



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

SETHULE TRUST ZIMBABWE



Sethule Director, Thabbeth Cotton meets girls who are on their way home from school. The smiles on the girls' faces show joy & hope! Through the Sethule Scholarship Fund, their school fees are paid and they have clean uniforms. That's a good reason to smile.



Sethule Orphans' Trust is an independent charity, working in the two provinces of Matabeleland in Zimbabwe. Both sit on the edge of the Kalahari Desert; hence they are arid and very dry. The land is generally unfavourable for cultivation except near rivers which are few and far between, or where boreholes have been successfully sunk.

PARTNERS

- All Saints, Vevey, Switzerland
- Calsto Care, Zimbabwe
- CMF, London, UK
- Emarika Foundation, Switzerland
- Emotional Logic, UK
- English Martyrs School, London, UK
- First Church in Wenham, USA
- Friends of Sethule Worldwide
- Greendale Foundation, Switzerland
- Leysin American School, Switzerland
- Living Well Church, Rotorua, New Zealand
- LL Brian Smith, Bucks, UK
- Lowes Wong Junior School, Southwell, UK
- McCabe Charity, London, UK
- Mudgeway Community, UK
- Paed Soc, Hull-York Medical School, UK
- Saxer Gümlingen, Switzerland
- Westlake Church, Switzerland
- Whitelands Ladies, UK



Sethule Fund raising dinner in Zimbabwe



Sethule staff member always hands on, and achieving the best possible results

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Director: Thabbeth Cotton:
- Chair Person: Noma Ndiweni
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Our work is based mainly on these principles:

- We assist in building new families for orphans and children in need.
- We help to strengthen new and existing families.
- We encourage people to shape their own future.
- We advocate for the right to education of children in rural communities.
- We share in rural community development.

Sethule Trust seeks to give hope to families in rural Zimbabwe by promoting:

- Vulnerable children's chance to good education
- Family unity through Positive Parenting workshops
- Family health and nutrition support for children



NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT



Juice and bread during break

448 pupils received supplementary food aid hampers in 7 Sethule supported pre-schools.



Sethule gardens in production again after the cyclone



enjoying a sandwich during break

In February, Cyclone Dineo swept through the Sethule garden, leaving a train of destruction. We are grateful for the donations that were made towards the repairs of the garden structures. In April, we were harvesting again!



SCHOOL SUPPORT



Ride for Education

Through the **Edu-Ride Project** these children (& their teacher) were very happy to receive bicycles. This means that they can get to school on time. What a motivation: they no longer have to walk 10km to school and 10km back home !!

School Fees Fund

46 students are supported with school fees, school materials. 5 gifted children who would otherwise not have the chance are supported in university.

**We believe that every child has the right to an education.
We thrive to give a child hope through education.**



The children are always hungry for education & take their lessons seriously



Our schools cultivate an atmosphere of happy children. After working hard, these children stand up to stretch & dance



SOCIAL SUPPORT

REACT: (Reject expose all child trauma)

- ❖ A sexual abuse awareness programme for 9-13 year olds.
- ❖ 1203 children participated.
- ❖ Children are shown how to recognize and avoid abuse.



Sethule staff & children during REACT

CLICK

An afternoon club where 11-12 years old pupils are encouraged to read or to tell a story. This year an amazing 458 children were part of the Click Club.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The latest statistics recorded Matabeleland South province as having the highest HIV prevalence in Zimbabwe. The Dare to Be Different Club (DTBD) brings HIV awareness to teenagers. The theme this year was “**Be the Change**”. Teenagers were encouraged to make safe & wise choices about sex and sexuality. The theme motivated & inspired teenagers to be different, focused, responsible and positive. This year 102 students attended the DTBD club.





ADULT TRAINING



Mothers & daughters at a Family Building workshop

POSITIVE PARENTING

- ❖ 105 parents participated in our Positive Parenting workshops.
- ❖ The main topics covered were: children's rights and teenagers in relationships.
- ❖ Small group sessions allow for specific questions to be discussed in an open forum.
- ❖ It was rewarding to see parents putting ideas together on ways of raising a "winner" child.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

In maintaining our objective of providing a strong foundation for further learning and development, Sethule Trust supports over 500 orphans & vulnerable children. Bereavement counselling sessions allow children to reintegrate.



SETHULE QUEENS CLUB

In all projects areas, each village has its own craft club. The clubs provide opportunities for young girls and women to meet to share different skills and ideas. Sethule helps by providing sewing machines and knitting materials. Clubs make and sell handmade baskets, mats, & school uniforms.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

• Donations	\$113007
• Giftaid & refunds	\$ 8130
• Total revenue	\$ 121137

EXPENSES

• Orphan Care	\$ 18251
• Education Funds	\$ 20144
• Programmes	\$ 27690
• Development	\$ 39291
• Total expenses	\$ 105376



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

- ❖ **Graduation** of two supported university students with excellent grades.
- ❖ Partnering with Toybox UK to procure **birth certificates** for orphans.
- ❖ Completion of **pre-school classroom** at Hope Fountain.
- ❖ Increase in number of bicycles provided for the **Edu-Ride programme**.
- ❖ **Classroom building** at Mbuyazwe school in progress.
- ❖ Partnership with Emotional Logic to provide a full-time **Bereavement counsellor**.
- ❖ Increased exposure of cases of sexual abuse through the **REACT** programme.
- ❖ Re-establishment of drip irrigation at the Sethule **garden** after the Cyclone.
- ❖ Successful drilling of a borehole **for water** at Nkwizha Tsholotsho.
- ❖ A total of **31 Volunteer visitors** from all over the world.
- ❖ Women's clubs with increased numbers supporting **Self-help schemes**.
- ❖ Best ever annual **Youth Camp** for teenagers competing in sports, drama, music & quiz.

