

A CHANCE TO PLAY SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Annual Report 2014-2015



“Empowering children through Play”



“The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct.” Carl Jung

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The **Vision** of the organisation is to create a society where children enjoy play as an integral part of their holistic development and wellbeing.



Documented international research confirms that play is essential to children's development and wellbeing, yet children are being deprived of their Right to Play through poor socio-economic and socio-political conditions. This world-wide neglect of children's right to play induced the United Nations Children's Rights Committee to publish General Comment No 17 (2013) on the right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts (art. 31) ACTPSA exists to champion the child's right to play in Southern Africa with the ultimate goal of increasing access to play for all children.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014 - 2015:

Development of the Organisation:

- ✓ Appointment of a coordinator
- ✓ Improved office space and other logistics
- ✓ Registration as an NGO
- ✓ Gradually increasing membership from Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- ✓ Quarterly newsletters and website sharing best practice and information
- ✓ Facebook Page and Twitter

Increasing Access to Play Through Training:

- ✓ Training of play facilitators offering play activities to disadvantaged children
- ✓ Training of youth as play facilitators who run **play clubs** for disadvantaged children
- ✓ Currently developing a Master Trainer course so that play facilitators can be trained cost effectively in all SADC countries

Increasing Access to Play through Advocacy:

- Southern African Play Advocacy Strategy
 - ✓ Media Committee
 - ✓ Research Committee - Impact of Play
 - ✓ Play Forum - mapping play provision in its community, consulting with children on their needs and working with stakeholders to ensure adequate play provision for children of all ages
- ✓ Review of national policies and laws to determine if Article 31 of the UNCRC is being implemented by the SA government

Increasing Access to Play through Publications:

The following publications are available for free download from the ACTPSA website:

- ✓ A Chance to Play Manual including chapters on the Right to Play, Play Activities and Enabling Play
- ✓ Play Today flyers for Parents in 5 official SA languages
- ✓ Play Today booklet with key words in 10 official SA languages, shown to increase parents' involvement in their children's development

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A Chance to Play Southern Africa is a relatively new organisation. After its launch in October 2011, activities were co-ordinated by one part time staff member with the support of a small committee. In February 2014, a second staff member was appointed and in May that same year, a play conference was held which produced a Southern African Play Advocacy Strategy.



The results of the work of just two staff members with the support of a small management committee have been remarkable. Regular newsletters have been produced that share information with a steadily increasing membership. A Facebook page shares wonderful quotes on play as well as photographs showing how coalition members throughout the SADC region are creating play opportunities for children. A brand new, informative website is about to be launched.

The Play Advocacy Strategy has given a strong direction to the organisation. A Media Committee works on press releases about play and play events; the Research Committee finds relevant articles on the impact of play for the website and for advocacy initiatives; the Play Forum is investigating the state of local play facilities before engaging with local government departments and a consultant has been appointed to research the current state of play legislation in South Africa before the Government Committee starts its work. The Play Advocacy Strategy is being implemented in Namibia and Zimbabwe, with government support.

The Management Committee has taken its fiduciary responsibility very seriously. We are confident that the organisation is following its mandate and that the funds are being used for the intended purpose. The budget is consulted when planning projects and costs are saved where possible.

In view of these achievements and the potential that ACTPSA has to “put play on the map” in Southern Africa, our most important task for the coming months is to secure funding for the organisation.

My thanks go to the staff, management committee and members for all their efforts on behalf of ACTPSA and to the donors without whom none of this would have been possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Morrison'. The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

Cynthia Morrison

MORE ABOUT A CHANCE TO PLAY SOUTHERN AFRICA (ACTPSA)

The **concept** of a **coalition of organisations** and individuals that **support the child's right to play** was conceived after the *A Chance to Play* programme was rolled out in the run up to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. The programme earned a lot of support from Volkswagen Group Works Council, Germany (through *terre des hommes, Germany*), who has supported this flagship project from 2007 to date.



ACTPSA was **launched** in October 2011 at the end of a 3 day Strategic Planning Conference involving 15 organisations from 6 countries in Southern Africa, all supported by *terre des hommes, Germany*. Namibia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique and South Africa were represented. **Chapters** were formed in the different Southern African countries by working groups who **meet regularly to promote the Right to Play**. Five countries are represented on the ACTPSA **board**.

ACTPSA is the **co-ordinating office** for the promotion of the child's right to play in Southern Africa. It works together with like-minded organisations that form the coalition's membership.

Play is now being **mainstreamed** in projects throughout Southern Africa and the celebration of **World Play Day** (28 May) has become an annual event throughout the region. Feedback from members indicates that the project has reached more than **30 000 children** since its inception and 30 organisations are directly involved in implementing the right to play programmes.



ACTPSA is increasing its **membership** by inviting individuals, NGOs, government departments and other interested stakeholders throughout the SADC region to join and participate in the promotion of children's play in Southern Africa. ACTPSA membership has increased by 67% since its inception. **Sharing and coordinating** services, resources and experiences through our **Newsletter** has a **multiplying effect** which strengthens our efforts to provide play to all children irrespective of age, gender or social background throughout South Africa and the SADC region.

THE ACTPSA MISSION

To promote the Right to Play as an essential part of the child's holistic development and wellbeing through advocacy, capacity building and mobilisation of resources in collaboration with stakeholders at all levels of society



Mum and baby playing



Young children "driving cars"



Older children playing cards

ACTPSA VALUES:

- Child and Youth Participation
- Child-directed Play
- Child Rights based
- Child Protection
- Child Centred
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Inclusivity
- Respect



Child participation, child centred play and child protection are strong components of the programme. Children are encouraged to choose the games they want to play and who should lead the game. When a facilitator introduces a game, the children must want to play it and the game should always be fun. Children are also invited to participate in play clubs, World Play Day events and other play days. In countries such as Namibia and Zimbabwe, children are involved in child protection committees where play issues are discussed.

Children become **ambassadors for play**. Trained play facilitators also pass on the knowledge to parents, teachers and guardians who take cognisance of the importance of children's right to play when planning activities for their holistic development.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2014-2015 PERIOD

1. To enhance and strengthen the capacity of the ACTPSA secretariat and its member organisations across Southern Africa to advocate for and implement strategies that increase children's access to play

In the past year, the following progress has been made:

- a) The Management Committee appointed Regina Mandikonza to the position of **ACTPSA Coordinator in February, 2014.**

She has produced regular Newsletters that have been circulated to members quarterly and has been very involved in promoting play through various social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter.



- b) A Regional Play Conference, funded by *terre des hommes Germany*, was held in May 2014, that was attended by members and interested stakeholders throughout Southern Africa. A **Play Advocacy Strategy** for Southern Africa was jointly developed by the delegates. Regina has been very involved with the implementation of the strategy in South Africa and has visited Zimbabwe, Namibia and Mozambique to assist in its implementation in those countries.

2. To increase the knowledge base about play throughout the SADC region through sharing information about best practice models, research and impact assessment.

This is being achieved through quarterly **Newsletters** where models for play provision within the region and articles about play related issues are shared. A **Research Committee** has been established to find academic evidence about the importance of play and its impact on child development and wellbeing. The new **website**, due to be launched within a few weeks, will share research, including impact assessments.

Unfortunately, while there is wide evidence for the impact of play elsewhere in the world, this is not the case in Southern Africa. This must be encouraged as a way forward.

A Chance To Play Southern Africa : Newsletter
September-October 2014 Edition

"Empowering children through PLAY"

Advocating for PLAY
How are we doing it?

- Support
- Involving
- Engaging
- Persuading and acting

To Play Ambassadors

A number of significant events have occurred since the last publication of this newsletter. The **African Heritage Day** was celebrated in Namibia and South Africa during the month of September. To mark this celebration, indigenous games were played by all who took part in this event. **In Namibia, the first Toy Library** was opened in September. Children will be able to play at the toy library and will also be able to borrow toys to play with at home. Child safeguarding Committees have been formed which involves safeguarding children when they are playing.

Another milestone event happening in Mozambique is the **identification of playgrounds in Maputo**. This is a very positive move in the capital as there are limited safe spaces for play due to poor town planning.

Equally exciting, is that the initial phase of the **Advocacy for Play Action Plan** is kicking off in **Zambia and Zimbabwe** while Ad hoc Committees that promote play, as recommended in the Action Plan, have been formed in **Namibia, South Africa and Mozambique**.

We would like to thank you all for your efforts in upholding children's right to play. As we are in the summer season, I hope we are all enjoying playing in the sun and in the rain.

REGARDS,
REGINA MANDIKONZA

As social, cognitive and emotional beings, play is the most natural thing that we do because it occupies a vital role in development of children holistically.

Previous Newsletters have reported on the Regional Play Conference held in May 2014, with the support of *terre des hommes Germany* and the *Verbruggen Group Works Council*. The outcome of this conference was an Advocacy for Play strategy.

Our challenge at the moment is to implement the Action Plan that supports this strategy. With only 2 staff members, ACTPSA is totally reliant on the involvement of our members and partners for the implementation of the Advocacy for Play Action Plan.

Each partner organization is firstly committed to the projects for which they receive funding. Their support of play advocacy has to be fitted into these other projects.

The role of ACTPSA is therefore to continually inquire and motivate a growing number of partners with information, research studies and success stories that provide evidence about the critical value of play in children's lives.

A CHILD THAT DOES NOT PLAY IS LIKE A DRUM THAT DOES NOT SOUND.

1. INCREASING ACCESS TO PLAY THROUGH ADVOCACY

Advocating for the Child's Right to Play is one of the most important components of the existence of ACTPSA. The coalition realised that children are being deprived of their Right to Play through poor socio- economic and socio- political conditions that can affect the lives of children who are then often unable to go through the normal stages of development.

A survey conducted by ACTPSA recently amongst its members has shown that there has been an **increase in demand for play activities** throughout the SADC region as a result of the advocacy initiatives that have taken place.



Advocacy initiatives have included radio and TV interviews, newspaper articles and press releases and a presence at meetings where the most is made of the opportunity to talk about the value of play and ACTPSA's role in promoting the Child's Right to Play.

Interview about play on the University of Johannesburg radio station

The **Southern African Play Advocacy Strategy** was formulated after a process of consultation with members and other stakeholders from South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia during a Regional Play Conference held in May 2014. These deliberations were facilitated by André Viviers of UNICEF.



To be able to facilitate play adults must experience play - delegates having fun at the Regional Play Conference



Delegates making a toy at the Regional Play Conference

Despite having such fun, or because of the invigorating benefits of play, delegates worked hard and three **Key Objectives** were decided on:

- A. Promote the value and importance of play and recreation activities for children at all levels of society.
- B. Increase play opportunities at local community level by promoting access to play models and safe play spaces.
- C. Encourage the government to uphold the provisions in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC) and Article 12 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children (ACRWC).

ACTPSA is implementing the **Play Advocacy Strategy**. The coordinator has visited Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Namibia to discuss the Strategy and to advise on its implementation in those countries.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PLAY ADVOCACY STRATEGY

Key Objective A: To promote the value and importance of play and recreation activities for children at all levels of society

- ACTPSA initiated the establishment of a **Media Committee** consisting of an ACTPSA staff member, interested stakeholders and members of the organisation. The committee has developed an events calendar of special days that are suited to the promotion of play. E.g. Children's Day, Youth Day, World Play Day, Family Day, Heritage Day (when traditional games are highlighted). The special days' calendar has been distributed to members so that they can plan events as well.

Committee members take on the task of writing a press release highlighting the importance of play and how it fits into the special day. If an event is planned for the day, the media are invited to attend. Radio and TV stations are contacted with a view to having a live interview or sponsored advertising time to publicise the event and the importance of play. The media committee had great success in publicising **World Play Day 2015**, under the experienced leadership of Lois Moodley of Cotlands, one of the ACTPSA members.

The committee is currently designing a media campaign about the value and importance of play with the assistance of professors from local universities.



Media and public briefing in Johannesburg on Article 31 - the Child's Right to Play.

The international neglect of the right to play induced the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to issue General Comment 17 (2013) that explains measures governments are urged to take to ensure implementation of the rights in Article 31 for all children.

- Through the **Newsletter** and **website**, ACTPSA shares information about play and keeps members informed of activities that are happening locally. This provides members with ideas that they can implement in their regions. They then submit reports to ACTPSA on their activities.
- News about play activities and quotes about the importance of play are shared on **Social Media** via the ACTPSA **Facebook** page and **Twitter**
- ACTPSA initiated the **Research Committee** consisting of an ACTPSA staff member and academics from the University of the Witwatersrand, University of Johannesburg and Monash University. Their mandate is to provide academic evidence on the importance of play and the impact of play on children's holistic development and wellbeing. In the future, this committee will also make recommendations about research on the impact of play that needs to be done in Southern Africa.

All relevant research material will be made available on the new, South African-based **ACTPSA website** which will be launched within the next few weeks.

- **World Play Day** (28 May) is an opportunity to hold Play events to increase children’s access to play and to advocate for play. It is a day where adults and children relax and interact with each other through play. Often indigenous and traditional games are revived and enjoyed across generations. This day is also used as an awareness day for promoting the Right to Play together with relevant stakeholders. Through the ACTPSA network, World Play Day is celebrated annually within Southern Africa, with more than 10 000 children participating. This day is also very important to ACTPSA because it provides an opportunity for the organisation to interact directly with the community, regarding the importance and value of play.



Children enjoying the World Play Day celebration at Park Station, Johannesburg

In Namibia, a representative from the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare used World Play Day to deliver a keynote speech about the importance of play based on UNCRC article 31, which was broadcast on national TV.



This is the kind of support we need. Congratulations to NECD, an ACTPSA member, for achieving it.

Key Objective B: Increase access to play opportunities and safe play spaces at local community level by mobilising communities and lobbying local government departments

Implementation:

- A pilot **Play Forum** has been initiated by ACTPSA to serve the very high density and “at risk” areas around Hillbrow. The Play Forum consists of an ACTPSA staff member, interested stakeholders and ACTPSA members.

Their mandate is to

- Map out the play facilities in the area to determine whether there are sufficient safe, quality play areas for the children in the area
- Consult with children in the area to determine what their needs are
- Meet with parents, school principals, community leaders and local government officials to find out what possibilities there are to increase access to play for the children in that area

The plan is to roll out a successful Play Forum model to communities throughout Southern Africa.

- **The Zimbabwean and the Namibian chapters** have joined several platforms such as the Children Safeguarding/Protection Committees where play issues are discussed. This has helped more children to access safe play spaces
- In **Zambia**, all outreach workers have been trained in carrying out play activities. Advocacy meetings have been held with school administrators to ensure that the spaces identified for play are secured and children are given time to play.
- ACTPSA trains adults and youth to be **Play Facilitators**. These play facilitators organise play sessions, play clubs, play programmes and play events that all give children more opportunities to play.

Key Objective C: Encourage the government (national, provincial and local) as signatories to uphold the provisions in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC) and Article 12 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children (ACRWC).

- A consultant has been engaged to assist the coalition with assessing the levels of compliance by the South African government with its responsibility regarding Article 31 and Article 12. The mandate is to:
 - Review South Africa’s state-party Country Reports to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to discover what, if anything, is mentioned about government’s efforts to address the Child’s Right to Play (Article 31)
 - Review key national policies and laws impacting on the right to play
 - Design a template for assessment in other countries as well which will be shared with their respective working groups.
- In **Namibia**, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW) is working together with the NECD (one of ACTPSA’s members) in promoting the right to play based on UNCRC Article 31. The Minister gave a keynote address (televised nationally) about the importance of play at an event celebrating World Play Day.
- **Zimbabwe** has engaged Government through the National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC) housed within the Ministry of Health and Child Care. A steering committee has been formed comprising of organisations that are championing play in Zimbabwe - ACTPSA members and their stakeholders - and the following ministries: Primary and secondary Education, Health, Sport and Culture, Local government, Labour and Social welfare.

The Steering committee has managed to gain support from the government and UNICEF for World Play Day and other play day activities.



Play area with minimal resources needing government intervention

2. INCREASING ACCESS TO PLAY THROUGH TRAINING

Trained Play Facilitators organise and run play sessions, play programmes and play events. These activities bring play to disadvantaged communities where play is not high on anybody's agenda. This is because almost no-one is aware of children's right to play, and if they are, it seems unimportant in the face of the larger issues caused by poverty. Very few community members understand that play is essential to children's holistic development and wellbeing.



A. Basic Play Facilitator Training:

Since 2011, over 220 play facilitators have been trained throughout Southern Africa.

The content includes the following:

- ✓ the Right of the Child to Play
- ✓ play activities and games for all age groups. There are descriptions in the A Chance to Play Manual, which is given to participants. Many of the games are played practically.
- ✓ enabling play - facilitating play and advocating for it in communities

B. Youth Play Facilitator Training:

The idea behind the Youth training is that the youth will engage more easily with children. And, we need the youth to become **ambassadors for play** - they are the future mothers and fathers.

This course was held for the first time in 2014. Twenty six young people from Southern Africa were trained using the same content as the Basic Training Course, with one exception. The youth are specifically encouraged to start **Play Clubs**.

Thirteen Play Clubs have been created which are running throughout the region even though some have more challenges than others. Play Club sessions usually last up to 2 hours. During the session, children have the opportunity to choose what they do. This can be a mixture of games, sport, arts and crafts. The emphasis is always on having fun.



Participants of the Youth Training held in Johannesburg, with trainer Shadrack Mpele



Children having fun at a Play Club organised by Breakthru Community Action, Pietermaritzburg

C. Master Play Facilitators Training:

This involves training Play Facilitators in different regions to train others (train the trainer) in their region. This will help to keep training costs lower as travel costs will not be a factor. The development of the Masters Course began a few months ago. It will be offered for the first time in September 2015.

3. INCREASING ACCESS TO PLAY THROUGH PUBLICATIONS

In the interests of information-sharing, the following publications are available for free download from the ACTPSA website:

- A. The **A Chance to Play Manual** explains the importance of play, gives ideas for games that can be played by different age groups as well as traditional games. Hundreds of ACTP manuals, whether purchased or downloaded, are being used by communities in Southern Africa to run play sessions. Through these experiences the lives of children are being transformed positively. Brazil has adopted the training manual and has translated it into Portuguese. Some copies have been made available to Mozambique and Angola.
- B. The **Play Today Pamphlets** provide an overview of important skill areas that can be stimulated through play. One of the users says they are "*easy for people to understand in their own language and a super introduction to the value of play*". They are available in English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, Sesotho and isiXhosa.
- C. The **Play Today Booklet** is based on the same principle as the pamphlets but is much more detailed. It contains photographs of 9 play activities graded from birth to pre-schoolers for each skill area that can easily be done at home with limited resources. With the assistance of partner organisations, key words for each area appear in 10 official South African languages. The wording from the pamphlets in 5 languages is also included. A Facilitator's booklet is also available for anyone that wants to run workshops for parents using the Play Today Booklet. A pilot project involving four Early Childhood Development organisations was held where the booklet was used in workshops with parents in 7 provinces. Feedback was obtained from parents several weeks after the workshop. The report, finalised in April 2015, showed overwhelmingly that parents were allowing their children to play more and enjoyed playing with them too. They interacted much more with their babies which is very important for language development. The parents said that they shared the information about play with others in the community.

These booklets are a welcome addition to the ACTPSA list of publications, in view of the strong emphasis placed on the first 1000 days in the life of a child.



This little piggy went to market!
(Listening, language, memory, bonding)



Looking at a book together.
(Listening, language, knowledge, bonding)

ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of the progress that has been made in the 2014 - 2015 period. The main highlights for us have been:

- An increase in member organisations to 30, including our first member from Lesotho
- The regular quarterly Newsletters, our Facebook Page and the new website, due to be launched soon, which is informative, colourful and user-friendly
- The implementation of the Southern African Play Advocacy Strategy through the establishment and work of the media and research committees, the play forum and the initiation of the review of the South African government's level of compliance with its responsibility regarding Article 31 (UNCRC) and Article 12 (ACRWC)
- A successful World Play Day celebration throughout the SADC region with thousands of children enjoying play activities.
- The success of NECD, one of our partners in Namibia, in having a government minister giving a keynote address at their World Play Day event about the importance of Play and Article 31 - that was broadcast on National Television
- The training of 26 youth across the Southern African region who have started 13 play clubs
- The development of the Master Course, due to be held for the first time in September 2015
- The positive results of a pilot project on the Play Today Booklet showing that after being introduced to the booklet, parents allow their children to play more. They also play both with their older children and their babies and communicate more with them.

CHALLENGES

- Convincing organisations to include play as an integral part of their programme
- Lack of adequate safe play spaces within communities
- Policy makers need to be convinced of the importance of play
- Lack of champions who advocate for play (government and civil society)
- Keeping two-way communications with our members in the coalition and getting feed-back on their programmes
- Funding for the following:
 - Advocacy
 - World Play Day events
 - Support in establishing Play Forums
 - Training and covering the expenses of participants for travel & accommodation
 - Site visits to monitor and assess training implementation and play clubs



- Attract funding both from foundations and corporates
- Continue vigorously with the implementation of the Play Advocacy Strategy
- A media campaign for play, as well as press releases about play for relevant special days
- Academic evidence of the impact of play on the holistic development of children found by the research committee will be put on the website and used in advocacy campaigns
- Motivating for research on play in Southern Africa
- The “model” Play Forum in Johannesburg will be fully established and shared with members
- The Government Committee will be established and will make use of the material gathered during the review of levels of compliance by the South African government with its responsibility regarding Article 31 and Article 12 to lobby government to include policies on play in all child-related departments
- Continue to motivate existing members and recruit new members to increase the strength of the coalition, who are willing to take the message of play into their communities and to provide feedback to the ACTPSA office about their play activities
- Train Master Play Trainers to increase the number of Play Facilitators who are Ambassadors for Play in Southern Africa
- Motivate for the establishment of Play Clubs at schools and within communities by teachers and youth who are trained play facilitators
- Hold workshops for parents using the Play Today Booklet
- Continue with the distribution of our newsletter, regularly update the website and continue to use social media to share information about play, play activities, play events, research and inspiring quotes about play
- Encourage volunteers to offer their services to promote play and to make play happen for children
- Hold biennial Southern African National Play Conferences



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ABRIDGED)

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Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2015

Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2015

Figures in Rand Note(s)		2015	2014
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	548,703	132,382
Total Assets		548,703	132,382
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		534,822	129,382
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Provision for Audit Fees		11,500	3,000
SARS Payable		2,379	-
		13,879	3,000
Total Equity and Liabilities		548,701	132,382

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Detailed Income Statement

Figures in Rand Note(s)		2015	2014
Revenue			
Donation Income	3	821,194	185,512
Other income		7,450	1,850
Operating expenses		423,204	57,981
Accounting fees		(8,500)	(3,000)
Bank charges		(3,167)	(1,484)
Cleaning		(1,503)	-
Rent Paid		(6,990)	-
Computer expenses		(920)	-
Consulting fees		(36,802)	-
Conference		(12,907)	-
Fundraising Fee		(600)	-
Office newspaper		(35)	-
Youth Training		(19,620)	(3,487)
Employee costs		(226,628)	(16,596)
Refreshments		(2,894)	-
Advocacy		(34,868)	-
Media and Publicity		(6,500)	-
Promotional and Publication Material		(18,732)	-
Postage		(850)	-
Printing and stationery		(5,221)	-
Printing ACTP Manuals		-	(33,414)
Play Club Stipend		(11,000)	-
Project equipment and tools		(12,716)	-
Office equipment		(130)	-
Telephone and fax		(10,728)	-
Travel - local		(1,893)	-
Surplus for the year		405,440	129,382

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ACTPSA would not exist without the financial support and vision of *terre des hommes* Germany and Volkswagen Group Works Council Germany. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for being the force behind A Chance to Play Southern Africa's success. Because of you and your support of play, children in Southern Africa have the chance of a better tomorrow.



The Volkswagen Group Works Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS

A Chance to Play Southern Africa would like to thank all the members for supporting the coalition. Without their support we would not be where we are. Their contributions have increased our shared knowledge of play in the region and their combined efforts have made play available to thousands of children who would otherwise have had limited access to the joy of play. Because of you, more people now know about the child's right to play which is ignored by many.

Our thank you goes to:

1. Breakthru Community Action (KZN)	2. Midlands Aids Service Organisations (Zimbabwe)
3. Children's Rights Centre (KZN)	4. National Early Childhood Development (Namibia)
5. Christian Youth Volunteers Association (Zimbabwe)	6. Nkuzi Development Association (Limpopo)
7. Community Arts Project (Zimbabwe)	8. Oosterland Child and Youth Care Centre (E. Cape)
9. Community Youth Concern (Zambia)	10. Rede da Crianca (Mozambique)
11. Cotlands (Gauteng)	12. Thusanani Children's Foundation (Gauteng)
13. Farm Orphans Support Trust (Zimbabwe)	14. Ubuntu Education Fund (E. Cape)
15. Gauteng Alliance for Street Children (Gauteng)	16. Environmental Africa Trust (Zambia)
17. Johannesburg Child Welfare (Gauteng)	18. United Through Sport (E. Cape)
19. Johannesburg Housing Company (Gauteng)	20. Bahlabani Initiative (Lesotho)
21. Associao Kanimambo (Mozambique)	22. Futballing Girls (Gauteng)
23. Khululeka Grievance Support (W. Cape)	24. Lefika La Diposo (Gauteng)
25. KwaZulu Natal Regional Christian Council (KZN)	
26. Little Elephant Training Centre for Early Education (KZN)	
27. OCADEC- Christian Organisation Supporting Community Development (Angola)	
28. Sophakama Community Based Development and Care Organisation (E. Cape)	
29. Working Group Of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA) (Namibia)	
30. Woz'obona Early Childhood Community Service (Limpopo)	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

ACTPSA is managed by a board. These members have been selected from the 5 countries where A Chance to Play programmes are taking place. They have contributed much in enabling The Right to Play to take place in Southern Africa and these are:

1. Carol Bews- South Africa
2. Cynthia Morrison- South Africa
3. Haachizovu Simpande- Zambia
4. Kingston Makoni- Namibia
5. Lucy Thornton- South Africa
6. Moira Ngaru- Zimbabwe
7. Rui Mutemba- Mozambique
8. Sharon Shevil- South Africa
9. Peter Sekgobela- South Africa

ACTPSA is also supervised by a Management Committee, meeting monthly at the ACTPSA offices to discuss issues that affect the organisation on a day to day basis. Management Committee Members currently are Cynthia Morrison, Sharon Shevil, Carol Bews and Ursula Van Eck.

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An article published in Homeless-Talk, June 2015 about the World Play Event held in Park Station, Johannesburg on Saturday, 23 May 2015. Homeless - Talk was one of the media representatives present.

Children attack the Johannesburg Park Station



Children from various parts of Joburg took part in A Chance to Play program. Pic: Nomonde Hamilton

Luke Jentile

A multitude of joyful children recently conquered the Johannesburg Park Station by storm, dancing and jumping. These children came from various parts of Johannesburg including Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville, the inner-city and other areas. This day has been set as a special day for them, to commemorate the World Play Day.

We asked Sharon Shevil, Board member and Manager at Chance to Play to tell us about this event. She replied,

"The aim of today's event is to promote World Play Day and raise the importance of play and every child is welcome". She continues, "We coordinate partners such as Cotlands, Johannesburg Child Welfare, Johannesburg Outreach Community, Gauteng Alliance for Street Children, Terre des Hommes (Germany), - all there are 28 members in Southern Africa". Some of the children were happy to

share their opinions, and among them was Anita Ndlovu. She said, "I happily enjoy this day. I enjoy playing games such as skipping, playing soccer and netball. I hate child abuse; people must treat children with respect and care". Ifeoma Okolo, who is in Grade 5 at school, says, "This is a wonderful day for me, I enjoy this event as it gives us more chance to play". She, like Anita, enjoys playing soccer, skipping and netball. Another is Janet Moyo who said, "This is so nice to have to come here

and play. I like tennis, soccer and netball". Thembelihle Moyo says that she enjoys where there is a place for children to play. Like many others she hates bullying. Ask her what's her favourite food and she says, "I like KFC and MacDonald". She is aiming to be a doctor in the future. Among these children and youth who participated also were members of Induku Enhle, an organization of youth from Dobsonville. According to the organization leader and

spokesperson Sabelo Ngema, their organization specializes in Gumboot dance, Kwasa dance, Sbhujwa dance, poetry, drama, traditional Tswana dance and Ndlamu dance. Ngema comments, "The Chance to Play program is a blessing to us. It is all about children and we as adults must love and protect children. On our side as Induku Enhle we expose arts and culture so that children can understand and know more about them. Children need to be exposed to games, play and education".



A Chance to Play team - Left to Right - are Sharon Shevil, Viola Sibanda, Rezinah Maudikonzwa and Sarah Coxa. Pic: Nomonde Hamilton

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