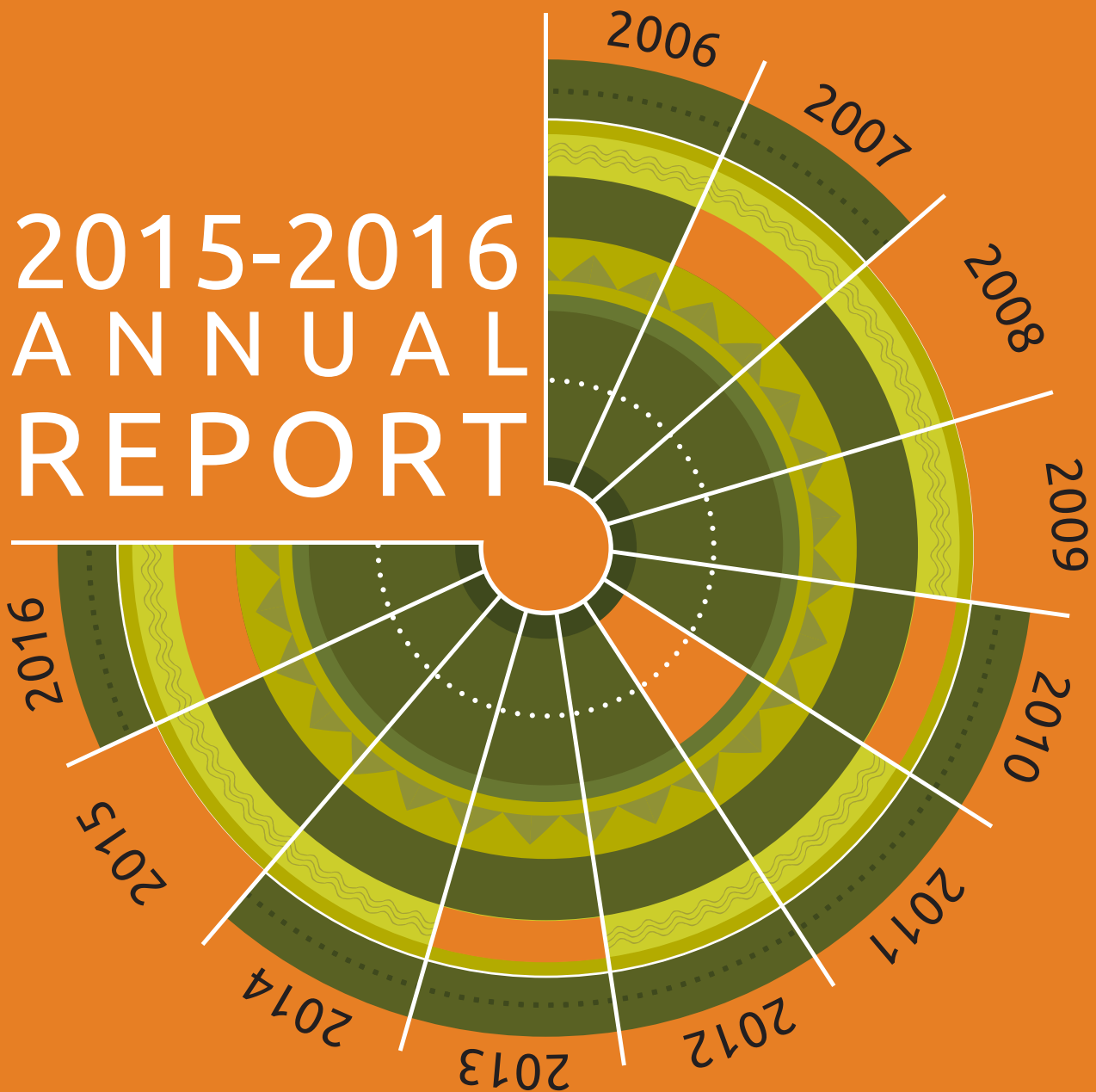


Deaf Education

EMPOWERING DEAF PERSONS IN
AFRICA THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



2006 - 2016
Celebrating 10 Years

WHO WE ARE

Vision

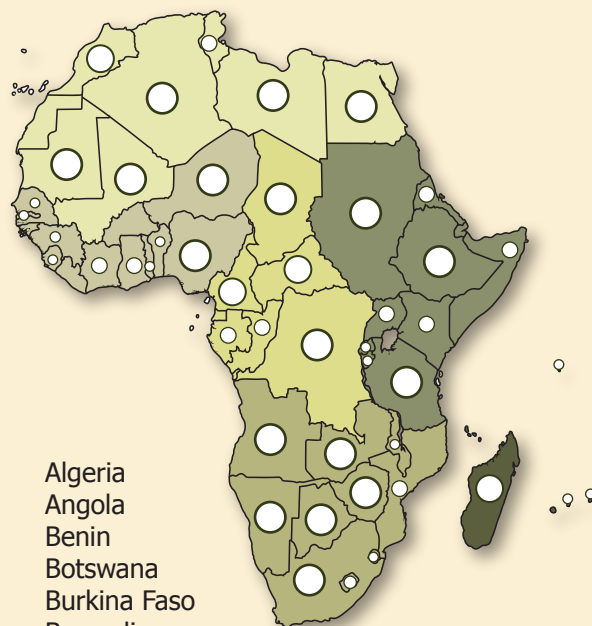
To be a world class network of knowledge and expertise in the interest of people in Africa who experience hearing loss and related communication barriers.

Mission

- To particularise, exchange and disseminate knowledge and expertise on issues relating to people who experience hearing loss and related communication barriers
- To empower them, their families and their communities through research and training
- To promote the improvement of health, well-being and quality of life of people with hearing loss and their families through accessible, available, affordable and appropriate services, training and media

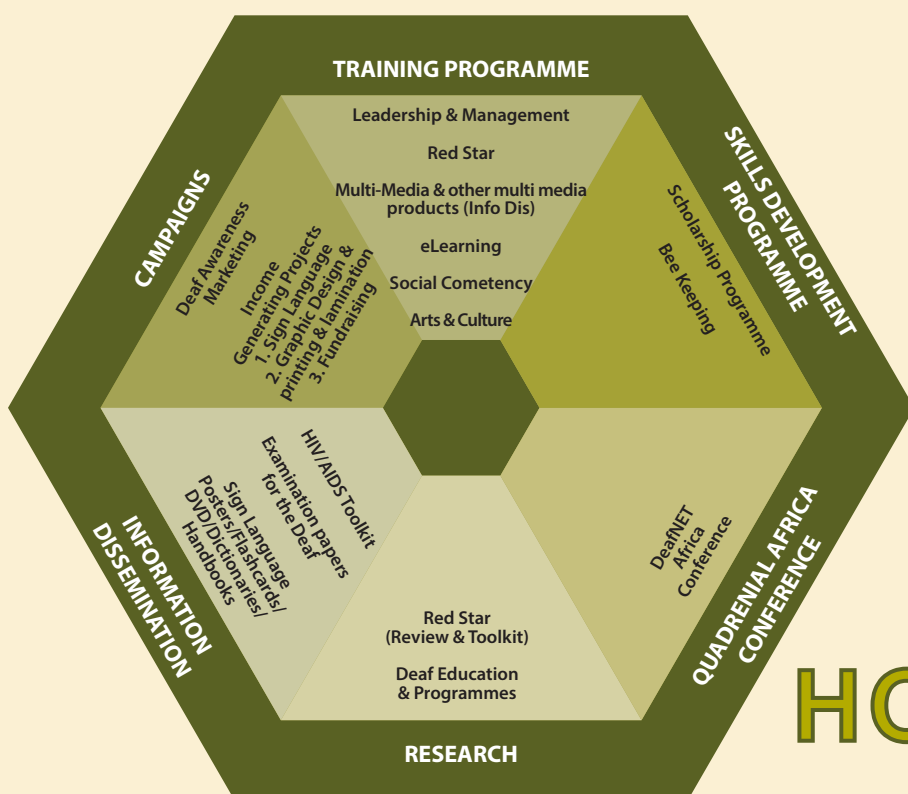
Our African Footprint

DeafNET has its footprints engraved in more than 48 countries across Africa. Through constructive partnerships we managed to successfully implemented our projects since establishment in 2006 and these joint interventions created a platform for growth and development of the Deaf.



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Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
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Reunion Island
Rodrigues Island
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Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

WHAT WE DO



HOW WE DO IT

Visit www.deafnet.org for programme details.

Message from Chairperson

The publishing of the 2016 Annual Report coincides with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of DeafNET Centre of Knowledge.

Since the founding of DeafNET in July 2006, a network of Deaf persons, their families, friends, colleagues and organisations has been established. Today DeafNET and its network, the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness are valuable and precious assets of the African continent. This is a first for Africa and brings together people and organisations of the continent that share the passion for the empowerment and advancement of Deaf persons and their families. Partnerships and cooperation within countries and beyond the borders of culture and countries, previously not possible, came into being, knowledge, expertise and skills were exchanged, joint projects were undertaken, barriers of communication were reduced and Deaf persons obtained more and more access to processes in society.

This report will highlight the achievements and challenges of the past 10 years.

DeafNET is privileged to have a dedicated and highly competent CEO, a capable team, volunteers and ambassadors with passion and the appropriate expertise to collaborate with Deaf communities of the African continent and adjacent Indian Ocean Islands with regard to their health and socio-economic wellbeing. They deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

DeafNET and its Board of Trustees dedicate this report to De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha (Netherlands), main sponsor and expert advisor, and the National Institute for the Deaf (South Africa), for expert support and guidance. They made it possible for DeafNET to be established and to grow to the autonomous international organisation of today with its roots in Africa.



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CHAIRPERSON: DEAFNET BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Message from CEO

It started with a dream of one man and became the vision of more than 48 countries across Africa, to be a world class network of knowledge and expertise in the interest of people in Africa who experience hearing loss and related communication barriers.

I am pleased to present DeafNET's 2015/2016 Annual report as we also celebrate our 10th year anniversary since our establishment on 1st of July 2006. This has been a journey of faith, commitment, dedication and a strong believe in the abilities of our Deaf community across Africa. It is DeafNET's aim to improve the quality of life of Deaf persons and their families. We believe that education enables people to grow and it leads to a successful life. Deaf persons have the right to knowledge and DeafNET aims to make education a reality to our deaf community through strong and constructive partnerships.

Our services the past 10 years and in future will always be to address the core needs of our beneficiaries based on sound research and good practice. It is important to explore and allow new knowledge to grow in order to enhance the resources that lies within each Deaf person and the broader community.

This report is dedicated to the efforts, passion and commitment of our leadership, our staff, our network partners and the successes of our beneficiaries.



MRS SUZETTE WILLEMSE

CEO: DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

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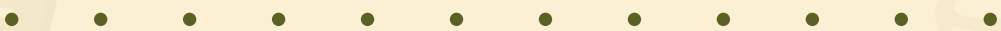
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African Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness (ACGMHD) - DeafNET's Volunteer Network



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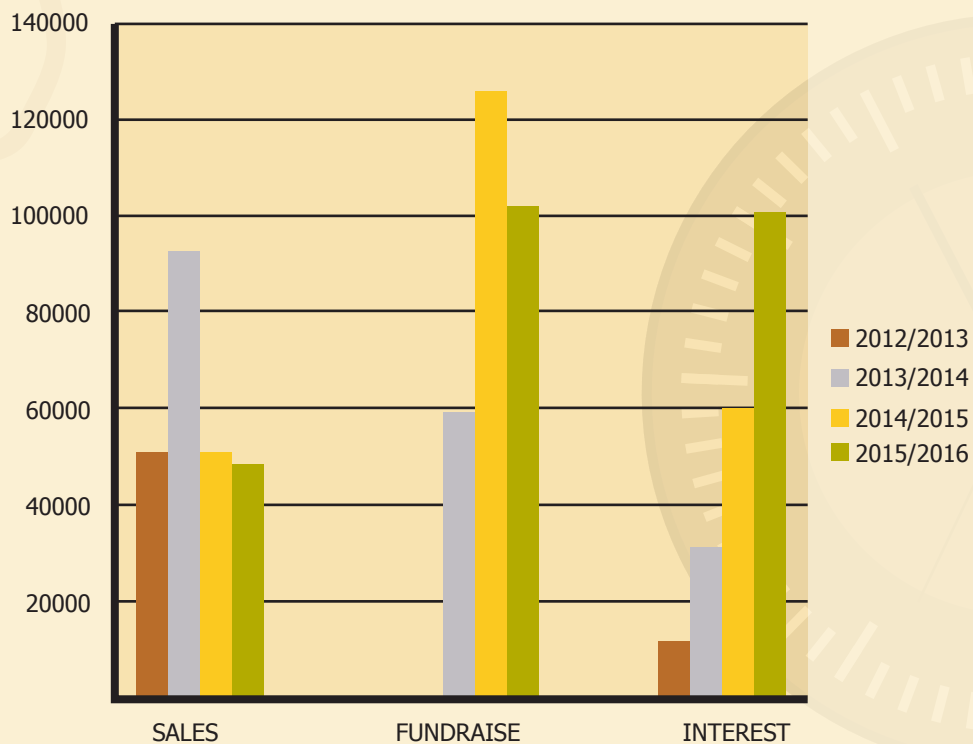
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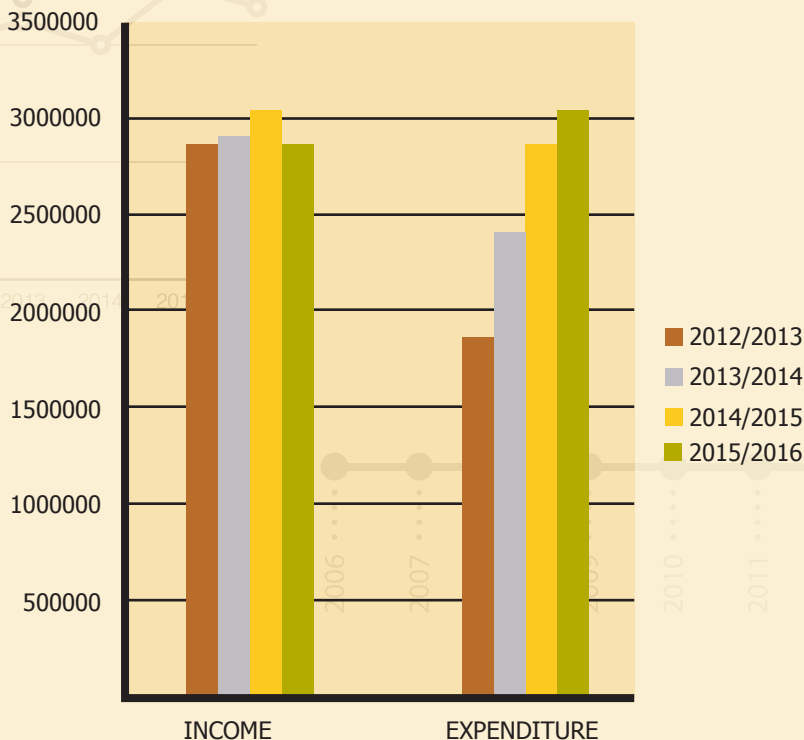
Finance

Income



Total Donations received for 2015/2016 is R2 740 670 in comparason to 2014/2015, R2 810 000

Income & Expenditure



The tables indicate our income & expenditure for the financial year 2015/2016.

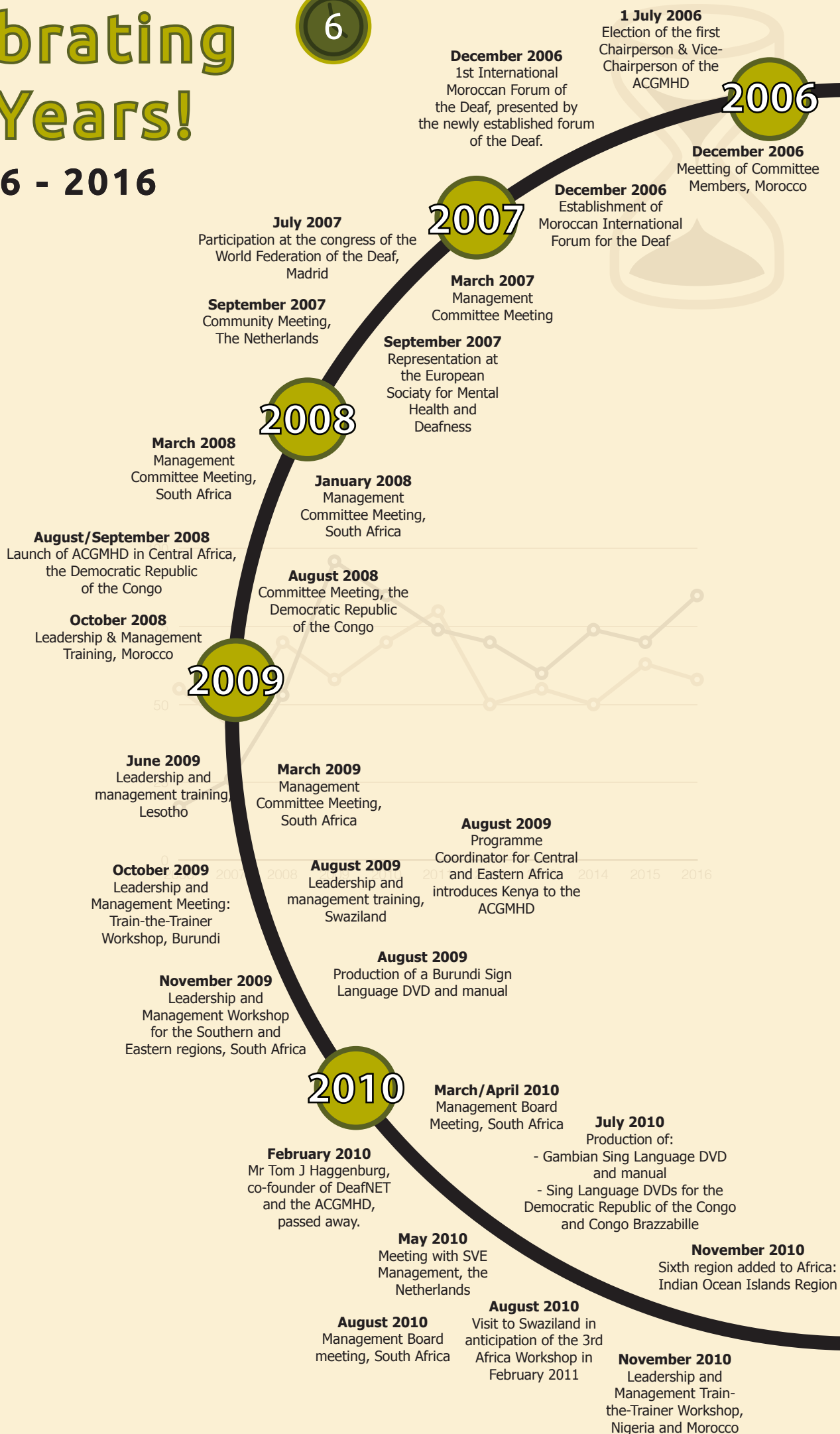
The signed audited financial statements are available at DeafNET's office.

Celebrating 10 Years!

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September 2016
4th DeafNET
Africa Conference,
South Africa

1 July 2016
DeafNET Celebrating
10 Years of Excellence!

February 2016
Leadership and Management
Training, SA

November 2015
Beekeeping Training
of 10 Deaf persons
in Uganda.

September 2015
Visit to Madagascar.
25th Anniversary of
the National
Association of the Deaf.

September 2015
HIV/AIDS Toolkit Project,
Malawi and Swaziland

June 2015
Red Star Evaluation
Visit, Mozambique

May 2015
HIV/AIDS Toolkit Training,
Tanzania and Zimbabwe

May/June/August 2015
Red Star Training,
Tanzania, Zimbabwe and
Botswana.

September 2015
Completion of Arabic
SL Dictionary for
Mauritania.

July/September 2015
Basic SASL Training,
Worcester Tourism

September 2015
DeafNET's 1st
PSA on DSTv
during Deaf
Awareness Month

May/June/August 2014
Red Star Training,
Cameroon, Mozambique and
Madagascar

May 2014
Employment of first
Scholarship student
in Swaziland.

February 2014
Scholarship student
from Mauritius
started ECD training.

April 2014
Implimentation of
Beekeeping Project,
Uganda

June 2014
DeafNET's
New Logo Approved

May 2013
Meeting with SVE
Management,
Netherlands

December 2013
Completion of Sign Language
DVD for Senegal and Mauritania

August/September 2013
Leadership and
Management Training,
Madagascar

August 2013
DeafNET's 1st
AGM and Board
of Trustees Meeting

June 2013
Red Star visit to
DRC

January 2013
Implementation of
HIV/AIDS Toolkit

January 2013
Appoint of new
CEO of DeafNET
Mrs Suzette Willemse

July/August 2013
Red Star Training
Benin

September 2012
Election of DeafNET's
new Board of Trustees

September 2012
DeafNET has been officially
registered as an NGO, PBO
and Trust.

September 2012
Implementation of
Scholarship Project

August 2012
The 1st DeafNET
Board of Trustees
Meeting

August 2012
Rev AL Smit
The 1st Chairperson:
DeafNET Board of Trustees

December 2011
DeafNET registered as a Trust
and became autonomous.

September 2011
Mrs Trudie Kilian
has been appointed
as the new Head
of DeafNET.

November 2011
DeafNET Founders
Meeting

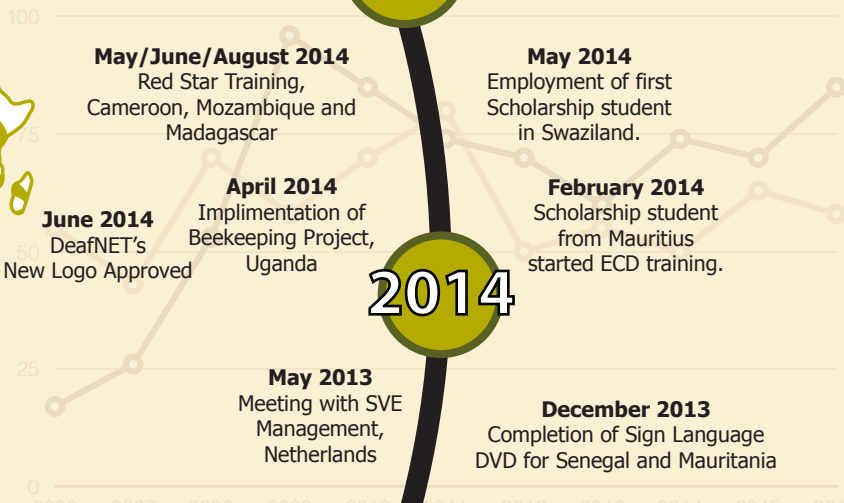
February 2011
3rd Africa Workshop,
Swaziland

October 2011
Implementation of the
Red Star Training Project

August 2011
The Founder and Head
of DeafNET, Rev AL Smit
retired.

March 2011
Production of sign language DVD
and manual for use in Mauritania
and Senegal

DeafNET
Centre of Knowledge



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Projects

Beekeeping Training for Deaf in Uganda

DeafNET is carrying out a bee keeping project in Jinja district in partnership with UNAD and ApiTrade Africa. This project aims at benefiting the Deaf community in Uganda. The project kicked off in October 2015, but negotiations started already in 2013. The Project manager is Mr Edgar Bwire (Deaf) from UNAD.

During the initial stages, a Bee keeping workshop was conducted by APITRADE Africa training for 10 deaf persons who are to act as pioneers to the current high population of Deaf persons in Jinja district and Uganda in particular.

Start-up kits and training were respectively supplied and conducted by ApiTRADE Africa for a period of three days from November 5th- to Saturday 8th 2015 at YMCA conference centre in Jinja town. Each of the beneficial received a fully facilitated kit including two bee hives, but to keep the group well monitored and motivated, members agreed to form a joint apiary of 20 bee hives in one place which is now situated in Budondo sub-county just a few meters from the source of Africa's longest river, the Nile.



Basic SA Sign Language Training

31 Persons from Worcester Tourism have been trained from July to September 2015 in Basic SA Sign Language by DeafNET's facilitators: Samantha Hector (Deaf), Solizma Benson (Deaf) and Eddie Tsubella (SL & Communication Officer). Certificates were handed over to the participants at Fairy Glen Game Reserve in Worcester.



Ido Awards 2016 Johannesburg

13 February 2016

Deaf couples from Africa attended the Ido Awards 2016 at the Barnyard Theatre in Johannesburg on 13 February. Rajesh and Nazereen Bhana were awarded the "Against all Odds Award 2016" and were nominated by DeafNET. We are very proud of them and would like to thank Ambassador Felicia Buthelezi and the Ido Magazine for providing this platform for our Deaf community. The Ido Awards focus on "Healthy relationships! Happy Homes!"



HIV/AIDS Toolkit Project

Successful HIV/AIDS information sessions were presented in Malawi and Swaziland by Pastor Jimmy Akimu & Pastor Anthony Langwenya. The HIV/AIDS Toolkit from DeafNET was used to transfer the information and knowledge to the Deaf beneficiaries.

Educators from Tanzania & Zimbabwe were also trained by DeafNET to use the HIV/AIDS Toolkit during teaching and learning in the classroom.



Red Star Project

The Red Star Process has the characteristics of the natural development of language. This training method empowers teachers with skills and methodology to impart reading and writing skills as well as sign language skills in Deaf learners. It equips Deaf learners with literacy and communication abilities on levels earlier very difficult to achieve.

DeafNET Centre of Knowledge and our partner, De la Bat School for the Deaf, visited Mozambique recently from 21 - 26 June 2015. The team consists of Ms Marie-Louise Kanda, Coordinator of the Red Star Project from DeafNET, Mr Phillip Cook principal of De la Bat School for the Deaf and Mrs Ina Senekal the founder and facilitator of the Red Star Training method from De la Bat School.

The purpose of the follow-up visit was to monitor the implementation, progress of the training method and to give the necessary support to the three educators from ESCOLA DE EDUCAÇÃO ESPECIAL NO 1, Maputo, Mozambique, who were trained in the Red Star Training Method in 2014.

Two Deaf educators and three hearing from Tanzania and Zimbabwe received training in the Red Star X 2 method from 11 May to 5 June 2015. Another training session took place from 11 August to 28 August 2015 when as well as 6 educators from Botswana has been trained.



Leadership Training For Deaf Youth

Worcester: 22nd to 26th February 2016

DeafNET hosted a Leadership Training for Deaf Youth from 22-26 February 2016 at Ukwanda Rural Campus, University of Stellenbosch in Worcester.

14 Deaf persons, from Deaf organisations in the Worcester area, attended the training which was facilitated in partnership with CEFA (Continuing Education for Africa) and DeafNET. Dr Patrick Smith from CEFA was the main facilitator together with Sanjay Beepat and Suzette Willemse from DeafNET.

Purpose of training:

- Equip Deaf youth leaders with leadership and management skills.
- Build and maintain relevant and effective organisations to serve Deaf communities.
- Promote and support equal education and opportunities for Deaf persons.
- Empower Deaf persons with social competence and self-representing skills.
- Facilitate improvement of the health and wellbeing of Deaf persons and their families through advocacy and partnerships.
- Promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



DeafNET's Scholarship Programme



DeafNET's 1st Scholarship student from Swaziland, Nelisiwe Dlamini, finished her studies as Assistant-Chef in 2014 and she got her first employment at Pick 'n Pay Mbabane, Swaziland from 1 May 2015.



Our 2nd Scholarship student, Samantha Hector from Mauritius, is currently studying Early Childhood Development at NID College for the Deaf.



A two year Scholarship Award has been granted to Loveness Tendai Majoni from Zimbabwe to study at the NID College in Worcester from January 2016. The Scholarship has been handed over to Loveness after the Zwakala Africa Awards on 28 February 2015 in Johannesburg.

Multi-Media Projects

In 2015 DeafNET finalised the SL Dictionary in Arabic for Mauritania/Senegal. We produced a handbook of the dictionary which contains 1000 words in Arabic to Silent Work.



Other Projects

Zambia's 51st Independence Day Celebration

Celebrating Zambia's 51yrs of independence 24 October 2015. DeafNET's CEO, Mrs Suzette Wilemse with the High Commissioner of Zambia, His Excellency, Mr Mwamba and Ms Emmie Bweupe from Zambia High Commissioners' Office (1st Secretary: Education), Pretoria, SA



Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa, His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Mwamba

Conferences

International Conference on the Education of the Deaf (ICED) held in Athens, Greece 6th to 9th July, 2015

DeafNET's Representative Mr Malonje Phiri (Deaf) and his Sign Language Interpreter Betty Wisiki attended the International Conference on the Education of the Deaf in Athens, Greece. The theme of the conference was *"Educating Diverse Learners: Many Ways, One Goal"*. The conference also attracted teachers of the Deaf, caregivers, audiologists, neurologists and speech therapists. In attendance also were Deaf leaders of Deaf associations and societies around the world.

Mr Malonje Phiri said: "It was a huge privilege for me as a Deaf person to represent DeafNET and being able to promote deafness and DeafNET as an international acknowledged organization that empowers the Deaf with knowledge. The powerful character and influence of DeafNET did not only impact on me and my interpreter, but also those at the conference and specifically those who we have interacted with personally".

Malonje presented the following paper at the conference: "MALAWI DEAF EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS: RESEARCH ON THE CHALLENGES DEAF LEARNERS FACE IN MAINSTREAM EDUCATION SETTINGS".



World Federation of the Deaf Conference in Istanbul, Turkey 28 July- 1 August 2015

Four members of DeafNET's volunteer network, The Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness (ACGMHD) represented DeafNET at the World Federation of the Deaf Conference (WFD) in Istanbul, Turkey from 28 July to 1 August 2015. The WFD has been attended by the chairperson, Mr Abdelaziz Arssi from Morocco, the deputy chairperson, Ms Deborah Iyute (Deaf) from Uganda, Mr Jonathan Amuah (Deaf) from Ghana and Mr Innocent Djonthe (Deaf) from Cameroon.



Fundraisers

1st Annual Golf Day

DeafNET hosted their 1st Annual Golf Day on 30 October 2015 at Boschenmere Golf Estate in Paarl, South Africa in benefit of Deaf education in Africa. We would like to express our appreciation for the participation and sponsorships of individuals and companies to make our golf day a huge success. We applaud Tusk Event Management who assisted us to make our 1st Charity Golf day a success.



2nd Ladies Breakfast in Aid of Scholarship Project

DeafNET hosted their 2nd Annual ladies breakfast on 10 August 2015 in celebration of Women's day and to raise funds for their scholarship project. The event took place in partnership with the Golden Valley Casino, Worcester and has been attended by 100 ladies supporting the education of young Deaf girls from Africa.

The Idols SA 2015 Top 9 finalist, Elwira Standili performed during this ladies breakfast with her amazing soul full voice. The keynote speaker was Ambassador Carol-Ann Cloete and the event was also blessed with the presence of Ambassadors Rosebud Tsobane (MC), Ambassador Amanda Quwe, Ambassador Theresa Olivier and Ms Mitzi Hagen from Annique.



Charity Comedy Show in aid of DeafNET

DeafNET's Goodwill Ambassador, Rob Van Vuuren hosted a Comedy show at the Golden Valley Casino, Worcester on 13 June 2015 in support of DeafNET's Leadership and Management Programme. The show was also supported by Goodwill Ambassadors, Rosebud Tsobane, Theresa Olivier and Isak Andrews. Golden Valley Casino, our main sponsor, was represented by their General Manager, Mr Keenan Bergins and the Marketing Manager, Ms René Scholtz.

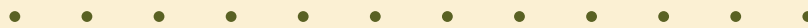




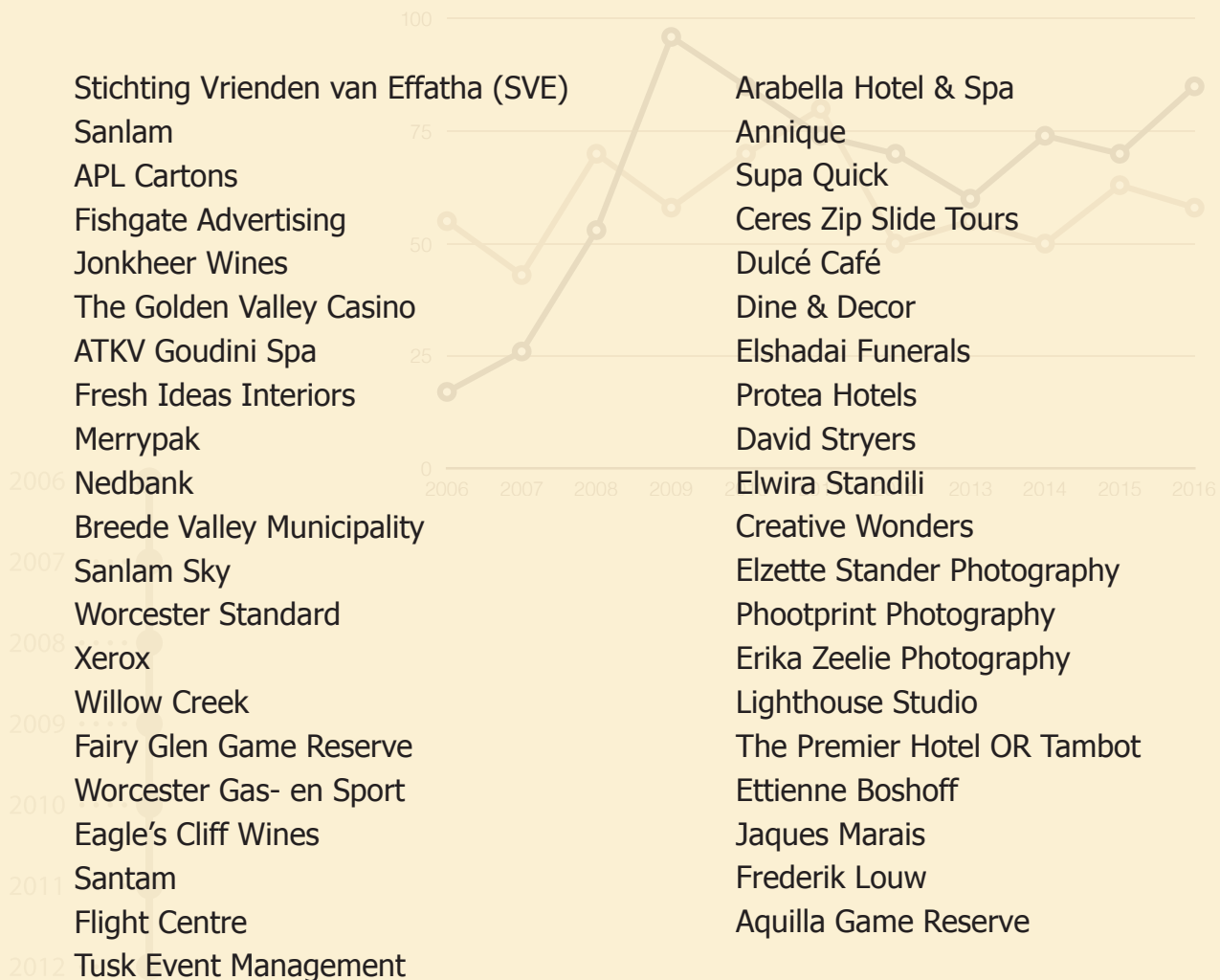
Accreditation

B-BBEE Status

DeafNET obtained Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) accreditation in 2015.
Currently the organization holds a B-BBEE level 4 status.



Appreciations



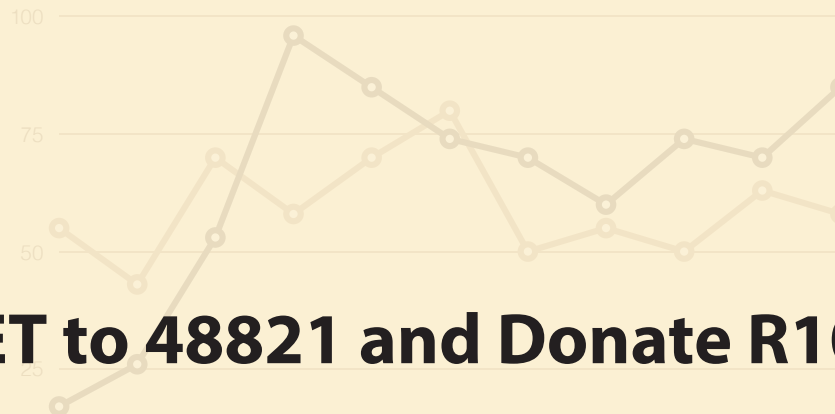
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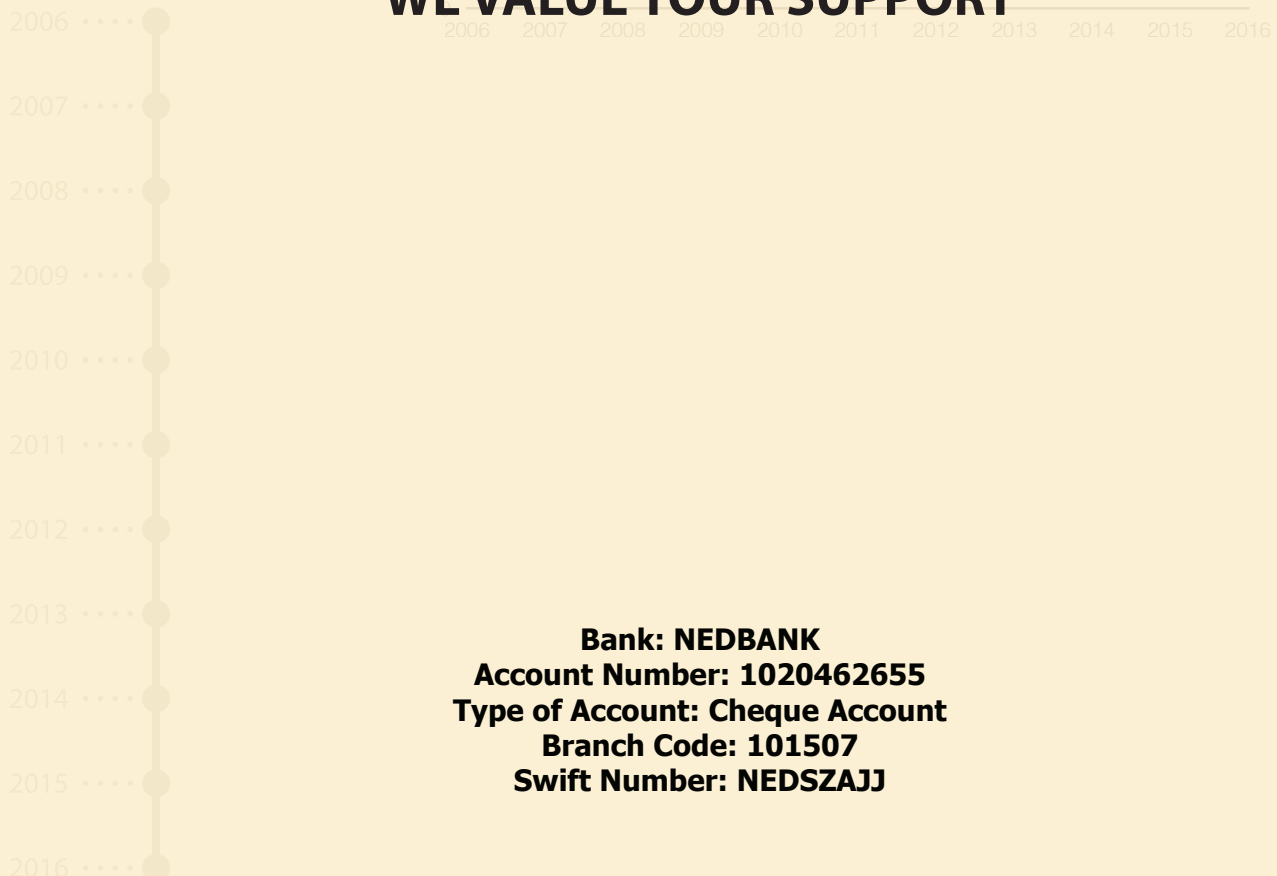
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