



# PROCHORUS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## ANNUAL REPORT

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2021

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## MANAGING DIRECTOR

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### JAN SCANNELL



**I always feel so thankful when I think about the majority of people who will be reading our Annual Report, and who have most likely contributed to the success and sustainability of Prochorus and the service we provide to our beneficiaries. I want to start my letter with a warm, heartfelt “thank you!”**

**Thank you for being part of our family and, therefore, being part of everything written in this report and all the endless stories of hope that this report could not cover. Thank you for being part of the hope and the answer to the cry of our destitute. Thank you for “using your power to empower.”**

I’m amazed at the ability of people to adapt and be creative to make the most of challenging circumstances. Unfortunately, not everybody uses this ability, but I have seen so much of this usage at Prochorus in 2021. I’m sure you will also recognize this as you go through the rest of this report. The year has seen its fair share of challenges for all of us. Therefore, I also want to thank our staff, volunteers, network, and even our service providers for their excellent contributions, often going above and beyond the call of duty. Sadly, the needs of our poor communities are growing and multiplying. People are desperate for hope, jobs, and food on the table. Now is not the time to sit back and think, “we’ve done enough.” Let our hope and life in abundance also become their hope and abundance.

We aim to empower not only our beneficiaries but also our staff and volunteers. This year, six of our team went to the Strategic Planning Programme, hosted by EZRA and supported by Valcare. The programme consists of seven workshops, covering topics on strategic planning, organizational sustainability, ethical leadership, risk management, policy development, meaningful stakeholder engagement, management and leadership, and alignment of service delivery with our vision, mission and values. The programme also includes individual mentoring for organizations. Moreover, all our project managers did a comprehensive course on “Child Protection and Wellbeing” through the brand new Connect Network Online QIS platform. Predominantly working with children, we see it as crucial to keep our people up to date with child protection matters and make sure we are aligned with best practices in this regard. Besides this, our new board secretary and I did a governance course to freshen up our knowledge and skills.

I was recently reminded of the fact that strength lies in numbers. When everybody gives their unique contribution, especially when this is done in unity and harmony, it is extremely powerful, and nothing will be impossible for them. Alleviating poverty is indeed a daunting task, and eradicating it would ultimately be impossible without the united effort of society. I think we are grossly underestimating the critical need for significant social upliftment. Our people are suffering. We see the effects all over, and too many are just turning a blind eye. We need more people who will decide to be the “Good Samaritan” and stop to help. Having priests and Levites who choose not to engage will not help in this regard. The change we need, and hopefully want to see, start from within. Continue to use your power to empower.

## BOARD CHAIRMAN

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### LUSANI MULAUDZI



**Prochorus continues to serve under-resourced communities and has been doing this for the past 25 years. The name Prochorus says a lot about our heritage as an extension of the local church – a vehicle through which the local church can serve communities around it.**

**Community development is not only the responsibility of a few volunteers and donors but a responsibility for all. Last year I wrote about how many people and organisations responded to the COVID19 crises by reaching out and helping those in need. It is this kind of collective action that is required to address the challenge of poverty in our communities.**

The South African government supports community development efforts through a favourable tax regime for non-profit organisations and donors. To make full use of this opportunity, non-profit organisations are expected to be well managed and accountable. Failure to do this severely hinders community development efforts and it is thus very important that we pay attention to good governance in community development work.

The church has a very important role to play in our communities in terms of its ability to mobilise both human and financial resources for community development work. This is the reason why Prochorus will always remain a non-profit organisation that is faith-based and local church-based. I would like to make use of this opportunity to encourage local churches to be more actively involved in community development work. Prochorus stands ready to partner with local churches that are motivated to run impactful projects in their communities.



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WHO WE ARE

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**Prochorus Community Development exists to collaboratively achieve social justice and empowerment of individuals and communities.**

Prochorus, established in 1996, is a community-based organization and a registered non-profit. We run sustainable programmes in the communities of Kayamandi, Cloetesville, Jonkershoek, Somerset West, Delft and Riebeek Kasteel that ensure every beneficiary has the opportunity to reach their full potential; spiritually, socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

Registration number: 2008/012209/08, NPO Number: 086-767-NPO.

## MISSION

We serve disadvantaged communities according to the guidelines of need-assessment studies and the accessibility of resources.

### FOCUS AREAS

- Early Childhood Development
- Youth Development
- Skills Development
- Community Welfare

## BOARD MEMBERS



Jan Scannell  
Managing Director



Lusani Mulaudzi  
Chairman



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Secretary



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Treasurer



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Member



### Prochorus Branches | 4 in the Western Cape

This is a local branch that has been established in a designated area, and managed by an area manager employed by, or volunteering at Prochorus.



### Partner Projects | Western Cape

These are projects that are empowered by Prochorus through resource assistance. These include our community champions.



**479**  
BENEFICIARIES



OVER  
**2000**  
BENEFICIARIES AND  
THEIR FAMILIES



**10**  
SUSTAINABLE  
PROJECTS







"I've always been concerned about those facing difficult circumstances, but through Prochorus I learned that I am not alone in my concerns; I was given the opportunity to do something practical to make a difference!"

Gerard Adema - whose journey started with Prochorus in 1997 as a volunteer, now a board member and an international humanitarian worker.

## STRATEGIC INPUT

At the start of the year, with our newly appointed Child Protection Officer, we enrolled all our project leaders and area managers for a course on child protection, to bring everybody up to speed with the latest requirements. During the training, various new systems and policies were implemented to meet the related requirements.

Shortly after, all our Stellenbosch leaders started with a strategic development process through Valcare. This involved eight half-day workshops on various topics related to the effective, ethical and sustainable governance and functioning of an NGO and its programmes.

Towards the end of the year, two of our board members enrolled and completed the QIS Governance module presented by Connect Network. Even though Prochorus has completed the whole QIS training, we aim to keep up with the latest developments and make sure new people are well equipped.

## VOLUNTERING

Without volunteers, Prochorus would not be close to where it is today. The organisation has heavily relied on the good hearts and willing hands of volunteers to add priceless value to each initiative from its inception.

From the board members and sub-committees to the people working on projects or events, there's no end to the list of things that our volunteers have done. We even have project managers and area managers who serve as volunteers. School children, university students, church members, foreigners, business people, education specialists, retired elderly, you name it, they've served, and so can you.

The opportunities to volunteer are also endless. We want to make it known to all. If you have available time, no matter the skill level, we would love your involvement at Prochorus.

Our volunteers always share how much helping others have meant for them. It truly is more blessed to give than to receive.





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# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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We believe that improved early childhood development is the first and most important step towards the social development and advancement of poor communities. We contribute to the enhancement of early childhood development through the implementation of sustainable programmes at existing crèches by actively supporting crèche owners, through training, and the sourcing and distribution of sponsorships and donations.

## SPRING OF LIFE

Spring of Life Edu-Care Centre is located in Asanda Village, Somerset West, and provides a safe learning environment for children through a crèche and aftercare.

This year, the crèche grew with the addition of another class to serve 60 children and their families. Additionally, financial support from our donors not only provided staff with financial assistance, but allowed us to install 80 square meters of artificial grass in the crèche playground. Other improvements to the playground included adding a new swing, moveable sandbox, and mud kitchen to support our skills development classes.

The highlight of our year is our graduation ceremony. This year, 36 students will be graduating to Grade R.

We are excited and expectant for the Spring of Life Edu-Care Centre in 2022.

## ECD TEACHERS TRAINING | DELFT

Approximately 4 years ago we embarked on a journey to reach and serve the children of Delft, Cape Town through curriculum training of ECD principals and educators. The vision was and still is to establish ECD centres in Delft and provide the essential support to ensure preschool children receive a quality education. Additionally, we build relationships with principals and provide pastoral care to ensure they keep growing, hoping, and building into the Delft community.

We kickstarted this year with a special principal's breakfast for the 20 principals running the ECD centres. They were spiritually and emotionally encouraged to find their rest and strength in God. The morning was like watching a beautiful video of sisters who were trusting God together for one another's challenges amidst the difficult circumstances that they were facing and are still facing due to Covid-19. In partnership with Shofar Durbanville, we invited the principals of the first and second groups to join us for a camp in Hermanus to encourage and spoil these women we have grown to love and admire. This was a big highlight for all of us (30 principals, 16 facilitators and 10 children).

The decision to take on a new group of educators was obvious to us. 43 ECD centres applied, where 20 schools and 75 educators were selected to take part in the second training. These schools represent approximately 1000 children. In February 2022 we will supply every educator with a toolkit containing every resource she requires to teach and develop her class effectively.

We are forever grateful to witness the glimpses of hope that echoes through the Delft community by using ECD training as our vehicle to influence.



## KAYAMANDI TEACHER TRAINING

Prochorus Kayamandi hosted two workshops to train principles from unregistered crèches in the Prochorus Early Childhood Development Curriculum. Each training lasted for a week, and every principal received a copy of the registered Prochorus ECD curriculum. In total, 18 crèches completed the workshop, and all their beneficiaries will benefit from the lessons and activities. This training aims to provide unregistered crèches with a registered curriculum to ensure that children receive effective education. This training will also aid in their process to become a registered crèche.

## SIYANDA + LITTLE BUILDERS PLAYGROUP

The playgroups (Siyanda in Kayamandi and Little Builders in Cloetesville) started on a high note. Together the playgroups hosted 34 children. Additionally, we receive food from The Lunch Box Fund. Their focus is to provide children in learning with nutritious food. Their food donations have better enabled us to be able to provide healthy nutrition to our children. The children receive two meals per day, which includes protein, vegetables, fruit, and carbohydrates.

After re-opening the playgroups following lockdown level 4 suspension in 2020, the playgroups struggled to regain momentum with the children's attendance due to the impact of Covid-19. Many parents were hesitant to send their children to school. Siyanda playgroup started 2021 with 16 children and Little Builders with 18 children. Normally, both playgroups can host more children, but due to Covid-19 regulations, that is the maximum number of children we can now host.

Child Protection Week was another highlight. We had a busy programme, with loads of activities happening during the week. Our Child Protection Officer hosted talks at Siyanda about "saying no when someone tries to touch you inappropriately." The children from Siyanda also participated in a "child safety" walk-in Kayamandi.

We started with a building project at Little Builders in Cloetesville. To date, we have built an extra two toilets and upgraded the one building to have an additional classroom. The next phase will enlarge and upgrade the other two classrooms and a kitchen into brick buildings. The bigger space will enable us to host more children and have improved kitchen facilities.

*The Stellenbosch playgroups make use of Prochorus's very own registered curriculum*





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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Prochorus is currently running three youth development programmes: The Dream Again Foundation, Jonkershoek Cycling Project, and Jonkershoek Aftercare. We understand that investing in youth development also develops our nation's future leaders.

## DREAM AGAIN FOUNDATION

Dream Again Foundation focuses on support and guidance to school going farm girls in the Riebeek Valley, age group 12-18. This is achieved by teaching the girls practical skills, facilitating identity discovery and exploring their unique gifts and talents in a mentor group context.

Dream Again Foundation celebrated her 5th year of empowering and equipping girls, age 12 to 18, who live on farms in the Riebeek Valley. 2021 was also the year where we saw 3 of our girls - young women now – completing their high school journey with us. We are happy to report that most of the girls who were enrolled in 2020, continued with their attendance throughout 2021. A new farm was registered with Dream Again Foundation and we welcomed 5 girls. Currently, our membership stands on 30 girls and 3 mentors. Lastly, the 5 dedicated leaders, form a dynamic Dream Team.

It is also with the help of the skilful educators on the Dream Team, that we could identify the need for a safe space where girls can come regularly for assistance with school homework. Result: the DAF Learning Center was added to our strategy.

A big shout out to all our benefactors, sponsors and supporters. Thank you to our Riebeek Kasteel community and also our national and international partners.

## JONKERSHOEK CYCLING PROJECT

Prochorus uses cycling as a tool to effectively teach youth life skills and restore hope. This year, 22 boys were supported by the programme.

The year started slow for the cycling project. Usually, much excitement is blooming for the Cape Town Cycle Tour at the beginning of the year. The Cape Town Cycle Tour was cancelled due to Covid-19. The weekly rides continued as usual, and in May the riders finally got to take part in the first leg of the Spur Schools League MTB series.

In June, we had to say goodbye to one of our beloved coaches. He and his wife have volunteered in the project since 2015. Daniel and his family have returned to Germany. Their departure has left a hole in our cycling family and our hearts. We are, however, very excited for their new season as a family and to see them flourish.

We are happy to share the news of our new cycling project leader, Tayo, who started at the beginning of August. His passion for the children was visible when he volunteered at the project and proved his eligibility in various ways.

At the beginning of September, the team took part in the Fedhealth MTB Challenge. Stillwaters Sports sponsored the entries for the race. The team went on a cycling tour at the end of September. The camp took place at the Back to Basics campsite in Grabouw. There were activities such as cycling, team building, devotions, and some heart-to-heart talks with the boys.



## JONKERSHOEK AFTERCARE

Our Jonkershoek Aftercare Centre aims to create an educationally safe aftercare environment to support, enable and motivate school-going children to finish high school and attend tertiary education.

The year started with some twists and turns. With the announcement that the schools will only open in middle February and that children only go to school every second day, the beneficiaries were not motivated, so attendance wasn't fantastic at the beginning of the year. As the first term progressed, it was great to see the children attending more regularly. We had about 35 children daily attending the centre throughout the year and 47 children registered in total.

The Aftercare Centre received food from The Lunch Box Fund. The food has been a tremendous asset to the Aftercare Centre. There has been a significant improvement in the children's focus since we've started with these wholesome daily meals. Samp is the most favourite food. The children have not received the soya mince with excitement, but we have found several recipes to improve their liking. We want to thank The Lunch Box Fund for its continuous support.

We have implemented the One Hope Bible programme at our Aftercare Centre, containing fun and specialized curriculums for junior, junior high and senior children. Weekly mentoring sessions have continued throughout the year, and it has been great to see how the girls and boys are responding to the sessions.

This year has been a year of growth for the Centre. There have been some essential changes in structure to ensure that the project constantly develops to best develop the beneficiaries. The Aftercare Centre had a facelift, thanks to the Jonkershoek Special Rates Area NPC. The facility now has a fresh feeling with the new layer of paint and a few minor repairs. We want to thank our prominent donors for the project.

We were privileged to have the NGO, Lessons in Conservation, come and do a 6-week course. We had two excursions with Eagle Encounters. The learners then went to Butterfly World, which they loved and had the opportunity to touch snakes and other reptiles. The other was with birds of prey, which they were also able to hold.



"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

SIR ISAAC NEWTON





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# POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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As Prochorus desires to uplift communities in a holistic manner, we understand that poverty alleviation action needs to accompany empowering action, to see empowered communities in the future.

## STOREHOUSE PROJECT

The Storehouse project represents the heart of Prochorus Somerset West, distributing resources collected from the network in which we operate to people who have a need. We collaborate with like-minded organizations towards a better, empowered community.

By partnering with organizations and individuals, we were able to diversify our operations into new areas this year, notably community awareness in partnership with Beaumont Primary School Headmaster's Award. This was a great platform for us to get the local youth involved with community projects and impart the 'use your power to empower' ideology.

We are trusting for opportunities to expand our operations into the Macassar/Raithby and Gordon's Bay communities in the coming year, and to establish a Prochorus Office and Outlet Store at the Shofar Somerset West Church offices.

Our current service network includes Heartlands Baby Sanctuary, Somerset West Family Shelter, Inspired2Become with Christian Skaters Africa, and Shofar Christian Church.

## SUPPORT A SCHOOL CHILD

Support a child is a project that supports children at risk with basic school necessities to ensure that they attend school.

It has been an exciting year for the Support-a-Child Project. We have managed to support 18 children for the year so far. At the beginning of the year, we received all stationery and school uniform lists. The cost to help one child with basic school necessities for an entire year is about R1,850.

One of our beneficiaries who have been on the Support-a-Child project since he was in Gr. 3 is finishing school this year. He is very determined and self-driven to make a success in his life. He has already applied to 12 Universities for tertiary studies in 2022. We are excited to see him flourish into a very bright future.





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EXTRAORDINARY

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Besides the fixed long term projects of Prochorus, we partner with donors and various stakeholders from time to time to provide extraordinary services or short projects for needs we are drawn to support. These are some of the main ones:

## HELP-A-GIRL-OUT PARTNERSHIP

In Kayamandi, one of our staff coordinated efforts to supply hundreds of school girls with sanitary products and she gave a talk at each high school about healthy sexuality when the products were distributed. The schools are also regularly being supplied with top-up products to provide for the continued need. This initiative is done in partnership with the "Help-a-Girl-out" project.


## WATER TANKS AND BUCKETS

Through funding and material support received from Brandline, we supported various individuals, schools and communities with 20L buckets and water tank systems. Shofar Cloeteville was a valuable partner, assisting in connecting and coordinating between various stakeholders in the area. Tanks were supplied and installed for drinking water to a needy and desperate community of people close to Kraaifontein. Here, a good-hearted farmer allowed a pipe to be connected to the tanks from his borehole, supplying all the water needed by the small community. Various irrigation systems with rainwater catchment tanks were installed at multiple vegetable garden sites. Rainwater collection tanks with pressure pumps were also supplied and installed at a school in Cloeteville to use available rainwater to provide their bathroom facilities with free water.

## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Prochorus continued to support two community champions with whom we have a relationship, buying into the great work through which they serve their community.





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Power To  
Empower

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THANK YOU

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# THANK YOU

BALL PROJECT  
 BESTER FEED AND GRAIN  
 BEXTRANS  
 BRANDLINE  
 CAPE CLASSIC FOUNDATION  
 CLEMENGOLD  
 CONNECT NETWORK  
 FLANDRIA CYCLES  
 FRONT LINE OFFICE SUPPLIES  
 INDIVIDUALS  
 JAM (JOINT AID MANAGEMENT)  
 SOUTH AFRICA  
 AND NORWAY  
 JONKERSHOEK SPECIAL RATES AREA  
 LIFETRUST  
 MASIKHULE  
 MTO  
 OLDENBURG WINE ESTATE  
 OPRAH WINFREY FOUNDATION  
 PEP  
 PICK & PAY  
 PNA  
 REDSTOR  
 SANLAM FOUNDATION  
 SCAS  
 SHOFAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
 SHOPRITE (U\$AVE)  
 SINAPI BIOMEDICAL  
 SLUDGE  
 SPUR MTB SCHOOLS LEAGUE  
 SQUIRT  
 STILL WATER SPORTS  
 STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY  
 STEPHANIE'S RESTAURANT  
 SURGEMAN  
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 THE LUNCH BOX FUND  
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 WISH INTERNET SERVICES

The generous donations and continuous support from all our faithful donors have allowed us to impact lives, and serve communities with excellence.

Thank you.

