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Funding: We are happy to report that Club Peloton continues supporting our work until January 2019. Also, we are very proud of the excellent rapport with Emthonjeni Trust who has been our funder for many years now. Furthermore, we are excited to report that we could enter a partnership with the DG Murray Trust this year..

Partners and Networks: In March, our founder Denise Herbert visited the Centre, and we invited her to join us to one of our Siya Sonke learning partners called Ncediwe Tana. Ncediwe has excellent skills in printmaking and sewing. We asked her to produce a few laptop bags with African decoration (beadwork) for our funders in the UK. Ikhala Trust invited us to be part of the South African delegates at the first International Conference for Asset-based Community-driven Development in South Africa. It was held at the Willows Resort and Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth and attended by 170 people from 23 countries. Thank you so much Ikhala Trust! It was a fantastic experience.



Media and Branding: We proudly report that we finished producing our first Siya Sonke Movie which takes 17min and features three individual journeys of meaningful change. We had great help from Mr M. Makalima alias Azlan from Multimedia Makenik Pty Ltd. and David Fourie from the Tarkastad Group. The film is available on you-tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZA82ohJqbw&feature=youtu.be>. Besides, the local newspaper Grocott's Mail published a nice article about our 'Khanya be SMART' – project in March this year: "Know-your-status pupil wins bicycle" (<http://www.grocotts.co.za/2018/03/08/know-your-status-pupil-wins-bicycle/>).

Fast-Tracking: At the end of last year, the National Department of Health informed us about a new 'Fast-tracking' – approach in South Africa: People who test HIV-positive are immediately initiated with antiretroviral treatment after diagnosis. We have immediately adopted this approach and made arrangements with five of our local Primary Health Care clinics, which are Dlukulu Extension 7 Clinic, Tanty Clinic, Raglan Road Clinic, Settlers Day Hospital and Middle Terrace Clinic. We clarified fast-lining procedures and received the relevant contacts for assistance for people we diagnose with HIV. Nomfundo (HTS team) says: "If the person who tests with us agrees, then we will make an appointment with the nearest clinic for her or him for the same or the next day. We will also accompany people to their first clinic appointment if they wish us to do so!"



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'Khanya Be SMART': We held bicycle raffles at Ntsika High School and Kutliso Daniels High School. Besides, Zodwa and Nomfundo started Khanya-discussions with all Grade 7 classes from C.M. Velleum Primary School and Archie Mbolekwa Primary School. Also, they have seen all Grade 8 to 9 classes of Nyaluza High School for the same purposes. Altogether, they managed to cover 277 pupils with Khanya topics in the first term (project report by July and November 2018). Only learners who test for HIV with our team qualify for attending the bicycle raffle. Zodwa says: "The reason why we are doing 'Khanya' is that HIV is prevalent in the age group of adolescents. Clinics are too far for some of them. Others are vulnerable because they are the ones running the household with younger siblings. For surviving they get into a relationship with older men which they called 'blessers' or 'sugar daddies'.



Health Testing Services

Zodwa and Nomfundo managed to test for HIV and screen for TB and STIs 651 people between January and March. Also, they provided basic eye screenings (retina scan and sight) to 43 people and could make three referrals to our partner Dr Davies Optometry and St Johns Ambulance. Out of all people who tested for HIV there have been just over 300 adolescents (between 13 and 25 years of age). 64% of them were girls and young women.

Training in Asset-based community-driven Development (ABCD): This year, our ABCD training hot-spots in Grahamstown are semi-urban areas called Vukani and Sunny Side. In March, we had our first 3.5 days training course with a small group of young people (adolescents) whom all concluded it successfully and received a certificate each. In connection to this, we would like to acknowledge the generous support of our partner Nyaluza High School who allowed us to use their facilities (project report available).



Siya Sonke story of the term: Nomaxabiso (ABCD team) says: "ABCD has inspired Mama Mavis, she says that before she was trained in ABCD, she did not believe in her capabilities. After the training, she got more involved with her community by working for CWP. Now, she has been able to find jobs through the local schools. Her passion is gardening and also working with younger children. She is looking forward to being involved in farming projects because in her younger age she was trained by her uncle to look after livestock."

All Siya Sonke learning partners are trained in ABCD. In the first term of this year, Sanelisa has started to facilitate this course for their children (project report in July).