

NEMATO

Change a life

success in life – for youth, by youth

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Life would be easy without challenges, and we could close down our organisation, but there are lots of challenges for youth growing up in our townships. That is why our programme is up and running and much needed! In this newsletter we share some of our challenges with you: weather, violence, education, and more.

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Flooding

They say Africa contributes least to global warming, but will feel most of the pain with more extreme weather. We recently had more than half a metre rain in one week, that is our annual average in a week! We were lucky that our place is on top of the hill. The lowest point of Port Alfred, where water can't get away, was 9m under water. Some houses disappeared completely under water. For a day we couldn't get to town. The road was a river, too powerful to walk through. Now two weeks later, we are still climbing over rocks and mud that came down (landslides) to get to town. The Kowie River was so powerful that in one area it swept away all the jetties. Some roads fell down after the sand under them was eroded by the water. Many people living in mud houses are left with nothing. We are still waiting for summer to warm us up, but at least we have dry clothes again. Rowing is still dangerous with a lot of wood floating in the river, but our boats survived the rain without damage.

Fixing furniture

Most of our furniture is old and some chairs and tables are falling apart. That is not a problem, it is an opportunity. We offer skills lessons, where learning skills goes hand in hand with fixing chairs and tables and more. For members who are 14 or older, the hours also count for the President's Award.

Violence

Systematic corporal punishment in most of our township schools is a public secret. It is illegal, but often promoted by parents. The use of violence is widespread in our community

and our members have great difficulty solving conflict without using violence. Children's behaviour is based on copying what they see. Violence is what they see.

Besides being strictly non-violent in our organisation, we went a step further to act against violence. We tried to report teachers from a township school to the police. The police are notorious for the use of violence themselves, and we were correct in expecting them not to accept our case. They informed us that only parents can open a case. According to our legal advisers is not correct, the police should have accepted our case.

In anticipation we invited a journalist to join us when we went to the police. He published the event in the Daily Dispatch.



Skills lessons in our workshop.

That triggered reactions from the department of education and from child rights activists. It looks like our action worked and beating has stopped,

Further education

We followed up on our members at PE College who failed their second trimester after passing their bridging course. The good news is that they are accepted for NCV level 2 for next year. That is the first of three years of practical engineering education, which is equivalent to matric (high school).

This is not the end of our concerns. The system of education doesn't seem to match the needs. Matric is the route to university education. Further Education and Training (FET), like at PE College, is the alternative for matric and offers practical skills training for the job market. If you are not a strong academically, FET gives you good skills, and especially the technical skills are in high demand. So far so good.



Computers and internet for the members.

Matric prepares you for university, so you would expect its maths to be at a higher level than FET maths, but the opposite is true, and most FET students fail. FET also doesn't help the stronger learners to upgrade their maths to prepare for university, because universities don't like FET students. Staying in the township schools is unlikely to give you any future anyway.

What alternatives are there? Finding a good school? It's difficult to get in. Who will take our learners with their poor marks? Where do you find skills training? Both the department of education and labour couldn't offer us anything. Where do you find learnerships?

The system is failing our township youth. Our homework class helps, but it is too little too late. If you have any advice on how to get us out of this deadlock, please contact us!

Lottery applications

We have sent in applications for Lottery funding for three of our sports clubs: rowing, gymnastics and fencing. Unfortunately for handball we didn't manage to get all the necessary documents together on time. We were hopeful for our other sports, especially for the gymnastics club, which is desperately short of equipment, but disaster struck: it took Speed Services Couriers a full week to deliver our overnight parcel to Lottery, making us miss the deadline. So far all our funding applications have failed this year, leaving us with a challenge to fund our expanding programme for next year.

Computers and internet

Our electricity supply is still very unstable, fluctuating between 120 and 240 Volt, but our new power supplies in our computers deal with it very well. When the lights go down and the microwave gives up, our computers work as if everything is normal. Our internet provider Afrihost upgraded their ADSL network and offers now double the speed at half the price: a great improvement!

NEMATO ROWING CLUB

Eastern Cape Champs

The rowers went to East London for the Eastern Cape Championships with good results. There was gold for:

- Under 14 scull: Mondli Njibane
- Under 15 Quad: Aphelele Makeleni, Onela Veto, Thembani James, Nkosikhona Sandi and Mzimasi Khuhlani.
- Under 15 Scull: Nkosikhona Sandi and Lifa Nxopho
- Under 16 Scull: Qhamani Isaac
- Under 19 scull: Odwa Quma

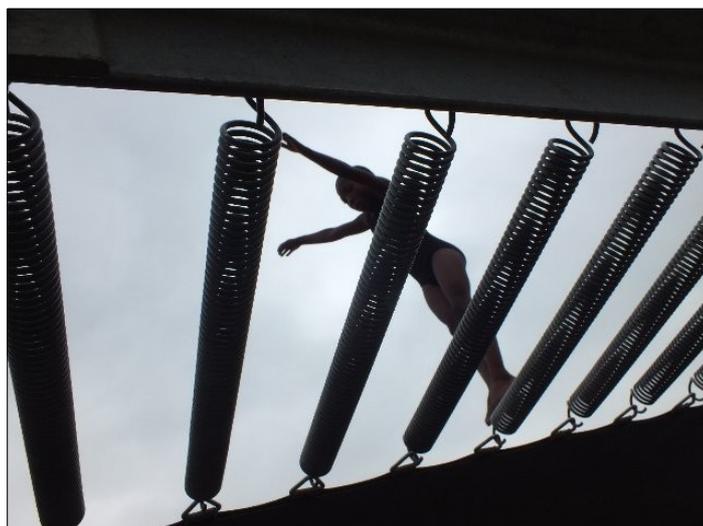
Gauteng Champs

Gauteng Champs in Pretoria was the annual reward trip for dedicated rowers. A large group of 16 deserving rowers was selected. It was great to participate in rowing competition outside our Eastern Cape for the first time in three years. In the last two years competitions planned in Cape Town and Durban didn't work out, leaving the rowers with great sightseeing trips, but without competing. This year the focus was on competition, with sightseeing taking only a small part of the trip. With the large number of teams participating, we didn't win many medals, but we showed that we can compete at any level in the country. There was an amazing achievement by Xolisanani Hina, who won a silver medal. He is probably our shortest rower, but have you seen his legs? Very fit!

NEMATO GYMNASTICS CLUB

Metro Cup

Congratulations to the twelve gymnasts who have been selected to compete at the Metro Cup in Port Elizabeth on Saturday 10 November, and the five gymnasts who are invited for the award display at the end of the event. We are training hard five times per week to get ready for the event.



Gymnasts training for Metro Cup

NEMATO HANDBALL CLUB

Ready for matches

Our handball team is ready to play matches. In November we

hope to get to team to their first tournament or friendly match. Unfortunately the team doesn't have kit to play in.

NEMATO FENCING CLUB

Fencing training Nemato/Ingubo

The combined training sessions by Nemato and Ingubo are back on track after a short interruption, when the Ingubo building was used to house flood victims.

Clinic

We are looking forward to a fencing workshop in Port Alfred by top fencer Benjamin Steffen from Switzerland on Sunday 18 November.

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