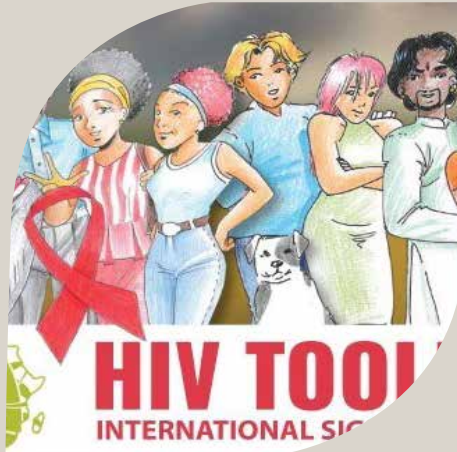




*Celebrating 16 Years of Service
2006-2022*



2022
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

*Capacity Building For
Self And Community
Empowerment*



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The management of DeafNET is pleased to present its annual report for the year ended 28 February 2022.

WHAT WE DO

Training Programme

- Leadership
- Red Star Process
- Capacity Building
- Social Competence in Leadership
- Sign language Training

Skills Development Programme

- Beekeeping
- Pastry Making

Information Dissemination

- Sign Language Products
- HIV / AIDS Toolkit
- Newsletters

Campaigns

- Deaf Awareness
- Human Rights
- Fundraising
- Sign Language Awareness Raising

Research

- Deaf Education and Programmes

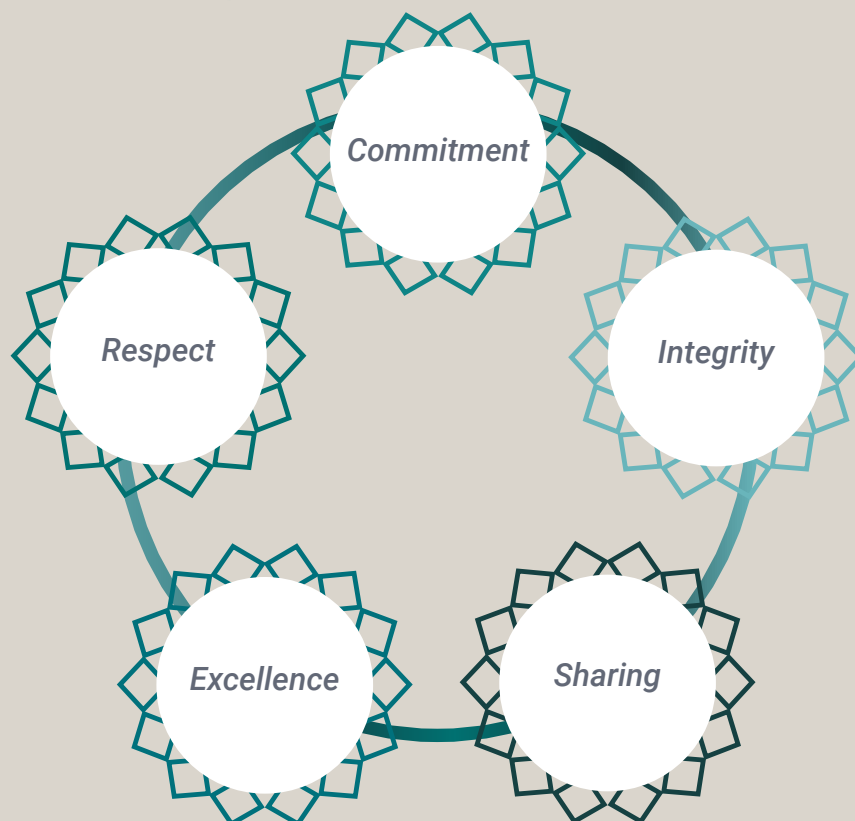
Quadrennial Conference

- DeafNET Africa Conference

ABOUT DEAFNET

Over the last 16 years DeafNET Centre of Knowledge (DeafNET) has provided a platform for networking and partnership building for Deaf organisations on the African continent. It has its footprint carved in more than 40 countries. Our new approach empowers our target group to take control of their own development as well as developing the Deaf community in their respective region.

CORE VALUES



VISION

To be a world class network of exchanging knowledge and expertise in the interest of Deaf persons and their families in Africa.

MISSION

To build a network of the Deaf in Africa through particularizing, capacity building, research and knowledge dissemination to improve the health and socio-economic wellbeing of deaf people and their families.

MESSAGES

2021-2022 challenged DeafNET to practice resilience, perseverance, competence acquisition, and community-centered program development, as the report will show. Despite setbacks due to the Covid pandemic, it was possible to carry out programs and projects amidst changing conditions on the continent. The programs and projects in question are leadership, social competence, project management,



Rev Attie Smit
Chairperson

education and training, sign language promotion, entrepreneurship, and health awareness. DeafNET acknowledges the specialist volunteers who make their time, energy, and expertise available to the team. The Board of Trustees expresses its gratitude to sponsors and donors who made it possible for DeafNET to serve the Deaf communities of Africa and the adjacent islands.

Dear Ladies and gentlemen.

It's a pleasure to welcome you all to this year Annual General Meeting for DeafNET Centre of Knowledge. Appreciation goes to SVE for their continued support to our projects in African that has enabled us to unite our efforts and improving the lives of Deaf Persons and their families in Africa. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our leaders of the National Associations of the Deaf in each country for striving to advocate for the rights of Deaf persons despite the more than 2 years of struggle with COVID 19. Let's observe a minute of silent to our departed brothers and sisters all over the world. As partners in development arena, we need to empower our members with the current regional and international frameworks that promote the rights of Persons with Disabilities including the Deaf persons. On the international level, we have the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 and Sustainable Development Goals with the slogan of "Leave No One Behind". As leaders, we need to capitalize on these legal frameworks and influence inclusion of deaf issues in development arena. On Africa regional level, the African Charter on



Ms Iyute Deborah Oyuu
Vice Chairperson

Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa exists but we need to internalize and understand how we can influence our governments to ratify it and nationalize in our countries to improve on the recognition and inclusion of persons with disabilities. Wishing you good deliberation with this AGM as we unite for improve protection and promotion of Sign language Rights for Deaf children and adults in Africa.

MESSAGES

The DeafNET Centre of Knowledge is delighted to present its 2021 - 2022 annual report which highlights its major activities. Our new holistic and sustainable skills development programme has created new opportunities to help Deaf organizations in Africa.

Despite the difficult milieu, we did our utmost best to deliver our projects on the African continent. Even amid COVID-19 restrictions, DeafNET continued to grow during a year

of deep hardships. Our success last year was only possible because of the support and flexibility of our existing donors and partners. On this note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our funders, partners, trustees, project team members and volunteer network who supported us during the period under review. Thank you.



Sanjay Beepat
Manager

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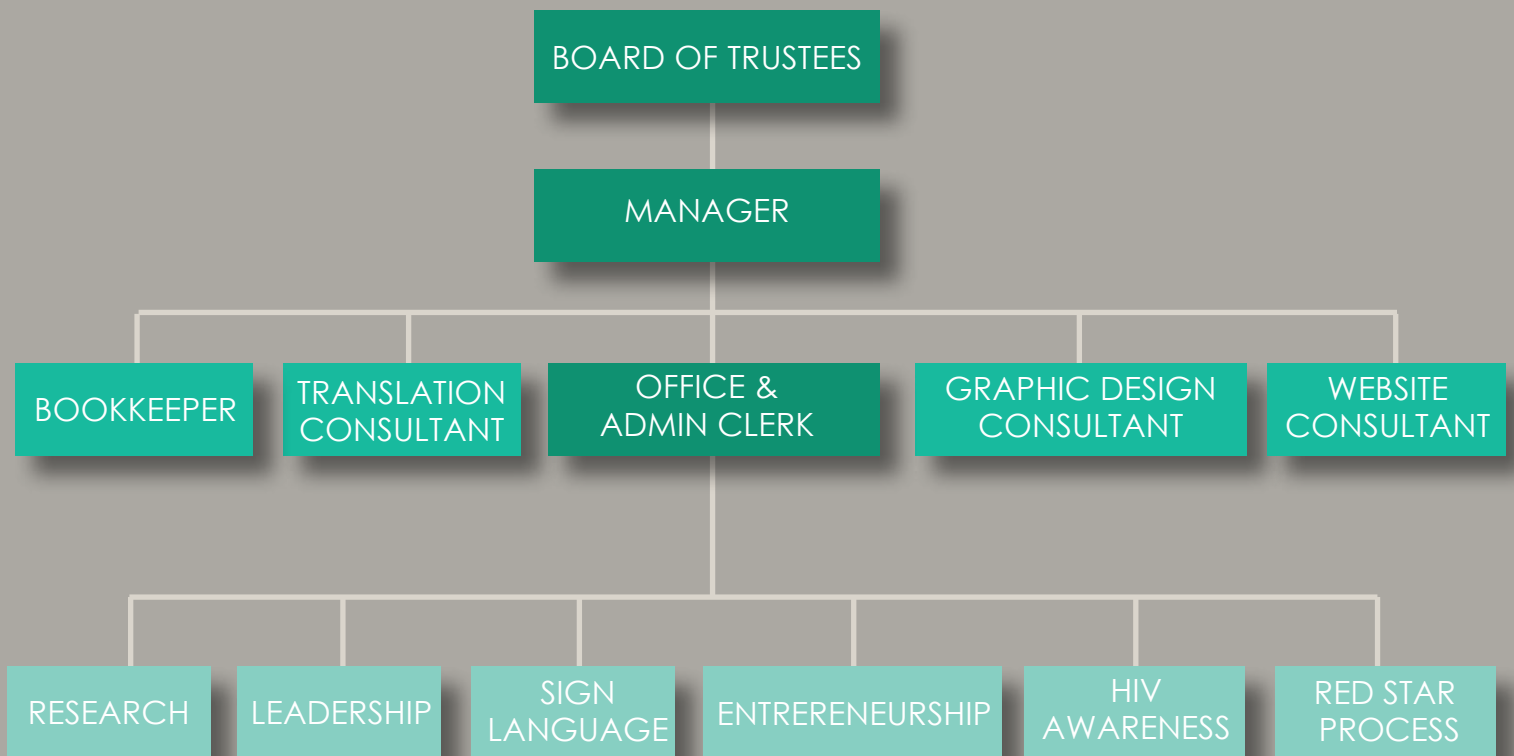
MS. WG AYANSA (Deaf)
Ethiopia



DEAFNET AFRICA NETWORK

The six regions represented on the DeafNET Africa Network map are those in which all our friends in Africa and the Islands, and the project team are based. The appropriate framework for achieving DeafNET'S vision and goal, it spans more than 40 countries in Africa and the Islands.

ORGANOGRAM

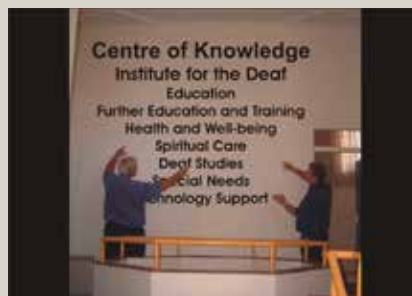


CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since its inception in 2016, DeafNET has built itself as an organisation that unites efforts to improve the quality of life of Deaf people on the African continent.

Our partnership with De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha (SVE) since the start has led to unique projects and opportunities in Africa. Our stakeholders are enormously proud that the organisation has reached this milestone.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha (SVE), whose vision has been the inspiration for DeafNET and, special thanks for their continued support of our new project-driven model.



16th Anniversary
CELEBRATION

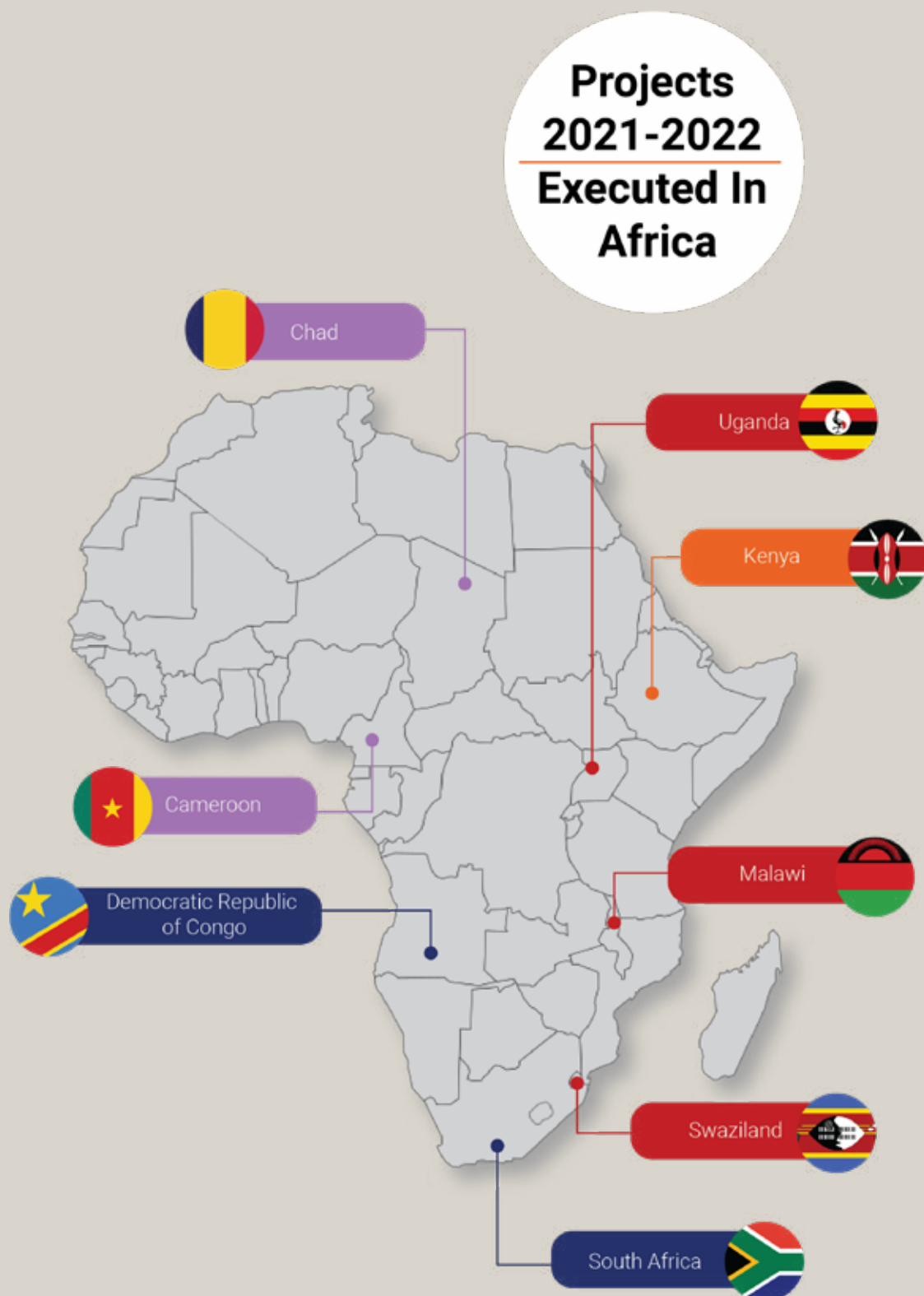
OUR NEW APPROACH

**“DEAFNET
CONTINUES TO BUILD
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PROJECT TEAM WHO
WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE TO
EXECUTE ALL OUR
PROJECTS. ”**

Deaf facilitators from Uganda, Malawi, Swaziland, South Africa, and Chad have already received training in South Africa in different programs. This laid more emphasis on the continuous development of the Deaf community. DeafNET continues to build a qualified project team who will be responsible to execute all our projects. The new approach empowers the Deaf people to take control of their development as well as develop the Deaf community in Africa.



PROJECTS 2021 – 2022 EXECUTED IN AFRICA



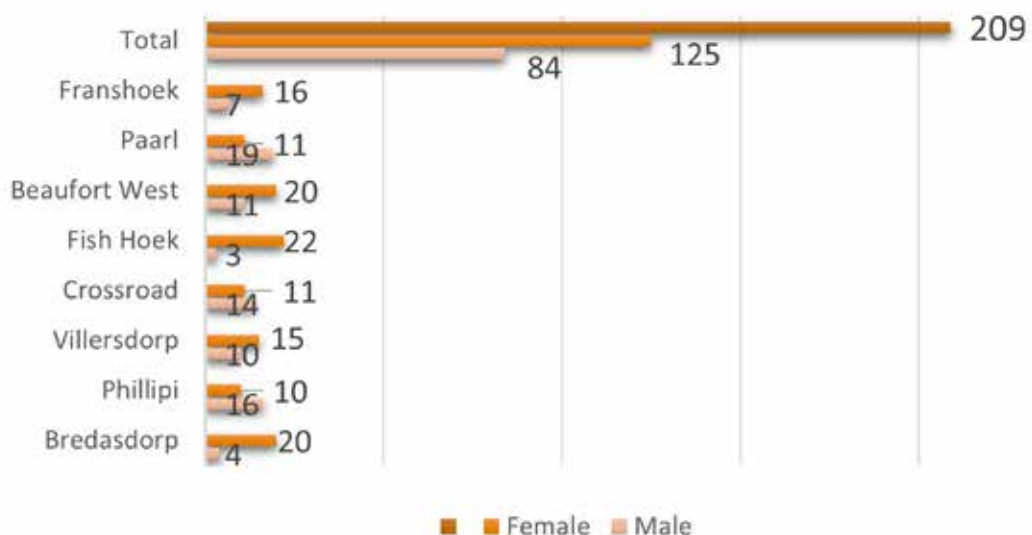
SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

DEAFNET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WESTERN CAPE, PRESENTED BASIC SOUTH AFRICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. THE WORKSHOP TOOK PLACE FROM APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022 IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE TARGETING UNEMPLOYED YOUTH.

**SIGN LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS:
MARCH 2021- FEBRUARY 2022**



Highlights: March 2021 - February 2022



SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING



RED STAR PROCESS

The Red Star (RSP) is an intervention that offers a deeper, more in-depth understanding of reading and writing and written language via Sign Language. As part of our Monitoring and Evaluation Programme, a team from DeafNET visited Chad between 10 – 14 January 2022, for a follow-up visit.

THE USE OF FLASHCARDS FOR NEW VOCABULARY WAS EMPHASIZED AS THIS HELPS TO CAPTURE NEW VOCABULARY.



The team also visited CERSOM private school for the Deaf in Cameroon, from 17 – 21 January 2022, for a follow-up visit. The facilitators could gather some positive feedback where marks were improved. Teachers believe that RSP is a good method where Deaf learners can sign well and read and write correctly.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BEEKEEPING

2021 - 2022 has been yet another year for Kakamega Deaf Association (KDA), DeafNET and the Deaf beekeepers, in Kenya. The beekeeping entrepreneurial self-help project for the Deaf people aims to equip rural Deaf communities with knowledge and skills, including sales and marketing skills, including to improve their socio-economic circumstances. The beekeepers have shown incredible resilience despite challenges from COVID-19.



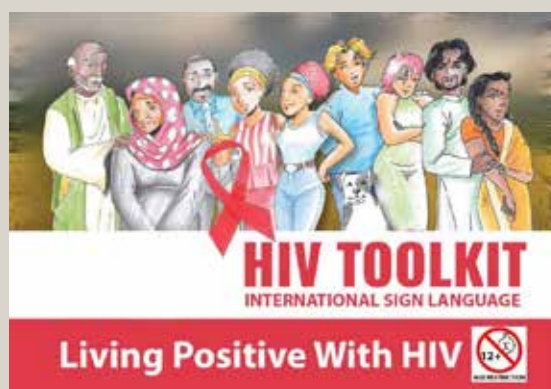
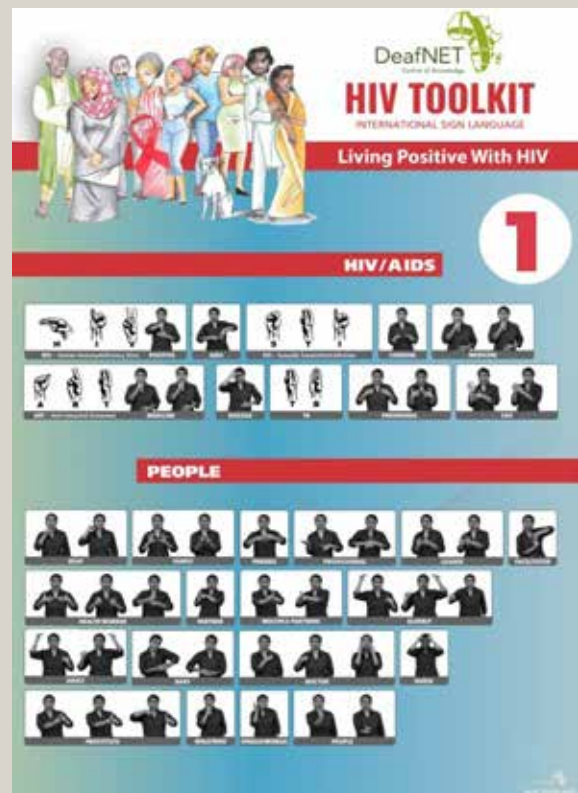
SUMMARIZED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Members are now skilled in beekeeping and understand the activities involved
- At least 14 out of 20 beehives are now fully colonized within a space of just 12 months.
- A community-based organization was established to spearhead the empowerment of Deaf beekeepers in Western Kenya
- Other than the general group apiary, some members have started their own beehives.



HIV TOOLKIT 2

DeafNET is taking a step toward increasing HIV awareness in the Deaf community, in Africa. The HIV toolkit 2 is designed to help leaders, parents, teachers, health workers, community workers' social workers, pastors, spiritual workers, and other partners. It consists of 1 comic booklet, 1 DVD (International Sign), a pamphlet and a HIV poster. It is an important tool that goes beyond language barriers and opens the way to communicate facts and sensitive issues in a deaf-friendly manner. The project has been completed.



THE PURPOSE OF THE TOOLKIT

To provide Deaf accessible HIV/AIDS information and education programmes with supporting visual training and informational material.



SOCIAL COMPETENCE IN LEADERSHIP

A Social Competence in Leadership workshop was held from 27 September till 6 October at the Deaf Family Church Hall in Worcester, South Africa. The training was attended by participants coming from South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, and Swaziland. It was aimed to equip future Deaf facilitators with the essential insights and skills to directly improve leadership in Deaf Organizations in their respective regions.

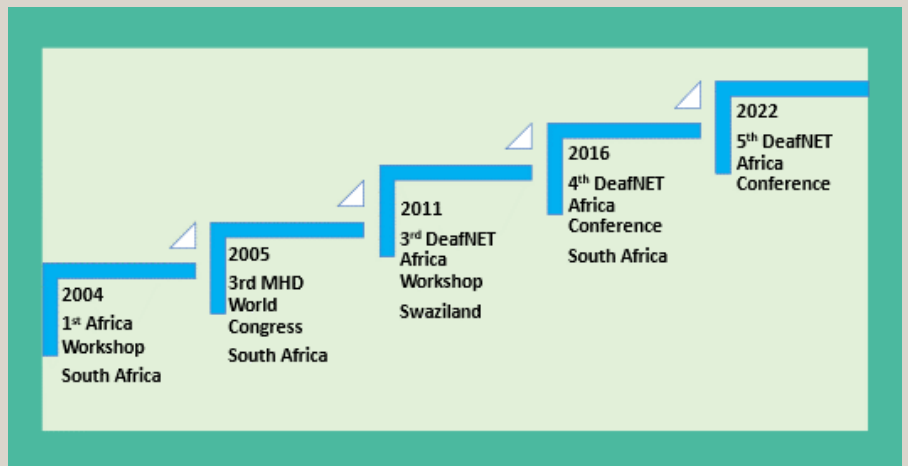


DEAFNET AFRICA CONFERENCE



Building on the successful 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th DeafNET Quadrennial Conference held in 2004, 2005, 2011 and 2016 in South Africa and Swaziland, the 5th DeafNET Africa Conference on “Capacity building initiatives within the Deaf Communities” will be held from 21 -24 November 2022, at Premier Hotel, O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa.

See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE
Conference 21 - 24 November 2022



ACCREDITATION

DeafNET Sign Language program is now an accredited Level 4 with ETDP SETA.



DeafNET
Centre of Knowledge

**BASIC SA SIGN LANGUAGE
COURSE**

**DeafNET welcomes you to the world of the deaf.
Sign Language is the entrance key!**

| SAQA US ID | US TITLE | NQF LEVEL | CREDITS |
|------------|---|-----------|---------|
| 115074 | Engage in short conversations with a Deaf person on a familiar topic using SASL | NQF4 | 6 |

KDA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

Kakamega Deaf Association (KDA) has been linked to Jinja beekeeping in Uganda since the initiation of the project. Exchange visits took place between the two organizations to improve the quality and effectiveness of the project.

The aim was to:

- Discover and compare knowledge dissemination on beekeeping
- Exchange new ideas and experiences on how to improve
- Observe the erection of beehives in Jinja
- Learn how to handle the beehives and care for bees
- Understand pollination and the positive impact of bees on the ecosystem
- Networking, educational, and cultural exchange
- Develop sales and marketing strategies and skills



STUDENTS DEAF ASSOCIATION

Mr Johnathan Amuah who is currently based at (Technical University Deaf Students, Association of Ghana) has shown a total sacrifice as a guide, counselor, and an asset to the Deaf association. He has been awarded a merit certificate for his nonstop participation in and sustained commitment to the activities of Deaf students.



SIGN LANGUAGE AWARENESS

Ms. Woinshet Girma, hosted a Sign Language workshop on 29 November – 8 December for 18 health professionals. The purpose of this campaign is to heighten participants' awareness of deafness challenges, Sign Language and Deaf Culture. She also facilitated another workshop from 9 – 12 December on Deaf women victims of gender-based violence. This initiative is to get Deaf women out of isolation, learn their rights, and access the justice system.



IN MEMORIAM
DR. GÉRARD ARNOLD LODEWIJK DEFOURNY
PASSED AWAY ON THE 17TH OF MAY 2022



Signing the Trust Deed of DeafNET Centre of Knowledge

DeafNET remembers him as one of the founding trustees at the signing of the Trust Deed for establishing the DeafNET Centre of Knowledge Charity Trust on the 3rd of November 2011 at Worcester, South Africa.

DeafNET honours him for

- Sharing his wealth of knowledge, expertise and experience
- Guidance, mentorship, wisdom and humour
- His passion for Deaf Education and Training
- Commitment to the values, vision and mission of DeafNET to serve the socio- economic wellbeing of Deaf families and communities on the African continent and adjacent Indian Ocean Islands
- Caring, supportive and a positive mindset

DeafNET will miss his emails, presence and humanity

WAY FORWARD

"THE MANAGEMENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITATE THE DEAF COMMUNITY IN AFRICA."

The management is looking forward to continuing to provide and improve access to further development and capacitating the deaf community in Africa.

Also, it will pursue the implementation of its strategic plan 2021-2023 and advance its strategic goals, namely:

- To ensure the effectiveness of its project-driven model
- Promote partners collaboration and coordination

FINANCIAL REPORT

DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

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BALANCE SHEET

| | Notes | 2022 R | 2021 R |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 2 | 52 094 | 199 036 |
| Current assets | | 1 075 036 | 1 221 150 |
| Debtors | 3 | 763 | 1 278 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4 | 1 074 273 | 1 219 872 |
| Total assets | | 1 127 130 | 1 420 186 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Trust capital | 5 | 577 982 | 943 992 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Creditors | 6 | 549 148 | 476 194 |
| Total equity and liabilities | | 1 127 130 | 1 420 186 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

INCOME STATEMENT

| | Notes | 2022 R | 2021 R |
|---|-------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME | | 1 638 265 | 2 040 279 |
| Sponsorships | | | |
| De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha | | - | 616 500 |
| Project income | | 1 425 145 | 1 281 464 |
| DG Murray Trust | | - | 36 569 |
| CHAD - HIV Toolkit | | 1 450 | - |
| SVE - Beekeeping | | 261 840 | - |
| SVE - HIV/AIDS Awareness Program | | 333 786 | 96 902 |
| SVE - Leadership & Management Training | | 181 277 | 421 313 |
| SVE - Competency for facilitators | | 13 895 | - |
| SVE - Redstar | | 194 820 | 252 195 |
| Social development | | 438 077 | 474 485 |
| Other Income | | 213 120 | 142 315 |
| Administration fees | | 86 020 | 81 949 |
| Contributions from other countries for projects | | 58 897 | - |
| Donations | | 14 700 | 3 000 |
| Interest | | 51 103 | 57 366 |
| Registration for workshops | | 2 400 | - |
| LESS: EXPENDITURE | | (2 004 276) | (1 971 124) |
| General expenses | | (557 598) | (641 218) |
| Operating expenses | | (177 828) | (131 995) |
| Loss on sale or scrapping of assets | | (133 887) | (65 672) |
| Meeting cost | | (26 923) | (42 017) |
| Postage and courier services | | - | (464) |
| Printing | | (2 766) | (7 544) |
| Travel and accommodation | | (5 996) | (6 567) |
| Web sites | | (8 256) | (9 731) |
| Administration expenses | | (140 257) | (242 724) |
| Accountants's remuneration | | (22 149) | (24 732) |
| Auditor's remuneration | | (15 150) | (23 000) |
| Bad debts | | - | (10 623) |
| Bank charges | | (4 071) | (13 301) |
| Cleaning services | | (1 180) | (100) |
| Computer expenses | | (5 649) | (15 323) |
| Depreciation and impairments | | (4 766) | (8 625) |
| Insurance | | (7 493) | (27 731) |
| Municipal services and electricity | | - | (2 000) |
| Office supplies | | (976) | (1 405) |
| Rent paid | | (61 287) | (94 203) |
| Buildings | | (32 173) | (64 979) |
| Equipment | | (29 114) | (29 224) |
| Repairs and maintenance | | (800) | (1 450) |
| Security | | (3 302) | (3 088) |
| Stationery | | - | (1 075) |
| Subscriptions | | (3 996) | (4 385) |
| Telephone and facimile | | (9 438) | (11 683) |

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

INCOME STATEMENT

| | 2022 R | 2021 R |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Employee salaries and benefits | (239 513) | (266 499) |
| Bursaries | - | (15 000) |
| Compensation funds | (2 673) | (2 432) |
| Salaries and benefits | (233 000) | (246 254) |
| Unemployment insurance fund | (3 840) | (2 813) |
| Project expenses | (1 446 678) | (1 329 906) |
| HIV/AIDS Awareness Program | - | (96 902) |
| Workshop expenses | - | (77 902) |
| Salaries | - | (19 000) |
| SVE - Leadership & Management (South Africa) | (185 527) | (421 313) |
| Workshop expenses | (170 527) | (382 313) |
| Salaries | (15 000) | (39 000) |
| SVE - Leadership & Management (Cameroon, Ethiopia & Tanzania) | (10 500) | - |
| Auditor's remuneration | (9 000) | - |
| Workshop expenses | (1 500) | - |
| SVE - Redstar (South Africa & Benin) | (3 000) | (260 194) |
| Workshop expenses | - | (232 194) |
| Salaries | (3 000) | (28 000) |
| SVE - Redstar (Chad & Cameroon) | (190 526) | - |
| Workshop expenses | (156 526) | - |
| Salaries | (34 000) | - |
| SVE - Beekeeping Project Kenya | (269 280) | - |
| Workshop expenses | (132 280) | - |
| Salaries | (137 000) | - |
| SVE - Competency for 5 facilitators in SA | (13 895) | - |
| Workshop expenses | (13 895) | - |
| SVE - Deafnet HIV Toolkit 2 | (348 836) | - |
| Workshop expenses | (296 336) | - |
| Salaries | (52 500) | - |
| TPA Social Development | (425 114) | (474 486) |
| Workshop expenses | (186 231) | (332 086) |
| Salaries | (238 883) | (142 400) |
| Special projects (Africa & other) | - | (77 011) |
| Workshop expenses | - | (70 011) |
| Salaries | - | (7 000) |
| Net surplus/(deficit) | (366 010) | 69 155 |

THANK YOU

The generous contributions of our sponsors sustain our work to build a network in Africa through particularizing and capacity building of deaf people and their families. As a registered non-profit and public benefit organisation in South Africa, your financial contribution to DeafNET is tax deductible. Please support us.



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