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Technology Empowers Deaf Societies

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> WHO ARE WE

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 their human rights in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- > 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 VALUES



> MESSAGES

> ACTING CHAIRPERSON



REV. AL SMIT

We, the Board of Trustees and the DeafNET Africa Committee, proudly present to you the 2018/2019 report. During the reporting period, our Deaf Network consisted of 40 countries in Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands. DeafNET, in partnership with the De la Bat School with its specialist training team, brought the Red Star programme to Schools for the Deaf in Africa. The programme raises the proficiency levels of Sign Language and reading and writing ability. The Leadership & Entrepreneurship programme equipped leaders to serve and lead their communities towards socio-economic wellbeing. The HIV/AIDS programme embraces persons and communities at risk in a way that makes knowledge accessible, gives hope, encouragement and fellowship. The DeafNET Africa

Quadrennial Conference to be presented in 2021 will bring the Deaf of Africa together to guide, share, inspire and to enrich one another. In the report, you will find feedback on the full range of projects and activities. Thank you to our main sponsor for the past 15 years, De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha, from the Netherlands, and all other sponsors, supporters and the goodwill ambassadors. You are instrumental to enable Deaf people and their families in Africa to improve their quality of life.

Dear All, I greet you all and it is wonderful that we have continued to work harder to unite efforts to improve the living standards of Deaf people and their families in Africa. This is a call to our leaders of the National Associations of the Deaf in each country to design innovative approaches that will enable Deaf persons and their families to live a sustainable, empowering and quality life. In terms of global economic crisis that we are facing, we need to change our approach on how we carry out our programme interventions and strategized on partnership...

> VICE CHAIRPERSON



MS. IDIYUU

development with the National governments, development partners, private sector, Civil Society Organizations among others to lobby for inclusion of the needs of deaf persons in the development process in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, Agenda 2030 “Leave No One Behind”. Our advocacy efforts should be directed in line with the African Protocol on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Sustainable Development Goals including other national laws of your country are some of the powerful tools that we can utilize to influence a positive change in the Deaf community.

Recently, in the last XVIII World Congress on the World Federation of the Deaf, A Deaf Charter on Sign Language Rights for All was adopted on 27th July 2019 in Paris, France. This Charter emphasize on promoting sign language as a right, a need for inclusive environments for deaf people to participate with sign languages, provision of equal opportunities to deaf persons, promotion of gender equality and a need for development interventions to be led by deaf people themselves. A full Charter will be accessed on the World Federation of the Deaf Website. www.wfdeaf.org

Let’s continue to commit our efforts to ensure that deaf children and adults together with their families are able to participate fully in the development process for their communities through Sign Language Rights for ALL. Wishing all best years ahead.

In 2018, we have witnessed how the DeafNET Africa Committee (DAC) Regional members embarked on different projects to increase the quality of life of Deaf people in Africa. These activities are firmly rooted in the principle of sharing skills and knowledge to empower Deaf persons. DAC has become a key player in uplifting and widening the circle of reaching out to the Deaf community. As such, promoting education, training and development within the Deaf community continues to be a priority area for the DAC members in its effort to support Deaf organisations on the African continent. Finally, I seize this opportunity to thank DeafNET, the main sponsor and the regional representatives for their wonderful support and cooperation and look forward to year a fruitful 2019.

➤ DAC CHAIRPERSON



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➤ DeafNET AFRICA NETWORK

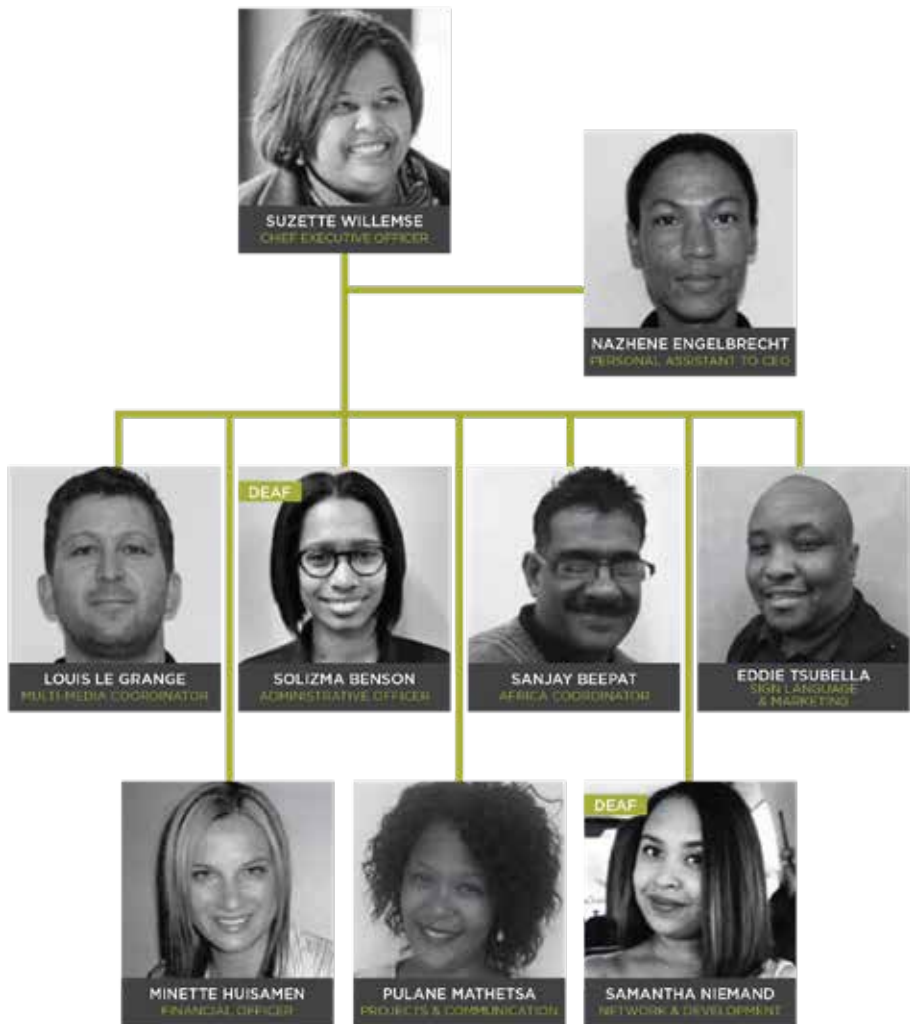
DeafNET's network is established in more than 40 countries across Africa. We ensure support and development to our Deaf communities through joint initiatives and assistance of our DeafNET Africa Committee (DAC). The DAC leads DeafNET's volunteer network on the continent of Africa.



➤ REGIONS

- Southern Region
- Central Region
- Eastern Region
- Western Region
- Northern Region
- Indian Ocean Islands

> DeafNET STAFF



> B-BBEE STATUS: LEVEL 1

> PROJECTS

> LEADERSHIP

DeafNET believes that to achieve its mission effectively, investment in a leadership development programme is vital.

> Figure 1.

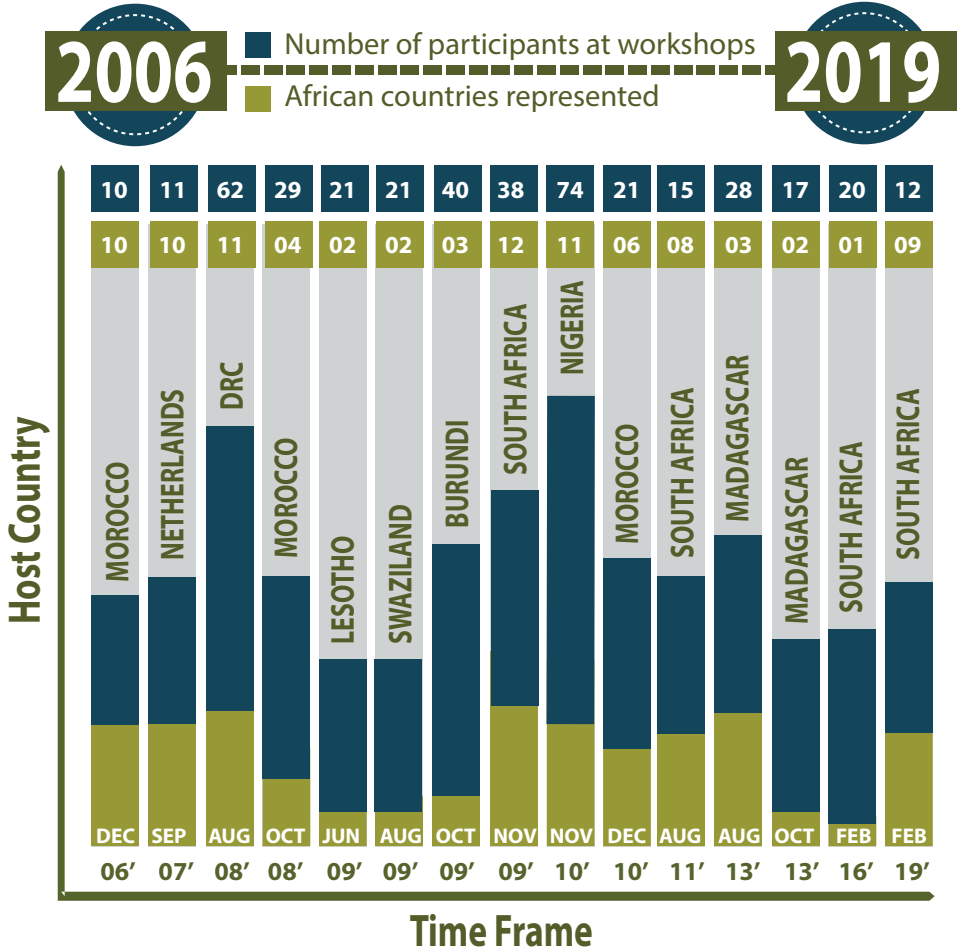


Figure 1 highlights 419 Deaf and hearing people who received leadership training from the following 31 countries:



➤ LEADERSHIP CAMPS FOR DEAF LEARNERS

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.



➤ SOCIAL COMPETENCE IN LEADERSHIP

DeafNET's Social Competence in Leadership also called "Equip to Serve and Lead" training took place from the 11 – 15 February 2019 at Ukwanda, Stellenbosh University, Worcester, South Africa. The workshop was organized as part of the effort to strengthen leadership capacity for eight DeafNET Africa Committee(DAC) regional representatives coming from Cameroon, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, South Africa and Uganda.



➤ LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT FILADELPHIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



Around 10 deaf participants from Tshwane South Africa, attended a day workshop facilitated by Mr Tshepo Maseko (Deaf) DAC Southern region representative. During the workshop core aspects of leadership were defined and explained by the Deaf Facilitator through some team building activities.

➤ SCHOLARSHIP



DeafNET provides extensive support for the promotion of Deaf education, Deaf culture, Deaf Empowerment through sponsorship activities. DeafNET Scholarship student, Tshiamo Selote started his studies in Upholstery at the NID College, in 2018. Currently, he is busy with his final year. Ms Ntombi Mogapi is enrolled for the Beauty Therapy programme at the NID College and she's getting moral support from DeafNET.

➤ RED STAR



The Red Star Programme (RSP) is an intervention that offers a deeper, more in-depth understanding of reading and written language via sign language. It is a method used by educators to increase awareness and a better understanding of the sentence construction of reading and written language via sign language.

➤ TRAINING OF EDUCATORS FROM SWAZILAND



DeafNET in partnership with De la Bat School for the Deaf trained six educators from Swaziland School for the Deaf. The training was held from 30 July to 24 August 2018, in Worcester, South Africa.

➤ ADVANCED TRAINING



Two facilitators namely, Ms Marie Louise Kanda from DRC and Ms Petronella Masendeke from Zimbabwe were trained as trainers in the Red Star Method Level 2 from 18 to 22 February 2019. This was the 1st train-the-trainer programme done by the Red Star team.

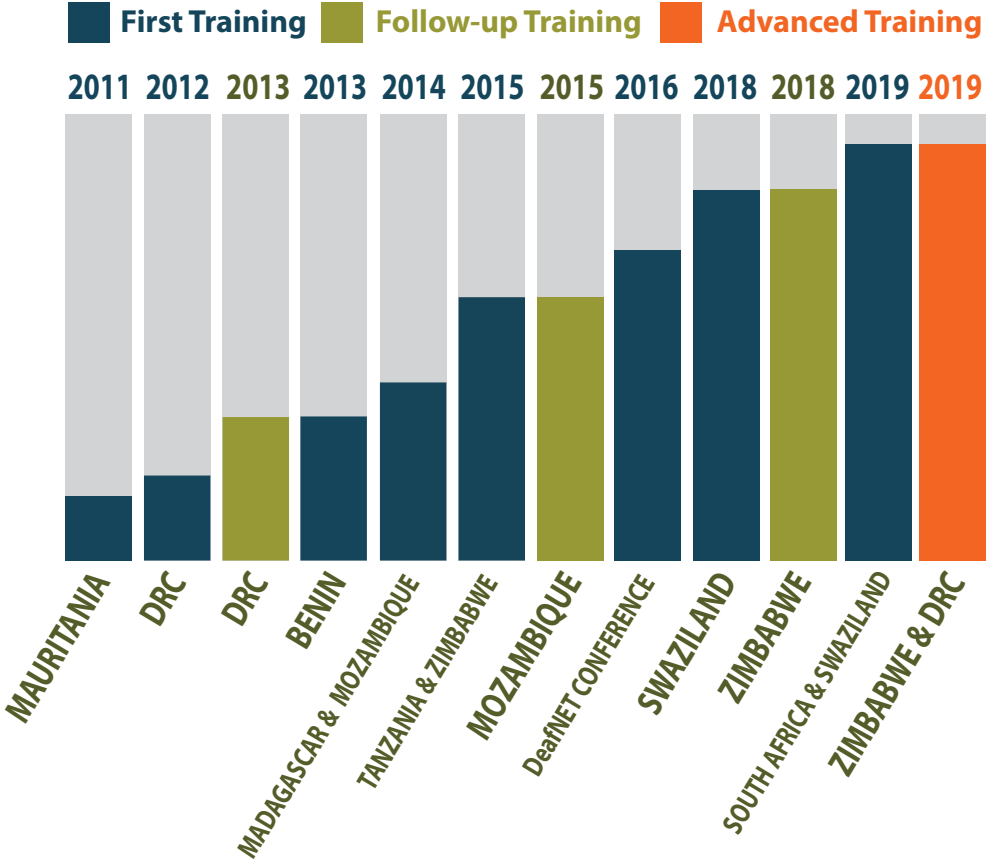
➤ MONITORING AND EVALUATION

As part of our Red Star monitoring and evaluation plan to improve performance and achieve results, a follow-up visit was done at King George VI Centre, Zimbabwe between 19 – 23 March 2018, by the De la Bat School training team and DeafNET.



> RED STAR PRESENTATIONS

> Figure 2.



RED STAR TRAINING SINCE INCEPTION

A glance at the Red Star training as depicted in Figure 2, indicates that educators from 9 countries were trained. Follow-up training was done in 3 countries and 2 countries received advanced training as part of the train-the-trainer programme.

➤ SIGN LANGUAGE

➤ YOUTH CAFÉ TRAINING

DeafNET in partnership with the Department of Social Development, Western Cape and the University of Free State hosted an accredited Basic South African Sign Language training at Youth Cafés in the Western Cape. It is an initiative which calls for improving education outcomes and opportunities for youth development. 8 training sessions took place from March 2018 to February 2019, and a total of 150 participants attended the workshop.



➤ MY RIGHT TO COMMUNICATION IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Since communication is key to understand patients, DAC Northern Region representative Ms Squalli Houssaini Lina organised an awareness campaign entitled “My right to communication in Sign Language”. The training was held in October 2018 at the Faculty of Medicine in Rabat, Morocco and targeted 25 medical students.



➤ PROMOTING CONGOLESE SIGN LANGUAGE

In an effort to promote Congolese Sign Language, Ms Marie Louise Kanda, Board member of DAC, coordinated a Sign Language workshop in February 2019, in the DRC.



➤ CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

➤ SIGN LANGUAGE PROMOTION

Sign Language has attracted growing attention and Deaf people are now conducting Sign Language research. Ms Woinshet Ayansa (Deaf), the Chairperson of DeafNET Africa Committee (DAC) currently doing her PhD and the title of her study is “Ethiopian Sign Language Semantics” at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In June 2018, she presented a research paper titled “Ethiopian Sign Language” at the University of Oslo Norway.



➤ ANNUAL AFRICAN DISABILITY RIGHTS

Mr Malonje Phiri (Deaf) from Malawi, currently doing his PhD at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, represented DeafNET at the 6th Annual African Disability Rights Conference held in November 2018, at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria in South Africa. He presented a research paper titled “Has Inclusive education gone overboard? A Study of Challenges Faced by Deaf Learners in Inclusive Mainstream Schools in Malawi.”



➤ DEAF ECUMENICAL AFRICA FORUM (DEAF) SWAZILAND

The DEAF Conference for Deaf spiritual leaders took place in Swaziland in September 2018. Deaf pastors from across Africa attended the conference, led by Deaf Christian Ministries Africa. Pastor Jimmy Akimu (Deaf) from Malawi gave a presentation on behalf of DeafNET.



➤ HIV / AIDS CAMPAIGNS IN AFRICA

Several actions were undertaken in 2018, with of aim of creating awareness of the HIV pandemic in the Deaf community. Over the period beginning April 2018 to November 2018, DAC regional representatives in Africa started to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in their respective region.

➤ KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PANDEMIC

Pastor Jimmy Akimu(Deaf) from Malawi presented the HIV/AIDS Toolkit information to participants at the Malawi Easter Deaf Conference in April 2018. They transferred knowledge on the pandemic by using this user-friendly toolkit created by DeafNET.



➤ HIV / AIDS TOOLKIT PRESENTATION

In September 2018, DAC Indian Ocean Representative Ms Irani Jankee(Deaf) presented information sessions on HIV/AIDS to the Deaf community in Mauritius. She made use of DeafNET HIV/AIDS Toolkit to educate Deaf persons on HIV/AIDS.



➤ HIV / AIDS RISK FACTORS FOR THE DEAF

As part of the dissemination of knowledge about HIV, Ms Woinshet Ayansa (Deaf), Chairperson of DAC hosted a workshop on HIV/ AIDS held in October 2018, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The training session highlighted the link between HIV and deafness in Ethiopia and Risk factors that expose Deaf to HIV infection.



➤ TRAINING AT CERSOM HIGH SCHOOL

During the month of November 2018, Vice-Chair of the DAC, Mr Innocent Djonthe (Deaf), facilitated HIV/AIDS Training at CERSOM High School students, in Cameroon. He emphasised that learners must be equipped with knowledge concerning the facts about HIV/AIDS.



➤ BEEKEEPING

During 2018, Deaf beekeepers in Uganda received last training in the harvesting of honey by Mr Edgar Bwire(Deaf) who was the project manager and DAC Eastern Region representative. The management of DeafNET wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all stakeholders involved in the Beekeeping project. Specially thanks to SVE for financing the project. The terms of agreement came to an end in September 2018, and the project was handed over to the Uganda Association of the Deaf on 30 September 2018, for further implementation.



➤ FUNDRAISING

➤ SIGN LANGUAGE/IRONMAN FOUNDATION

DeafNET was sponsored by the Ironman Foundation to provide a street programme on Sign Language during the Cape Epic Cycle Tour in March 2018. Youth were trained in SA Sign Language and took the street teaching cyclists and spectators basic signs.



➤ GOLF DAY

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. Thank you for renewing your support to make our Golf day a huge success.



➤ FACT-FINDING MISSION

Mr Tshepo Maseko (Deaf) DAC Southern region representative and Deaf-NET personnel, visited Swaziland from 15-17 April 2018 to discuss future cooperation. Senior officials from the Ministry of Education, management and educators from the primary and secondary Deaf schools as well as the Swaziland National Association of the Deaf attended the work session.



A delegation from DeafNET accompanied by Mr Tshepo Maseko (Deaf) DAC Southern region representative attended an invitation by the Botswana Ministry of Basic Education to their "Special Education Awareness Campaign" in June 2018. The campaign served as a roadshow on programmes and services for learners with disabilities.



> THE WAY FORWARD

The funding model of DeafNET will be changing over the next three years. Adjustments were made to adapt to the new scenario in an innovative way to ensure that DeafNET stays committed to its vision, values and mission.

This will include the following:

- Bringing the Red Star Method to Schools for the Deaf in Africa
- Leadership & Entrepreneurship Development Workshops
- HIV/AIDS Awareness & Prevention: A Deaf-to-Deaf Programme
- DeafNET Africa Quadrennial Conference in 2021



> FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

(Registration number: IT 3278/2011)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2019 R	2018 R
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	2	371 603	371 708
Current assets		830 153	2 441 670
Debtors	3	50 803	75 211
Cash and cash equivalents	4	779 350	2 366 459
Total assets		<u>1 201 756</u>	<u>2 813 378</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Trust capital	5	490 871	803 954
Current liabilities			
Creditors	6	710 885	2 009 424
Total equity and liabilities		<u>1 201 756</u>	<u>2 813 378</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUES

DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE (Registration number: IT 3278/2011)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2019 R	2018 R
INCOME		3 692 947	5 018 327
Donations		3 477 532	4 514 428
De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha		2 740 000	2 740 000
DG Murray Trust		160 000	-
Eric en Sheila Samson		18 000	-
Joan St Lindbergh Charitable Trust		50 000	100 000
Lotto		95 514	1 344 825
Social Development		373 063	-
The Rolf Stephan Nussbaum Foundation		-	300 000
Other		40 955	29 603
Other income		215 415	503 899
Sales		31 541	102 852
Fundraising		114 903	356 014
Interest		66 971	39 876
Recovery of expenses		2 000	-
Profit on realisation of assets		-	5 157
LESS: EXPENDITURE		4 006 030	4 461 152
Operating expenses		1 784 484	2 184 076
ACGMHD secretariat		49 725	21 677
Advertising		17 042	17 892
Fuel		14 420	17 356
Lotto		95 514	1 344 825
Bank costs		882	-
Catering		25 479	-
Facilitators		11 746	-
Learning material		29 615	-
Other		1 849	-
Printing and stationary		217	-
Transport		6 500	-
Venue Hire		19 226	-
Meeting costs		7 119	24 974
Multimedia toolkits		37 009	35 507
Postage and courier services		5 422	4 842
Printing		22 108	26 652
Programme content development		-	4 650
Special projects		1 067 604	563 965
Africa Conference		35 000	29 850
Other		1 032 604	534 115
Travel and accommodation		38 699	120 270
TPA Social Development		423 347	-
Catering		77 371	-
Other		177	-
Printing and stationary		14 732	-
Salaries		175 375	-
Transport		49 275	-
Travel and accommodation		66 657	-

➤ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUES

DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

(Registration number: IT 3278/2011)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

INCOME STATEMENT

	2019 R	2018 R
Venue hire	39 760	-
Web sites	6 475	1 466
Administration expenses	458 042	398 011
Accountant's remuneration	89 493	41 405
Auditor's remuneration	18 000	19 380
Bad debts	8 000	4 000
Bank charges	16 756	7 865
Computer expenses	6 678	14 776
Consultation services	-	3 809
Cleaning services	6 564	5 234
Depreciation	22 832	16 272
Insurance	37 561	36 924
Municipal services & electricity	14 000	16 000
Professional fees	6 805	-
Rent paid	131 678	165 764
Buildings	131 678	128 281
Equipment	-	37 483
Repairs and maintenance	9 764	155
Security	3 142	3 021
Stationery	14 918	14 559
Subscriptions	17 981	4 049
Office supplies	3 427	4 377
Telephone and facsimile	45 736	24 125
Transport - maintenance	4 707	16 296
Employee salaries and benefits	1 763 504	1 879 065
Compensation commissioner	9 944	8 879
Salaries and benefits	1 731 482	1 848 132
Staff welfare, development and training	9 420	9 608
Unemployment insurance	12 658	12 446
Net surplus/(deficit)	(313 083)	557 175


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