attendance during exam season, there were notable successes. Lethuxolo Sithole secured a job at Heineken SA, and Siphosihle Mayekana was hired by Foot Gear. The NYS programme provided training in life skills and business branding, which helped participants prepare for the Starting Your Own Business programme.

The year was not without its challenges. Frost damage resulted in the loss of 60% of seedlings, and the hydroponic system at Etwatwa collapsed. However, the resilience of the team ensured that the programme continued to thrive despite these setbacks. Community engagement played a crucial role in maintaining the programme's success.

In Etwatwa, the sale of crops such as spinach, beetroot, and lettuce generated R250 in revenue, which was reinvested into seeds and other resources. The hydroponic system collapse did not deter the team; they immediately began rebuilding it with an improved design to ensure better long-term sustainability but unfortunately, the same issue recurred toward the end of the year. The following are the numbers in terms of participation.

9.3. FOOD SECURITY

CENTRE	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH PER PROGRAMME	GENDER	
		MALES	FEMALES
SAAYC OF	7	4	3
SAAYC SWT	4	0	4
SAAYC ER	4	2	2
SAAYC MAKENENG	10	2	8
Total	**25**	**8**	**17**

10. NATIONAL **YOUTH SERVICE**

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we successfully completed Phase II of the National Youth Service (NYS) programme in March 2024. Following this achievement, we secured a new tender for Phase III, which began in September 2024 and was expected to conclude in April 2025. These phases aimed to provide youth with essential skills, create opportunities for economic growth, and offer pathways to sustainable livelihoods, while addressing the pressing issues of youth unemployment, food insecurity, and a lack of educational support.

10.1. NYS PHASE II

Phase II of the NYS programme marked a significant milestone in empowering youth and creating growth opportunities within underserved communities across South Africa. The programme aimed to address critical issues such as youth unemployment, food insecurity, and inadequate educational support while promoting youth development through various targeted initiatives.

During Phase II, several key achievements were made:

- Career Expos, Social Entrepreneurship, Steering Committee Site Visits, and Voter Education Training: These initiatives provided young people with the necessary tools, knowledge, and opportunities to succeed in various sectors of society.
- A total of 80 team leaders underwent comprehensive voter education training, enabling them to lead voter registration education in their respective communities. Additionally, 21 Social entrepreneurship training sessions were conducted, involving 932 participants across 35 Service Opportunity Providers (SOPs).
- Personal Development: 600 participants completed and submitted their online personal development plans, which were a critical aspect of the programme, aimed at fostering self-growth, skill development, and career progression.

From November 2023 to April 2024, the NYS programme successfully engaged 2 000 young people across 80 service sites in eight provinces. These initiatives focused on food security, learner support, and construction trades, delivered in partnership with 77 Service Opportunity Providers (SOPs).

10.2. NYS PHASE III

Phase III of the NYS programme, which began in September 2024, continued to demonstrate substantial progress in youth engagement and service delivery. The project, implemented by SAAYC in collaboration with YBSA, made significant advancements across multiple areas.

From September to December 2024, the project achieved the following key milestones:

- **Participant Engagement:** On average, 1 676 young people were engaged monthly across eight provinces, representing 98.5% of the target of 1 700. Gender inclusion was a major success, with 59% of participants being females, reflecting the success of our targeted outreach efforts.
- **Demographic Breakdown:** The majority of participants (59.07%) were aged 18-25, followed by 30.15% in the 26-30 age group and 10.78% in the 31-35 age group. The racial breakdown revealed that 99% of participants were African-Black, reflecting the project's focus on historically underserved and marginalized communities.
- **Provincial Distribution:** Gauteng led with 24.9% of the total servers, while provinces like Eastern Cape and Northern Cape each contributed around 1%. This highlighted the need for expanded outreach strategies and infrastructure support, particularly in rural areas, to ensure equitable participation across all provinces.
- **Service Areas:** Food security initiatives were particularly prominent in Phase III. A standout achievement was the successful harvest of produce at the SAAYC Orange Farm Centre in Gauteng, which generated revenue for reinvestment into the project, reinforcing its sustainability and economic empowerment goals.
- **Digital Integration:** The programme embraced digital solutions to enhance participant engagement and streamline operations. The adoption of online reporting systems and the SA Youth Mobi platform for recruitment and monitoring improved efficiency and broadened the programme's reach.

Both NYS Phase II and Phase III made significant strides in addressing youth unemployment, food insecurity, and educational support in South Africa. Through stipends, training, and active engagement in service areas such as food security, the programme created valuable opportunities for youth development across the country. The following are the numbers in terms of participation.

10.3. FOOD SECURITY

COORDINATOR	PROVINCE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	SOPS
SALOME	LP	220	19
TEBOHO	FREE STATE (South)	100	7
TEBOHO	NW	69	7
THANDOLWENKOSI	MP 2	210	7
JABU	MP 1	99	8
KWANELE	KWAZULU-NATAL 1	100	7
ANELISA	KWAZULU-NATAL 2	258	6
ABEL	FREE STATE (East)	154	10
PABALLO	GAUTENG 2	87	1
NOMFUNDO	GAUTENG (East)	110	5
NSIZWA	GAUTENG (West)	110	8
LERATO	GAUTENG (South)	110	5
LAUREN	NORTHERN CAPE	20	1
LAUREN	EASTERN CAPE	40	4
Total		**1 687**	**95**

11. CLUB **SUPPORT VISITS**

We continued to prioritize expanding our reach and impact through strategic membership recruitment initiatives, which resulted in notable growth. Through targeted outreach, community events, and partnerships, we successfully attracted a diverse group of new clubs who are eager to contribute to our mission. This growth strengthens our organisation's capacity to initiate meaningful change within our communities.

A significant focus during this reporting period was the national assessment of youth clubs applying for the 2024-2025 Club Development Programme. The process of shortlisting and conducting assessments was more time-consuming and resource-intensive than expected. Despite the challenges, we successfully assessed 90% of the shortlisted applicants, resulting in 108 new youth clubs and organisations being approved for our 18-month development programme.

A major challenge arose in the Eastern and Northern Cape, where the number of applications was alarmingly low, hindering our national outreach. To address this, we deployed a coordinator to conduct in-person recruitment and assessments in these regions. Despite our efforts, the number of applications remained insufficient, signalling the need for a more robust recruitment strategy in these areas.

In our national club support visits, we engaged with over 50% of the 114 organisations approved for the 2024-2025 cohort. These visits aimed to revisit assessment reports, identify areas for improvement, and evaluate the application of the Running Effective Organisation (REYO) training. Clubs reported significant learning outcomes from the training and expressed appreciation for the support provided. Follow-up sessions ensured that the clubs were equipped to implement key training objectives.

During assessments, several common issues were identified across organisations. A major concern was the absence of a functional board of directors, which many clubs recognized as essential for effective governance. Additionally, most clubs were operating from home without dedicated office spaces, highlighting the need for more formal work environments. Outdated organisational structures and challenges in financial management also emerged as significant obstacles. Many clubs lacked effective financial systems and struggled to secure funding.

To address these challenges, we provided targeted recommendations, including the establishment of a functional board of directors with clearly defined roles, securing temporary office spaces, and updating organisational structures. We also emphasized the need for stronger financial management systems and recommended prioritizing financial management training in future REYO sessions.

Throughout the year, we were actively involved in various provinces, supporting key youth development initiatives. In Limpopo, we participated in Global Entrepreneurship

Week organized by the Polokwane Municipality, where we showcased our programmes at a youth-targeted event. Our engagement with local stakeholders during this event resulted in valuable partnerships and strengthened relationships with the community. Local officials, including the MMC and Director for Land, Infrastructure, and Economic Development, recognized our ongoing support for youth development and commended our mentorship efforts in Polokwane.

In the Eastern Cape, our efforts centred on strengthening youth organisations. We conducted assessments at Kempa United Handball Club and SHYTUP Foundation, evaluating their progress since receiving REYO training. In collaboration with the TWSYT Foundation in Gqeberha, we organized a capacity-building initiative to equip the team at iThemba Youth Development with advanced skills to combat gender-based violence and substance abuse. This initiative aimed to ensure iThemba's sustainability and long-term impact within its community.

We also supported Mtabani QueenAfrikan Arts by facilitating a virtual team-building event, which included a workshop on accountability and initiative-taking to enhance internal operations and empower the team to drive positive change within their organisation.

In Kwazulu-Natal, we began the quarter with 20 active clubs, although one club became inactive by the end of the period. Despite this, we successfully completed 15 of the planned 19 assessments across the province. Due to the unavailability of some clubs, assessments for Imbokodo Primary, which joined in August, were postponed to the following quarter. We will ensure their inclusion in the January assessment cycle.

Our efforts also continued across Mpumalanga, Gauteng, North West, and Free State provinces, providing consistent support and resources to clubs. These visits were crucial to maintaining the quality and consistency of youth programming, helping local clubs thrive. Throughout all regions, we have remained a cornerstone of youth empowerment and development.

This year's achievements, despite the challenges faced, demonstrate our unwavering commitment to strengthening youth organisations and ensuring that they are equipped to create lasting change in their communities.

11.1. CLUB SUPPORT VISITS

COORDINATOR	PROVINCE	NO. OF PEOPLE ATTENDED	TOTAL CLUBS VISITED
SALOME	LIMPOPO	38	10
TEBOHO	FREE STATE (South)	49	9
TEBOHO	NORTH WEST	67	10
JABU	MPUMALANGA	62	13
KWANELE	KWAZULU-NATAL	55	15
ABEL	FREE STATE (East)	7	7
NOMFUNDO	GAUTENG (East)	17	6
NSIZWA	GAUTENG (West)	14	7
LERATO	GAUTENG (South)	24	6
LAUREN	NORTHERN CAPE	2	2
LAUREN	EASTERN CAPE	6	2
Total		**341**	**87**

12. PROGRAMMES **IMPACT**

A series of impactful community initiatives and programmes were successfully implemented, demonstrating strong outcomes across various sectors, including event/activities hosting, employment, training, agriculture, and skills development.

13. **CONCLUSION**

2024 was a year of remarkable achievements for the programmes department, marked by significant advancements in youth development, community engagement, and sustainable growth. We successfully launched and expanded several initiatives that empowered young people and fostered positive change. From enhancing internal operations and launching new programmes to advancing food security and integrating technology into our efforts, the year demonstrated our commitment to driving impactful growth. Noteworthy accomplishments, such as the NYS Phase III project, our successful food security initiatives, and the Education Support Programme, reflect our dedication creating meaningful opportunities. By the end of the year, our initiatives had not only met but exceeded expectations, underscoring our ongoing commitment to youth empowerment and sustainable community development.

“Empowering youth, strengthening communities, and fostering sustainable growth — 2024 was a year of transformative initiatives that not only nurtured innovation and leadership but also built long-lasting foundations for a brighter future.”

12. GALLERY

NELSON MANDELA DAY YOUTH DISCUSSION

"Youth work has proven to be an efficient means of tapping into the abilities of young people and moulding young people into responsible leaders of a society."

– Victoria Putu -SAAYC Finance Manager

NELSON MANDELA DAY

REYO (RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE YOUTH ORGANISATION)

"Investing in the youth is a vital investment in our collective future."

– Jeff Mkhwanazi – SAAYC Executive Director

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION

"Your journey is proof that purpose, perseverance, and passion can shape futures. Keep building, keep rising"

– Thabo Malepe – SAAYC NYS Project Administrator

"SAAYC is more than a starting point — it is a launchpad into a life of impact."

– Neo Makhura - SAAYC Soweto's ICTAge facilitator

CENTRE GRADUATIONS

"Women are increasingly valuing relationships and collective success, understanding that true fulfilment comes not just from personal accomplishments, but from contributing to something larger than oneself."

– Ntombi Khumalo – SAAYC Board Member

FREEDOM DAY

NYS SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

"When young people know their rights, they are empowered to know better. At SAAYC, we stand as a beacon of hope, ensuring that every young person has access to the tools and opportunities that enable them to build a prosperous future."

– Mr. Komako – SAAYC Programmes Manager

ICTAGE ORIENTATION (SAAYC ETWATWA AND SAAYC SOWETO)

15. TESTIMONIALS

Testimonial #1

Tshepo Leonald Tshabalala's journey with SAAYC

From the moment Tshepo Leonald Tshabalala stepped into SAAYC, he sensed he was entering more than just a facility — he was stepping into a space filled with purpose, energy, and transformation. Today, he credits SAAYC with shaping not only his career path, but also his character, mindset, and outlook on leadership, community, and the future.

Tshepo joined SAAYC as an enthusiastic and curious young person, driven by his love for technology, creativity, and youth development. With a heart for impact, he found in SAAYC the tools, environment, and mentorship he needed to bring that passion to life. While the road was not always smooth, it was authentic, empowering, and immensely rewarding.

THE CLUBHOUSE – BUILDING MORE THAN JUST SKILLS

The clubhouse became Tshepo's second home — a place where he witnessed the incredible potential that young people unlock when given access to resources, mentorship, and creative freedom. His journey included everything from graphic design and coding to facilitating workshops and managing design squads.

At the clubhouse, Tshepo transitioned from participant to mentor and leader. He took on design projects, guided learners in storytelling and robotics, and grew in real-time alongside the youth he supported. His most treasured moments came from watching once-shy participants grow into confident creatives with portfolios, passions, and purpose.

ICTAGE – WHERE PASSION MET PROFESSIONALISM

Tshepo's technical journey continued at ICTAge, where he served as a cybersecurity facilitator, developer, and technical support lead. It was here that he deepened his expertise while mentoring others in networking, hardware, web development, and cybersecurity.

Through workshops and hands-on training, he empowered learners to understand complex ICT concepts and apply them confidently. Despite resource limitations and tight deadlines, tshepo developed resilience, adaptability, and a keen sense of leadership under pressure.

ACADEMIC GROWTH – FORGED THROUGH SAAYC

SAAYC was instrumental in Tshepo's academic advancement. Through its programme s and platforms, he earned a range of certifications in:

1. Cybersecurity
2. Software & web development
3. Graphic design
4. Public relations
5. Facilitation & youth development

These qualifications were more than achievements — they marked his transformation. Today, Tshepo stands as a trained software developer, skilled graphic designer, and passionate facilitator, equipped with both knowledge and purpose.

LEADERSHIP & BROADER IMPACT

Beyond tech, SAAYC gave Tshepo the chance to lead in meaningful ways — from food security leadership and programme orientation to community development and youth-based programme support. These experiences expanded his capabilities and affirmed his commitment to impact-driven work.

One of his proudest projects is SAAYC buddy — an AI-powered chatbot currently in development that aims to help users interactively explore the organisation's services and opportunities. It is a testament to how far he has come — and how deeply he believes in using tech for good.

CHALLENGES & LESSONS

Tshepo faced his share of challenges: juggling multiple roles, facing burnout, and addressing complex learner needs. But through each difficulty, he learned to lead with empathy, innovate under pressure, and stretch beyond his perceived limits.

LOOKING AHEAD

What Tshepo has gained at SAAYC is immeasurable: confidence, professional skills, a rich portfolio, and a heart-led work ethic. He has not only witnessed transformation in others — he has lived it himself. As he looks to the future, he envisions building more platforms, mentoring more youth, and turning bold ideas into lasting impact.

And it all began with SAAYC.

Testimonial #2

Kamohelo Chose's journey with SAAYC from being a SAAYC Soweto Clubhouse member to Team leader

Kamohelo's journey with SAAYC began between 2013 when her grandmother introduced her to the SAAYC Soweto Centre — a place she described as filled with joy, swings, slides, and other children to play with. What began as simple childhood fun soon blossomed into a meaningful path of growth and creativity.

As a Clubhouse member, Kamohelo joined the vibrant Design Squad team and participated in activities like spelling bee competitions, radio broadcasting, playing instruments, experimenting with music production, and exploring basic Photoshop skills. SAAYC quickly became more than a recreational space — it was a platform that nurtured her curiosity and talents. She fondly remembers exciting outings, from camps in Magaliesberg to a visit to the SAA Museum, all of which created lasting memories.

As she grew older, Kamohelo stepped away from the centre to focus on school and personal commitments, especially after her team gradually moved on. But her journey with SAAYC was not over. When she heard about the NYS Food Security Programme being hosted at the centre, she made a promise to herself to return — and she did. A call from Lerato brought the opportunity, and Kamohelo embraced it wholeheartedly.

Her dedication did not go unnoticed. Through her commitment and growth, she earned the opportunity to serve as a team leader — a role that reflects her transformation and leadership journey.

Testimonial #3

Neo Makhura's journey with SAAYC from being a student to being SAAYC Soweto's ICTAge facilitator

Neo's journey with SAAYC began as an eager ICTAge student, never expecting just how far it would take him. What started as an introduction to cybersecurity quickly evolved into something greater — a path of leadership, mentorship, and growth.

Transitioning from student to cybersecurity facilitator was a defining moment. One day, Neo was the learner, asking questions — the next, he was the one guiding others through the same material. Helping young people grasp complex digital concepts and watching their confidence grow became one of the most fulfilling parts of his journey.

As Neo stepped into his role as an ICTAge facilitator, he gained more than just a new title. He had the opportunity to work with diverse groups of youth, lead impactful workshops, and build meaningful skills that would serve his learners far beyond the classroom. Each workshop became a place not just of learning, but of connection and purpose.

Through SAAYC, Neo did not just build a career — he built character. He became more confident, more self-assured, and found his voice as a leader. The platform SAAYC provided gave him the chance to make a real difference in the lives of others, while continuing to grow in his own.

Today, Neo stands as a proud facilitator and role model, committed to empowering the next generation.

16. FINANCIAL REPORT

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Southern African Association of Youth Clubs NPC

Report on the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of Southern African Association of Youth Clubs NPC set out on pages 10 to 19 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southern African Association of Youth Clubs NPC as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the sections 290 and 291 of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (Revised January 2018), parts 1 and 3 of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (Revised November 2018) (together the IRBA Codes) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities, as applicable, in accordance with the IRBA Codes and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Codes are consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) respectively. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "Southern African Association of Youth Clubs NPC Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023", which includes the Directors' Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the annual financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Annual Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if,

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individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures

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are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicated with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Southern African Association of Youth Clubs (SAAYC) NPC

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Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2023	2022
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	1 221 724	518 287
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables		477 206	-
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1 429 641	491 787
		1 906 847	**491 787**
Total Assets		**3 128 571**	**1 010 074**
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		1 844 434	(716 564)
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	1 083 813	-
Loans from related parties	3	-	1 726 638
Provisions	5	200 324	-
		1 284 137	**1 726 638**
Total Equity and Liabilities		**3 128 571**	**1 010 074**

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