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# Annual Report

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For Year Ending 31 July 2010

**Sethani UK** is a charitable trust, formed in 2004 in response to the needs seen by members of Winchester Family Church, UK, during several visits to KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, from 2002-04.



### **Background**

Sethani UK works internationally to provide grants to relieve poverty in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa through our partner, Sethani South Africa.

Sethani SA is a community-based organisation working to empower the community and to relieve poverty in KwaNgcolosi, a semi-rural tribal area of KwaZulu-Natal. The area has poor infrastructure, high unemployment and lacks educational resources. Many of the community have been affected by HIV/Aids leaving children orphaned and living with extended family who are willing to care for them but unable to provide financially.

The majority of the community live in huts, some with access to electricity and water. Education is available for all but schools are entitled to charge fees and children are required to wear uniform and to provide much of their own equipment. This is beyond the means of many families and can result in children not attending school. Members of the community in need of support are referred to Sethani by schools and local community health workers.

### **Partnership**

In our sixth year of operation, we have continued to work in collaboration with our partner organisation, Sethani, South Africa, to identify and provide for those in need. Sethani, South Africa, co-founded by Debbie Wells and Eric Shezi, is registered as a public benefit organisation in South Africa and works with the community in the KwaNgcolosi area of the Valley of 1000 Hills, Kwa-Zulu Natal.



Sethani runs Bongimpilo Creche, providing 70 pre-school places for children in the community and has its own buildings nearby, comprising a Resource Centre with library and computers, hall, meeting rooms and offices.

People from the local community are employed in either the Creche or at the Sethani Centre, whose buildings are used for a variety of community activities including computers, counselling, food distribution, choirs and youth clubs.

After a significant decrease in 2008/9, donations to Sethani UK returned to an average level in 2009/10 and total grants since 2004 now exceed £60,000.



### **Income 2009-10**

Our total income of £7310 for 2009-10 comprised donations of £7308 and bank interest of only £2; with the current levels, interest is no longer a significant factor in our income. Income has returned to an average level due to generous donations from individual donors and Lochinver House School and the trustees would like to thank these and all our donors for their generosity during a generally difficult time for fundraising.

The UK administrative costs have continued to be covered by the trustees, with the exception of a set-up payment of £115 to Virgin Money Giving. This account has enabled us to receive online donations and individual fundraisers to set up sponsorship pages. Over £1200 of income has been generated within the first 6 months and much administrative time saved by VMG's processing of Gift Aid payments on our behalf.

### **Grants**

Grants totalling £9590 were made to Sethani, South Africa during 2009-10.

Lochinver House School again provided us with generous funding and we received significant donations from Helen Fuller's London Marathon run which has part-funded the salary of one of the crèche staff, enabled the purchase of food for the crèche and emergency food parcels for families in crisis and helped to provide Youth Camps to teach life-skills.

Other grants were given for books for the Sethani Resource Centre, sports equipment and funds to contribute towards running costs of the minibus provided last year.

Grants were also given for food parcels which continue to be an essential in a time of rising global food costs, and for food and baby care items for the Sethani Crèche. Funds were also provided to help Sethani SA to part-fund the cost of the salary of one of the Crèche staff.

### **Project updates**

The UK team is in regular contact with Sethani SA and financial reports, updates and photos of the project are sent by the South African team. News is also posted on the website.

### **Future funding**

Discussions with Sethani Project Managers have highlighted the continuing need for funding for school shoes and uniform, sports equipment, crèche and orphan support. All of these items will be featured in the next Gift Catalogue, together with Youth Camps, which have been a very successful addition to Sethani's support for local youth, enabling them to take part in a range of activities and life-skills training geared to their needs. The rising cost of staple food items such as maize and rice has made the provision of emergency food parcels a continuing need and this item will again feature in this year's Gift Catalogue.

We also encourage UK Internet shoppers to support us by purchasing goods via our webshop at [BuyAt/Sethani.com](http://BuyAt/Sethani.com), which results in a percentage of the commission from the sale being passed on to us at no extra cost to the purchaser.

### **Thank you**

To all who've supported us this year, your donations are very much appreciated and make a significant difference in the lives of those in KwaNgcolosi.



## Sethani UK – Income 2009/10

Donations	£7308
Bank interest	£2
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7310</b>

## Sethani UK – Grants to Sethani SA

1 August 2009 - 31 July 2010

Creche	£965.00
Youth Camp	£200.00
School support	£580.00
Sports	£15.00
Food parcels	£1,900.00
Vehicle running costs	£900.00
Administration	£30.00
	£5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,590.00</b>

Grant 9 – May 2010	£9,590.00	@R 10.98	R 105,298.20
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