

CREATING REAL VALUE – IMPACT BEYOND FUNDING

Monitoring and evaluation is critical part of the National Lotteries Commission's (NLC) funding value chain.

The unit was established in 2014 with the primary purpose to measure the impact of funding. Over the past seven years, the unit has conducted several studies on impact evaluation and data assessment, collecting a significant volume of impact-monitoring statistics. Since inception, the unit has conducted over 8 000 monitoring site visits, during which data collected included information on job creation, skills development and secondary beneficiaries reached by primary beneficiaries as they implement various projects and programmes. Over and above, while on site, the officials also capacitate the beneficiaries to report as per NLC templates, and to understand the grant agreement fully. Inside are some of the non-profit organisations visited recently.

The NLC has helped bring back the dignity of Sehlagane Primary School children in Limpopo by building them new ablution structures. (See Page 3)



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SEHLAGANE PRIMARY, LIMPOPO

Dignity restored



A young learner from Sehlagane Primary uses the new ablution structures built with the funds from the NLC.

All human beings deserve respect. The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) has responded to this national emergency by allocating funding to give learners around the country the dignity they deserve.

The status of sanitation in rural schools, especially in provinces like the Eastern Cape and Limpopo, is well-documented.

Sehlagane Primary in Ga-Matamanyane in Moletjie village was one such school.

As part of the funding process and to assess the impact of funding, monitoring and evaluation officials from the NLC paid a visit to the school for an assessment.

“Four ablution blocks consisting of four males and females toilets, respectively, were constructed,” according to the site visit report.

The funding benefits the school as a beneficiary, and 540 secondary beneficiaries in the form of learners and teachers. The project is cited as being complete and implemented in line with the grant agreement and without deviation.

In line with the NLC’s funding principles,

monitoring and evaluation takes place for all funded projects to provide support and monitor progress in the implementation.

This was Sehlagane’s first interaction with NLC funding, and the school is now able to engage with the organisation to seek further opportunities for funding or assistance with raising funds themselves.

School governing body chairperson Simon Sethosa said: “We used to have pit toilets that our kids used to respond to the call of nature. They even used to go to the bushes, which was risky and dangerous.

“These toilets were not safe at all, and we used to feel sad about the situation. When the NLC came into the picture to assist us, we felt that the dignity of our kids had been restored. Today, our kids have the dignity and the privacy, all thanks to the NLC.

He continued: “We will also be grateful to have a new school building, as our kids are now attending in mobile classes, after the old building was destroyed by the storm.

“The NLC is a responsible organisation that is taking care of the needs of those people who are [historically] disadvantaged.”

SIYAWELA – READY TO SUCCEED

Siyawela unlocks the doors of learning

Siyawela – Ready to Succeed is a non-government organisation (NGO) specializing in research, conceptualizing, designing and managing community-based learning and training programmes in Port Elizabeth, Nelson Mandela metropolitan municipality.

Established in 2000, Siyawela has developed and implemented training interventions that offer innovative approaches to problems affecting schools and communities.

Their training programmes have been piloted and refined over two decades, and the organisation consequently has an extensive portfolio of effective education programmes that can be offered in a variety of contexts.

The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) has funded the NGO for the rollout of training programmes in the municipality, benefitting about 711 school children on their projects. The programmes also benefitted 222 teachers and teacher assistants on the workplace-based project.

On its mission to lend a helping hand in local communities, Siyawela provides training programmes that are aligned to the needs of the education system, helping communities make a valuable contribution to the education of their children, and equipping the youth and adults with the skills and knowledge to thrive in their workplaces and their communities.

Executive director Paula du Plooy says impacts are monitored and evaluated so that programmes address the challenges faced by communities.

“Community members, learners and parents attest to the life-changing impact of training interventions. Our organisation



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accordingly has an extensive portfolio of effective education programmes that can be offered in a variety of contexts,” says Du Plooy.

“We are grateful and humbled by the assistance we have received from the National Lotteries Commission through its funding model. These funds have been at the utmost importance to help Siyawela continue doing the best for our communities.”

Based on its values and line of work, Siyawela brings skills transfer, integrity, professionalism, and self-sustenance.

The organisation aims to build and guide the youth and adults in the Eastern Cape to be formidable,

confident and proud members of the community. Training methods depend on the nature of the programmes offered including facilitating workshops, coaching, mentoring, encouraging continuous learning and coordinating on-the-job training, among others.

The NLC takes a strong stance towards its ownership of responsibilities by working effectively and efficiently to ensure a positive sustainable impact on communities by providing a high level of service that is of a great quality, target based and meets the expectations of stakeholders.

Social consciousness is a core value of the NLC, and the implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems also focuses on the needs and support that should be provided in order to initiate social upliftment of communities by continuously striving to redefine standards of excellence in the work it does.

RADIO RIVERSIDE

Fine execution of grant agreement makes Riverside a model beneficiary

Uppington-based community radio station, Radio Riverside, which is situated in the Northern Cape, serves the community with diligence and courage.

The radio station covers an audience of 73 000 listeners and is considered a model in governance and management by the Commonwealth of Learning.

The station benefitted through the open call for funding of the NLC under the sector of Arts, Culture and National Heritage, including Environment in August 2019, where Radio Riverside was granted funds as a non-government organisation (NGO) that sought to serve as a link between government and the community.

The funding is aimed at empowering the station towards helping it to promote communication and to give the youth an opportunity to get actively involved.

After the funds were allocated, the NLC’s monitoring and evaluation process kicked in to assess implementation and the extent to which the grant actually empowers the community and the station’s volunteers.

“The purpose of the site visit is to introduce an outcome-based reporting tool to NLDTF [National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund] beneficiaries that will enable them to submit reports on quarterly basis to the monitoring and evaluation unit, while meaningfully interacting with grantees in a safe environment over a selected and/or preferred platform such as telephonically, messaging apps, Zoom Meetings or MS-Teams.

“The ultimate aim is to assist with the implementation of their projects in line with the



The Uppington-based NGO uses the state-of-the-art equipment to provide a link between the community and the Northern Cape provincial government.

objectives of the National Lotteries Commission,” says Clive Moses, the NLC Project Manager in the Northern Cape.

Moses adds that the main activities of Radio Riverside are to encourage interest from the community in support and participation of indigenous and contemporary content through community radio broadcast, as well as live streaming of broadcasts via the internet.

Radio Riverside board chairperson Vernon Mfusi says: “The community radio station has a direct beneficiary count of close to 1 500 participants of all ages from previously disad-

vantaged communities in a 80km broadcasting radius from Uppington.

“It currently employs 15 full-time women and seven full-time males alongside four youngsters, both female and male from previously disadvantaged communities. All staff members are paid from NLDTF funding for salaries/stipends and radio drama production fees.”

Mfusi has thanked the NLC for approving the radio station’s application.

Moses states that the NLC was pleased by the high standard employed by the station in the execution of its duties, adding that the station has displayed superb corporate governance and management of its NLC-funded projects.

Moses says: “Radio Riverside remains above board in relation to the signed grant agreement, as well as the approved budget line items.



The staff of Thusanang Trauma Centre, founded by Christinah Pretorius in Lichtenburg in the North West, received praise from the NLC’s monitoring and evaluation team for displaying a high level of professionalism.

THUSANANG TRAUMA CENTRE

Thusanang gets thumbs up from NLC’s monitoring team

Thusanang Trauma Centre, a Lichtenburg-based non-government organisation (NGO) in the North West, is a beneficiary of funding from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC).

The organisation empowers the victims of abuse through psychosocial support and counselling.

The counsellors at Thusanang Trauma Centre take it upon themselves to accompany the victims of abuse attend court cases in a show of support and to offer hope.

After their grant was paid, the NLC conducted a site visit at the organisation’s premises in February to establish if the NGO utilized funding in line with the signed grant agreement.

The visit was also meant to capacitate the NGO and introduce the NLC’s monitoring and evaluation tool for the collection of beneficiaries’ data and impact assessment.

The monitoring team found that the NGO was well run and recommended that the entity be considered for further funding.

An observation was made by the monitoring officials that: “Consultation take place in a good environment.

The operations run smoothly as the errands are done accordingly, and that there is a high level of professionalism in the organisation.”

Christinah Pretorius, the founder and project manager of Thusanang Trauma Centre, says: “As Thusanang Trauma Centre, we believe that prevention and reduction of crime is more important than reacting to crime.

“It is therefore imperative to deter crime rather than to sit, wait and only react after crime has been committed.

“The awareness campaign is a tool that is used by the organisation for crime prevention.”

In addition to the services rendered, members of the NGO believe that it is imperative to be involved in crime-prevention programmes.

“The centre conducts door-to-door campaigns, awareness campaigns and presentations at schools as a way of educating people on how to protect themselves against crime and violence, and the importance of reporting cases of crime,” says the centre’s project manager.

Pretorius says the NLC’s cash injection made it possible for the organisation to own a building, helping the project to run effectively.

“The funding received from the NLC also covers operational costs such as water, electricity, transport and catering for the victims. The organisation managed to buy a Hyundai H1 bus that is used to transport the victims and to conduct door-to-door campaigns.

“The volunteers are also motivated to render services to the community members as they receive a stipend from the NLC funding.”

Thusanang also aims to empower the victims of abuse and communities by encouraging them to speak out about any form of violence.

“We provide advocacy by facilitating and ensuring that cases of domestic violence are reported, as we assist victims of violence and accompany them everytime they attend court cases.





Above: The organisation, which started working from a community hall, recently moved to a new building constructed with funds from the NLC.

Right: The NGO, which renders its services to the impoverished rural village of Goba, has created 26 job opportunities.



SENZANGOTHANDO HOME BASED CARE

NLC enhances the contribution of women in the fight against HIV/Aids

The Setswana idiom, “Mosadi o tshwara thipa kafo bogaleng”, meaning a mother grabs a knife by the blade, has always rang true.

To prove this correct, five women in Mpumalanga registered a non-government organisation (NGO) in 2003 called Senzangothando Home Based Care. The organisation started working from a community hall, helping to curb the spread of HIV/Aids in the area.

In 2008, the NGO relocated to a new site allocated by the Ngomane Tribal Authority.

However, the premises were not big enough to accommodate all the beneficiaries the NGO wanted to cater for.

After applying for funding, Senzangothando became one of beneficiaries of funding from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC).

The NLC funding also ensured provision for a new facility to which the NGO has already relocated.

Senzangothando conducts door-to-door visits,

referrals, health education, distributes condoms and conducts treatment adherence support to 1 688 beneficiaries.

Through projects like Senzangothando, the commission is able to catalyse action in communities. Funding such organisations means more people can benefit from the NLC’s services.

Regulations published in July 2010 direct the Charities Distributing Agency to allocate at least 50% of the money available for distribution to organisations involved in:

- Expanding home-based care services through training and developing infrastructure for the care of elderly people, sick people and vulnerable groups, including orphaned children.
- Providing educational facilities for early-childhood development and adult literacy, and undertaking vocational training and mentoring for skills development through programmes that include people with disabilities.

The NLC’s monitoring and evaluation team recently conducted a visit to the NGO to find out

first-hand if the funds were used optimally and as per the agreements.

“The organisation has created a total of 26 job opportunities of which 22 are males and four females. They are all temporarily employed and are all Africans. The organisation renders relevant services to Goba residents under Nkomazi local municipality.”

“The project was established due to the high prevalence of HIV and other illnesses that left most of the affected or infected community members with no one to look after them and ensure that their health needs are attended to, and they are required by the NLC to ensure that they properly maintain the funded infrastructure.”

Goba village is in ward 11 of the municipality under the Hhoyi Tribal Authority.

While many villagers depend on social grants, some have found work in the nearby farms and retail shops while others have been absorbed under government’s EPWP (extended public works programme).



The welfare society, which caters for abandoned and abused children, used some of the NLC funding to buy personal protective equipment.

The dual mandate of the NLC positions it to work to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality in South Africa.

TEMBISA CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY

Welfare society puts to good use funding from the NLC

Children often bare the scourge of neglect in society. To this end, the Tembisa Child and Family Welfare Society was established in 1986 to tackle the challenge of lost, abandoned, and abused children who used to call the police cells and hospitals their homes.

The non-government organisation (NGO) has received funding from the National Lotteries Commission (NLC). The grant was allocated in 2019 and the NGO used the funds for personnel training and development, purchase of a vehicle, equipment for alternative energy and clothing/uniform for beneficiaries.

The NLC, which recently conducted a site visit to gauge the progress made, first funded Tembisa Child and Family Welfare Society in 2006.

The project was implemented successfully with the installation of the solar system, which made up a large portion of the grant. The NGO, which survives primarily on fundraising, also runs two creches.

Through the funding it had received from the NLC, the organisation also assists in the placement of children they are unable to take in, by

referring them to other children's homes, as the organisation is only allowed a certain number of children in its premises. This is in line with its welfare registration.

The Tembisa Child and Family Welfare also offers family preservation programmes, crisis intervention, family reunification services and care for those affected by the scourge of HIV/Aids.

Through the funding it has received from the NLC, the NGO has also started a sewing project that helps upskill and provide work to unemployed youth in the township.

Many youngsters benefit through these programmes which keep them off the streets. Founder and executive director at the welfare society Wilhemina Bodibe said: "Tembisa Child and Family Welfare Society has two centres in the township, one in Phomolong and the other in Kopanong.

"Through the assistance from the NLC, we bought a kombi for the kids of Phomolong centre and also pushed other projects such as installing a solar system for Kopanong. We used to have a high bill of electricity and this funding came in handy to assist us."

She explains further: "We have also bought PPE [personal protective equipment] for kids and the staff, as our home has 74 kids in Kopanong and 29 kids in Phomolong, who are vulnerable and HIV positive. The NLC has been helpful and we are grateful for their continuous assistance.

"When Covid-19 hit our shores, we were ready and financially secured through the help of the NLC."

The NLC acts as a catalyst for eradicating poverty and reducing inequality in South Africa, channeling 47% of its annual budget to good causes in the Charities Sector that includes the Tembisa Child and Family Welfare Society.

This sector receives the largest share of funds from the NLC, and covers a wide range of organisations in the social welfare, community health, literacy, and social development fields.

The NLC also works on improving the quality of life of communities across the country by assisting disadvantaged or excluded groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities and vulnerable children through funding organisations to provide facilities or services for the underprivileged.

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