masifunde

Learner Development

2025/2026_

annual report



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 200 high schools in Nelson Mandela Bay and 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 more than 50 partner NGOs in South Africa and overseas

Message from the board

We live in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence, automation and rapid technological change. The world our children and young people are growing into is changing faster than ever. Yet, amid this transformation, one thing remains constant: real people working with real people to address real challenges.

Behind every number in this report is a human story. A child discovering a talent. A teenager gaining confidence and direction. A young adult taking their first steps into employment. An entrepreneur turning an idea into a livelihood. A family receiving support. A neighbour taking responsibility for their community.

This is what masifunde's work ultimately comes down to: people.

Over the years, our work has grown considerably – from early childhood development and education to social support, employment, entrepreneurship and neighbourhood development. At the same time, the knowledge and experience gained through our work in Walmer Township are increasingly being shared with organisations and communities across South Africa and beyond.

But growth, reach and numbers only matter if we never lose sight of the individual behind them.

As the world continues to change, education must do more than prepare young people for a particular job or qualification. It must equip them to navigate uncertainty: to think critically, adapt, communicate, create, take responsibility and participate confidently in society. Technology will undoubtedly play an important role in that future. But so will the things no technology can replace – human connection, encouragement, opportunity, trust and a sense of belonging.

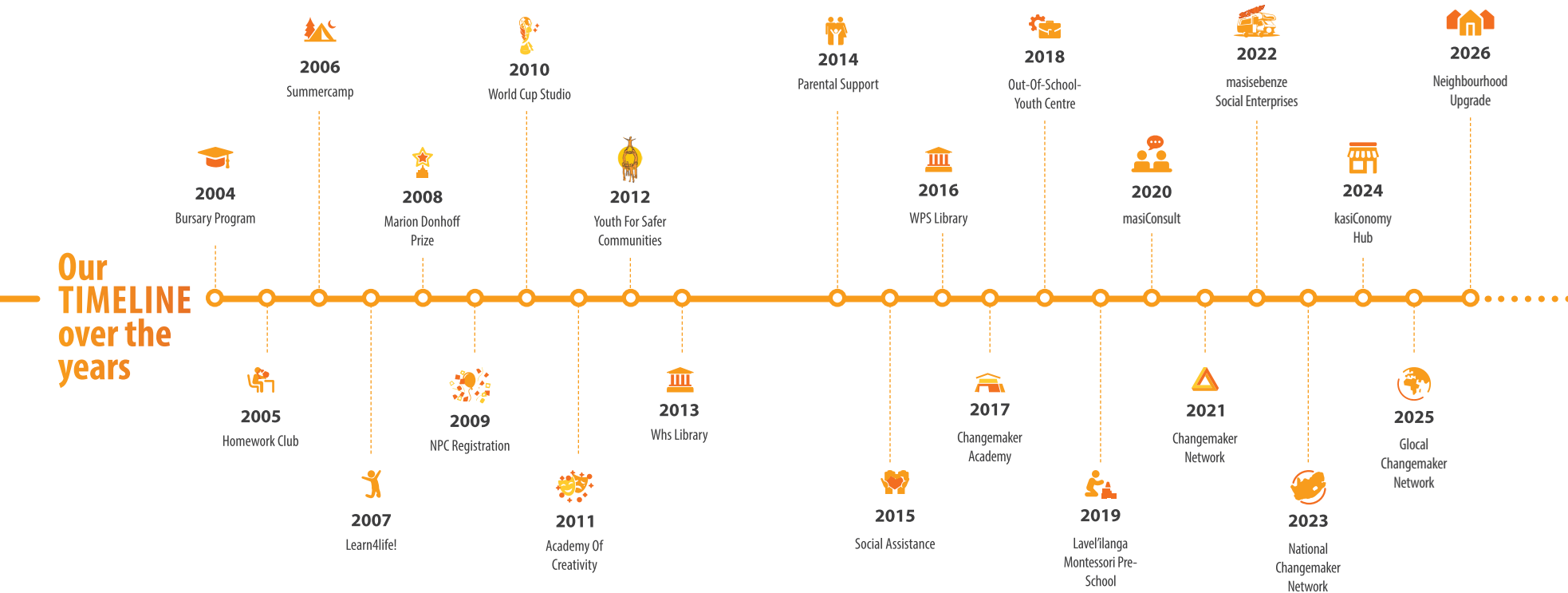
That is why masifunde remains proudly from people, with people, for people.

On behalf of the Board, we thank everyone who makes this work possible – our team, partners, funders, volunteers and, above all, the communities and people who place their trust in masifunde and help shape our work every day.

Together, we are preparing people not only for the world of today, but for the fast-changing world they will help shape tomorrow.

Andrew, Babalwa, Jonas, Lee-Anne, Lubabalo & Wayne
masifunde's Board of Directors

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

COMMUNITY



Training of ECDCs



School infrastructure & Libraries



Mentoring Entrepreneurs

NEIGHBORHOOD

train changemakers



academic support
unleash potential



lifeskills
strengthen personality, increase resilience



extra-murals
discover talents, increase self-confidence

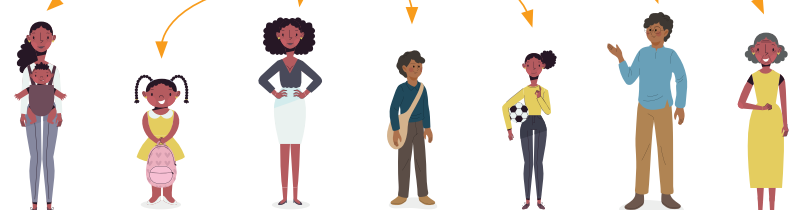


social assistance
prevent or overcome individual challenges

masifunde's changemaker model is an educational and social support framework designed to empower learners and their families while promoting positive change in their communities.



activation & outreach
take over responsibility



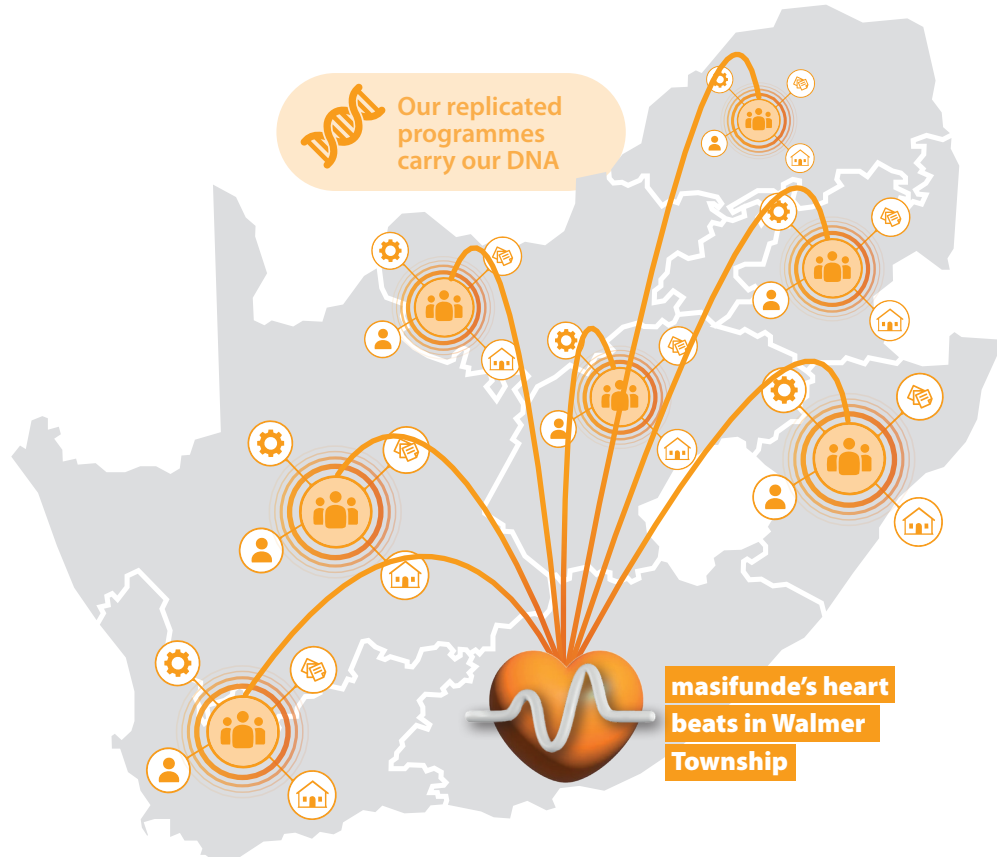
change communities

Our partner NGOs

replicate masifunde's programmatic pulse nationwide

masisebenze opens our doors for visitors, partners and the public to experience masifunde in action

masiConsult builds the programmatic muscle within masifunde and within our partner NPOs



pre school









lavel'ilanga montessori pre-school

learning to love to learn

70
children attend lavel'ilanga every day

14
partner pre-schools were renovated

100%
of our alumni perform above average in primary school

highlights

- Department of Education awarded us with the GOLD status for excellence
- Accredited training provider for pre-school teachers

lifeskills









masifunde's Learn 4 Life!

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

highlight Increased confidence of our changemakers when doing outreach programmes and campaign work

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

highlight Our senior choir touring Germany in 2026

education









education partnerships & programmes

closing the gap • supporting our schools

185

Grade 4 learners receive weekly computer lessons

190

Grade 9 learners receive career guidance

100%

Matric pass rate

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

social work









social assistance

supporting masifunde beneficiaries and their families

60

individual cases and consultations attended per month

136

families supported through various social interventions

55

parents active in parental support programmes

highlight Social workers render social assistance to beneficiaries in all age groups and their parents and families

community development









community development

building a cleaner, healthier and safer neighborhood

20
AI monitored cctv cameras installed

30
bins set up and emptied weekly

15
houses renovated and secured

highlights	
	Monthly neighborhood clean-ups bring together up to 100 people of all ages
	unemployed neighbors receive training in gardening and have established 14 gardens in the neighborhood

post school









masifunde's Out of School Youth Centre

out-of-school youth support

increasing employability

229

youth attended one-week "Get Ahead" workshop

111

youth found direct employment

46

youth enrolled in tertiary education

highlight 120 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

25

entrepreneurs receive comprehensive support

6

entpreneurs' profit grew above minimum wage

12

jobs created within the enterprises

highlight

Fashion Designer opened her own factory-shop outside the township. Hairstylist opened her own Beauty Salon in the township.

social enterprises









masisebenze

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

49

youth trained for the hospitality industry

211

visitors experienced Walmer township through our uhambo walk

64

NGOs hosted and catered for at our V59

highlight

masisebenze was awarded the STREETS International "Alan Spanier Impact Award for Youth Development in Tourism", highlighting our impact, innovation, and community-driven approach on a global platform.

making change









changemaker network

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

40

partner NGOs implement in over 200 high schools

195

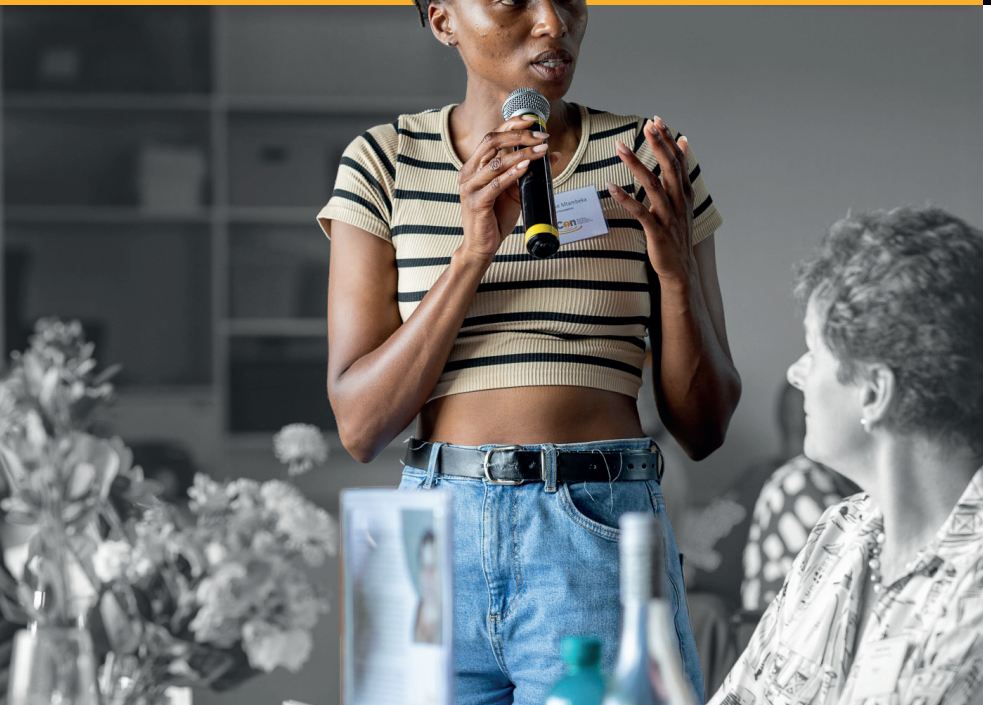
environmental campaigns reached close to 200 000 learners

180

Community Action Projects reached 79 744 learners

highlights	
	First National Youth Summit held for three days in Gqeberha
	2nd Glocal Changemaker Network brought together 12 international NGOs in South Africa and Germany.

NGO coachin









masiConsult

building sustainable organisations

115

NPO leaders have participated in our leadership luncheons

1428

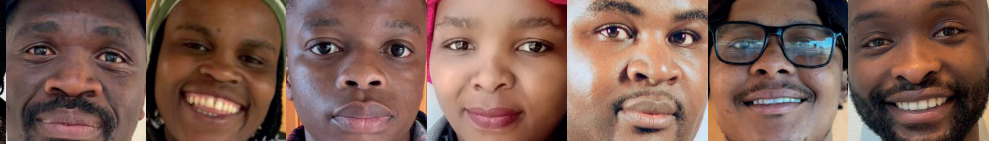
young professionals have been trained

159

NGOs have engaged masiConsult for capacity-building support in various forms

highlights	Our footprint is becoming international with partners in Kenya, DRC, Mozambique, Middle East and Germany Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
	Our youTube training content is followed by 1 800 people worldwide





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

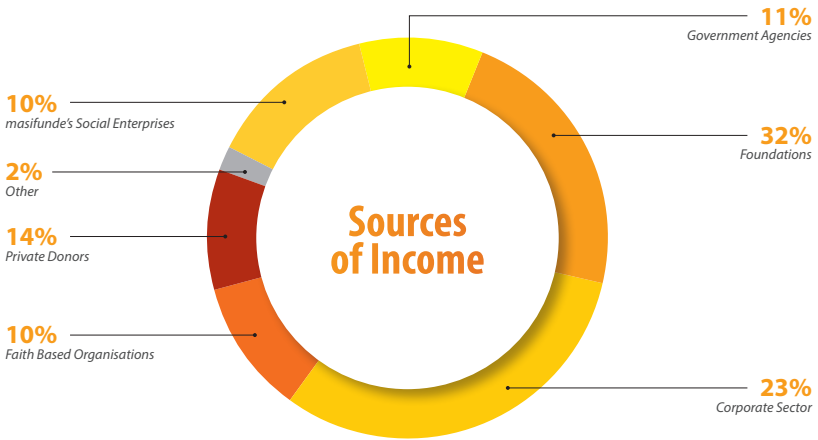
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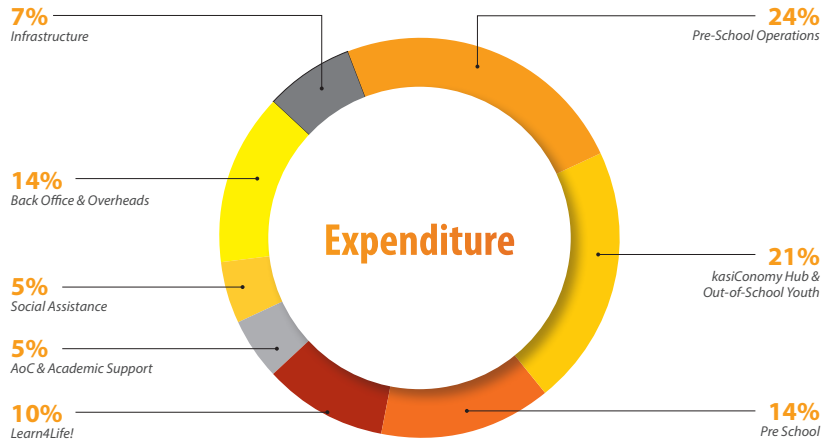
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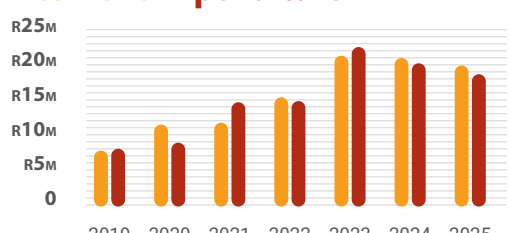




Origin of Income

- 6% Switzerland
- 40% South Africa
- 54% Germany

Income vs Expenditure



masifunde's 2025 audited financial statements reflect a financially strong, well-managed and resilient organisation. Funding is diversified across South African and international partners, including individual donors, foundations, corporate and governmental support. Over the years, masifunde has built a healthy asset base with limited liabilities, strengthening long-term sustainability and organisational stability. The annual financial statements are independently audited by PKF, a member of the global PKF International network, with transparent reporting in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.

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.

how to support

RSA and the world:

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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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