



SAVE OUR DEAF CHILDREN... EDUCATE THEM

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This Annual Report is dedicated
to all beneficiaries of DeafNET

CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE



DR P SMITH
CHAIRPERSON: DEAFNET
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It is indeed a privilege to write this foreword at the end of the first year of my term as chairman of the Board of Trustees of DeafNET. Having taken over from Rev. Smit, the founder and first chairman of the Board of Trustees, was indeed a challenge. At the end of this year we can look back and celebrate the outcomes accomplished.

The theme of the 2018 Annual General Meeting is "SAVE our Deaf children... EDUCATE them". The last 12 months has seen an extension of the successes of the past, fine tuning the mechanisms of partnering and exploring opportunities to ensure a sustainable future for the organisation. In line with the theme of the AGM the following actions were undertaken:

1. Red Star Programme in Zimbabwe in partnership with the De la Bat School,
2. Accepted an invitation of the Ministry of Basic Education of Botswana Special Education Awareness Campaign, and
3. In partnership with the De la Bat School will be hosting a delegation of teachers from Swaziland who will be mentored in the method of the Red Star programme.

Through the network of DeafNET, youth leadership of Deaf learners has been initiated and the lessons learned could be replicated elsewhere once the programme is evaluated and the necessary funding is secured. In this regard it is also necessary to mention the partnership entered into with the Department of Social Development for the training of youth. Youth Cafés seek to provide youth with a platform where they can access skills and personal development training, economic and social development opportunities, and creative spaces where they are able to express themselves at a local and global scale. In order to stimulate an inclusive environment the Department enlisted the assistance of DeafNET for the training of Sign Language for facility staff and volunteers.

Through interaction with the DeafNET African Committee (DAC) we are kept up to date with developments elsewhere and with Ms Deborah Lyute (Deaf) serving on the Board of Trustees, this exchange is greatly enriched. DeafNET in its endeavour to be relevant, be of service to the Deaf and create a platform for them to spearhead interventions for themselves, is immensely grateful for the continued support of the De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha, the National Institute for the Deaf, the De la Bat School, the DeafNET Goodwill Ambassadors and those individuals and institutions who assist in their own way.

A special word of thanks goes to the dedicated staff of DeafNET for giving selflessly in order to give expression to the vision and mission of the organisation.

CEO MESSAGE



MS SUZETTE WILLEMSE
CEO: DEAFNET CENTRE
OF KNOWLEDGE

Our theme for this year is: "Save our Deaf children: Educate them!" DeafNET and its network have an obligation to serve this vulnerable group and create a safety net for them. Through education we empower them for life and protect them from harm! Our strong & dynamic network across Africa can provide opportunities and access to knowledge.

The empowerment of our Deaf leaders always remains a priority for DeafNET. The past year we have piloted leadership development on school level. I am also touched by the passionate way Deaf leaders in Africa are taking responsibility for their own communities; how they lead with dignity; how they design even initiatives in line with DeafNET's objectives. We are proud to announce that DeafNET has the 1st Deaf person as Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trustee since August 2017. "Nothing for Deaf persons without Deaf persons".

Furthermore am I humbled by educators who want to change the lives of Deaf learners; educators getting equipped to educate Deaf children.

Through social media we created a platform to share information & knowledge effectively; on a continuous basis DeafNET shared opportunities to Deaf persons via our database and networks.

The burning need for Deaf education constantly challenged DeafNET to address this reality. Deaf persons hunger for knowledge and this encourages DeafNET to work endlessly and hand-in-hand with network partners; government, Deaf organisations, Deaf leaders & business sector to open the doors of education to Deaf children. The commitment of the staff of DeafNET is applaudable.

Our humble appreciation to all donors and sponsors who helped DeafNET to serve Deaf persons and their families on the continent of Africa.

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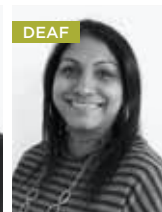
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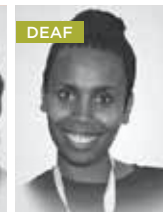


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WHO WE ARE

OUR 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.

OUR 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.



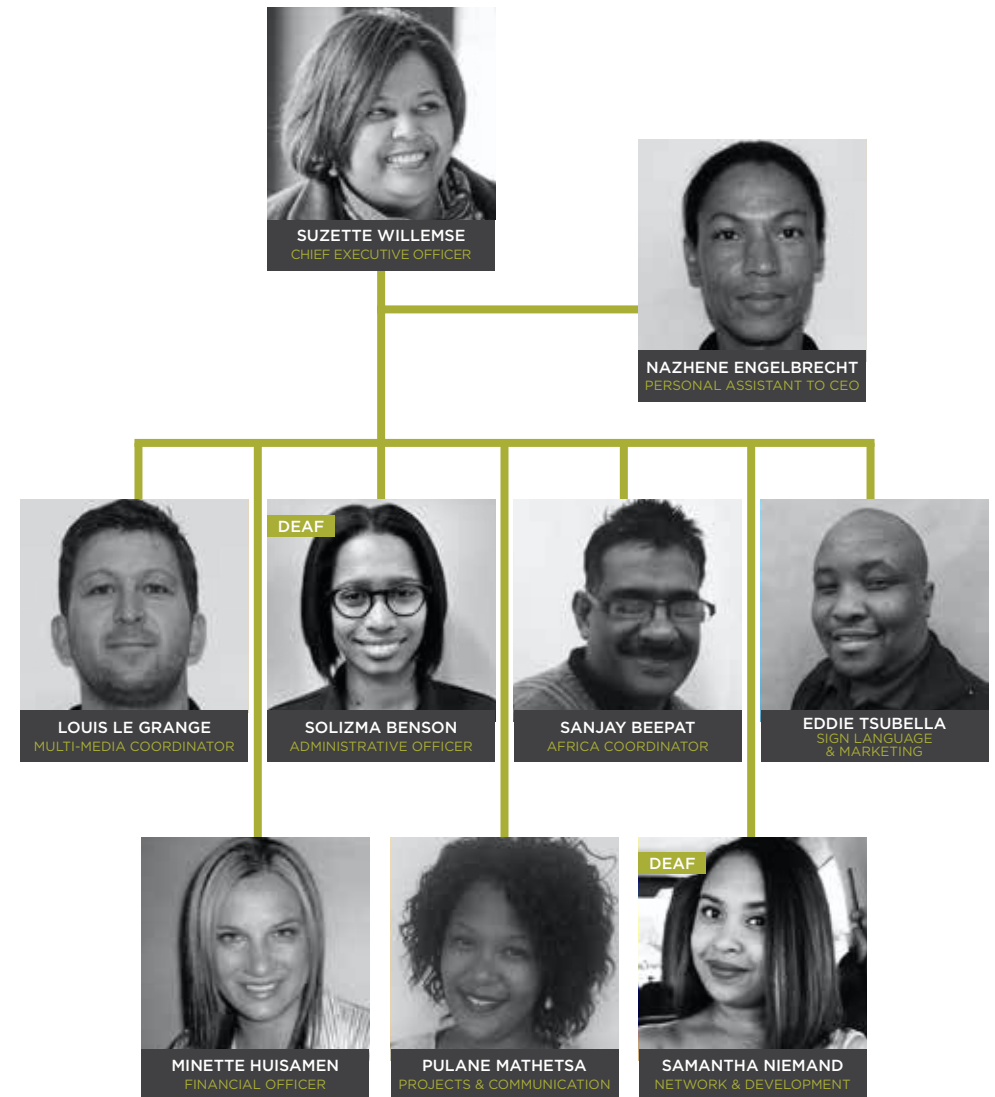
Our programme details is available on our website at www.deafnet.org

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DeafNET's network is established in more than 49 countries across Africa. We ensure support and development to our Deaf communities through joint initiatives and assistance of our DeafNET Africa Committee (DAC). The DAC is DeafNET's volunteer network on the continent of Africa.



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Currently the organisation holds a B-BBEE level 1 status.

PROJECTS

SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

DeafNET offers a short Basic SA Sign Language accredited level 5-course. This is a partnership programme with the University of the Free State, Dept of South African Sign Language.

On 22 June 2017, DeafNET Goodwill Ambassador, Rosie Wilson, handed over a DeafNET Trophy and voucher to the Best 3rd Year Sign Language Student. The Best student was Hazel van der Westhuizen. Pictured with them is Susan Lombaard, Lecturer (Departmental Chair - Acting): Dept of South African Sign Language, UOFS.



Between 4 - 8 December 2017, DeafNET in partnership with the Sign Language Department from the University of the Free State, presented an accredited Level 5 Sign Language Training to professionals from the Cape Winelands District Municipality region.

DeafNET developed a SA Sign Language Poster for Tourism for the Cape Winelands District Municipality. The Worcester Tourism Association was instrumental in the development of the poster. The poster was launched during DeafNET's annual Ambassadors Banquet on 19 August 2017.



SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

DeafNET Interpreters (Sabo Zifo & Cebisa Matyila) interpreted at Photoshop Training of PurcoSA at Reuben Birin School for Hearing Impaired in Port Elizabeth on 13 - 15 June 2017.

Efata School for the Blind and Deaf in Mthatha, Eastern Cape: 26 - 28 June 2017
St Thomas Private School in King Williams Town, Eastern Cape: 15 - 17 August 2017



DeafNET Interpreting for Photoshop Training at Sive School for the Deaf in Maluti, Eastern Cape from 20 to 22 June 2017.



DeafNET's interpreter, Pulane Mathetsa, interpreting at Community Chest Child protection Event at St Georges Cathedral, Cape Town on 23 June 2017.



DeafNET's interpreter, Eddie Tsubella interpreting at Cape Winelands District Municipality's events on 04 May 2017 and again 29 - 31 June 2017 as well as rendering interpreting service to the National Lotteries Commission on 03 - 04 August 2017.



RED STAR



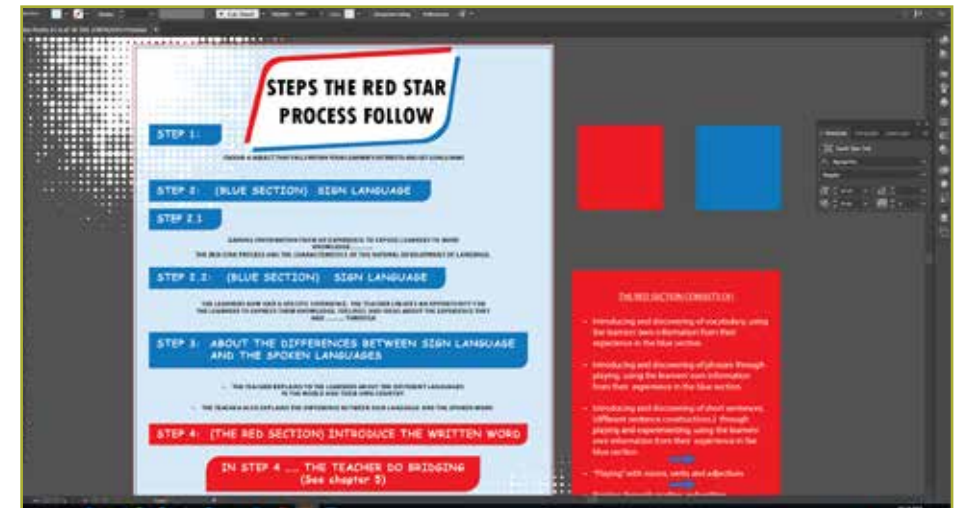
The Red Star Training Programme is a partnership programme between DeafNET and De la Bat School for the Deaf.

The Red Star training method was developed as a process or technique to be used by educators from Deaf Schools throughout Africa to achieve an increased awareness and a better understanding of a reading and written language via sign language.

The Red Star Process (RSP) is a four-week intervention that offers its participants a deeper, more indepth understanding of reading and written language via sign language. To date educators from Deaf schools throughout Africa have received this training to empower the Deaf learners at their schools and we are now introducing this training method to South African educators.

Educators are trained in the Red Star Training Method and they are empowered with:

- » Skills and methodology to impart reading and writing skills of Deaf learners
- » Improving Sign Language skills in Deaf learners
- » Improving literacy and numeracy abilities of Deaf learners



During 2017 DeafNET developed a Red Star Toolkit to assist educators to implement the method after training. The toolkit consists of: A Red Star Process Poster, curriculum, stationery, flashcards & DVD. SANLAM SKY sponsored DeafNET stationery to be included in the Red Star Toolkit for educators at Deaf Schools. The Red Star Toolkit will be given to educators who have completed the Red Star training programme.



HIV AIDS

The HIV/AIDS Toolkit consists of 1 big HIV cube, 1 small HIV cube, a leaflet, 1 DVD (in Sign Language with subtitles in French and English) containing a guide for the use of the toolkit, a leaflet in French and English, and a HIV poster. It provides a practical tool to demonstrate and engage Deaf persons in the training through their active participation in the activities.

Past Anthony Langwenya, DeafNET's representative in Swaziland, facilitated HIV/AIDS training to Deaf youth in Swaziland on 17 February 2018 at Manzini George Hotel. They focused on Healthy Youth, Healthy Future and Identity.



Pastor Jimmy Akimu, DeafNET's representative in Malawi, jointly with other Deaf leaders from Malawi, presented a HIV/AIDS Training to 60 Deaf persons at the Deaf Christian Church in Blantyre, Malawi on 10 February 2018.



BEEKEEPING

DeafNET aims to empower Deaf persons with practical skills through our Beekeeping project, thereby contributing to poverty alleviation and by promoting sustainable development initiatives for Deaf people within rural areas in Africa.

This project's primary objective is to reduce poverty among the Deaf in rural communities and provide an ongoing income for Deaf people. Apiculture is the rearing of honeybees for production of honey and other bee products. It is mostly being practiced in the rural areas, but it is regarded as one of the economic activities that has the potential for contributing to poverty reduction in the Deaf community.

The goal of this project is to encourage sustainable livelihoods by providing Deaf communities with beekeeping skills in the agricultural sector, so that they can earn an income and get access to the economy, thereby becoming contributing members of society.

10 Deaf persons in Uganda were trained in beekeeping and is assisted by a Deaf Project coordinator, Mr Edgar Bwire, DeafNET Africa Committee Representative for the Eastern Region. Training in harvesting will follow in 2018. The project will be handed over to the Uganda Association of the Deaf soon.



LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

DeafNET's Leadership and Management Programme also called "the equip to serve and lead program" is designed to develop potential Deaf leaders through guidance, training and inspiration. The workshop provides training to lead, sustain and coordinate projects in the field of social development in Deaf communities and to equip Deaf leaders of the National Associations of the Deaf. In addition, the workshop aims to strengthen the skills, competencies and abilities of the Deaf in Africa to serve the Deaf community.

Purpose of the training:

- » To capacitate Deaf leaders to serve Deaf communities effectively and relevantly
- » To promote and support equal education and opportunities for Deaf persons
- » To sensitise the public & private sectors with regard to deafness and Sign Language
- » To promote the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD)



In 2017 DeafNET initiated leadership camps for Deaf learners to equip them to be leaders amongst their own peers and community. Funding for this pilot project has been received from the National Lotteries Commission Trust and implementation started in 2018.

After successful completion of the pilot project, the Leadership camps for Deaf learners will be rolled out to other Deaf Schools on the Africa Continent.

Ms Deborah Iyute from Uganda has been the deputy chairperson of DeafNET's volunteer network, the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness (ACGMHD) from 2011-2016. In 2017 she was elected as DeafNET's 1st Deaf Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.



SCHOLARSHIP

The promotion of education and training is an important activity for DeafNET as we seek to empower Deaf youth by offering them the opportunity to further their education. DeafNET allocates a bursary to young Deaf girls & boys from Africa to access a qualification in the field of their choice at the National Institute of the Deaf (NID) College in Worcester, South Africa.

The NID College provides further education in occupational and skills training for deaf students in a variety of study fields e.g. Hospitality, Cosmetology and Beauty, Construction, Upholstery, Agriculture, Early Childhood Development, E-Learning, ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) and Jewellery Manufacturing (MQA).

DeafNET's Scholarship student from Zimbabwe, Loveness Majoni successfully completed her Beautician studies at the NID College in Worcester, South Africa in March 2017. Since 10 April 2017 she did an internship at Haven Relaxation and Beauty Spa. Loveness has been employed by the SPA and is currently working at the Victoria Falls branch.



DeafNET's partnership with Zwakala Africa created an opportunity to Tshiamo Selote from Kimberley, South Africa to further his studies in upholstery at the NID College from 2018. During the Zwakala Africa awards on 27 October 2017, a DeafNET Scholarship was handed over to Tshiamo.



CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Finalisation of the rights of persons with disabilities project - Cairo, Egypt

Mr Mohamed Bensari, DeafNET's leader in Algeria, attended a Workshop for the finalisation of the rights of persons with disabilities project from 27 - 28 November 2017 in Cairo, Egypt.



Second International Conference on Deaf Education - Morocco Faculty of Educational Sciences in Rabat, Morocco

The Second International Conference on 'Deaf Education' was held on February 07 and 08, 2018 at the Faculty of Educational Sciences in Rabat, Morocco. The aims of this conference was to heighten participants' awareness of deafness issues and create a space for discussions about international experiences in the field of education as well as to study ways to improve the social status of deaf people.

Ms Lina Squalli, DeafNET Africa Committee representative for the Northern Region attended the event on behalf of DeafNET.



IN THE NEWS

DEAFNET SUPPORTS DEAF BUSINESS

Baronese Michaels is a Deaf business women and entrepreneur from Worcester that designs, manufactures, and sells customised wall clocks. DeafNET supports this initiative and showcased her business at our 2017 AGM; we also facilitated an opportunity to provide exposure to her business through the Cape Winelands District Municipality to exhibit at the recent SMME Opportunity Roadshow held on 6 September 2017 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.



Tanzania Empowerment for Persons with Disability and Gender Health Organisation (TEPDGHO)

In 2017 TEPDGHO launched an online campaign to fund an innovative computer education program for deaf pupils in Pomerini deaf unit. The program will serve 45 deaf pupils and 7 teachers annually.



FUNDRAISERS

NIGHT WITH THE STARS BANQUET

DeafNET Ambassadors Charity Benefit Banquet 2017 was held at Goudini SPA on 19 August to raise funds for Deaf education in Africa. This event was well attended and DeafNET would like to thank all sponsors, our ambassadors and network partners who made this event successful. The MC's for the evening were former Miss Deaf South Africa and DTV Executive Producer, Ms Candice Morgan and Dr Philemon Akach, world renowned Sign Language expert from Kenya.



MOTHER & DAUGHTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS HIGH TEA

DeafNET held a Mother and Daughter High Tea on 25 May 2017 at Mountain Mill Mall. The theme for the day was: "Seeds of Kindness". This is about planting seeds of kindness. The emphasis was on being kinder and more caring ladies. To care for other ladies and those in need. This event was in aid of DeafNET's Scholarship project that aims to empower young Deaf girls with an opportunity to further their studies.

Our special guests: Ambassador Rosebud Tsobane, RSG Presenter Martelize Brink and Ms Crystan Wagenstroom from Hexvallei High School added glamour to this occasion. South Roots International entertained the ladies with dance and song and Justine Beauty Products, Area Manager, Amatola van Niekerk pampered the ladies during the event.



CYCLING

On 12 November 2017 four Gauteng riders took part in the annual 94.7 Mountain Bike race as a fundraising initiative. Funds raised were allocated towards a scholarship for one Deaf Child. DeafNET would like to express our sincere gratitude to the riders who helped us to raise funds for such a good cause.



GOLF DAY

On 10 November 2017 DeafNET hosted its 3rd Annual Golf Day at Boschenmeer Golf Estate in Paarl in benefit of Deaf education in Africa. We would like to express our appreciation for the participation and sponsorship of individuals and companies that contributed to make our golf day a huge success. Special thanks to our main sponsor ambassador Isak Andrews from ISJX Constructions.



DeafNET FINANCES

INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2018 R	2017 R
INCOME		3 673 502	4 433 718
Donations		3 169 603	3 499 400
Africa Conference		-	332 000
Department of Social Development		-	100 000
De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha		-	230 000
Other		-	2 000
De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha		2 740 000	2 740 000
De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha - Vehicle		-	72 600
Joan St Lindbergh Charitable Trust		100 000	-
The Nellie Atkinson Trust		-	50 000
The Rolf Stephan Nussbaum Foundation		300 000	300 000
Other		29 603	4 800
Other income		503 899	934 318
Africa Conference		-	589 668
Sales		102 852	73 009
Fundraising		356 014	192 682
Interest		39 876	78 959
Profit on realisation of assets		5 157	-
LESS: EXPENDITURE		3 116 328	5 878 141
Operating expenses		839 251	3 744 389
ACGMHD secretariat		21 677	10 788
Advertising		17 892	10 187
Fuel		17 356	9 232
Meeting costs		24 974	6 728
Multimedia toolkits		35 507	14 593
Postage and courier services		4 842	5 243
Printing		26 652	23 970
Programme content development		4 650	-
Special projects		563 965	3 616 925
Africa Conference		29 850	3 052 880
Other		534 115	564 045
Travel and accommodation		120 270	38 393
Web sites		1 466	8 330
Administration expenses		398 012	383 424
Audit and accounting fees	7	60 785	76 385
Bad debts		4 000	-
Bank charges		7 866	9 934
Computer expenses		14 776	5 724
Consultation services		3 809	49
Cleaning services		5 234	12 866
Depreciation		16 272	16 457
Insurance		36 924	33 163
Municipal services & electricity		16 000	16 000
Rent paid		165 764	152 463
Buildings		128 281	114 935

	2018 R	2017 R
Equipment	37 483	37 528
Repairs and maintenance	155	4 988
Security	3 021	1 515
Stationery	14 559	15 081
Subscriptions	4 049	3 111
Office supplies	4 377	4 717
Telephone and faximile	24 125	26 189
Transport - maintenance	16 296	4 782
	1 879 065	1 750 328
Employee salaries and benefits	8 879	6 696
Compensation commissioner	1 848 132	1 693 250
Salaries and benefits	9 608	38 700
Staff welfare, development and training	12 446	11 682
Unemployment insurance		
Net surplus/(deficit)	557 175	(1 444 423)

Accountant & Auditor



The signed audited financial statements
are available on request.

THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS & DONORS

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Café Dulcies	Nuy on the Hill
Ceres Zipslide	Otterbend Lodge
Coca Cola	Penhill Manor
Computer Mania	Saggy Stone
Dros Restaurant	Supa Quick Tyres
Eagles Cliff Wines	ThermaVein
Fairy Glen Game Reserve	Wimpy - Mountain Mill
Golden Valley Casino	Worcester Wine and Olive Route
Goudini Spa	ISJX Construction

GET INVOLVED

We'd love for you to get involved
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