

December 2018

Happy Holidays

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



We are heading towards the end of 2017 and we all are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

The year 2018 is slowly exiting and we are making the way for a new year 2019. Looking back on 2018 we can be proud of what we have accomplished despite many challenges.

During the year 2018 Deaf leaders really shown their capacity and made enormous impact in their own communities. Through this, they have confirmed that they are co-workers in the development of the Deaf communities. Bringing change as a collective and showing

commitment to advance the goals of our beloved organisation. Our partnerships with governments, network organisations and partners created an opportunity to interact and work together to bridge the communication gap between hearing and deaf.

DeafNET's vision to become a world class network of knowledge and expertise in the interest of Deaf persons in Africa, becomes more crucial to translate the aspirations for development and education into reality. As we are approaching 2019, we have our flagship programmes in mind: Leadership and Management Programme

and the Red Star Training programme. Together we look forward to strengthen these programmes and making it work for Deaf people. As we look ahead, leadership development and education of Deaf learners will be the common denominator of many DeafNET interventions in 2019.

This time of the year our thoughts go out to the less fortunate, to Deaf women and children in Africa, to Deaf leaders who desperately seek a better life for themselves, their families and their communities. DeafNET will continue to pursue the goals and objectives of our organisation. We will double our efforts to make the network more relevant, more transparent, more visible and more effective.

We thank all sponsors, network partners, stakeholders, ambassadors, co-workers, staff and leadership who assisted us to impact positively on the lives of Deaf persons.

We are looking forward to leave a bold new imprint in Africa. We wish you a happy, safe and peaceful 2019!

Suzette Willemse

CEO: DeafNET

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Leadership Camp for Deaf Learners

Tulbagh: 11-13 May as well as 20 to 22 July 2018



DeafNET in partnership with the National Lotteries Commission hosted leadership camps at 4 Deaf Schools: De la Bat School for the Deaf, Nuwe Hoop School for the Deaf, Dominican School for the Deaf and Noluthando School for the deaf. The leadership Camp for Deaf learners is a project designed to develop potential Deaf

leaders by strengthening their skills, competencies and abilities. Two leadership camps for Deaf learners took place between May and July 2018. A total of 75 Deaf learners from 4 Schools for the Deaf completed the leadership camp at the UCSA Waterval Camping grounds in Tulbagh.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Chad, 03 December 2018

International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed globally on 03 December. In Chad, DeafNET representative Yves Beosso joined in the celebration at the National House of Women themed 'Empowering people with disabilities and ensuring participation and equality'. DeafNET regional representative, Edgar Bwire from the Uganda National Association of the Deaf and staff members also attended activities to observe the day.



Swaziland Red Star Training

Worcester, 30 July to 24 August 2018

A group of 6 educators from Swaziland attended the Red Star Training in Worcester. 3 educators from High School and 3 from Primary School for the Deaf in Swaziland. This initiative has been supported by the Dept of Education in Swaziland.



Pastor Jimmy Akimu from Malawi visited DeafNET's offices

Worcester, 30 October 2018

Pastor Jimmy Akimu from Malawi visited DeafNET's offices on Tuesday, 30 October for a meeting with the CEO of DeafNET, Mrs Suzette Willemse to discuss our work in Malawi. Pastor Akimu is one of DeafNET's representatives in Malawi. With them is the Sign Language Interpreter, Mr Eddie Tsubella.



Deaf Education

Cameroon, October 2018

Deputy Chairperson of the DeafNET Africa Committee, Mr Innocent Djonthe ensure that knowledge is transferred to Primary School educators in Cameroon in October to strengthen Deaf education.



Zonal Stakeholders Consultative Workshop

Ghana, October 2018

Jonathan Amuah, DeafNET's regional representative for the Western region, attended the Zonal Stakeholders Consultative Workshop on the Social Protection Bill from Sunday 14th October to Tuesday 16th October.

The workshop was organised by The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana at the Royal Lameta, Kumasi.eta,

Basic South African Sign Language (SASL) training

Worcester, September and October

In September and October, DeafNET presented Basic South African Sign Language (SASL) to youth from Zwelethemba, Worcester as part of a Youth empowerment initiative from the Western Cape Department of Social Development in partnership with DeafNET and University of the Free State.



DeafNET in Swaziland **Swaziland, 05 to 09 September 2018**

Rev Jimmy Akimu from Malawi presenting the work of DeafNET at the Deaf Ecumenical Africa Forum (DEAF) held in Swaziland from 05 to 09 September 2018. During this time they also blessed the newly build house of Rev Anthony Langwenya, representative of DeafNET in Swaziland. Deaf leaders from as far as Kenya, Zimbabwe, Malawi, South Africa and Swaziland attended this conference lead by Rev Jan Oberholzer from Deaf Christian Ministry Africa.



Beekeeping project **Uganda, 30 September 2018**

DeafNET aims to empower the Deaf with skills through our Beekeeping project. The purpose of the project is to contribute to poverty alleviation and to promote sustainable development initiatives for Deaf people within the rural areas in Africa. We started this project in Uganda in 2015. The project closed on 30 September 2018 and

was handed over to the Uganda National Association of the Deaf.



DeafNET Ladies Event Worcester, August 2018

The annual DeafNET Ladies Event was held at Golden Valley Casino, Worcester in August to commemorate Women's Day. The theme was 'Breaking the Chains' and the event was well supported by the community. This was a fundraising event for Deaf education.



DeafNET Golf Day Paarl, 02 November 2018

DeafNET hosted its 4th Annual Golf Day at Boschenmeer Golf Estate in Paarl, South Africa on 02 November in benefit of Deaf education in Africa. It was a successful fundraiser attended by celebrity guests Theodore Jantjies and Leandi Grey. 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 Group.



DeafNET wishes you a happy holiday season; our sincere thanks for all the support and loyalty through-out 2018 and we look forward to connect with your again in 2019.

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