

masifunde

LEARNER DEVELOPMENT

annual



report

2024/2025

Our Vision

masifunde's work is driven by the vision of a united society in which everyone is empowered through high-quality education to participate pro-actively and confidently in societal issues and thereby initiating positive change in their own lives and the lives of others.

Our Mission

In Walmer Township we offer high-quality programmes to learners aged three to 35. The focus of our interventions is the individual's personal journey, taking into account factors such as home and social environment, education, and talents and interests.

We are experts in empowering learners to act as changemakers in their schools and communities. In addition to Walmer Township, we work with over 50 high schools in Nelson Mandela Bay and 40 non-profit partners nationwide to organize outreach events and campaigns for learners to share key messages with their peers.

Through training, programmes, and infrastructure, we strengthen creches and schools in our community. Through a variety of capacity building opportunities with the non-profit sector, we share our wealth of knowledge gathered over the past two decades of developing and testing our community development models.

We are proud to see our core programmes being replicated by partner NGOs in South Africa and overseas.

Message from the chairperson

At the heart of masifunde - isiXhosa for "Let us learn" - lies not just a name, but a deeply held philosophy. It speaks to a collective journey: learning together, growing together, and breaking barriers as a united community. This year has reaffirmed that belief.

Through resilience and innovation, masifunde's programs have continued to transform lives across Walmer Township and beyond. Our holistic approach ensures every learner has access not just to academics, but to life skills, creative expression, and the social support needed to thrive. Despite global uncertainties and local challenges, our dedicated team - supported by loyal partners and community members - has significantly expanded our impact.

masifunde has also deepened its role as a hub for professional exchange - welcoming NGOs at local, national, and international levels to learn from and collaborate with our work. Our efforts in Walmer Township continue to inspire a network of changemakers far beyond our immediate community.

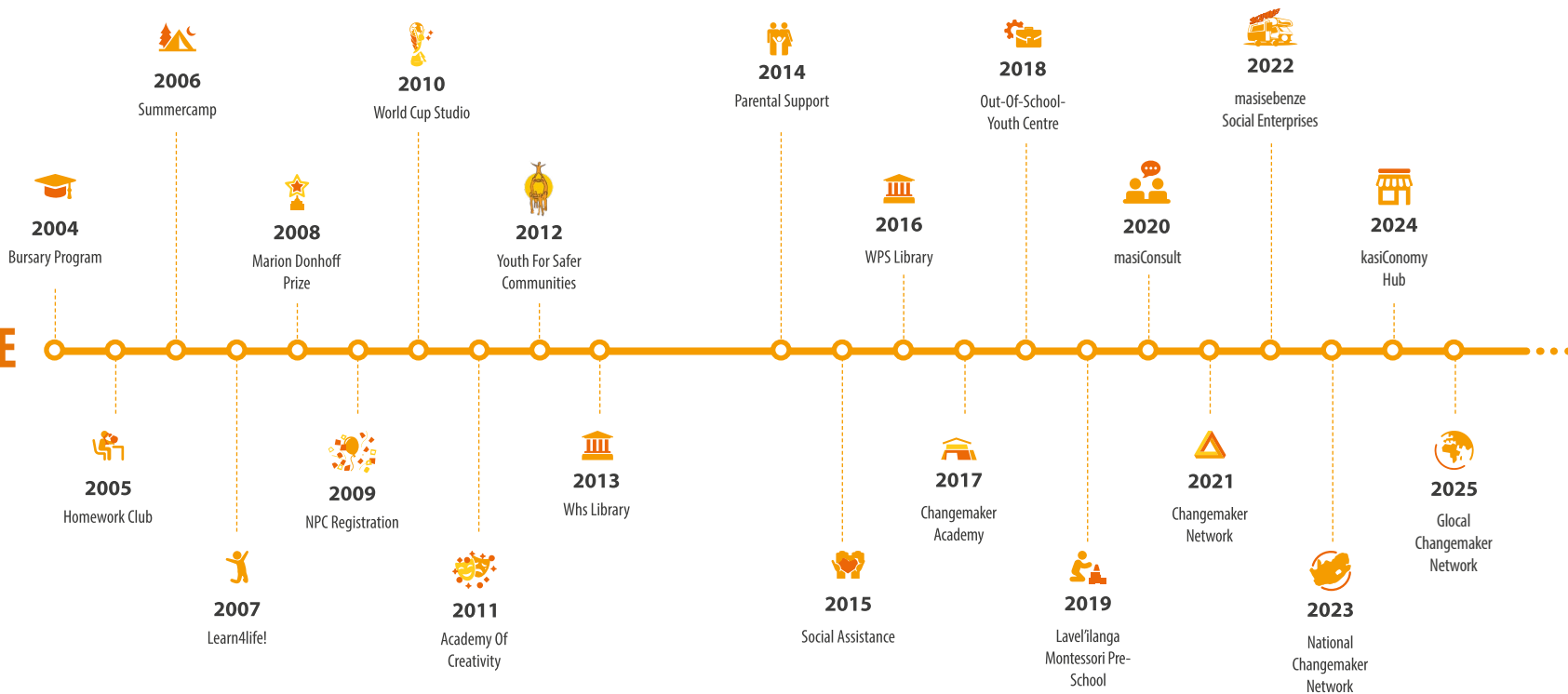
Looking ahead, we honour the remarkable journey so far - but understand that the journey is far from over. The road to education-led empowerment stretches onward, and masifunde remains unwavering in its mission: breaking down barriers, catalysing change, and building futures through learning.

To our incredible team, like-minded partners, supportive stakeholders, and the communities we serve: Thank You! And as we look forward: "Let us learn" - together, today and every day, into the future.



Lubabalo Valisa
Chairperson of the Board

Our TIMELINE over the years



Our Model

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

pre school

3 - 6 years

70

Pre-School children

in school

7 - 18 years

350

Primary & High School Learners

post school

16 - 35 years

370

Out-of-School Youth

FAMILY SYSTEMS

NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY



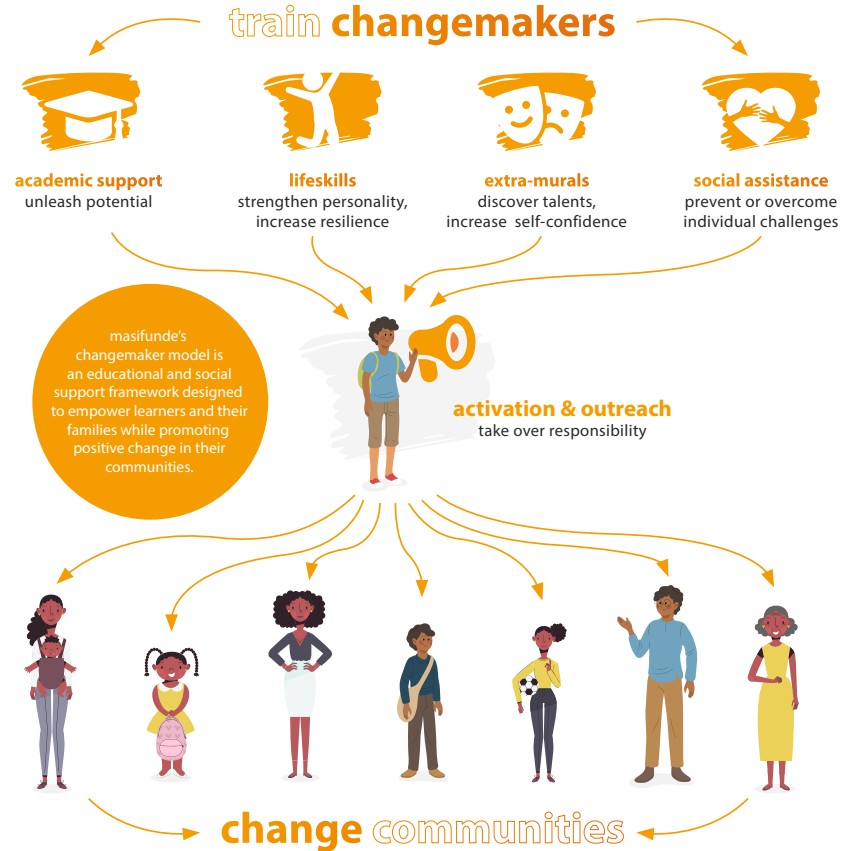
Training of ECDCs



School infrastructure & Libraries



Mentoring Entrepreneurs



pre school



lavel'ilanga montessori pre-school

learning to love to learn



70

children attend
lavel'ilanga
every day



14

local pre-schools
were trained and
mentored



100%

of our alumni perform
above average in
primary school

highlights

- ▶ New pre-school building with two classes opened!
- ▶ Curriculum enriched by weekly swimming, music and computer classes

lifeskills



masifunde's
**Learn
4Life!**

learn4life! life skills programme

relevant topics • modern methods • sharing knowledge • becoming changemakers



195

learners attend
weekly life skills
lessons



31

community outreach
projects reached
1650 people



95%

of our learners report
increased capability
to address social
challenges

highlights

annual camps during term break led to successful "Choose Kindness" campaign which reached more than 1 000 learners in Walmer Township and beyond.

thearts



academy of creativity

nurturing talent • increasing confidence • enabling self-expression



220

learners in drama,
music and visual
art groups



185

Grade 4 learners in
weekly arts lesson



94%

of our learners report
increased confidence

highlights

Sharing the stage with German Comedian, Christian Schulte-Loh, and performing together with the Palestinian Circus School.

in school



academic support

closing the gap • supporting our schools



113

learners attended
weekly online
tutoring



185

Grade 4 learners
receive weekly
computer lesson



94.4%

matric pass rate

highlights

Our school garden supports the school feeding scheme
with fresh produce and is part of our green school library

community service



social assistance

supporting masifunde beneficiaries and their families



60

individual cases
and consultations
attended per
month



160

families supported
through
various social
interventions



900

people receive
assistance through
soup kitchens or food
parcels

highlights

high attendance in Parents Breakfast Club and Father-Son group

display increasing parental support



post school



masifunde's
out of school youth
CENTRE

out-of-school youth support

increasing employability



273

youth attended
one-week 'Get
Ahead' workshop



121

found direct
employment



43

were accepted at
Universities or College

highlights

80 youth get work place experience in vocational trainings as
part of masifunde's operations.

entrepreneurship



kasi
conomy
hub.

kasi-conomy hub

transforming ideas into viable businesses



28

entrepreneurs
receive
comprehensive
support



4

entrepreneurs'
profit grew above
minimum wage



229

youth attended
"Introduction to
Business" Workshop

highlights

- Visit of National Minister of Small Business Development
- First jobs created through our entrepreneurs

social enterprises



masisebenze

generating income for social impact projects • providing training and employment opportunities for local youth



68

conferences and events catered for by MyMito



61

organisations hosted and catered for in V59 guesthouse



34

youth trained for hospitality industry

highlights

our public art exhibition and trained tour guides

increase number of visitors to Walmer Township

making change



changemaker network

sparkling change in Nelson Mandela Bay, nation-wide and globally



40

NGOs replicate the programme in all nine provinces



1138

active changemakers running campaigns throughout the country



450

changemaker campaigns run on GBV prevention, School Safety, and Environmental Awareness

highlights

- ▶ official MCN launch with Minister of Education
- ▶ MCN mentioned in President's State of the Nation Address

NGO coaching



masiConsult
building sustainable organisations



27

NGOs had their
leaders and staff
trained by mCon



738

young professionals
trained in short
courses



22

NPOs trained and
mentored to replicate
Learn4Life!

highlights

Accreditation of mCon as Skills Development Provider by the Quality
Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)



ourboard

We are governed by an active honorary Board of Directors which oversees our activities. Our programmes are implemented by a team of 54 young, motivated professionals.

Additionally, our operations are supported by four local and four German interns, and by 80 youth, our vocational trainees, who gain valuable on-the-job experience, increasing their employability.



our team



Rev Andrew Watt

*Rev St Nicholas
Anglican Church*

Babalwa Desi

*Managing
Director
Desi Industrial
Consultants*

Lee-Anne Ah Shene

*Advocate
Member of
the Eastern
Cape Society of
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the Bar of South
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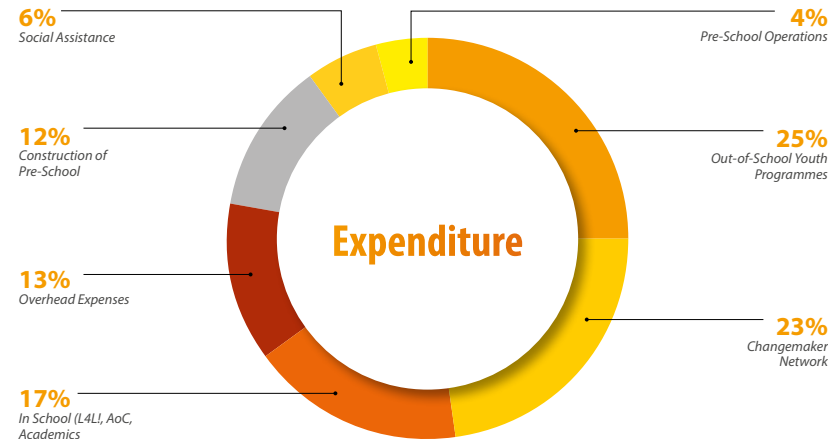
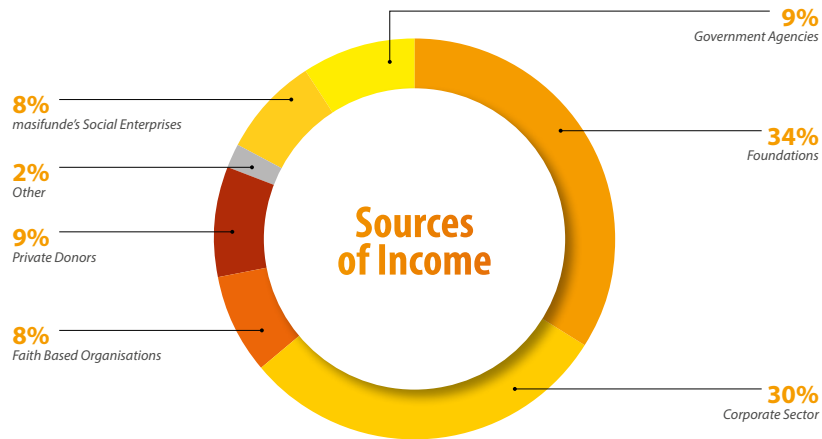
*CEO
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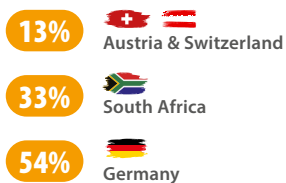
*Managing
Director
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Wayne Tinley

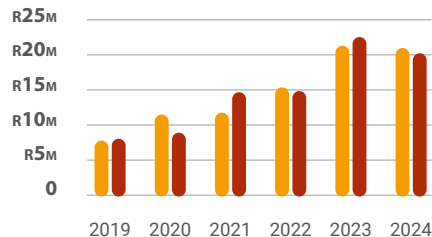
*CEO
Northbound
Financial*



Origin of Income



Income vs Expenditure



masifunde's 2024 audited financials reflect a stable, well-managed organisation with solid donor diversification across South Africa, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. A healthy surplus was carried over into reserves, strengthening long-term financial sustainability and enabling future investment. Continued infrastructure development supports programme delivery capacity, while proper accounting practices and full compliance with IFRS for SMEs ensure transparency. The audit was unqualified, confirming clean, reliable financial reporting and sound governance.

We invite interested funders to view our audited financial statements for transparency and accountability.

please support our work

Your financial support - regardless of the amount - provides us with much-needed stability in an often precarious working environment. It enables us to offer continuity and security to our learners. Your commitment, no matter how small or large, helps us sustain our mission and create a safe and dependable environment for our youth, ensuring a brighter future for all.

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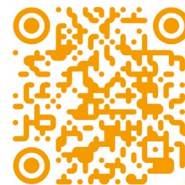


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masifunde is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded in 2004, which runs development programmes for children and youth in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa.

We officially registered as non-profit company (NPC) with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) in 2009 under the name masifunde Siphuhlisa Umfundi NPC, we are trading as Masifunde Learner Development. In 2009 we also received the status as non-profit organisation (NPO) from the Department of Social Development (DSD) and were approved as tax exempted public benefit and welfare organisation (PBO) from the South African Revenue Services (SARS).

Masifunde has signed and practices The Independent Code of Good Governance.



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Swift Code SBZAJJ

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