

THREE2SIX REFUGEE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROJECT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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The ongoing support of the Marist brothers is acknowledged and appreciated.



The project has continued to advocate for the right to education of all children in many ways and where possible assists its parents and students with the other obstacles they face when trying to join a high school.

IMPACT AFTER 17 YEARS



2 631

children who have
benefited

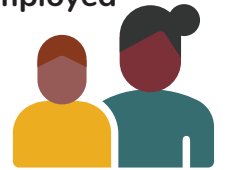


48

teachers employed

4

schools



55

longer
term
volunteers



371

holiday programme
volunteers



13 040

food
parcels
distributed



R67 MIL

funds raised



872 100

teaching hours



767 838

meals provided





CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

“Everything changes and nothing remains still, and you cannot step twice into the same stream.”

So said the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus, who lived around 500 BC. This quote is very apt for the last two years of the Three2Six project.

We consolidated from three separate campuses and strengthened the project by moving and restructuring into Dominican Convent School (DCS) in Belgravia, Johannesburg. Despite the best efforts of all – a special acknowledgment to Mark and all his team for their dedication and commitment – we weren't able to achieve the financial stability needed for a significantly expanded project in a short time frame. Accordingly, and with a very heavy heart, we have had to close the DCS campus and relocate the entire Three2Six project to the warm embrace of Sacred Heart College, Observatory – the genesis of the project and now once again its home.


Counter to Heraclitus's thinking, we have kept the disruption to the children at a minimum and worked closely with the class teachers, parents, students, and support staff to ensure a seamless transition from Belgravia back to Observatory.

The profound learnings from our two years at DCS will not be lost. The project will provide a major time teaching experience for all our children as we focus on a more targeted and crafted educational offering. Remedial and support efforts will be strengthened, and we will explore new ways to provide pastoral support for particularly vulnerable families. The project will enjoy its “own” space at our “new” home that will provide a sense of community identity while still experiencing the calm loving atmosphere of Sacred Heart College. The project will fully use the fantastic facilities at Sacred Heart College, especially for extra-mural activities.

Finally, the project will enjoy the continued administrative support and oversight of the Sacred Heart College Executive and Board, as well as the guidance from the Marist Schools Council and the love and care of the Marist Brothers.

This annual report will be as colourful, informative, engaging and exuberant as our dear children. I thank our dedicated and patient funders, our resilient and tireless staff and all our supporters who continue to provide the environment that supports the Three2Six project as it enters its 17th year of operation.

Roddy Payne | Chairperson



OVER THE YEARS THE PROJECT HAS
CREATED BETTER DAYS FOR OVER
2 500 VULNERABLE CHILDREN.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

“Refugees didn’t just escape a place. They had to escape a thousand memories until they’d put enough time and distance between them and their misery to wake to a better day.”

Nadia Hashimi

CREATING A BETTER DAY IN JOHANNESBURG

The full-time Three2Six school has built on its success as a project school since 2008. Over the years the project has created better days for over 2 500 vulnerable children. Children who otherwise would be out of school were given an opportunity to continue to learn and a chance to enter the public school system.

Over the past two years, the children have benefitted tremendously from a full-day school experience at Dominican Convent School. Unfortunately, the school had been struggling financially for a while, and the Marist Institute has tried hard to fix it. The school didn’t get as many students as expected, so it kept losing money. Despite exploring all options, after a careful review, the Marist Institute, through the Marist Schools Council, made the difficult decision to close the school at the end of 2024.

■ A VISIT TO THE JOHANNESBURG CONTEMPORARY ART FOUNDATION EXHIBITION, ECOSPHERES

IS THERE STILL A NEED FOR THE PROJECT?

The refugee and migrant children we teach live on the edge of the eastern inner-city suburbs of Johannesburg, where foreign and South African communities live side by side. The children and their families live in flats, factories, warehouses, and abandoned houses that are not maintained, in areas of the city neglected by the authorities.

The competition for scarce resources in these densely populated areas where there is high unemployment is a source of tension, discrimination, and hostile and xenophobic attitudes towards foreign nationals.

Limited access to state and private social services in these areas is also a challenge for foreigners as priority is given to South African nationals. The lack of documentation is often a reason foreign nationals can't access essential services, and language has also been found to be a significant limitation in securing access. A common barrier to education is a lack of space or overcrowded classrooms, which makes it hard for teachers to meet the needs of all their students. Many refugee children in Johannesburg are in local schools that may already be at or over their capacity.

Refugees in Johannesburg face a higher cost of living than those in rural settings. They rely on social services and NGOs where possible and try to make ends meet among limited livelihood opportunities. Some children may also be expected to work rather than attend school. Parents struggle to provide basic needs for their families, and it is difficult for them to prioritise education for their children, especially where school and other fees are expected.

Families are often fearful of moving around the city or sending their children unaccompanied to school because of a lack of documentation and fear of physical, sexual, xenophobic or gender-based violence.

Refugee children experience displacement and trauma differently, but many need assistance as they begin school for the first time or attend school again after a prolonged absence. Living in overcrowded and stressed environments also adds to the trauma they face, and the support they receive in their classrooms impacts their interest and ability to continue schooling.

WHAT CONTRIBUTION DOES THE PROJECT MAKE?

We see the classroom as a second home for students, where they spend significant time with their teachers. It is important to create a supportive and nurturing classroom environment, that promotes the children's growth and development.

The project addresses the issue of access to education by providing primary education to refugee children, preparing them for their transition into state schooling and supporting them during their transition, helping them integrate into South African society.

Through advocacy activities with our partners (e.g. Jesuit Refugee Service, Lawyers for Human Rights), the project works towards addressing the challenges of discrimination and xenophobia, as well as advocating for the rights of refugee children, especially their right to an education.



WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT?

The project will return to its original home at Sacred Heart College in 2025, and we will ensure that the activities happen as planned. The children will use the facilities, and we will use the many opportunities for the communities of Three2Six and the school to interact and build meaningful relationships. The major changes are as follows:

- Dedicated project staff will teach and ensure optimum learning.
- Extramural activities will be carefully timetabled, and some Saturdays will be used.
- Children living close to the school would walk and parents should contribute to transport costs from places like Hillbrow.

Because of the unique academic and psychosocial needs of the Three2Six children, an innovative educational solution will be offered that addresses their learning gaps and challenges.

We are grateful to our many donors and supporters for their generous support over the past year, and to the individuals in the Sacred Heart community who contributed to the project. We are especially grateful to the teachers and staff at Dominican Convent School who have given everything to welcome and integrate the children into their school community and create better days for each child.

Dr Mark Potterton | Director



FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHILDREN

Reflecting on the year 2024 brings feelings of both joy and sorrow. The full-day school initiative began to show promising results, particularly in the children's performance. However, sustaining these achievements has posed significant challenges.

The Marist Brothers made the difficult decision to close the host school, Dominican Convent School, which necessitated that the Three2Six Project return to its home at Sacred Heart College.

The state of war and conflict in the world has further strained human conditions in affected regions, making it more challenging to secure funding for initiatives like the Three2Six Project. Witnessing the children bid farewell to what had become a new home at DCS was heartbreaking.

One of the many lessons from the full-day school experience is that, given the opportunity, resources, and time, these children can thrive and compete on par with their peers. We commend the leadership and staff of Dominican Convent School for putting the children's best interests first, ensuring that the Three2Six children had a pathway to continue their education.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our donors: your generosity truly transforms the lives of these young people. We assure everyone that we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing space for children.

We are also deeply grateful to the Sacred Heart College community for their generosity in welcoming the children back in 2025. This gesture is not taken for granted, and it reaffirms our collective commitment to do everything for the good of the children.

Br John Bwanali | Provincial Councillor South Africa
Marist Province of Southern Africa



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How growing hostility in South Africa impacts South-South migration

By Obi Anyadike, Senior editor Africa

‘Sometimes we didn’t eat for seven days. If you got sick, they left you behind; if you died, nobody buried you.’

JOHANNESBURG

Tekeste’s* view of his neighbourhood is via a small metal grille through which he serves customers to his cramped shop – really just a converted garage – in the Johannesburg suburb of Eldorado Park.

The grille provides a bit of protection, until somebody stuffs a gun through it and demands all the day’s takings – something that has happened more times than Tekeste cares to remember.

Yet despite Eldorado Park’s reputation for drugs and gangsters, the interactions were good-natured when *The New Humanitarian* visited earlier this year. There was a steady flow of people from the surrounding streets popping round for loose cigarettes, sodas, sweets, papers for rolling spliffs, loaves of bread – or just to settle a credit tab.

Nearly everyone began their order with a “please may I have”, and Tekeste kept it amiable. In an Ethiopian accent tinged with the “coloured” cadence of Eldorado Park, he mock-chastised the schoolboys buying cigarettes, and tried to joke – cringe-inducingly – with some of the young women coming for airtime.

By selling key essentials cheaply, and offering credit, Tekeste’s informal convenience store – known as a spaza in South Africa – clearly meets a community need. Yet he’s struggling. Although he’s on his feet all day, earnings are nothing like what they were pre-COVID.

“The economy is down, so people aren’t buying like before,” he told *The New Humanitarian*.

Beyond South Africa’s cost of living crisis, Tekeste faces deeper problems. He is an asylum seeker from Ethiopia’s densely populated and land-scarce southern Hadiya region. But although he has been in the country for seven years, his case is yet to be finally adjudicated, so he still only has a temporary asylum permit. It’s a liminal, uncertain existence, without the full rights of a refugee.

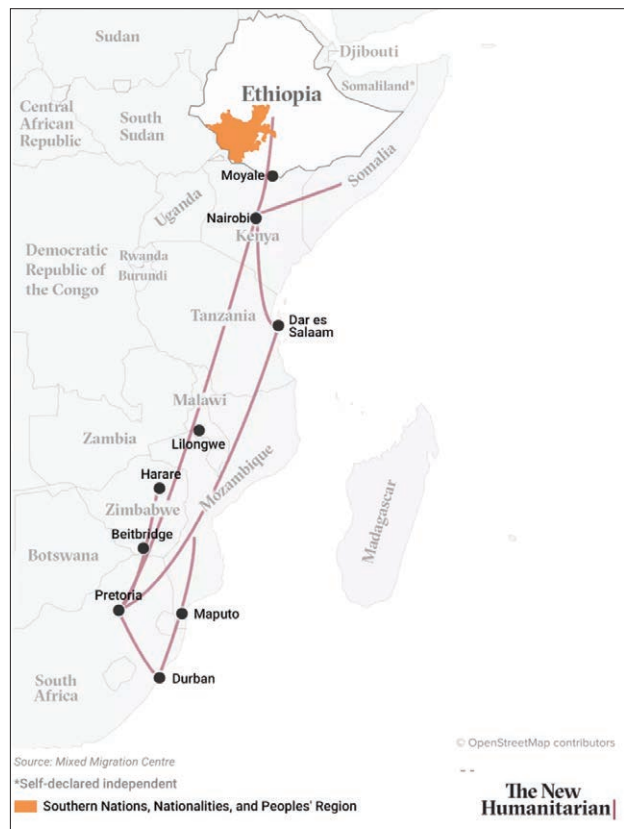
A colossal backlog at the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) means Tekeste has to apply for an extension every few months – a bureaucratic hurdle that usually involves paying a bribe to immigration officials. He is also vulnerable to shakedowns by the police, who routinely harass migrants – even those with legitimate papers – and a broader climate of hostility aimed at arriving Africans.

Gambling on a better life

This is not what Tekeste expected when he first planned his journey south, looking for a new beginning in the continent’s most sophisticated economy.

The “southern route” to South Africa is one of three major migration corridors transporting people out of the Horn of Africa. But unlike the two better-known routes – going east to the Gulf states, or north to Europe – it is both sketchily documented and poorly understood. As a result, the dynamics and casualties of this covert people-smuggling business tend to be overlooked by migration experts, aid agencies, and government authorities.

Migration routes between East and the Horn of Africa and South Africa



Ethiopia to South Africa: The human cost of a neglected route

Tens of thousands of undocumented Ethiopians – possibly as many as 80,000 – take the southern route each year. Over the past two decades it has become a culturally embedded tradition in southern Ethiopia, where more than a third of households in Hadiya, and neighbouring Kembata-Tembaro, have at least one son who has made the journey.

Travel is by road, organised by sophisticated but frequently abusive smuggling networks. The average cost of the southern corridor is around \$4,800 per person, according to the

UN's migration agency, IOM. It's a huge expense for families in Hadiya, who try to cover the bill by selling assets, or by taking out loans – gambling on future remittances from their sons.

For Tekeste, the journey began with contact with a broker in Hadiya, arranged through his brother in South Africa – who had already established himself in the spaza business. Worried about the growing insecurity in Ethiopia, and the increasing difficulty to make a living, Tekeste – then a high school student – said he jumped at the opportunity to head south.

He shakes his head now at the memory of it. It took him a year to complete the journey, and he lost a friend who died on the way. He spent six months in jail in Malawi, until a bribe paid by the smugglers secured the release of the group he was travelling with – sidestepping their deportation – and he was afraid throughout.

“I can't forget it – it was such a bad time,” Tekeste said. “Sometimes [on the road] we didn't eat for seven days. If you got sick, they left you behind; if you died, nobody buried you... [The smugglers] took everything from us – even your shoes if they were nice.”

Another challenge begins

Yet even when South Africa is finally reached, the danger doesn't end. There are regular media reports of the police rescuing as many as 100 migrants at a time from suburban houses, where they have been crammed in with little food, and just buckets for toilets. The authorities regard these overwhelmingly Ethiopian men as trafficking victims.

The reality can be more complex, but just as brutal.

The undocumented migrants are typically picked up at the South African border by Ethiopian-run syndicates linked to the smuggling networks. Instead of handing them over to relatives or friends, as was arranged, they are taken to transit houses in Johannesburg where they are ordered to call their contacts to squeeze one last payment before they are released – a demand that can be reinforced with beatings.

In 2023, a total of 39,000 forcibly displaced Ethiopians were registered in South Africa – 13,400 refugees and 25,624 asylum seekers – according to UNHCR

Yohannes*, who owns a spaza shop in Kuruman, in the Northern Cape, said he only knew his brother and a cousin were on their way to South Africa when he got a call from them that they had reached Tanzania. The next time he heard – several weeks later – they were begging for help: They had been abducted at the border, transported to Johannesburg, and the kidnappers were demanding 100,000 rand – about \$5,500.

“Kidnapping happens to 99% of Ethiopians coming into South Africa these days,” said Yohannes. “Everyone is scared. You can't fight these people: They are very well organised, some work with the police, and it's very easy to get yourself killed. All you can do is pay the money, and get your people out.”

Yohannes has a young family to support, and his shop has been struggling. But family obligation means he has to help: So the two men are now living with him, working in his spaza, and he is guiding them through the labyrinthian asylum process.

The New Humanitarian first met Yohannes outside the DHA headquarters in the capital, Tshwane. He was with a group of other asylum seekers who had driven down from the Northern Cape to get their temporary permits extended – sleeping in the car overnight to try and ensure they were at the front of the once-a-week queue for Ethiopians.

For Yohannes, this would be his twenty-first permit extension since arriving in South Africa in 2010 after deserting from the Ethiopian army – a serious offence, according to the penal code. His old military ID said he had been a corporal, but he explained he went AWOL after being repeatedly passed over for promotion – discrimination, he said, southerners in the ranks routinely faced.

A dysfunctional government department

South Africa has been celebrated for its progressive refugee regime, which on paper protects free movement and access to basic services. But implementation by a DHA widely regarded as dysfunctional – with poorly trained and overwhelmed staff – undermines those liberal statutes.

An estimated 90% of refugee applications are rejected. Although they then go to appeal, these cases can take decades to reach final adjudication, “and the backlog is now astronomical”, said Nyeleti Baloyi, advocacy officer with the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA). Although the UN’s refugee agency, UNHCR, is helping DHA clear the appeals caseload, the logjam “has persisted”, noted Baloyi.

In the interim, asylum seekers are issued with temporary permits, which gives them the right to live and work in the country. These should be free, but the asylum seekers *The New Humanitarian* spoke to said they are obliged to pay roughly 3,000 rand (\$160) as kickbacks to fixers, who then pay the DHA officials.

“You can’t get your papers without a bribe,” said Yohannes. “You pay the broker – who are Ethiopians – and they pay the people inside. These are people that have been here a very long time; they might have started out as interpreters, they have the connections, and there’s no alternative to paying.”

Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has acknowledged the extent of the problem. “Nowhere in government is the issue of corruption more prevalent and clear than it is in the department of home affairs,” he noted in a newspaper op-ed.

In 2023, a total of 39,000 forcibly displaced Ethiopians were registered in South Africa – 13,400 refugees and 25,624 asylum seekers – according to UNHCR. Ethiopian migration researcher Yordanos Estifanos says Ethiopians are among the largest group of asylum seekers whose applications remain pending at DHA.

Jeppe Street, in inner-city Johannesburg, is a migrant business hub – from pavement entrepreneurs to multi-storey trading centres and restaurants. Commerce here, in what’s colloquially known as “little Addis”, is overwhelmingly Ethiopian-owned.

But success can come at a price. The police are increasingly profiling Ethiopian business people in shakedowns, Jeppe street traders alleged. That typically involves taking people from their shops and packing them into a police van where they can wait for hours before they are asked for a 1,500 rand – around \$80 – payoff.

“It wasn’t like this before, but in the last six months they’ve been targeting Ethiopians,” said Ahmed*, who has been in the country for 17 years – and has formal refugee status. As we watched a police van crawl down Jeppe, he added: “Everybody is affected. It was my turn only last month.”

Like five other refugees with businesses in the Jeppe area that *The New Humanitarian* spoke to, the police had come to his shop and demanded to see his papers. Before he could produce the originals – rather than photocopies – he was bundled into a van.

“They didn’t want to listen. They didn’t give me a chance,” said Ahmed, who is a diabetic with a heart condition. “They took me by force, like I was a criminal. It was so hot [in the van], I fainted. People were stepping on me, kicking me. I thought I was going to die.” Ahmed paid 2,000 rand (more than \$110) to be released.

African migrants have historically faced a significant degree of hostility in South Africa. The common narrative is that they have come to sponge off the state – from social services to welfare grants – and have brought crime with them. Simultaneously, they are also accused of stealing jobs, in an economy that cannot create enough of them.

The evidence, instead, shows that migration is a net positive – like in the rest of the world. Foreign-run spaza shops provide employment to South Africans, as well as opportunities to small-scale suppliers, research repeatedly shows.

However, in what is a volatile election year, with populist afrophobia becoming politically normalised ahead of next month’s polls, migrant communities are increasingly on edge.

Tougher migration laws

(Former) Home Affairs Minister Motsoaledi released a White Paper in November 2023 that calls for a dramatic overhaul of the migration system. It acknowledges the serious shortcomings in the DHA, but the solution Motsoaledi advocates is South Africa’s temporary withdrawal from international agreements on refugee protection.

The White Paper’s underlying premise is that migration is a danger – a source of societal friction and criminal manipulation – and argues that a new policy framework is needed to meet the “new challenges facing South Africa”.

The migrants’ rights group CoRMSA has criticised what it described in a statement as an attempt “to scapegoat migrants for systemic governance failures” and the exploitation of “anxieties for political gain”.

The Ethiopian asylum seekers *The New Humanitarian* spoke to were all grateful for the shelter South Africa has provided them – and the potential that exists to make a better life. They had pooled resources to set up businesses – from spazas to bars – and saw their contribution to the economy as positive.

But was it all worth it – the perilous months on the road from Hadiya, the asylum headaches, the crime and xenophobia they face in South Africa?

“No” was the general sentiment.

“I would never suggest that people [at home] should come here,” said Yohannes. “The experience here is very, very painful.”

*Names have been changed to protect people’s identities.

Edited by Andrew Gully.



■ JUSTINE KIMBALA WITH A BYSTANDER AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL



■ IDA KRUMM, NTLAHE RATHLHAGANE AND JUSTINE KIMBALA

ADVOCACY COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

In today's interconnected world, collective action is vital for driving meaningful change. Coalitions provide a powerful platform for amplifying voices, pooling resources, and fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

The refugee and migrant situation in South Africa presents a blend of opportunities and challenges. While the country serves as a sanctuary for many seeking refuge, obstacles such as xenophobia, limited integration opportunities, and a slow asylum process continue to create significant barriers. Addressing these issues requires a balanced approach that protects refugees and migrants while considering local socio-economic realities.

Refugees in South Africa can apply for asylum, and those granted refugee status receive legal rights, including access to work, healthcare, and education. However, the asylum process is often protracted and bureaucratic, leaving many in limbo for years, unable to access basic services or secure employment.

Three2Six collaborates with Lawyers for Human Rights, the Outreach Foundation, Regional Psychosocial Support Initiatives (REPSSI), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sophiatown Community Psychological Services, ProBono.org, and other organisations. These partnerships are part of initiatives like the Psychosocial Rights Forum, the National Inter-Agency Working Group, the Protection Working Group, and the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA).

In a significant development, the United Nations invited Three2Six to participate in regional consultations with the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW). These consultations aim to establish global guidelines to combat and prevent xenophobia.

THREE2SIX JOINS CORMSA

In 2024, Three2Six became an official member of CoRMSA, a national network of 29 organisations working in the migration field. Established in 1996, CoRMSA includes notable members such as Amnesty International, Lawyers for Human Rights, Jesuit Refugee Service, and Sonke Gender Justice. Together, they advocate for refugee and migrant rights through lobbying, research, capacity building, and information sharing at local, national, and international levels.



HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL

Three2Six participated in the three-day Human Rights Festival, engaging the public through a vibrant stall that showcased its work and invited support for refugee education. The festival also featured public discussions, artistic performances, and opportunities for advocacy and community engagement.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR LEARNERS

The Outreach Foundation once again agreed to hold a parent workshop in 2024 to assist parents with the registration of their children into Grade 8 for 2025. The foundation's team delivered a presentation on the common issues that arise regarding school registration and how they can assist. Each parent was attended to by one of the team's social workers and their paralegal officer. The issues faced by our parents were assessed by the experts and they were advised accordingly.

Some were asked to visit the Foundation's offices the following week to carry on with the assessments and/or accompany them to the relevant services (e.g. hospitals) to receive the assistance they require (e.g. issuance of proof of birth to be able to apply for a birth certificate). This intervention greatly assists refugees and migrants to navigate the application system into public schools that is required for Grade 8.

WHITE PAPER ON CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION, AND REFUGEE PROTECTION

In November 2023, the Department of Home Affairs published a White Paper proposing the consolidation of key Acts and suggesting a potential withdrawal from the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. These changes could limit fundamental rights such as access to education, healthcare, and birth registration. Three2Six submitted its concerns to the DHA, emphasising the potential violations of refugee and international law. The project also endorsed submissions by Lawyers for Human Rights, the Scalabrini Centre, and a Kopanang open letter to the President and Minister of Home Affairs, calling for the withdrawal of the White Paper.

YOUTH ADVOCACY PROJECT WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children partnered with Three2Six to engage alumni in youth advocacy. Participants identified issues within their communities and proposed solutions, culminating in dynamic training sessions on children's rights. These young advocates facilitated discussions and shared insights, becoming key voices in promoting children's rights.

EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

At a symposium hosted by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) on Care and Support for Teaching and Learning, our project co-ordinator, Justine Kimbala, gave a presentation on the critical topic of “Integration of Refugee and Migrant Children in Public Schooling.” This presentation focused on the unique challenges faced by these children as they navigate an often hostile educational and legal system.

Drawing distinctions between refugees and migrants, she highlighted how systemic barriers, particularly around documentation, create significant hurdles for these children in accessing education.

A key point of discussion was the normalisation of inequities within systems, such as the education and health sectors, where children from undocumented backgrounds are excluded. Our co-ordinator raised concerns about how policies from the DBE and the DHA often conflict, leaving children in bureaucratic limbo and without legal identity. To address these issues, Justine proposed policy reforms centred on compassion, inclusion, and the spirit of Ubuntu, calling for a review of current practices that marginalise children based on their parents’ legal status. She also emphasised the importance of international standards, referencing conventions that aim to prevent statelessness, urging South Africa to align its policies with global best practices.

The presentation concluded with a call for action from stakeholders, including the UNHCR, to protect the rights of all children, regardless of their origin, and to ensure their dignity is upheld in the public education system.



■ AUDIENCE ENJOYING THE SCREENING AT THE BIOSCOPE

LAUNCH AND SCREENING OF PRECIEUSE 3

In 2023 a group of Three2Six alumni gathered every Saturday for about three months to develop a third and final episode for the Precieuse trilogy ([Precieuse 1](#) and [Precieuse 2](#)), to continue to tell the stories of refugee children and youth in South Africa. [Precieuse 3](#) is the story of Precieuse and her family after she has left Three2Six. The short film features the ongoing struggles in accessing basic services such as education to powerful relationships that transcend stereotypes, teaching us all a lesson in inclusivity and tolerance. It was an incredible opportunity to have our long-standing supporter, André Croucamp, and his team on board, guiding the entire artistic process.

The launch of the video took place at the Bioscope Independent Cinema in Auckland Park Johannesburg, thanks to the support of our partner, CoRMSA.



■ ANDRÉ CROUCAMP DISCUSSING THE FILM PRECIEUSE 3 AT THE LAUNCH



PHOTOS: LIZETTE CRESSEY

All three Precieuse videos were screened and were well received by all present. Three2Six would like to screen the short videos at schools to increase awareness of the struggles experienced by refugees and migrants.

CHILDREN ON THE MOVE CONFERENCE: THE NEED TO BELONG; PATHWAYS TOWARDS DURABLE SOLUTIONS

In collaboration with UNICEF, the Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town hosted a conference on children on the move. The event gathered over 50 representatives from governmental institutions, NGOs, youth development organisations, members of the diplomatic corps, presiding officers of children's courts, as well as youth and children. Presentations and discussions focused on barriers to accessing documentation for these children and the durable solutions available to them.

Alongside the Western Cape Commissioner for Children, a group of youth presented posters highlighting the challenges faced by children not born in South Africa. Special attention was given to migrant youth in alternative care and those recently out of care in Cape Town, focusing on their experiences of well-being and belonging. On the final day, which was attended exclusively by CoRMSA members, deliberations focused on the key issues that had been raised, leading to the design of a concrete plan of action to address these challenges with the relevant stakeholders.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

Following elections in May 2024, a Government of National Unity was inaugurated in July under President Cyril Ramaphosa and a new Minister of Home Affairs was appointed: Hon. Leon Schreiber.

Three2Six joined the CoRMSA secretariat and 13 member organisations (including Africa Unite, Probono.org, Lawyers for Human Rights, Jesuit Refugee Service and the Catholic Archdiocese of Durban) for a meeting in Pretoria with Anele Zondi, the Minister's Stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager.

During the meeting, several critical issues affecting refugees and migrants were discussed. Access to refugee reception centres was highlighted as a significant challenge, with many facing difficulties in reaching these essential services. Birth registration was also raised as an issue, with many families struggling to register the births of their children, which impacts their legal recognition. The status of the Zimbabwe Exemption Permit (ZEP) was another key topic, as many people are uncertain about their future under this permit and its implications. Additionally, the complexities and delays in the documentation process were discussed, which create barriers to accessing rights and services for refugees and migrants.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with constructive engagement from the Department of Home Affairs. These ongoing conversations are crucial for improving the lives of refugees and migrants in South Africa.



■ HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL, CONSTITUTION HILL



■ CoRMSA MEMBERS, INCLUDING THREE2SIX, MEETING WITH ANELE ZONDI, THE HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER'S STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER.





CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – JUNE 2024

During Child Protection Week in June 2024, Three2Six collaborated with CoRMSA, JRS and REPSSI to advocate for the rights and well-being of all children in the country. The week-long celebration included a series of impactful initiatives aimed at raising awareness and fostering community engagement for a safer, more supportive environment for all children, including refugees and migrants.

Together we launched a social media campaign to educate the public on children's rights and to urge them to take action. We also hosted a webinar with UNICEF and Centre for Child Law, discussing with youth from Save the Children South Africa the challenges faced by marginalised children, and proposing solutions.



The group issued a press release and [opinion piece](#) on critical child protection issues.

To close off the week, we conducted a community workshop on positive parenting and the importance of play in child development with the support of the Johannesburg Parent and Child Counselling Centre (JPCCC).

Visit our social media platforms to see our awareness campaign and help us spread the word.

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TEACHER

WE SEE THE CLASSROOM AS A SECOND HOME FOR
STUDENTS, WHERE THEY SPEND SIGNIFICANT TIME WITH
THEIR TEACHERS.



RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

EXTERNAL EVALUATION

The project has been the focus of extensive research over the years. Dr Margo O'Sullivan, Dr Emmanuel Kamuli and Katherine Curtiss were engaged by Misesan Cara to carry out an independent evaluation in 2024.

Their report was published on 25 October. According to them the project provided a safe and quality education to primary school refugee children, built their resilience, and prepared them for mainstream schools. Additionally, it sought to advocate for the rights of refugee children.

THEY OBSERVED THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE PROJECT ENROLLED 2,597 CHILDREN, EACH ATTENDING FOR AN AVERAGE OF 4.19 YEARS.

The support provided included food, uniforms, and safe transport, contributing to high retention rates. Most students secured places in South African schools from Grade 7 onwards, with some receiving scholarships for private secondary schools and even enrolling in universities.

The project's activities focused on literacy, numeracy, and life skills, complemented by psycho-social support. An holistic approach was adopted, including holiday and weekend activities, integration with host school children, and a full-day model at Dominican Convent School from 2023.



To address these challenges, their report recommended using South African Grade assessments to highlight learning outcomes, increase child participation in project activities, highlight and seek funding for climate change education activities, and share the Three2Six model more widely for global recognition.

READING INSTRUCTION

Aneene Dawber, a Speech and Language Therapist, conducted a rapid assessment of the school's reading instruction methods and provided key recommendations to enhance teaching and learning. For the Support class, she emphasised daily vocabulary building and comprehension development through questioning, retelling, and explaining new words using visuals or gestures. Decoding skills, including long vowels and diphthongs, should be reinforced, with targeted groups for learners struggling with letter-sound relationships. Written language skills need improvement, focusing on sentence construction, spelling, and avoiding mindless copying. Differentiated teaching is essential, with reading and writing activities tailored to learners' levels. She added that wall displays should align with weekly lessons to aid learning.

For other classes, Dawber stressed the importance of explaining subject-specific vocabulary using visuals and concrete materials. Teachers should model correct sentence structures and encourage oral practice before writing. Adapting the curriculum to learners' needs, revising letter-sound relationships, and using decoding skills are crucial.

Homework should be assigned flexibly, considering home support limitations. Repetition, such as revisiting tests or books, aids skill development.

Observations highlighted the benefits of the structured approach, particularly for Three2Six children in Grades 1 and 2, who showed progress in English, reading, and writing due to full-day teaching. Older learners also benefited from curriculum adaptations, though many still faced significant challenges mainly because of prior educational gaps and limited home support. Overall, a positive teaching and learning environment was evident across the school.



Best practices included effective advocacy and communication, using the South African curriculum to support transitions to mainstream schools, and a focus on children's well-being, resilience, and social and emotional skills. However, the project faced challenges such as increasing xenophobia, policy challenges, resource shortages in state schools, aggressive behaviour of some children, extreme poverty, and difficulties in transitioning to mainstream schools.





VOLUNTEERS

IDA KRUMM

Ida Krumm joined the project as a volunteer from January to June 2024 from our partner organisation, CMI Germany.

Ida worked with our Project Co-ordinator, Justine Kimbala, and assisted her in the classroom, offering remedial support for the children with learning difficulties.

Ida shared her experience with the project:

"I am very grateful that Three2Six allowed me to fulfil my dream of volunteering abroad. I learned a lot and had some enriching experiences with the children and the amazing staff. I hope I somehow made a positive impact in the life of the children and the work of Three2Six."

Ida's dedication in the classroom, helping teachers and children, her daily assistance with the supervision of the children, and her support with administrative tasks and other duties were invaluable to our team. Ida was also very involved in our monthly alumni days held by the Marist network.

Ida returned to Germany to pursue her tertiary education in the middle of the year. We wish her all the best in this new chapter. Thank you for your support during your time with us, and to our partner CMI Germany for their support.

■ MARK POTTERTON WISHING IDA KRUMM FAREWELL AT OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON HER RETURN TO GERMANY



ANNA-LENA MÜCK

In August Anna-Lena Mück, also from Germany, arrived at the project to volunteer for a year with us until July 2025. She came through Kindermissionswerk – Die Sternsinger, which has been a partner of Three2Six for many years.

Anna-Lena, a high school graduate, was taking a gap year before starting university in 2025. She supports our team with classroom activities, supervision, physical education, communications, and other aspects of the project.

"I am beyond excited to volunteer at Three2Six. It's an incredible opportunity, and I am truly grateful to embark on this experience. I look forward to learning from the amazing people here, experiencing the rich culture and contributing in any way I can. Thank you for welcoming me so kindly!"

DOROTHY DENOTO

Dorothy DeNoto is a Marist of Champagnat, Certified Spiritual Director from Archbishop Molloy HS, Queens, NY.

During Winter Break, August of 2024, Brother Dan O'Riordan, Marist Provincial of the U.S., offered her the opportunity to volunteer in South Africa and she was given the mission to work with South African refugee teens who were in danger of failing Grade 7.

During her pre-programme meeting with Dr. Mark Potterton, Principal, she said:

"In the two weeks that I will be with these children, I cannot guarantee that I will be able to get them all to go from failing to passing. What I can guarantee, however, is that at the end of this winter programme, these children will be smiling, happy and feeling good about themselves and their accomplishments. They will feel that they can succeed! It is this attitude that they will return to school with. It is this attitude that can make the difference in how they tackle their last term."

The children worked hard, wrote haiku poetry, created newspaper articles and newspaper ads, practiced writing and comprehension, learned about history, sang, created artwork, played games outside. They meditated, made home-made lunches together, and talked about their life experiences. These young teens were beaming with smiles from ear to ear by the last day. It was so heart-warming to see the transformation.

On her last day, during the school Mass, Dr Potterton had one of the students come up and give



Dorothy a special memento. Even more special was that once her student started to walk up to the front of the church, another one stood up and started walking up, and then another and another and another, until all of the students in Dorothy's class came up front to wish her farewell.

Dr Potterton said, "Oh, what's happening here?" When he realised what they were doing he started to smile. That moment reinforced how important it is for the Project to continue to help the marginalised in this world in any way they can – just like Jesus did.

Each student passed the end of the third term, in part due to confidence-building during the Winter Break, and with the wonderful teachers, staff and Marists involved.

"God's handiwork shines through the Three2Six project and gives marginalised children a chance to succeed in a challenging world."



ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

ENOCK KANKONDE'S STORY.

Enock Kankonde is a former Three2Six student who currently works at the Scalabrini Centre in Cape Town. Here is part of his story...



Enock was born in Congo and at the age of seven, he and his family left the DRC because of political conflict. He's lived with his aunt and uncles since then as his parents have settled down in Zambia. Enock's earliest memories were made in South Africa. Initially, he only spoke French; however, he quickly realised that if he wanted to make friends he needed to learn how to speak English. So he learned. During these first few months in South Africa Enock also faced the challenge that many refugee children in South Africa go through finding a school.

Enock spent a few years in other schools before eventually, his aunt heard about the Three2Six programme from one of her friends in their community. Despite being a late January registration the foundation still managed to place him and he joined Three2Six in 2016 for his 6th grade.

When asked to describe a regular day at Three2Six Enock fondly speaks of the football the kids played

while waiting for the bus to take them to the school where lessons took place, they would arrive at 14:00. At 14:30 they would line up for assembly, and announcements before heading to classes. They were offered Mathematics, English, and Life Skills lessons with breaks in between. Enock's favourite subject was Mathematics; this was initially in part due to the language barrier, however, he has developed this love for Mathematics into skills like coding and web development.

Sports days and holiday programmes were also a highlight of his time at Three2Six as these were where deep, meaningful relationships were built with teachers and other students. Enock also shared his memories of girls participating in soccer in these sports days and challenging stereotypes that were usually held.

"another thing will be the early holiday programmes they have. I think that was an amazing thing they have done."

Enock shared the impact of the programme giving them food parcels to take home, it ensured food security for students and their families, the words "gratitude" and "comfort" being used to highlight feelings towards Three2Six's work beyond the classroom. One of his fondest memories was participating as an auctioneer in an art exhibition. He also spoke about interacting with a range of volunteers throughout his time there. All of this boosted his confidence, developing soft skills he uses to this day as he runs workshops with dozens of people.

In the year that he participated Enock immersed himself in the programme both academically

and in co-curricular activities and was awarded a scholarship for Grade 7. Transitioning into a mainstream government school for Grade 8 was not easy and at times the environment was hostile, but Enock was resilient and managed to make new friends with even the most unlikely students.

"you can be associated or be in the same room as someone who attacks another person... but you kind of have to accept that and try make friends out of them or treat them like humans."

Initially, the jump from three to eight subjects was overwhelming and he quickly realised he had to manage his time. The new length of the school day was also a surprise; instead of a 12:00 wake-up, his day started at 04:30, which took a lot of adjusting to. Despite this, he had other Three2Six students with him on the journey, and they successfully matriculated in 2022, with an APS of 37.

For Enock, Three2Six was more than just an after-school programme, it was where he felt a sense of community.

"you are with people who came from the same background as you, who kind of struggled through this, who have the same situations and are struggling with the same problems as you you kind of feel like I'm not alone."

He describes the friends that he made at Three2Six as "brothers". Keith and Daniel have been his friends since the sixth grade and the young men continue to offer each other a support system. When he speaks about the connections he still has he uses the word "family", which gives a sense of the depth of the connections made here.

"they are still people who actually care about me at some point and yeah, we are still in touch today we had a conversation last week again, it was kind of like still being part of the family and connected in a way."

Through a contact from Three2Six, Enock was linked with the Scalabrini centre, where he was initially an intern, but now works. The days at the centre start at 8:30 and are dynamic as he engages in an array of activities depending on what is needed. He spends his time running digital literacy workshops for computers and smartphones as well as assisting in "employment access" by helping refugees create CVs to find jobs.

Enock was asked what comments or suggestions he has for the programme as a past student.

He says he enjoys following the social media page to see all the co-curricular activities that the students are being engaged in. He also is glad that the students can now have a full day of lessons as they have a campus. He wishes that they could hold a holiday programme again as they were an incredible highlight of his Three2Six experience and he would love to attend one more in the capacity of a mentor.

Enock is still sorting out his documents and is waiting on communication from lawyers regarding moving forward with his asylum documents.

The holistic impact of the Three2Six programme is undeniable, and it serves as a springboard to so much more. Enock is an example of how education, support, and a sense of community can lead you to incredible places regardless of your circumstances.



GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Sacred Heart College Board met regularly to follow the guidelines of the Constitution. The Board is responsible for policy and overall governance, with the day-to-day management delegated to the Project Director.

Members of the Three2Six Finance Committee are appointed for the specific knowledge and skills they bring to the Committee. They are responsible for monitoring:

- financial spending according to the budget
- implementing strategies and policies as approved by the Board
- adequacy of resources and staff
- compliance with relevant legislation; and any special investigations undertaken by the organisation.

There were members of the Sacred Heart College Board on the Board of the Dominican Convent School, and during this transition, this Board was appraised on developments in the project.

Systems of financial and internal control are in place to provide reasonable assurance that the assets are protected and that liabilities and working capital are efficiently managed. The project is externally audited once a year.

The Board endorses the principles in the Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct recommended by the King Commission. The Board abides by the principles of openness, integrity, and accountability.



■ OUR DIRECTOR TALKING TO THREE2SIX PARENTS

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"GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE"

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CODE OF ETHICS

Project employees and volunteers are required to observe the highest ethical standards to ensure that work practices are conducted in a manner that is beyond reproach.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

In the Three2Six Project, we have a duty of care to ensure that all students are kept safe from harm. We are committed to providing a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential. Three cases of abuse arising in the families of children were dealt with during the year.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Three2Six Project thrives thanks to the unwavering support of our loyal and committed donors. While the project's strategic vision has evolved over the years, in 2024, Three2Six continued to provide quality, independent education to 225 children of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers in partnership with Dominican Convent School. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the donors who remain steadfast in supporting our mission to educate and empower children.

In 2023 the project introduced a full-day education model, significantly increasing operational costs. To meet these demands, a dedicated fundraising committee was established, comprising passionate and committed board members – Roddy Payne, Diana Messerschmidt, and Patrick Munyembate – who generously volunteered their time to help achieve our fundraising goals.

The Corporate Social Investment (CSI) landscape in South Africa reveals a significant challenge for projects like ours. Of the R27 billion spent on CSI in 2024, most was allocated to education, food security, and community initiatives in Gauteng. However, funding for refugee and migrant support remains scarce. Many South African corporates prioritise initiatives benefiting South African citizens for BEEE points, leaving limited financial support for projects like Three2Six. Despite this, we are grateful to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the HCI Foundation for their continued support.

■ GENEROUS ENERGY BAR DONATION TO THE PROJECT

While most of our funding continues to come from local and international trusts, as a Marist Brothers social project we can access resources from international Catholic organisations. Additionally, Sacred Heart College's registration as a 501(c)(3) in the USA facilitates fundraising efforts, with our volunteer team in the United States – Arthur Minson, Jeff Smith, Ronald Nerio, and Beth Ribeiro – working tirelessly to engage donors. Monthly meetings with the US team ensure we explore and follow up on new opportunities.

In 2024, Miseen Cara commissioned internationally renowned researcher Margo O'Sullivan to evaluate six global projects supporting refugees and migrants, including Three2Six. She commended our efficiency and the exceptional value we deliver despite limited resources, highlighting fundraising as a key challenge for the project. O'Sullivan noted:

"The donor environment, both globally and locally, is incredibly challenging. Small organisations like Three2Six operate under immense pressure to secure funding, yet they employ global best practices to navigate these challenges effectively."

Three2Six's fundraising strategies include robust communication efforts, leveraging personal and professional networks, identifying and responding to calls for proposals, and consistently aligning activities with donors' goals and broader frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals. We also focus on alumni engagement, explore crowd and micro-funding opportunities, and aim to build a reserve fund from exchange rate gains on international donations.

We are deeply grateful to the many donors who supported us in 2024, including long-standing partners such as the Breadsticks Foundation, Caring Women's Forum, the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, the HCI Foundation, and others. We also welcome new donors who joined us this year, such as the Al and Peggy DeMatteis Family Foundation, Bridge-Ed, and the Principality of Monaco. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping us continue our work.

US donations received in 2024:

Koch: \$10,000

Charles F Heeran: \$1,000

Al and Peggy DeMatteis Family Foundation: \$1,000

Bernie Heeran: \$ 500

Margaret and Arthur Minson: \$500

Kennedy - Hanly Foundation: \$10,000

Anonymous: \$200

Harris Mathews Charitable Foundation: \$25,000

John and Carolyn Stremlau: \$1,500



■ TOM MILES FROM MYWALK HANDS OVER SHOES TO KELSAY CORRÊA





IN-KIND DONATIONS

The project has also benefited immensely from generous in-kind donations, including:

- **Stationery contributions:** Catholic schools in Gauteng, including St Benedict's College and Marist Brothers Linmeyer, contributed generously to the project's 2025 stationery needs. De La Salle Holy Cross College and Sacred Heart College also organised collections of stationery and food.

- **Nutrition support:** Uber Nutrition donated energy bars that provided children with a nutritious start to their day.
- **Menstrual support:** The Menstrual Project ensured older girls had access to sanitary pads, allowing them to attend school without interruption.
- **School shoes:** Marion and Markus Roth in Switzerland, facilitated by former teacher Jessica Roth, donated exercise shoes. Tom Miles from MyWalk and Dario Gouveia from Sole2Sole contributed hundreds of school shoes. TOTEM Bags also provided school bags for 2024.
- **Healthcare:** Optometrists Dr Essay, Zaahira Jogee, and the Ruya Vision Project offered free eye screenings and spectacles. St Charles Clinic and Dr Gail Leong provided free and low-cost health services, while Dr Ed Jarvis assisted with a serious eye condition.
- **Extracurricular activities:** Zaheera and Zakeeha led weekly art lessons, Kate Shand facilitated art therapy, and Play It Forward Jozi donated sports equipment. Drama for Life interns from Wits University also enriched the programme.
- **Essential supplies:** Checkers donated a voucher, enabling us to purchase vital food items for nutritious meals.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all donors, partners, and volunteers. Your support makes our work possible, ensuring that Three2Six continues to transform lives.



HOW TO SUPPORT THREE2SIX

DONATE TO THE PROJECT

All donations count and contribute to changing the lives of our children. Through education, the project prepares refugee and migrant children to be active members of society. Please help us to achieve this.

Donations are important as the project operates only thanks to the funds it receives from its donors – whether institutions or private individuals

Here are the ways to donate:

- the Three2Six [website](https://three2six.co.za)
- EFT using the banking details below:
Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Eastgate
Branch code: 257 705
Account number: 62312243405
Swift code: FIRNZAJJ



SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Each month, the project sends out a newsletter which covers the highlights and main activities.

If you would like to receive our monthly updates, please do reach out to us on communication@three2six.co.za or you can subscribe on the homepage of our [website](https://three2six.co.za) here.

On this same website, you are also able to access our past editions which go all the way back to 2017. [Have a look here](#). Spread the word! Follow us on social media (**see links on page 34**), comment on and share our posts and pages.



Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project

STATEMENT OF **COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



INCOME

	2024 R	2023 R
A Private Client Trust administered by Investec Wealth & Investment International	900 000	800 000
Al & Peggy DeMatteis Family Foundation	18 914	-
Bridge-Ed Foundation NPC	50 000	-
Caring Women's Forum	150 000	-
Catholic Institute of Education (CIE)	65 000	-
Diocese of Rottenburg – Stuttgart	694 118	708 429
Gajoder Investments	319 000	-
Harris Mathews Charitable Foundation Inc.	438 918	464 580
HCI Foundation	270 000	200 000
Holy Family Sisters	150 000	-
Individual donations	88 224	63 339
Jell Foundation	500 000	500 000
Johannesburg Stock Exchange Limited	150 000	150 000
Kennedy Hanly Foundation Inc.	179 258	185 815
Local Initiatives Fund - South Africa (LIFSA)	161 000	-
Marion and Markus Roth	-	63 200
Misean Cara	745 030	2 165 948
Principality of Monaco	56 603	-
St Patrick's Missionary Society	60 000	-
Terre des Hommes	421 702	586 215
The Breadsticks Foundation	342 400	320 000
The Koch Foundation	189 135	-
The Papal Foundation	1 854 650	-
The Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI)	-	14 271
The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference	-	25 000
University of the West of England	163 608	-
Zakaat funds received for the project	-	194 970
Zenex Foundation	50 000	-
	8 017 560	6 441 767
Interest received	-	21 652
	-	21 652
TOTAL INCOME	8 017 560	6 463 419
EXPENDITURE	8 747 495	10 245 379
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(729 935)	(3 781 960)
OVERDRAWN BALANCE / BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	(2 451 306)	1 330 654
OVERDRAWN BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR	(3 181 242)	(2 451 306)

Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project

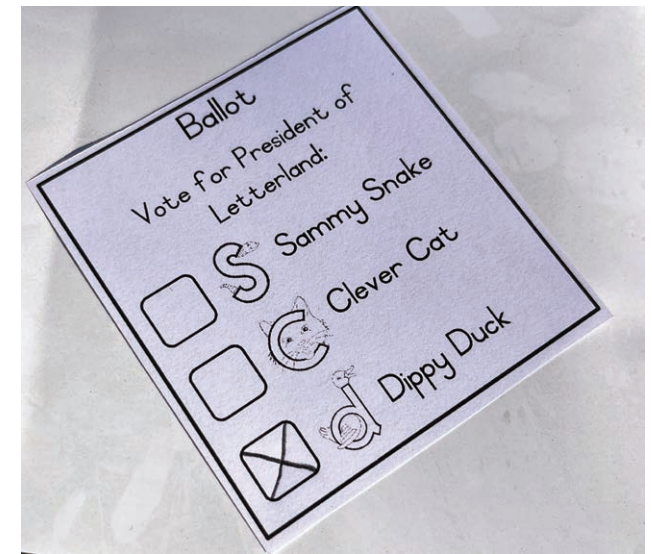
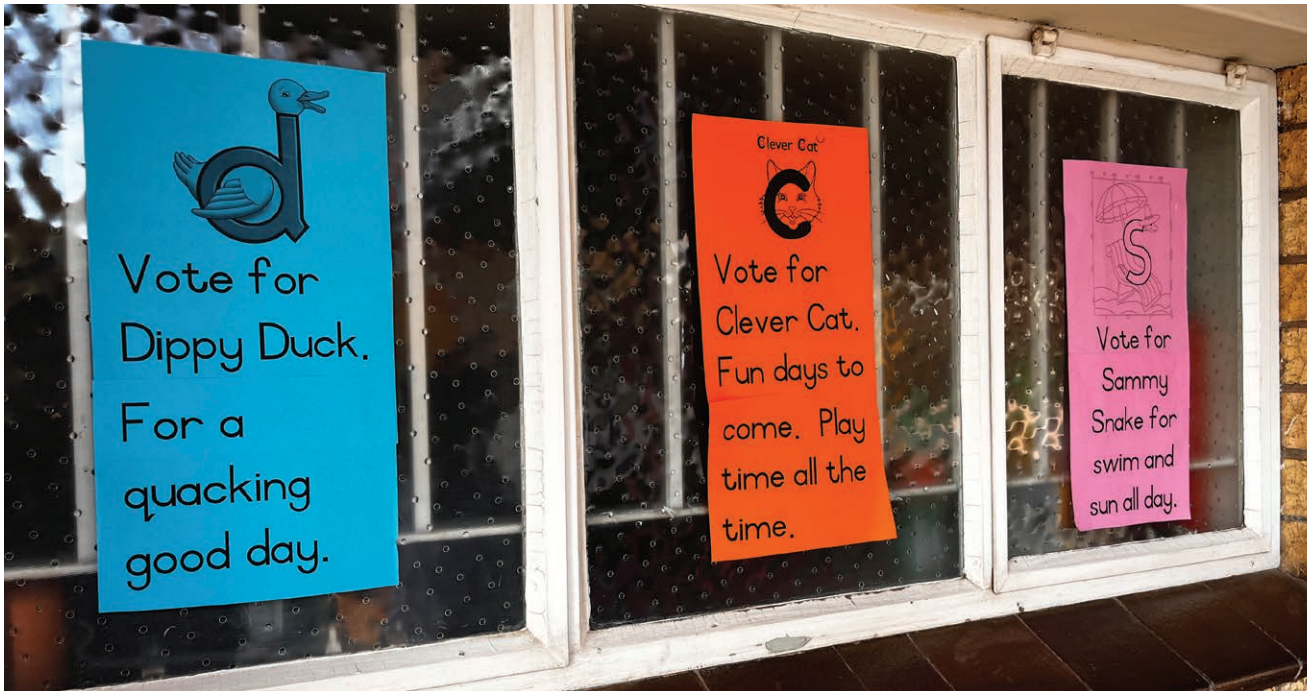
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

GOING CONCERN

The funders of the project have committed to continued funding for the 2025 financial year. The Board of Governors is satisfied that the project will have adequate funds to continue as a going concern for the year ending 31 December 2025.

	2024 R	2023 R
EXPENDITURE		
Administration fee	631 403	2 056 176
Advocacy	44 271	141 001
Audit fees	23 000	20 125
Bank charges	2 852	2 433
Bus drivers	-	138 125
Computer and IT equipment	1 280 974	253 092
Curriculum development	-	1 200
Evaluations	24 000	74 000
Events	-	8 640
Finance officer	-	180 000
Food support - children	979 268	1 036 596
Holiday programme	2 284	-
Medical expenses	4 341	79 281
Remedial support	20 143	30 646
Salaries	3 595 443	4 965 531
Special projects	9 461	19 546
Sporting activities	677 207	303 206
Staff advance	23 000	-
Staff development	616 403	53 670
Text books and stationery	267 761	408 485
Uniforms	92 654	275 130
Vehicle expenses	340 073	140 976
Volunteer expenses	12 957	57 520
	8 747 495	10 245 379

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR MANY DONORS AND SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND TO THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT.



IN 2024 SOUTH AFRICA HELD DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. THE FOUNDATION PHASE VOTED TOO!



POPE FRANCIS:

AN ENCOUNTER WITH A MIGRANT IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis invited the world to see migrations as a sign of the times, as a symbol of the Church's pilgrimage throughout history.

"See in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland."

World Refugee Day, celebrated annually on 24 September, calls believers to show support and closeness to the millions of men, women, and children who are forced to leave their homes. The current global estimate is that there were around 281 million international migrants in the world in 2020, which equates to 3.6% of the global population, and that number continues to rise.

Pope Francis points out that "the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies His people and all His children in every time and place."

He adds, "God's presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: 'The Lord your God goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you'."



Referring to biblical texts, the Holy Father recalls that in the Law that God gave Moses, He provided instructions to build a "tent" as a place of worship that could be moved each time they changed location.

This he says, always makes God's closeness tangible. "The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord," he said, noting that "during David's reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that He could walk with His people, 'from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling'."

Many migrants, the Pope continues,

"experience God as their travelling companion, guide and anchor of salvation."

He explains that they "entrust themselves to Him before setting out and seek Him in times of need. In Him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement."

POPE FRANCIS CONCLUDES HIS MESSAGE WITH A PRAYER:

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.



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FOR INVITING US
TO ATTEND PLAYS
AT THE
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We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our partners, who have made our work possible this year. Your generosity and commitment to the Three2Six project and our families have enabled us to achieve remarkable milestones and bring about significant positive change in our community.



Southern African Catholic
Bishops' Conference

 **terre des hommes**
Help for Children in Need



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