



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

SETHULE ORPHANS' TRUST ZIMBABWE



The language of love knows no barriers for these volunteer students and the Sethule children

Sethule Trust seeks to give hope to families in rural Zimbabwe by promoting:

- Vulnerable children's chance to good education
- Family unity through Positive Parenting workshops
- Family health and nutrition support for children



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- Calsto Care, Zimbabwe
- Emarika Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
- Emotional Logic, UK
- First Church in Wenham, USA
- Friends of Sethule Worldwide
- Greendale Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
- Leysin American School, Switzerland
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Sethule Trust had a powerful local impact in 2018, none of which would have been possible without the dedication of our staff members.



OUR WORK IS BASED MAINLY ON THESE PRINCIPLES:

- We assist in building new families for orphans and children in need.
- We help to strengthen new and existing families.
- We encourage people to shape their own future.
- We advocate for the right to education of children in rural communities.
- We share in rural community development.

This report highlights the six pillars of Sethule Trust that help make a difference to children.



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ORPHAN CARE

a. BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

The main objectives of this program:

- To lessen the 'sting of death' to children through specialized appropriate counselling, locally developed.
- To help the child talk about the loss and come to terms with it.
- To mend feelings of guilt and ostracization.
- *150 children received bereavement counselling*

b. EMOTIONAL LOGIC PILOT TEST RUN

- Through drama, the Emotional Logic tool is incorporated into bereavement counselling sessions for older children.
- *35 pupils of 11 to 12 years participated in the pilot run.*



c. POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

- Open discussion topics enabled guardians and parents to share ideas & difficulties of how to raise a safe, healthy, happy and confident child.
- *51 parents (18 Male, 33 Female) participated in positive parenting workshops*



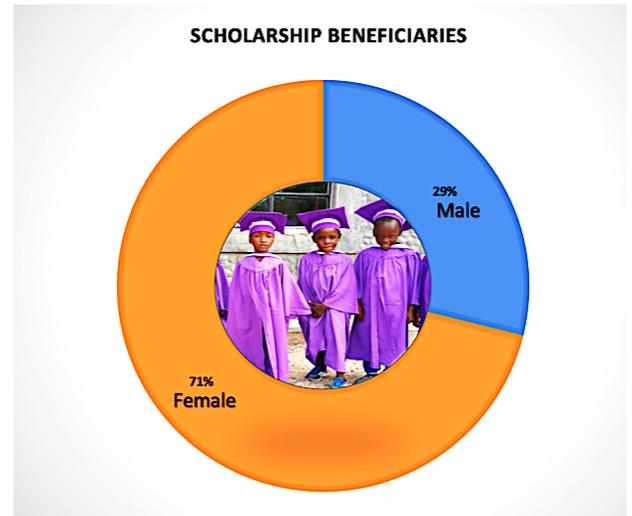
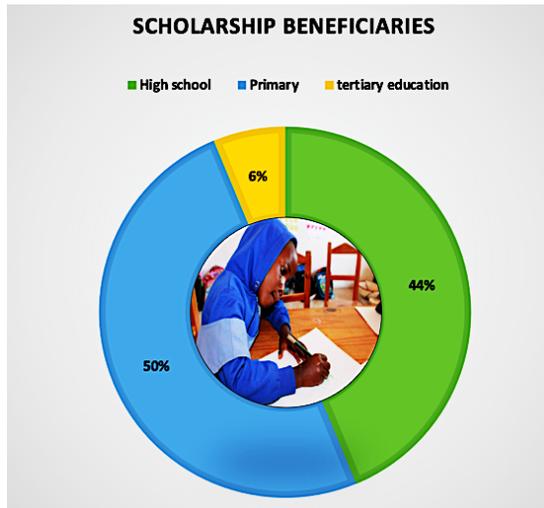
d. FOOD SECURITY

- The Sethule Schools are all feeding centres for marginalized young children.
- *448 pupils received supplementary food aid hampers in 7 Sethule supported pre-schools.*



EDUCATION

a. SCHOLARSHIP FUND



b. PRE SCHOOLS

- Sethule Trust continues to support **8** preschools in rural communities.
- **154** vulnerable preschool children are supported.
- To ensure the best early childhood development, good nurturing & guidance is especially given to orphans at Sethule preschools.
- Healthy meals are served to children during lunch break.
- Our oldest preschool, **Emarika**, had the privilege of welcoming a new ECD teacher with extensive experience in Early Child Development teaching.



Through systematic approach, the Sethule Preschools endeavour to bring out the best in every child



c. RIDE FOR EDUCATION



Ready for school: new uniform & new bicycle!

- **Edu-Ride Project** is an excellent motivator for students who are academic but live over 10km from school. Because of the bicycle they can make it to school regularly.
- *34 pupils benefit from the bicycle project.*

YOUTH & CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Youth celebration at the end of a week's competition

a. ATTIC (A TIME TO INVITE CHRIST)

- ATTIC, the 12th annual Youth Evangelism Competition was attended by more than 100 teenagers during August.
- For 7 days, the gospel of Christ is shared with young people in a dynamic & exciting manner.
- The competitors, mostly orphans, are from more than 12 different rural communities.
- This event is Sethule's highlight of the year, and eagerly awaited by everyone!





**b. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT
(D2BD)**

- D2BD is a positive behaviour change programme for youths who are 13 – 19 years.
- D2BD creates a platform where teenagers discuss possible solutions to contemporary issues that affect them.
- **577 teenagers attended D2BD**



The Drug Awareness Campaign is one of the main topics at the D2BD club.



**c. CHRIST LIVING IN CHRISTIAN KIDS
(CLICK)**

- 11 to 12-year-old children are equipped with Christian knowledge, beliefs, values and principles needed to live a righteous life and be obedient before God.
- Practical lessons were introduced using the Foundations For Farming method; children get a chance to realise how nurturing nature is Godly work; they planted different seeds that they cultivated throughout the year.
- **33 sessions were completed; 538 children attended.**





d. REJECT EXPOSE ALL CHILD TRAUMA (REACT)

- A total of **1123** benefited from the REACT programme in 5 Primary schools.
- The two-day REACT programme targets children between the age of 5 and 12 years.
- REACT enlightens children about sexual abuse and equips them with ways to prevent it.
- Children become confident enough to expose the perpetrators.



Say **NO** to wrong touches

Children are taught how to say, “No!” They also are encouraged to tell someone if they suspect abuse or if abuse has happened.

The use of drama, pictures and videos keep the pupils



STOP, NO!

e. BIRTH CERTIFICATES

There are still many orphan children who have no birth certificates. As time goes by, getting details of their birth for registration purposes becomes more and more difficult. We plan to revitalize our efforts and branch out to different rural areas to seek out those without birth certificates and tackle the problem head on! For this we have applied for a substantial grant and are keeping our fingers crossed!



Samu can smile, she has a birth certificate and can go to high school.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Sethule has undertaken a complete review of all buildings and equipment under its control. We also undertook repairing and re-building of new structures where original buildings had become irreversibly dilapidated.

SETHULE HOPE CENTRE

With the help of Leysin American school (LAS) through donation and labour, we constructed a much needed a playroom and eating venue at the Hope Fountain preschool.

Mrs Cotton & the Ott family are here officially unveiling the plaque in memory of Mrs Sigrid Ott, the founder of LAS.



MBUYAZWE CLASSROOM

By donations from Lowes Wong Junior School, Southwell, UK, a much needed new classroom was built for preschool children at this impoverished school.

LAS helped paint the building!



ENVIRONMENT

a. GARDENS



The Natisa garden continues to thrive. More fruit trees were planted and with drip irrigation, so pumping is no longer necessary. This is the first time **strawberries** have been served to the Sethule children! The solar powered borehole sited in Tsholotsho has been of great benefit to more than 72 local families. Villagers now not only have safe and clean water but enough for a productive vegetable garden also.

b. KEEPING IT GREEN



Littering, deforestation, veld fires and soil erosion are huge threats to biodiversity in rural villages.

Sethule's **new** project, "Keeping it Green" aims to equip communities to clear up rubbish, and supply them with relevant knowledge on how to preserve and conserve the environment whilst also caring for themselves.



ADULT SELF INCOME-GENERATION PROJECTS



SETHULE QUEENS CLUB

The older ladies are kept busy with income-generating projects:

Basketcraft

Knitting

Mat-making

Making school uniforms

Cooking

To bring the ladies up to date, **32** took part in our computer familiarization programme, and in the adult literacy classes. Such get togethers help not only to knit jumpers but also knit together the community!

Our annual impact report gives a snapshot of what we achieved in 2018, none of which would have been possible without the help of people like you, deciding to give a hand, do something from where you are, taking part in Sethule events, donating money and lobbying for Sethule Trust.

We strive to give hope to orphans & vulnerable children in Zimbabwe and intend to keep the momentum going stronger every year.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

• Donations	£ 99930
• Gift Aid UK	£ 3045
• Services (Preschool fees)	£ 1014
• Bank interest & commission	£ 11922
• Visiting Volunteer Contributions	£ 35789
• Loans and Refunds	£ 6994
• Total	£ 158694



Pre-schoolers in the brightly painted Hope Centre play area

EXPENSES

• Child Orphan Care	£23080
• Educational Scholarships	£11749
• Preschools	£ 2762
• Bicycle project	£ 151
• Programmes/workshops	£12868
• Local staff salaries (wages)	£39526
• Staff development	£ 1639
• Running costs	£14066
<small>(water/gas/electricity, computer, general expenses, office, postage, stationery, phone, internet)</small>	
• Transport (fuel, vehicle, travel)	£18582
• Fundraising	£ 848
• Building materials and equipment	£ 8610
• Administrative taxes	£ 6395
• Bank fees, transfer and exchange costs	£1864
• Visiting volunteer expenses	£20035
• New asset purchases (vehicle/other)	£ 6909
• Reimbursements	£12603
• Total expenses	£181687

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- ❖ Purchasing **15** more bicycles for the Ride for Education project.
- ❖ Number of high achievers attending boarding school increased by **11**.
- ❖ Development of a new community garden at Nkwizhu Tsholotsho.
- ❖ New doorframes supplied and fitted at Mguza school.
- ❖ **Two** new teams qualifying for the ATTIC competition.
- ❖ Purchase of new school desks for Whitewater school.
- ❖ Introducing the Environmental Awareness programme to villages.
- ❖ Purchase of new Sethule minibus essential for all aspects of Sethule work possible through funds donated by Rotary Clubs & LAS.
- ❖ New partnership with Active Youth Zimbabwe & One Hope.
- ❖ Invitations to join **two** Associations: the Zimbabwe AIDS Network & the National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations.
- ❖ [The Swiss Friends of Sethule has been officially accepted as a non-profit association for purposes of tax deduction on donations for residents in Switzerland.](#)