



Annual Report 2007

YABONGA
Children, HIV and AIDS 

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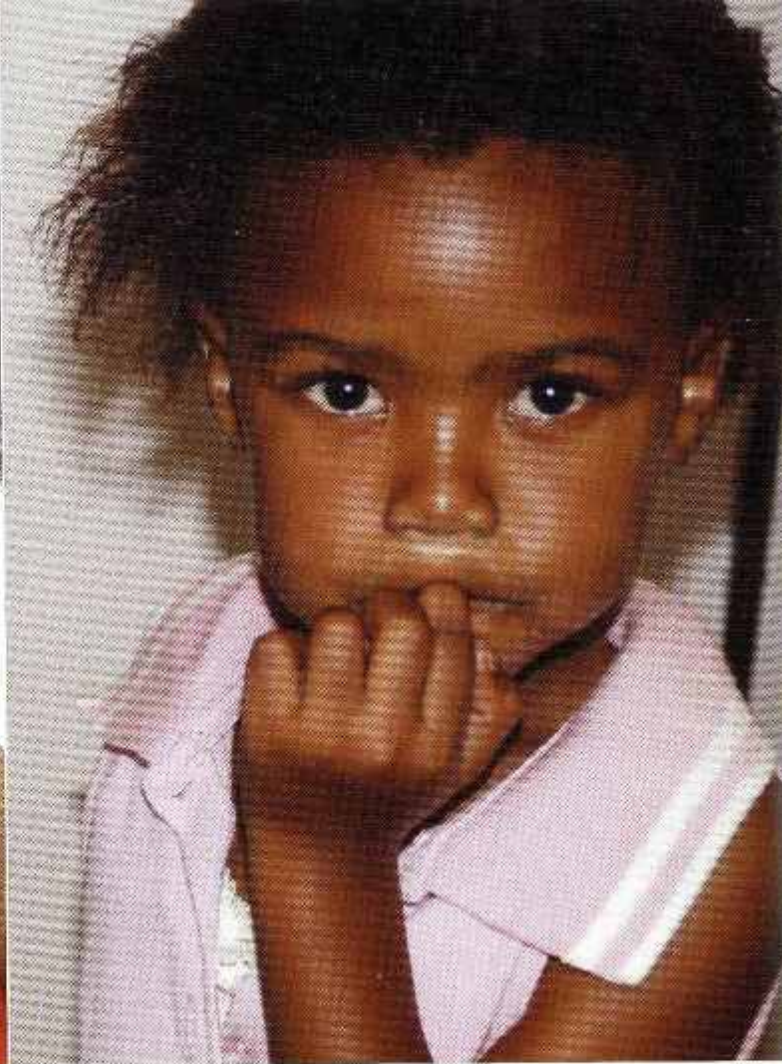
Message from the Patron

Yabonga has had an astonishing year of activity and growth. Despite difficulties with funding, the established activities have flourished and opportunities were taken to consolidate and evaluate the existing projects. The demands placed on the fledgling orphans and vulnerable children's projects are frightening, but also rewarding in the manner in which the Yabonga youth counsellors tackle this challenge. We thank the sponsors who continue to support our projects, and especially Remgro for the generous sponsorship this year. We look forward to successful fundraising initiatives that will enable us to fulfil our expansion programme into the N Cape and E Cape during the new year.

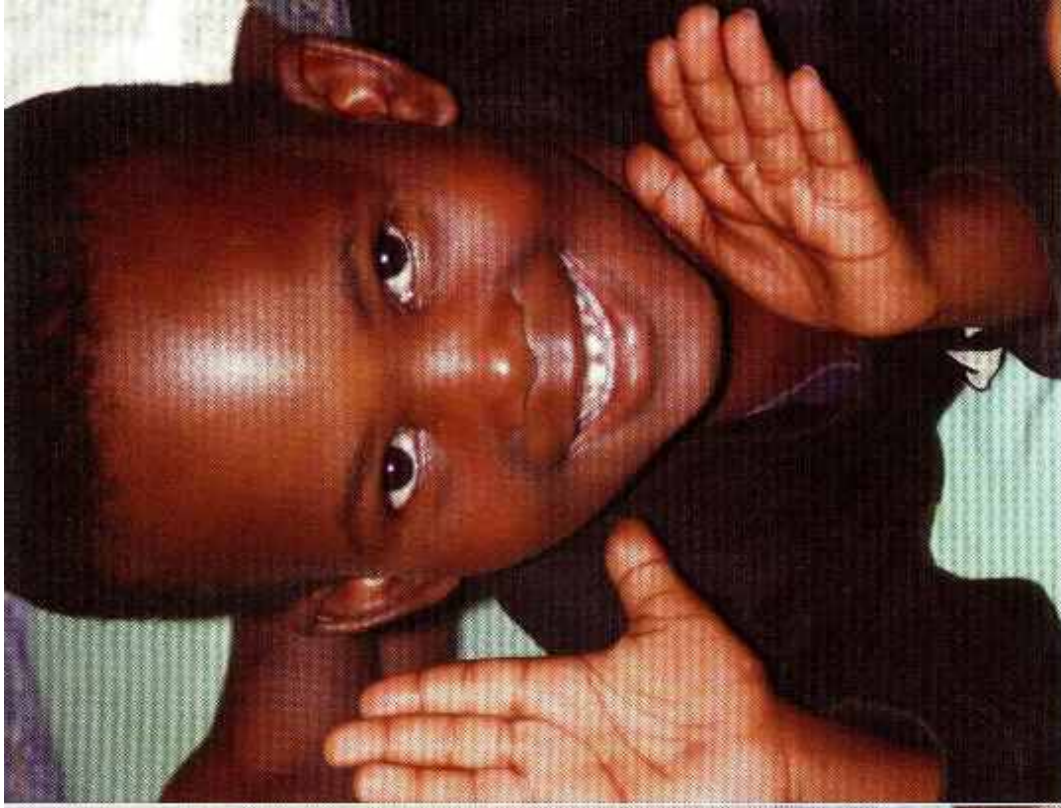
The Yabonga projects require an enormous amount of effort and energy from the women involved, and I congratulate them on another successful year.



Maria Ramos



Management Report



During the year ended February 2007 we continued our services to the poverty-stricken communities focusing on our Children's Projects and HIV and AIDS Projects. New projects included the completion of the Namaqualand Educare project, the expansion of the Orphans and Vulnerable Children programme, and the 'Men as Partners' programme.



Alpha Robertson, Director



Children's Projects

Educare Centres – our existing preschools **Sunrise** in Vrygrond, Muizenberg, and **Thandabantu** in Khayelitsha have continued to grow with both schools running at full capacity. All teachers have received training during the year, and specialists have been called in to assist with the inadequacies in literacy and numeracy. Music therapy has been introduced in an attempt to identify various types of abuse that the children are being subjected to. The 'Godfather' programme continued, and all **Zamukhanyo's** Grade R children were sponsored to enter Grade 1. Additional nutritional support was offered where the school fees and government subsidies proved to be insufficient to cover all expenses. **Ekanana** in Khayelitsha, and **Khulanathi** in Wallacedene are now self sufficient, but we continue to monitor the educational programme presented there.

Namaqualand – the objective of this project was to offer outdoor play facilities to community crèches. This project was completed and eight crèches were the recipients of fully equipped outdoor play areas. The teachers participated in a weekend workshop where the emphasis was on maximizing the equipment to ensure optimal development in the children.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children – our services to the children of our HIV-positive mothers include educational, food and psycho-social support. The year started with a budget for 40 children, but the need for this service in our communities resulted in this programme growing to 200 children by the end of the year. Our openness to expanding this programme was influenced by the magnitude of the children's issues being presented which included the overwhelming effect of abuse. Enrichment programmes included educational camps, a leadership workshop with older youth, an outing to the oceanarium for the younger children, and a weekend of meditation for the older group. Family visits are an integral part of the counselling process and our youth counsellors form a close working team with the teachers. 60 of our children are orphaned and 20 are HIV-positive.



Computer Laboratory – in our efforts to enhance our children's life enrichment activities, we have established a computer laboratory in Khayelitsha. This facility is run by youth counsellors who have been trained to offer computer literacy classes.

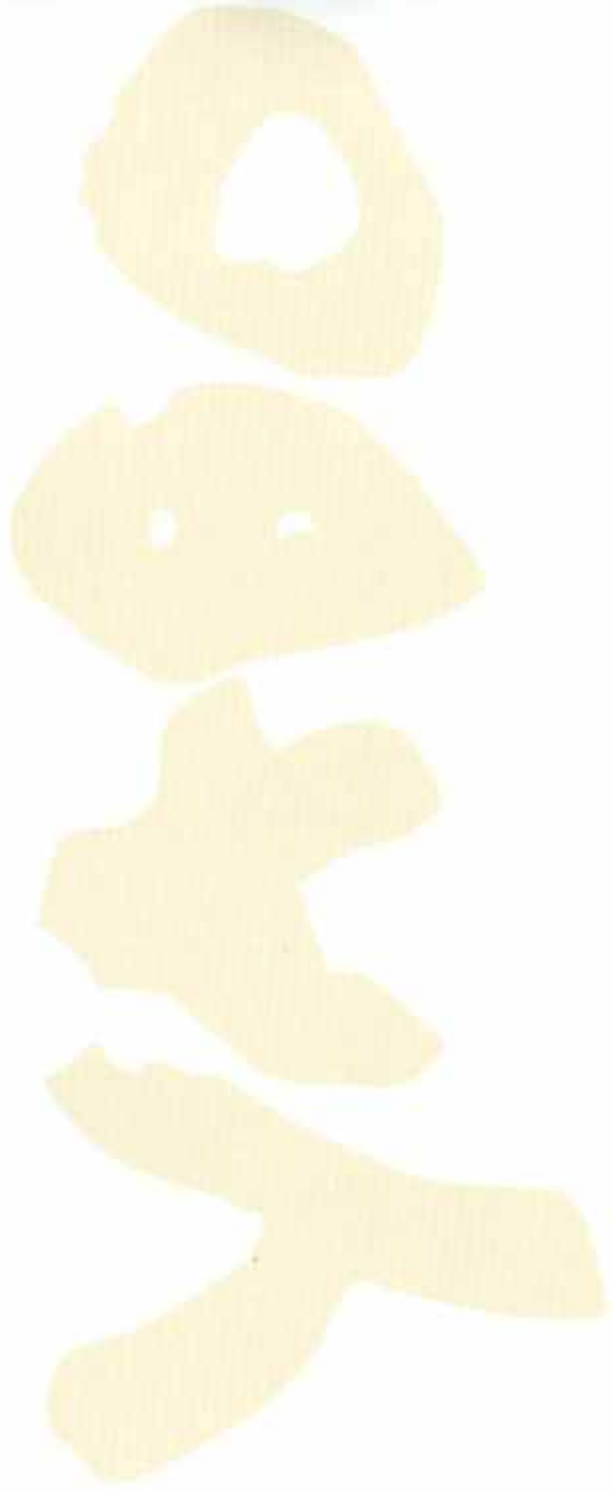
Soccer – Yabonga's first male peer educators have started a soccer programme for our children. This has proven to be a popular activity for boys and girls and we look forward to our teams playing at a competitive level.

'Community Mothers' – women are recruited from within the communities to open their homes as places of comfort to our orphans. These women prepare a warm meal that is served to the children when they return from school. Groups of up to 20 gather at these homes every afternoon.





HIV and AIDS Projects

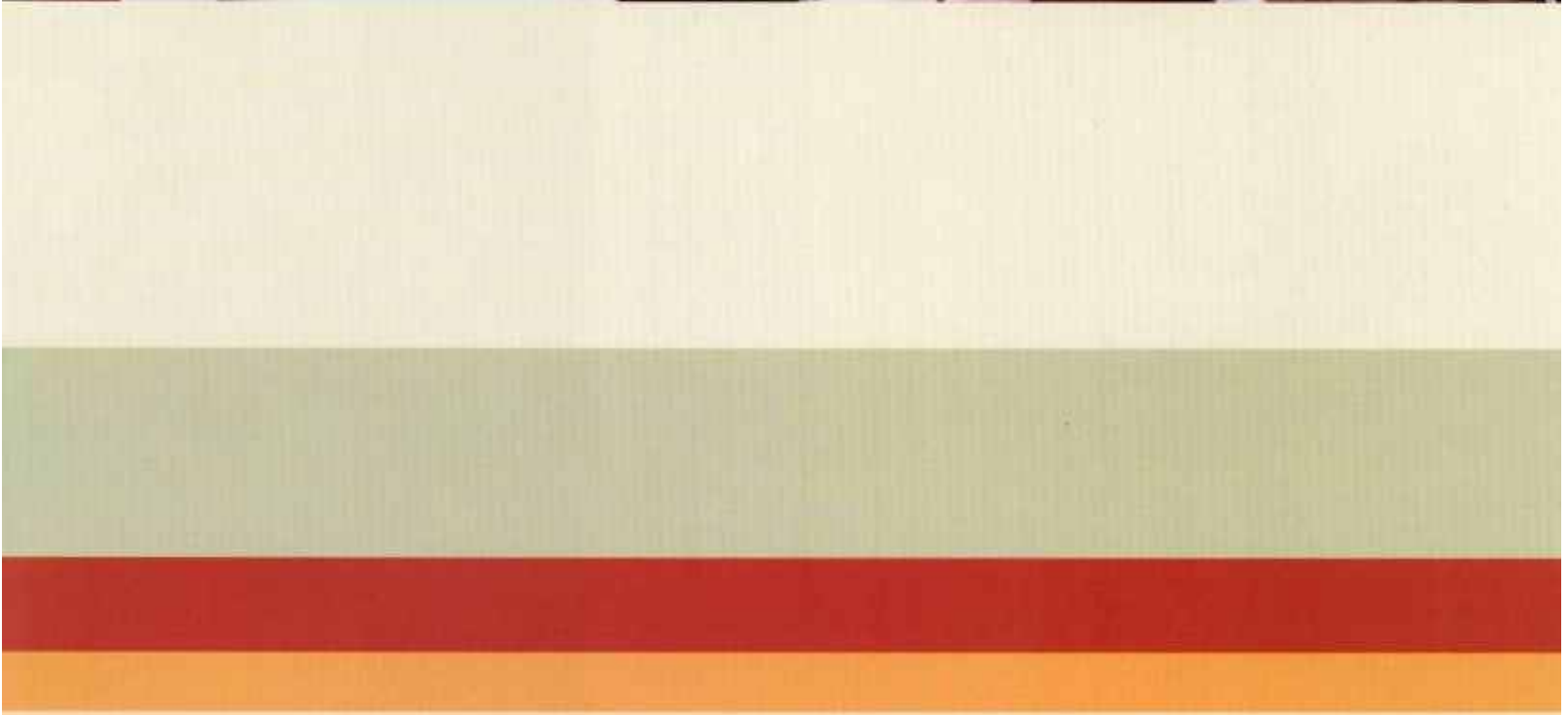




Training Programme – after having trained 120 peer educators in the past, we took this year to consolidate and offer specialised training to our existing peer educators. No new trainees were recruited but several women qualified as lay counsellors and youth counsellors. Updated information on HIV and ARV's was presented and we ensured that all centres were sufficiently equipped to answer the questions that over 12 000 clients present to them on a weekly basis.

Support Centres – the nine support centres served a total of 16 clinics and 55 schools. The numbers are ever increasing with our ratio reaching one peer educator to 300 clients per week. Support groups are run for specific groups like new mothers, grandmothers and guardians, men, children, and older women. Our lay counsellors are responsible for the voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) at Weltevreden Valley clinic and at our Wynberg non-medical site. The income generation activities continued with emphasis placed on the denim products that were decorated by the clients of the support groups. Food gardens continue to flourish with crops being used in the soup kitchens.

'Men as Partners' – after much resistance from the men, the Yabonga HIV programme is slowly being accepted by the partners of our women. We now run support groups exclusively for men, as well as for 'couples'.





Financial Report and Fundraising

The year had an unsteady start due to government funding periods being adjusted. This placed considerable strain on our cash flows. We were eventually able to spend as budgeted in the areas of HIV support centres, HIV training and children's projects. A huge thank you is due to our sponsors who raised a total of R 1,52 million on our golf days in Johannesburg and at Arabella Golf Estate in Hermanus. Without this support we would have had to cut our activities considerably. A large portion of the fundraising proceeds was received just prior to the year-end cash balances. These proceeds have enabled us to expand our children's and men's programmes, train 50 new peer educators, and set up two new support centres.

Once again we managed to keep administrative and overhead expenditure to 7.9 percent of our total expenses. Some administrative costs related to our fundraising efforts were separately covered through dedicated sponsorships enabling us to spend the raised funding fully on Yabonga's project activities.

Financial Summary

We raised R3 199 407 (2006: R2 581 679, 2005: 2 547 523) through donations and grants.
Funds raised were spent as follows:



	2007	2006	2005
Children's Projects			
Educare Centres	568 179	541 296	390 291
Orphans and Vulnerable Children	57 050		
HIV and AIDS Projects			
HIV and Aids Support Centres	1 423 098	1 158 456	1 102 072
HIV and Aids Training Programme	329 481	407 583	706 278
Fundraising	165 115		
Administration	219 799	163 959	174 585
	2 762 722	2 271 294	2 373 098

The annual financial statements are audited by Deloitte and are available on request. We are grateful to Deloitte that they perform this service on an honorary basis and have assisted in upgrading the skills levels of our accounting staff.

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Awards and Congratulations

Congratulations to the team for receiving four nominations at the WP-NACOSA Masibambisane conference, and winning in two categories. Yabonga was also a silver award winner of the Impumelelo Awards this year. We are indeed proud of Ana Mdoda and Nontembeko Ndevu who presented our project at the World AIDS Conference in Canada.

Thank you

We thank the Yabonga staff for their dedication to the projects, the volunteers without whom we'll be so much the poorer, the Yabonga women for being excellent role models and pillars of support in their communities, and the funders for their growing belief in the work we do in impoverished communities to better cope with the HIV pandemic and other scourges brought about by poverty.

**Donations are gratefully accepted and may be mailed to us at
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