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Networking for children affected by AIDS

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Conference 2006



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Halala!* CINDI ~ Looking Back Living Forward 3-7 April 2006

CINDI Members have been working together for 10 years to address the needs of vulnerable children in the context of the HIV and AIDS epidemic in KwaZulu-Natal. We invite you to our 10th Anniversary Conference in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa from the 3-7 April 2006. The Conference will provide an opportunity for practitioners, policy makers and other concerned people to gather together and share ten years' experience of good practice and enter into discussions about the needs of children in the coming decade.



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Objectives

- To celebrate CINDI's 10th Anniversary
- To raise awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS on children
- To provide a platform for CINDI Members to shine, identify their milestones and tell their stories through presentations and exhibitions
- To promote a model of collaborative work
- To network with national and international speakers and delegates
- To ensure that issues affecting children are heard
- To lobby government.

Cost

Conference Registration Fee

- CINDI Members will pay R1 000 per delegate (including lunches and teas)
- Non members will pay R1 500 per delegate (including lunches and teas) for the three day Conference.

Venue

Epworth School, Golf Rd, Pietermaritzburg.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available throughout Pietermaritzburg and Pietermaritzburg Tourism will be assisting with this.

Travel Arrangements

Crossways Travel is assisting with travel arrangements <http://www.crossways.co.za>

* *Halala!* is an isiZulu interjection of congratulations or encouragement and is translated as "Well done!" "Bravo!" "Go for it!" or "Hurrah!"



Chairperson's Report

What an exciting, frantic, gratifying, emotionally draining and deeply rewarding year this has been! Most of us are trying to process the many changes that occurred in the CINDI Network, and restore a sense of equilibrium and stability. But, of course, there is no time to relax, catch our breath, or rest on our laurels.

The impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic is felt more acutely and more drastically each day. The children and communities, with whom our Member Organisations work, are experiencing the profound effect of the multiple adversities that accompany what is arguably, the worst plague in history. Each month we are seeing more dying children and orphans; more children unable attend school, while they devote their lives to taking care of terminally-ill parents and relatives at home; more children being raised without regular contact with adults; and more traumatised and/or depressed children.

Yet, during the course of the year, we have been confronted with a strange paradox. The tragic tsunami disaster created empathy in the hearts of the world community, and resources poured in to such an extent that the supply far exceeded the capacity of crisis workers. There is no doubt that this was a major catastrophe. The world looked on. The world responded. The paradox however is, why does the global village not respond to the extreme poverty and daily adversity that prevails within this continent, within our province and within the communities in which we work?

We are still only accessing funds and resources from a select and committed group of donor organisations. On reading this Annual Report, most people will be impressed with the major achievements of CINDI over the last year which are due to our loyal funders. We thank them and trust that they feel rewarded for enabling CINDI to make a contribution to the alleviation of the suffering of children and youth.

I would like to list some of my observations over the last year:

-  The receipt by vulnerable children of thousands of new school uniforms that reduced poverty-based discrimination and enhanced access to education (Thank you one and all who contributed to the Singatha Project – Oprah Winfrey, the office staff, the volunteers who dedicated many hours of unpaid overtime work; and our Members who gave hours and hours of their time to hand deliver packages to children – even to those in the deepest rural areas)
-  Donations of handmade jerseys and clothes to children resulting in some children no longer having to be naked while washing their only set of clothes
-  The acceptance of a Comfort/Duduza Doll soon after the death of a child's mother, and to see the child hold the little doll to his/her heart as he/she remembers
-  The way in which a slightly used bar of soap given by a B&B establishment enhanced the quality of care given to a sick child
-  The value of psychosocial support when friendly, familiar visitors regularly listened to children talk about their worries and troubles
-  The determined way in which a caring person engaged with a seemingly recalcitrant civil servant who was obstructing children's rightful access to vital documents and welfare grants
-  The joyful response of family members when they were reunited with a child who had run away to the streets
-  The way in which a sexually abused child encountered care and support for the first time in his/her young life

Opposite:
Dr Bev Killian,
Chairperson

Cover picture:
Duduza/Comfort
Doll knitted by
Mrs Meryl
Edwards
(supported by
Azalea
Lionesses) in
celebration of
South Africa's
10th year of
democracy.

- 🎗 The change when a depressed and wary child was able to talk about his/her worries and emotionally unburdened his/herself.

It is this work that makes CINDI relevant and meaningful and it has been my privilege to support the wonderful work undertaken by the CINDI Network Office and its many Members. Well done and thank you one and all.

Bev Killian

Director's Report

Opposite:
Yvonne Spain

CINDI's ninth year of networking for children affected by HIV and AIDS in KwaZulu-Natal, has been exciting and successful thanks to the Finance and Management Committee (FINCO), our generous donors, committed Member Organisations and dedicated staff; and it gives me pleasure to report on our activities as follows:



Organisational Development

- 🎗 As a result of the two year OD Project funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (that drew to a close at the end of December 2004), the CINDI Network Office's (CNO) daily activities now take place within the parameters of a Human Resources' Manual, a Staff Appraisal and Performance Management Framework, a Monitoring and Evaluation System, and a Gender Equity Policy. In addition, permanent staff members have joined a Funeral Insurance and Income Protection Scheme.
- 🎗 CINDI Members Berenice Meintjes (*Sinani/KZN Programme for Survivors of Violence*) and Jenny Bell (*Justice and Women*) developed the CINDI Funding Policy which governs the process of sourcing and distributing donor funds to Members. (See separate report by Berenice Meintjes).
- 🎗 We finalised the CNO's Two Year Strategic Action Plan and agreed to focus on:
 - promoting and publicising the work of CINDI and Member Organisations
 - raising awareness about the impact of HIV and AIDS on children
 - information dissemination via the weekly eNewsletter and website
 - lobbying and advocacy work in conjunction with Members and national organisations.
 - affirming our commitment to facilitate skills transfer to community based organisations
 - encouraging collaboration between Members by bringing them together within the five CINDI Clusters of Home Based Care, Psycho Social Support, Community Development, Children-in Care, and Schools and Youth Development
 - sourcing funds from large donor organisations for distribution to CINDI Members as per the CINDI Funding Policy.
- 🎗 In order to accommodate new staff members and host the Cluster meetings, we regretfully moved from the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Nativity to spacious premises located at the Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society; where we have been warmly welcomed.
- 🎗 We registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 930008976).

Human Resources

- ✚ Our capacity to manage large amounts of donor funding was enhanced when our Book Keeper Suzie Krügel, became a full time, permanent member of staff; and we engaged Siyabonga Ngubane as a Learner in Suzie's Department.
- ✚ Funding Consultant, Phil Donnell, was appointed at the beginning of the year and works for CINDI for eight days a month. Phil has already succeeded in sourcing funds for Members from a range of donor organisations (see separate report by Phil Donnell).
- ✚ Sixolile Ngcobo, our CBO Project Manager also became a full time, permanent member of the CNO team.
- ✚ Our need for a receptionist was addressed when Sithembile Nxumalo joined us in January 2005.
- ✚ In January 2005, thanks to funding received from the Momentum Trust, we employed Thembelihle Jili, the CINDI Nutrition Training Officer, who is based at the offices of LifeLine and Rape Crisis (see Nutrition report).



Projects and Events

- ✚ The Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) Funding Project for 2003 and 2004 came to an end in December 2004. CINDI is indebted to DCI who over the past two years, funded the operationalisation of the Network Office, the work of nine CINDI Members and provided the catalyst for our Community Based Organisations' Mentoring Project.
- ✚ The CBO Mentoring Project culminated in a successful Sharing Day in December 2004 when twelve CBOs showcased their work. (See separate report by Sixolile Ngcobo).
- ✚ The African Roots Project flourished. (See separate African Roots report).
- ✚ Members of the African Roots Project and the Centre for Adult Education collaborated and published the third CINDI Information Poster – featuring the famous athlete Willie Mtolo and the world renowned story teller Gcina Mhlope who both gave freely of their time to promote the nutritional benefits of wild edible crops in the context of poverty and HIV and AIDS.
- ✚ An approach by Oprah's Angel Network in September 2004, resulted in the Singatha (isiZulu for "support one another") Project. (See extracts from the article by Nalini Naidoo that appeared in The Witness in January 2005).
- ✚ In May 2004 Clem Sunter of the Anglo American Chairman's Fund was the Guest Speaker at the CINDI Lunch of Hope in aid of the Starfish Foundation.
- ✚ CINDI was again nominated the beneficiary of the second Celebration of Lights held at the Botanic Gardens in May 2004.
- ✚ David Patient facilitated a three-day workshop for CINDI Members and shared his extensive knowledge about living positively with HIV and AIDS.

CINDI's move to new premises

Visits and Visitors

☞ Sixolile Ngcobo and I were fortunate to attend the Bangkok AIDS Conference in July 2004, where we learnt that CINDI Members' activities are in line with international practice. I also attended the 2nd African Conference on the Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research (SAHARA) where I made a presentation on "Networking as an Intervention for Children Affected by HIV and AIDS – The CINDI Model".

☞ During the year CINDI welcomed many visitors, including Sphindile Magwaza and Nicole McHugh (Development Cooperation Ireland), Nancy Muirhead (Rockefeller Brothers Fund); Henk van Zuydam (Kinder Stichtingpostzegels), Gregg Sherkin (Oprah's Angel Network), Dr Willem Jan and Poem van der Ven from Holland; Gudrun Steiner (Kindernothilfe), Susan Fox (UN Staff Association); Investec Bank; Oxfam GB; and Absolute Return for Kids UK (ARK).



Opposite:
Nicole McHugh
from
Development
Cooperation
Ireland

Acknowledgements

CINDI has garnered support from a wide range of people and organisations whose valuable contributions are acknowledged with gratitude:

☞ The interests of the Network have been zealously guarded by members of the Finance and Management Committee who were elected at the AGM in June 2004. I am grateful for the guidance of Dr Bev Killian (Chairperson from *Sinani/KZN Programme for Survivors of Violence*), Dr Gerrit Ter Haar (Vice Chairperson from God's Golden Acre), Dr Keith Wimble (Treasurer from The Valley Trust), Debbie Harrison and Sinikiwe Biyela (LifeLine & Rape Crisis), June Turner, Aroo Naidoo (and Charles Bennett before him, from the Community Chest), Berenice Meintjes (*Sinani/KZN Programme for Survivors of Violence*), and Sagree Naicker (Pietermaritzburg Child and Family Welfare)

☞ The members of the Funding Panel who adjudicated the DCI proposals for 2005 and 2006, were Larensia Rabe (KZN Department of Welfare), Dr Julie Dyer (Msunduzi Municipality) and Aroo Naidoo. Thanks to their guidance and oversight CINDI disbursed the donor's funding in an impartial and equitable manner

☞ CINDI's growth trajectory is due to our generous donors whose support of our Members and concern for children affected by HIV and AIDS, has enabled the Network to play a meaningful role in the epidemic. They are Development Cooperation Ireland, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Stichting Kinderpostzegels, AIDS & CHILD Switzerland, KZN Department of Welfare, the D G Murray Trust, Themba Lesizwe, the Anglo American Chairman's Fund, Momentum Trust, Prof Colin Gardner, the Howick Catholic Women's League, Mrs E Fowler, M G Moodley, B M A Bee, St Matthew's Anglican Church, M S Palmer, Aberdare Cables (Pty) Ltd, S Harkhu, Surie Baijoo, Shuter & Shooter Publishers (Pty) Ltd, St Mary's Catholic Women's League, Umgungundlovu FET College, C E Merrett and the Cathedral Women's Society

☞ During the year under review, we consolidated our relationships with a number of strategic partners: Soul City; the regional offices of the Departments of Social Development, Home Affairs, Agriculture and Health; the Msunduzi Municipality; our archivists, the Alan Paton Centre; the Centre for Adult Education UKZN; the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Business; The Witness and its sister publications – Echo and Mirror; The Natal Museum; the Child Advocacy Centre; the KZN Civil Society Network, the Children's Sector of the SA National AIDS Council (SANAC); the Children's Institute UCT, the HSRC's Child Youth and Family Development Department and the Alliance for Children's Entitlement to Social Security (ACCESS)

🚫 In December 2004, we had a trouble-free move to our new offices thanks to the support in kind received from Abbey International Movers, the KZN Department of Transport, Holcim (Pty) Ltd, Ascon Civil Engineering, SA Mutual Outsourcing, Moffat Optical, Valverite CC, Thompson Robinson, Michaelmas Nursing School, Johan Krügel and Mike Spain

🚫 The Network has many friends who have given freely of their time and talents, and we thank the following for their generous support: Clive Bruzas from The Valley Trust who facilitated our Strategic Planning Workshop; Postman Pat McKenzie who does our banking and collects our post; Syd Kelly of Valverite CC who transports, stores and distributes donations of food, school stationery, clothes etc; Pat Stilwell, our Legal Adviser from Hathorn Cameron & Co; Dc Data who manage the software for our eNewsletter; Granny Dorcas who has sewn over 840 children's garments out of scrap material this year; Amy Hay, Meryl Edwards and the other knitters for their many delightful Duduza/Comfort Dolls; Bob Martin from Rogue Steel for the regular donations of E-pap; The Johnstons from Midlands Veterinary Clinic who have a collection depot for gifts in kind at their surgery in Howick; Gcina Mhlope and Willie Mtolo who freely gave of their time to promote edible wild plants; and Hilary Kromberg Inglis for creating the CINDI website.



Clive Bruzas (The Valley Trust) facilitating the CINDI Strategic Planning Workshop in August 2004

Conclusion

I am greatly looking forward to next year when we will be holding our Tenth Anniversary Conference which takes place from 3-7 April 2006 at Epworth School, Pietermaritzburg; and hope that a large number of people who are concerned with the impact of HIV and AIDS on children, will be able to join us.

Yvonne Spain



CINDI Staff members, left to right: Sithembile Nxumalo, Sixolile Ngcobo, Siya Ngubane, Stellar Zulu, Yvonne Spain and Suzie Krügel

Coordinator's Report

The year 2004 saw me enter my third year of serving the CINDI Network. It has been a challenging period of growth for the Network and for me personally.



Opposite:
Stellar Zulu

Networking

The CINDI Network managed to keep a high profile and remain visible in the local media and at international conferences.

- ⦿ We responded to invitations from schools, churches, evangelical institutions, service clubs and local and provincial government departments; where we had a chance to promote the collaborative work done by CINDI Members
- ⦿ Donations in kind to children within the care of CINDI Members flow from these presentations, and we received donations in kind from 45 individual families and groups during this reporting period.

Membership (See Membership List)

- ⦿ All our Voting Members renewed their Membership at the last AGM and our Affiliate Membership continues to grow on a monthly basis. This demonstrates the commitment of Network Members to the Vision and Mission of the CINDI Network. Unfortunately, some Members do not fully participate in CINDI events, and we will need to encourage broader participation in future
- ⦿ We have been privileged to have a good selection of Guest Speakers at our Network meetings, including Ms Claire Kerry from the former Thukela District Child Survival Project; the YFC/KZN Phakama Drama Group; Ms Joan van Niekerk, National Director of Childline; Ms Suzanne Clulow of Project Gateway; Ms Lulu Hlophe of Rob Smetherham Bereavement Service for Children; Yvonne Spain and Sixolile Ngcobo who reported on the Bangkok AIDS Conference; Denis Drennan of YFC/KZN's L'Abri Programme; Berenice Meintjes of *Sinani* and Jenny Bell of Justice and Women who developed the CINDI Funding Policy Document and Mr. Len Huntly of Len Huntly Brokers.

Working Groups

Working Groups are formed in response to Members' requests for action on a particular issue, and disband once they have served their purpose. The following Working Groups ceased their activities during the year under review:

- ⦿ The **Nutrition Working Group** fulfilled its mandate to promote good nutrition practice with the completion of the CINDI Nutrition Guidelines (available on the CINDI website). The Guidelines are used by Ms Thembelihle Jili, the CINDI Nutrition Training Officer based at LifeLine & Rape Crisis, who works closely with Mr B J Njokwe of the African Roots Project.
- ⦿ In the same period FINCO agreed to the dissolution of the **Local Government Working Group** because many CINDI Members participate in the City AIDS Steering Committee in their own right.
- ⦿ The **Home Base Care Consortium Working Group** ceased to be a Working Group in April 2004 when it finalised an isiZulu Home Based Care Training Manual, and subsequently handed over the training function to Msunduzi Hospice, the Lead Partner

- ⦿ The **Child Intervention Panel (CHIP)** now refers complex cases in respect of a child's right to administrative justice to Black Sash, Lawyers for Human Rights or the Child Advocacy Centre
- ⦿ During the year, the CNO dealt directly with over 30 cases from members of the public and Doctors from local hospitals. Most of these cases were resolved with the assistance of CINDI Members
- ⦿ Members are still experiencing difficulties in accessing vital documents and in order to resolve this problem, the CNO hosts regular meetings with the local Home Affairs office where both parties seek solutions to this problem.

Clusters

At the beginning of 2005 we formalized the structure of the Clusters so as to enhance collaboration amongst CINDI Members. All five Clusters selected three areas of focus for their activities for the year:

- ⦿ The **Children in Care Cluster** will focus on developing guidelines to identify and promote common good practice, skills transfer and foster care promotion – including monitoring, training, recruitment, funding and backlogs
- ⦿ The **Community Development Cluster** will focus on capacity building, access to Social Grants; and economic empowerment and development.
- ⦿ The **Home Based Care Cluster** will focus on developing skills in listening and counselling; ARV literacy and the promotion of good nutrition via the African Roots Project.
- ⦿ The **Schools and Youth Development Cluster** will focus on behavior modification, peer education and counselling, and big brother/sister mentorship. In addition the Cluster will raise awareness about school fee exemptions
- ⦿ The **Psycho-Social Support Cluster** will focus on skills transfer and training (incorporating personal and leadership development), outreach and organisational development for CBOs; and sharing difficulties.

Acknowledgements

I remain in awe of the work that CINDI Members are doing in the face of poverty and scarce resources, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude to them for their support. Thank you to the Deputy Mayor Clr Z Hlatshwayo, Dr Julie Dyer and Mr Patrick Lambert of the Mzunduzi Municipality; the KZN Department of Health, the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg, The Witness, ECHO, The Mirror, Mrs Ramklown and her family, Amalgamated Beverage Industries Ltd, Nissan South Africa, The Anglican Cathedral, St Nicholas Diocesan School, St John's Diocesan School for Girls, Vuleka Productions, Mr W Dlamini of the local Home Affairs Department, the Child Advocacy Centre, and the Treatment Action Campaign. I would also like to thank the Chairpersons of CINDI Working Groups and Clusters, for making my job so easy – Ms Deb Avery, Dr Gerrit Ter Haar, Mr Cameron Brisbane, Ms Jo-Anne Stevens O'Connor, Rev Elke Carrihill and Prof Denis. Finally thank you to the CNO Staff, FINCO and all our donors for their unwavering support.

Stellar Zulu

CBO Project Manager's Report

Introduction

This past year – the second and final year of the Development Cooperation Ireland Pilot Project on CBO Mentoring – has been very exciting and challenging. Throughout the two years, dedicated community members have worked in partnership with nine CINDI

Members to serve and protect children in their communities who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. It is quite true that the ever-changing epidemic demands strong collaboration between all concerned stakeholders, and I am happy to report on yet another year that was full of successes and lessons learnt.



Sixolile Ngcobo

CBO Mentoring Project

This Project will shape the future strategic direction of the CINDI Network especially in this evolutionary field where Community Based Organisations create safety nets for children affected and infected by HIV/AIDS. The Project focus areas were the management of bilateral relationships of NGO/CBO partnerships, coordination of training and development and documenting lessons learnt in the form of an Action Learning Research Document.

A. Managing the bilateral relationships of Nine CINDI Members and their CBO partnerships

I engaged in a process of supporting and nurturing the partnerships by:

- ⦿ Conducting quarterly field visits in conjunction with the CINDI mentor organisations during which CBO members were supported and encouraged to promote transparency and accountability
- ⦿ Ensuring that these field visit sessions created a forum for discussion and the monitoring of relationships in accordance with working agreements and task based plans
- ⦿ Providing an opportunity for project review and identification of possible interventions.

B. Coordination of training and development for Community Based Organisations and Mentors

- ⦿ Following an intensive skills audit and training needs assessment, training courses were concluded in fundraising, monitoring and evaluation, wellness, organisational development, conflict management, community mobilisation, personal development, meeting procedures, the roles of office bearers, and computer skills at the local FET College.
- ⦿ Quarterly follow up sessions were conducted in the field to ensure proper skills transfer and skills development.
- ⦿ A CBO Sharing and Learning Day was held in December where CBOs used Power Point presentations and posters to illustrate the work done in their communities. Unfortunately, most of this work is not funded and this cripples the development and improvement of service delivery to children and families in communities.
- ⦿ The Sharing Day enabled the CINDI Network Office to reflect on their pioneering work with CBOs, and served as a platform to launch the first draft of the Action Learning Research Document. The day was graced by the presence of Nicole McHugh, Director of Development at DCI's Pretoria Office; Nozuko Majola, the Capacity Building and Research Coordinator from the AIDS Foundation of South Africa; Bev Killian, CINDI Chairperson and many other very important guests.

C. Documenting the Action Learning Research

The documentation process has been ongoing throughout the Pilot Project, and lessons, challenges and successes have been recorded. The final Action Research Document which is available on the CINDI website, provides an insight into the culture, working ethics and purpose of CBOs, and what really drives them to serve their communities. It also explores the management and support of NGO/CBO relationships, issues of skills development, funding for CBOs, lessons learnt and recommendations for future similar interventions.

The CINDI Members that participated in this project were:

- Project Gateway mentoring Siyaphilisa Community Based Organisation
- Rob Smetherham Bereavement Service for Children mentoring UMkhumbi kaNOAH
- Sinani/KZN Survivors of Violence mentoring VECO and YED
- The Valley Trust mentoring Imgcwini Primary School Governing Body
- Pietermaritzburg Child Welfare Society mentoring Mpolweni Child and Family Welfare Society
- Thandanani Children's Foundation mentoring Sakhisizwe of Esigodini Community
- Umngeni AIDS Centre mentoring Ilanga Network, Sakhisizwe of Mpophomeni Community and Isibani Child Care.
- Msunduzi Hospice mentoring Zamelisizwe Community Based Organisation
- Youth For Christ mentoring Philani Support Group.

I am humbled by the vast experience and knowledge that exists in these organisations, and take pride in being associated with such good people.

Conferences and visits

- ✚ Yvonne and I attended the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok in July where I was able to share details about our CBO Mentoring Project during one of the breakaway sessions. I am grateful to DCI who sponsored my attendance at this important gathering.
- ✚ I attended the South African Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Conference in Cape Town, where the issue of funding for civil society organisations was highlighted.
- ✚ Finally in November I was invited to participate in the Southern African AIDS Trust Regional Conference in Harare. The theme of the conference was "How communities are coping with Paediatric AIDS" and my presentation on "Networking as an intervention for children affected by HIV/AIDS in the KZN Midlands of South Africa – The CINDI Model", was well received.



Yvonne Spain and Sixolile Ngcobo at the International AIDS Conference in Bangkok

Conclusion

I would like to thank and acknowledge DCI, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the nine CINDI mentors and their mentored CBOs, the training providers, the CNO Team, and the strategic partners for their commitment and generosity. Aluta Continua.

Okumhlophe.
Sixolile Ngcobo

Funding Consultant's Report

In January 2005, I was appointed as Funding Consultant and will initially work eight days per month for CINDI. My main activities are:

- 🎗️ Piloting the implementation of the Funding Policy Guidelines
- 🎗️ Development of a multi-year Funding Strategy with annual income targets to be raised for the CINDI Network office, CINDI Members, smaller NGOs/CBOs within CINDI and specific Clusters/Working Groups
- 🎗️ Sourcing potential new donors, working with existing donors and submitting funding applications as requested or appropriate
- 🎗️ Facilitating any call for applications to members and assisting the Funding Panel in the processing of the allocation of funds
- 🎗️ Monitoring of all disbursed funds, receiving reports due from funding beneficiaries and submission of reports to donors in conjunction with CINDI staff
- 🎗️ Maintaining strong links and relationships with existing and potential new donors in conjunction with the CINDI Director. This could also include travel overseas to meet with potential and/or interested donors (possibly with a CINDI staff member).

During the year, funding was awarded from the following donors whose support is greatly appreciated:

- Development Cooperation Ireland
- Rockefeller Brothers Fund (USA)
- Stichting Kinderpostzegels (Netherlands)
- AIDS & Child (Switzerland)
- Department of Welfare (SA)
- Anglo American Chairman's Fund (SA)
- DG Murray Trust (SA)
- Themba Lesizwe (SA)
- Momentum Trust.

Phil Donnell

The CINDI Funding Panel,
left to right: Larensia Rabe,
Yvonne Spain, Phil
Donnell, Dr Julie Dyer and
Charles Bennett



Development of the CINDI Funding Policy Document

Over the years, the CINDI Network has been fortunate to develop a positive reputation for its role in networking, information sharing, governance and prudent use of funds. It is also a Network that offers multi-faceted interventions to address the complex needs of children affected by HIV and AIDS in a strategic and coordinated manner. For these reasons several donors identified the Network as a potential funding intermediary, whereby resources may be allocated to Member organisations through the CINDI Network Office (CNO).

The idea of CINDI becoming a funding conduit was tested in a survey of Members and donors in 2003 and the outcome was the ratification of CINDI's role as a Funding Conduit. The Conduit enables the CNO to accept and disburse funds from donors to Members who are directly involved with helping vulnerable children affected by HIV and AIDS, gain access to their rights.

During the survey, Members made it clear that it would be desirable to develop comprehensive but user-friendly Policy Guidelines to facilitate the funding conduit process. Consequently, CINDI Members Jenny Bell (Justice and Women) and Berenice Meintjes (*Sinani*) were tasked with the responsibility of creating the CINDI Funding Policy Document, which has received wide spread endorsement from donors and Members alike.

CINDI is pleased to advise that in the interests of collaboration and sharing, the Funding Policy Document is being sold via the CINDI website (www.cindi.org.za), at the nominal fee of R200.

Berenice Meintjes and Jenny Bell

Working Group Reports

Housing Access

The HAWG has pleasure in reporting on the following developments that took place during the year under review:

-  The first demonstration "special needs" housing projects, with Pietermaritzburg Child and Family Welfare Society and Pietermaritzburg Childrens' Homes which were initiated in 2002, finally secured funding in the winter of 2004
-  Building costs, fuelled by the booming property market in Pietermaritzburg, and the long funding approval process, meant that funds approved for the redevelopment of the Ekhasya Lethemba Place of Safety for Child Welfare were insufficient. An application for top-up funding is currently awaiting approval
-  Funding was secured from the Msunduzi Municipality for emergency repairs to one of the Khayaletu homes for children on the streets, managed by Youth for Christ. Plans are afoot to secure housing subsidies for a full upgrade of their three homes in the coming year
-  In recognition of the additional care facilities that attach to the housing of vulnerable children, and the fact that formal housing costs more to provide than township starter housing, the KZN Department of Housing changed its policy of funding housing for special needs groups in June 2004. Consequently, a "special needs" housing subsidy was introduced which effectively increased the value of the subsidy by 43% per bed space (equivalent to the subsidy provided for a low-income family). Gauteng is the only other province in the country that recognises the housing of groups with special needs as a constitutional right.

In January 2005 the HAWG's activities became part of the newly formed Community Development Cluster, which enhanced its synergy with other CINDI Members and broadened its focus to include:

- 🎗 The promotion of planning and building control policies for incremental low-income housing (ie built over time with a combination of government subsidy and household resources), to mitigate the impact of "RDP" starter houses that are not designed to accommodate the average household
- 🎗 The promotion of tenure security for child headed households, which is subject to securing donor funding
- 🎗 Networking to improve the take-up of set-aside land in township developments for food gardening; and to roll out skills development in gardening.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the pioneering approach adopted by the City Council which passed a series of measures in 2004 that provide tenure security and indigent relief on rates and municipal services for child headed households.

Cameron Brisbane, Built Environment Support Group

Thapelo

The Thapelo Project, which provides Home Based Care kits to volunteer caregivers supported by CINDI Members, has had a full and successful year.

- 🎗 Ms Zanele Mkhize, seconded to the Thapelo Project by the Provincial Department of Health, continues to be a valuable asset to this project through her commitment and proactive nature.
- 🎗 The partnership with Msunduzi Municipality continues to grow and we are deeply grateful to them for supplying Thapelo with R17 000 worth of supplies each month.
- 🎗 Both depots in Edendale and Sweetwaters continue to serve a growing number of families. According to our statistics, the volunteers serve a monthly average of 192 children and 742 adults in Edendale, where the ratio is 2 male patients : 3 female patients. The figures for Sweetwaters are 162 children and 518 adults (M1:F3). Sadly 6% percent of patients seen in Edendale have died, and in Sweetwaters this figure has reached 15%.
- 🎗 The staggering death rate, especially in the Sweetwaters area puts a great deal of strain on the caregivers and we plan to conduct special debriefing sessions for them in the course of the next year.
- 🎗 Msunduzi Hospice has remained committed to providing high quality human resource and financial management to the Thapelo Project in the midst of their organisational restructuring. Thapelo is grateful for this support.
- 🎗 The VCT Project is growing steadily and we have enlisted the part time services of a registered nurse Ms T E Sithole to conduct confirmatory tests.

The Thapelo Project owes its progress to Stellar Zulu, with whom I have had the pleasure of working this past year. Thank you Stellar for your leadership and support.

Gerrit Ter Haar, Chairperson

Funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, African Roots is a partnership between CINDI, the Institute of Natural Resources (INR) and the Msunduzi Municipality, and also brings together CINDI Members, the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Crop Science Department and the Provincial Government Departments of Agriculture, Health and Education.



Dr Albert Modi and B J Njokwe

African Roots aims to promote the wide cultivation and use of *imifino*, raise awareness of their benefits as well as assist in coordinating the activities of Government, NGOs and the Private Sector to include wild plants in health care education and nutrition awareness programmes.

To this end, African Roots employed an Agricultural Coordinator, Mr B J Njokwe, and established 8 demonstration sites at clinics, crèches, schools and community gardens, resulting in a range of partnerships with different stakeholders. Highlights include assisting with the compilation of the third CINDI nutritional poster “Imifino Izitshalo Zasendle Ongazidla”, collection of wild seed for propagation in nurseries and the first sale of *imifino* bunches.



Community gardeners at Mafakathini Clinic

Looking forward, African Roots aims to bring these plants into the mainstream through ongoing support for the demonstration sites, increasing propagation and investigating commercialisation possibilities. To promote the wider use of these wild plants, African Roots will be encouraging the Department of Agriculture to include these crops in the food gardens they support; the Department of Health to include them in Primary Health Care Education; and the Department of Education to integrate the cultivation *imifino* into their Outcomes Based Education Programme.

Jon McCosh, Senior Consultant, Institute of Natural Resources

Nutrition

Since April 2002, the CINDI Nutrition Working Group under the leadership of June Turner, has been promoting good nutrition practice – especially in relation to HIV infected and affected children. Their hard work resulted in the publication of the CINDI Nutrition Guidelines “Living and Eating Well” in isiZulu and English (which can be downloaded from the CINDI website); and the recent employment of the CINDI Nutrition Training Officer, Ms Thembelihle Jili (nutrition@lifeonline.co.za).

Thembelihle, who is based at LifeLine & Rape Crisis, started work at the beginning of January 2005. During her orientation Thembelihle networked with the CINDI Community Development Cluster, NGOs, CBOs, the Natal Museum, the Provincial Departments of Agriculture & Health and the Msunduzi Municipality; and has been invited to give numerous cooking demonstrations.

Thembelihle says her objectives are “to work closely with the African Roots Project, promote the benefits of nutrition, good cooking practices; and to emphasise the fact that while nutrients do not cure HIV/AIDS, they do help people withstand illnesses, boost their energy levels and build healthy bodies. I want everyone to know that it is not necessary to have lots of money to eat well, and that good nutrition and ARVs will result in individuals living healthy lives”.

After the publication of the CINDI Nutrition Guidelines in August 2004, and the appointment of the Nutrition Training Officer; it was agreed to disband the Nutrition Working Group and replace it with the Nutrition Training Officer’s Reference Group. All these developments would not have been possible without the generous support of:

- Eddie Phillips of Hope Worldwide for sourcing funds from Family Health International and USAID for the Nutrition Guidelines
- The Momentum Fund for covering the costs of the Nutrition Training Officer’s post
- The Anglo American Chairman’s Fund who funded the refurbishment of the two small front houses at LifeLine, which includes Thembelihle’s office
- June Turner who volunteers her time to work closely with Thembelihle
- The members of the African Roots Project especially Dr Albert Modi of the Crop Science Department UKZN, BJ Njokwe and Jon McCosh (Institute of Natural Resources) whose access to community groups has facilitated many training opportunities
- Sarah Rule of CREATE for assistance with adult participative teaching methodology
- LifeLine & Rape Crisis who sponsored a 10 day HIV and AIDS counsellor course to prepare Thembelihle to work empathically with HIV positive people
- Yvonne Spain for her vision
- The Nutrition Training Officer’s Reference Group of June Turner, BJ Njokwe, Thembelihle Jili, Sixolile Ngcobo and Yvonne Spain for their support, advice and voluntary time on this project.



The Nutrition Training Officer’s Reference Group, from left to right: June Turner, Thembelihle Jili, Yvonne Spain, Sixolile Ngcobo and Debbie Harrison (absent: BJ Njokwe)

Debbie Harrison, Director: LifeLine & Rape Crisis, Pietermaritzburg

Honorary Treasurer's Report

During the past financial year the income of CINDI rose by 33% to R4 242 083. This was largely due to a very generous grant from the Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) of R3 021 920. An increased second grant of R203 478 was received from Rockefeller Brothers Fund; while Children Helping Children, Momentum Trust, Singatha (Oprah's Angel Network), ARV Booklet (these funds from RBF and the American Jewish World Service will be used during 2005 for this project), provided R389 911. The total expenditure of the organisation increased to R910 387, which is a 42% increase. Salaries increased by approximately R100 000 and the rental paid doubled to R32 229 as a result of the move to new premises. The expenses incurred in training, mainly CBO training, increased by 135% to R129 618.

R3 023 681 of the surplus was transferred to the DCI Fund, while R389 911 was transferred to other funds. These transfers resulted in a deficit of R81 896 for the year, which reduced the Accumulated Fund to R499 473. The total assets employed in CINDI have risen by 42% to R3 807 045. The staff is complimented on their commitment to maintain a high level of professionalism. Deloitte & Touche are thanked for the audit.

Dr Keith Wimble

CHILDREN IN DISTRESS NETWORK BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2005

	Note	2005 R
ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1	108 166
CURRENT ASSETS		
Ireland Aid fund account		2 890 940
Other fund accounts		407 206
Cash in bank		400 733
		<u>3 698 879</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>3 807 045</u></u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Accumulated fund	2	499 473
Ireland Aid fund	3	2 890 940
Other sundry funds	4	407 206
		<u>3 797 619</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses		9 426
		<u><u>3 807 045</u></u>

Qualified Audit Opinion - Deloitte & Touche

We hereby confirm that the balance sheet and income statement included in this report is an extract of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005 and that signed copies can be obtained from the CINDI Network Office,
47 Temple Street,
Pietermaritzburg

CHILDREN IN DISTRESS NETWORK
INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2005

	Notes	2005	2004
		R	R
FUNDRAISING INCOME:		133 209	99 985
Subsidy from KZN Department of Welfare		84 444	68 458
General donations received		48 765	31 527
DESIGNATED DONATIONS		1 970 513	2 115 812
Fund Ireland Aid - Grants to beneficiaries		1 579 043	2 107 539
Tuapela Project		2 000	21 432
Less: Project Expenditure		(441)	(21 241)
Children Helping Children		916	8 082
Momentum		138 519	-
Singatha		189 493	-
ARV Booklet		60 983	-
OTHER INCOME:		2 138 361	975 599
Rockefeller Brothers Fund income		203 478	158 313
Coca SA income		-	31 376
Ireland Aid income		1 442 877	228 597
DG Murray Trust income		28 000	36 500
Anglo American Income		-	53 000
Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland		62 432	254 803
Aids and child income		24 178	66 290
Administrative services to Msunduzi Hospice and Soul City		-	5 153
Tremba Lesizwe - Income		88 000	-
Interest received - current account		34 784	19 612
- Ireland Aid fund		110 560	131 955
Cindi 10 th Anniversary		144 052	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>4 242 083</u>	<u>3 197 396</u>
LESS: EXPENSES		910 387	648 245
Advertising		1 898	1 603
Administration and accounting fees		7 004	7 603
Bank charges		6 990	6 719
Computer expenses		10 423	599
Conferences		23 443	10 247
Consulting fees		118 105	135 875
Depreciation		33 695	28 811
Donations		200	-
PR Entertainment		3 732	1 453
PR Refreshments		6 695	1 709
PR Networking		1 164	1 604
Fees paid - subscriptions		1 896	1 337
Hire of hall facilities		3 350	1 850
Insurance		8 975	9 887
Motor vehicle expenses		13 011	3 854
Repairs and maintenance		15 737	3 952
Rental - office		32 229	15 430
Photocopying and postage		5 652	2 943
Printing		20 375	22 726
Salary expenses		387 342	280 170
Stationery		9 320	6 426
Sundry expenses		1 441	3 954
Telephone		46 769	37 026
Travel		20 040	4 985
Training		129 618	55 229
Workmens compensation		1 280	1 569
SURPLUS for the year		3 331 696	2 543 151
Less: Amount transferred to Ireland Aid Fund	3	43 023 681	(2 178 656)
Amount transferred to Other funds	4	1 389 911	(8 082)
Amount transferred (from) to Accumulated Fund		<u>(81 896)</u>	<u>386 413</u>

New shoes, big smiles

Nalini Naidoo

Towards the end of last year Sandile* (10) stopped going to school because he had no shoes. His much-mended pair were beyond repair. Then, his mother died around Christmas and with her went his hopes and dreams for the future. Last week, Sandile began to dream again.

The people who visited his grandmother's house to pray and care for his mother arrived with a large blue packet and a bright yellow box. He opened the box, carefully lifted the layers of tissue paper and there, shining up at him was a new pair of black school shoes. For Di Coke of Matthew 25, a group from the Prestbury Methodist Church, who took the package to Sandile, it was the look of absolute wonderment on his face that said it all. He couldn't speak and he still hasn't said much, but that look of wonderment is still on his face as well as a glimpse of a smile. On Wednesday, he was able to dress up in his spanking new uniform and return to school.

Sandile is one of the 8 500 children in KwaZulu-Natal who have received a personalised gift of a complete uniform from television personality Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network. His package, with his name on it, contained a pair of trousers, two shirts, a jersey, three pairs of socks and new shoes. He has never watched television and has never heard of Oprah but he knows that the gift has come from *phesheya* (overseas).

Across the way in the Greytown district, Joan Dutton of the Umvoti Aids Centre reported that teachers wept openly as

they received the parcels of uniforms for children in their school. They cried because most of the children had never owned a new thing in their lives. Dutton is certain that the children are going to carry the shoes over their shoulders as they walk to school and only put them on when they get to the school gate. "These uniforms are going to be well taken care of and are going to last a long time," she said.



Fatima Sheik of the Family and Marriage Society (Famsa) was at a school in Elandskop, wading through a happy confusion of boxes and packages, swopping shoes, socks and jerseys that did not fit. Like the children in Greytown, most of the children had never before owned a new item and so did not know their sizes. Their teachers used estimates and the volunteers back in Pietermaritzburg had to work with charts to try to match ages with sizes, and these did not always tally. But, in the end, everyone was happy as they left with their blue parcels balancing on their heads or carefully tucked under their arms.

Yvonne Spain explains how the project came about. "It started with a phone call from a representative of Oprah's organisation who asked if we could identify

individual children who were affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty, and whose circumstances were such that school uniforms were beyond their reach and proving a barrier to their going to school.”

About 15 Member organisations that worked in schools decided to take up the challenge and their first task was to discreetly identify the children in need and get their measurements.



Deputy Mayor Zanele Hlatshwayo (left) became an ‘angel’ for the day when she joined a team of volunteers at the Royal Showgrounds picking and packing school uniforms donated by Oprah’s Angel Network. She is pictured here with Siya Ngubane and Yvonne Spain.

Spain made inquiries at schools in Pietermaritzburg about companies that supply uniforms and was told about Ray Crouch Distributors. She says Crouch was incredible; not only did he pull out all stops to get stock but he got his entire family involved in the project. His wife, children, sons-in-law, grandchildren and their friends were roped in as volunteers to help with the packing.

Members of the network had also identified sewing groups in their areas to assist in making uniforms. For Sheik, the job creation aspect of the project was the most inspiring. “Women who had struggled all their lives have been given a cash injection and have started on a journey of independence. They feel empowered by this experience and that they are doing something for their community. Many have been able to buy their own sewing machines and are seriously looking at going into the school uniform business.”

Spain says many people have given generously to the project. “The volunteers, who hailed from a host of churches and organisations were indefatigable. Pietermaritzburg Tourism allowed CINDI to use their hall at the Royal Showgrounds to pack the uniforms. Syd Kelly of Valverite Plumbing, who with his staff and friends distributes food to institutions working with the poor, went the extra mile. He did the fetching and carrying, and provided a fridge so that the volunteers could have cold drinks while they worked in the sweltering heat.

“Pietermaritzburg’s Deputy Mayor Zanele Hlatshwayo, who also did her share of packing, said the project showed that goodwill and a spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in KwaZulu-Natal.

Picking and packing went like clockwork and this was thanks to the forward planning of pro-

ject co-ordinator Siya Ngubane and CINDI bookkeeper Suzie Krügel. Working until 2 am and 3 am, Krügel managed to input all the data on schools, children, sizes and measurements onto a computer programme and also made personalised labels for each of the 8 500 children.

According to Spain, for all those involved in the experience there has always been the awareness that this would not have been possible without Winfrey’s generosity and affection for the children of South Africa. “We have to acknowledge Oprah’s compassion and that of her audiences, who continue to dig deeply into their pockets and give so generously.”

Sandile’s walking tall in his new shoes and he is smiling again.

* Names have been changed.

The Witness, 26 January 2005

Full Voting Members (50)

- **African Co-operative Action (ACAT):** Provides services for HIV and AIDS affected and infected people. These include the establishment of food gardens based on organic agriculture, income generating projects, awareness and education on the virus and how to manage it. **HBC/CD** acat@pixie.co.za
- **Beverly Killian:** Chairperson of the CINDI Network. **PSS** killian@ukzn.ac.za
- **Built Environment Support Group:** Provides capacity building and technical support to vulnerable groups engaged in housing and development work. **CD** cameron@besg.co.za
- **Christelike Maatskaplike Dienste:** Conducts life skills programmes for children in KwaZulu-Natal. **CIC/CD** savfncvv@mweb.co.za
- **Community Based Rehabilitation Education & Training for Empowerment (CREATE):** Trains communities to look after disabled children in KwaZulu-Natal. **CD** Create3@telkomsa.net
- **Community Chest:** Fund raising and logistical support for welfare agencies. **CD** chest@pixie.co.za
- **Department of Welfare:** Co-ordination and subsidisation of service to children in the Umgungundlovu, Ugu and Sisonke Municipalities. **CD/CIC** rabel@pwke.kzntl.gov.za
- **Ethembeni Howick Community Church AIDS Ministry:** Provides home based care, 24 hour hospice care as well as social, psychosocial and material support for families in Mpophomeni. **HBC/PSS** homoeopath@futurenet.co.za
- **Family and Marriage Society of South Africa (FAMSA):** Pre-marital, marriage, pre- and post divorce, relationship, family and trauma counselling to individuals, couples and families **PSS/SYD** famsapmb@sai.co.za
- **Family Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit (SAPS):** Investigation of all criminal cases against children as well as domestic violence and sexual offences against adults. **PSS** midlanscfc@saps.gov.za
- **Friends for Life:** Caring for people living with HIV/AIDS in Mpophomeni. **HBC/PSS** friends@pixie.co.za
- **God's Golden Acre:** provides cluster foster care and an extensive outreach programme with a community development focus, including emergency relief, education support, skills training, shelter and sports and culture development programmes. **CIC/CD/HBC/SYD/PSS** gga@wandata.com
- **Hope and Peaceful Organisation:** Provision of home based care services in the Enkanyezini Community. **HBC** magic1kzn@yahoo.com
- **Humanity Organisation for People's Empowerment (HOPE):** Provides counselling, nutrition and Home Based Care. **HBC/PSS**
- **Imbalenhle Community Health Centre:** Provides post-natal care, PMTCT, home based care and training of caregivers. **HBC/PSS**
- **Joshua Empowerment Project:** Provides ABET, economic skills development training and a feeding scheme for youth living on the streets. **CD/SYD** adolfkilyobo@hotmail.com
- **June Turner:** Individual member. **CD** turners@sai.co.za
- **Kenosis Community:** Provides cluster foster care and runs a crèche for underprivileged children and conducts educational talks in Bishopstowe. **CIC/HBC** kenosis@telkomsa.net
- **Khulugqame Crèche Association:** Crèche workers who also provide home based care visits to their communities. **CD/HBC** khulugqame2005@yahoo.com
- **Lawyers for Human Rights:** Legal advice and research on the rights of children affected by HIV/AIDS. **CD/SYD** sue@lhr.org.za
- **Lethithemba Anglican Cathedral AIDS Ministry:** Community outreach project that provides material support. **PSS/CD** parish@mweb.co.za
- **Lifeline and Rape Crisis PMB:** Provides generic telephone counselling on a 24 hour basis, face to face counselling by appointment, 24 hour mobile crisis counselling for rape survivors, attempted and threatened suicide, and battered women removal to the Haven. Also provides a VCT service. **PSS/SYD** admin@lifeonline.co.za
- **Msunduzi Hospice:** Provides home based care services and training, bereavement support to families and foster mothers in Pietermaritzburg. **HBC/PSS/SYD** hospice@futurenet.co.za
- **Msunduzi Municipality:** Implements the City AIDS Strategy, municipal services for 21 clinics, ATICC, provides home based care supplies in the Msunduzi Municipality. **CD/HBC** dyerj@pmbcc.kzntl.gov.za
- **National Institute of Prevention of Crime and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO):** Diversion programmes for youth at risk, support for offenders and their families, support for victims of crime, and community development work in the Pietermaritzburg and Midlands region. **CD/PSS/SYD** nicropmb@mweb.co
- **Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (PACSA):** An ecumenical organisation working with human rights, social, economic and justice issues. **CD/PSS/SYD** danielag@pacsa.org.za
- **Pietermaritzburg and District Care of the Aged (PADCA):** Provides home based care for the aged and support groups for grandparents of orphaned children. **HBC/PSS** socialwork@padca.co.za
- **PMB Child and Family Welfare Society:** Facilitates foster care placements, cluster foster care and monitoring of children in need of care (including HIV+ children). Recruits and trains special-needs caregivers. **CIC/HBC** pmbcws@futurenet.co.za
- **PMB Children's Homes:** Residential care for children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. **CIC** pch@futurenet.co.za
- **Project Gateway:** Project Gateway currently has 8 projects that work in the fields of HIV & AIDS, family support, welfare, education, women's empowerment, orphaned and vulnerable children and business development. **CIC/CD/HBC/SYD/PSS** pg@futurenet.co.za
- **REHOBOTH Trust:** A children's village for children living with HIV in Port Shepstone. **CIC** info@reboth.org.za
- **Rob Smetherham Bereavement Service for Children:** Provides play therapy counselling to children, supports caregivers and conducts community awareness training in the use of play skills to support bereaved children. **PSS** rsbsc@polka.co.za
- **Sinani KZN Programme for Survivors of Violence:** Sinani partners communities who are worst affected by violence and poverty, working directly with children affected by adversity; and builds community based systems to promote support and safety of children. **PSS/CD/SYD** bearpsv@iafrica.com

KEY to Clusters:

CIC - Children in Care

CD - Community Development

HBC - Home Based Care

PSS- Psycho-Social Support

SYD - Schools and Youth Development

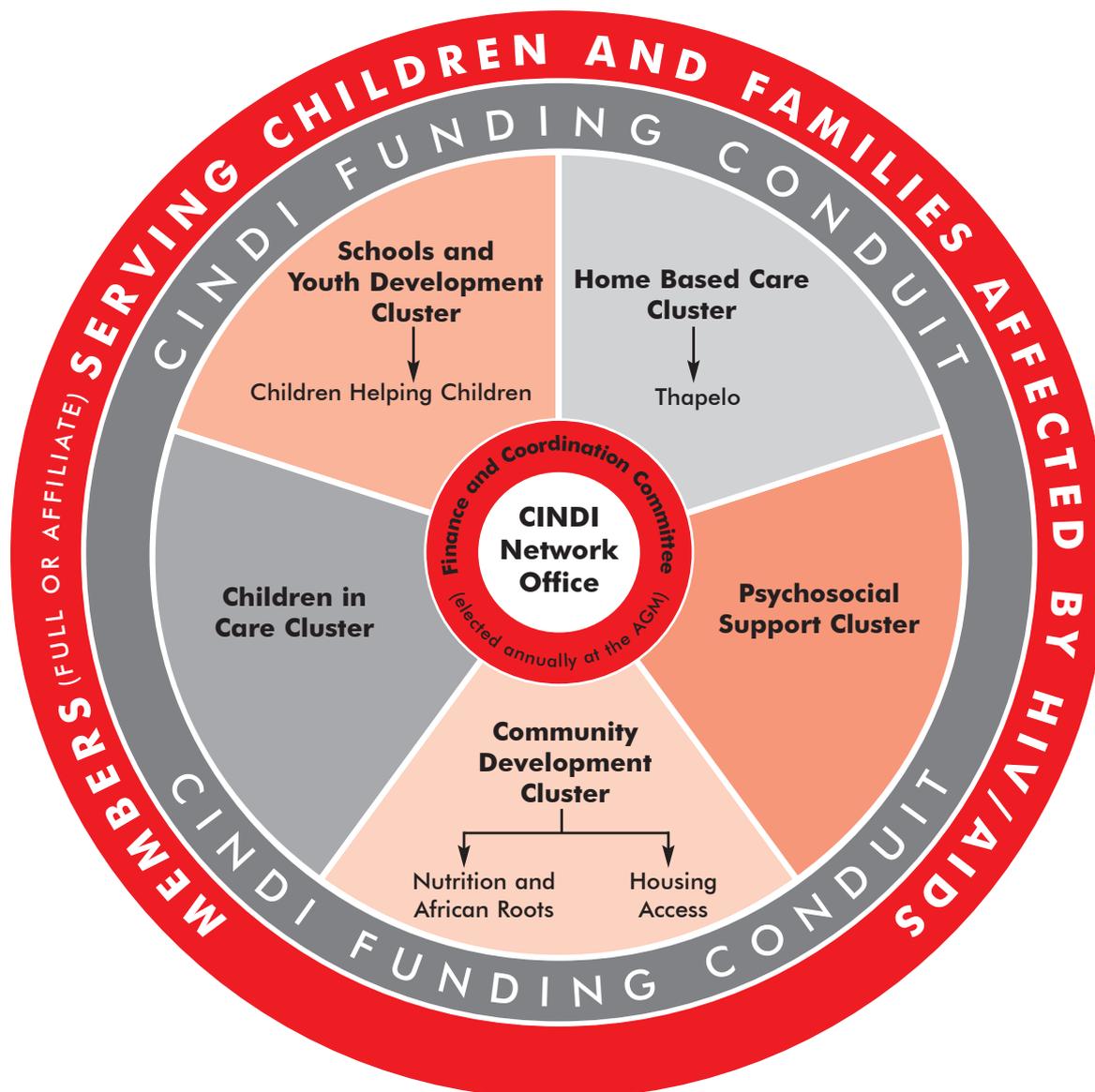
- **Sinomlando Centre:** University of KwaZulu-Natal: Promotes resilience in children of families affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. **PSS** denis@ukzn.ac.za
- **Siyaphila Community Based Organisation:** Assists children with food parcels, school fees and also runs a soup kitchen. **HBC/PSS**
- **SOS Children's Village:** Residential care for children who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. **CIC/CD** pmb@sosvillage.org.za
- **South African Health Care Organisation (SAHECO):** Provides income generating skills training and HIV/AIDS awareness workshops in the Inadi Tribal area. **CD/HBC** bongani@3i.co.za
- **St John's Diocesan School for Girls:** Collects basic commodities for children and participates in Children Helping Children. **SYD** symesa@stjohns.kzn.school.za
- **St Mary's Catholic Church AIDS Concern Group:** Faith based organisation assisting affected communities in PMB. **HBC** lizkm@futurenet.co.za
- **St Nicholas Diocesan School:** Collects basic commodities for children and participates in Children Helping Children. **SYD** stnichs@soal.com
- **Suid Afrikaanse Vroue Federasie (SAVF):** Focuses on psycho-social services, children, families, community development, education, the aged and HIV/AIDS in KZN with services in 4 other provinces. **CD/PSS** savfncv@mweb.co.za
- **Tabitha Ministries:** Provision of home based care, income generating skills training and a hospice. **CD/HBC** Tabitha@3i.co.za
- **Thandanani Children's Foundation:** Provides care and support to orphans and other vulnerable children in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. TCF functions within a developmental framework aimed at facilitating self-sustaining care and support systems for orphans and other vulnerable children. **CD/CIC/PSS/SYD** Duncan@thandanani.org.za
- **The Salvation Army Joseph Baynes Children's Home:** Provides residential care for vulnerable and HIV/AIDS infected and affected children in Pietermaritzburg. **CIC** salarmy@sai.co.za
- **The Valley Trust:** Provides community health care support, testing, home based care, nutrition education, organic agriculture, personal development and whole school development. The Valley Trust is situated in Botha's Hill and serves the whole of KwaZulu-Natal. **CD/HBC/PSS/SYD** tvtnccamo@vtrust.org.za
- **Training and Resources in Early Education:** Provides training in Early Education in the whole of KwaZulu-Natal and parts of the Eastern Cape. **CD** tree@worldonline.co.za
- **UMngeni AIDS Centre:** Strengthens community based and church HIV/AIDS initiatives in the Hilton, Howick and Mpophomeni areas. **CD/HBC/PSS** admin-umngeni@webmail.co.za
- **Umvoti AIDS Centre:** Network of people and organisations working in the HIV/AIDS field in the Greytown area. **HBC/PSS/SYD** mwtonyd@mweb.co.za
- **YFC/KZN:** Family reunification for street children (including transitional residential care and aftercare services), family preservation work in communities at risk of losing children to the streets, Gender Empowerment Programmes with peer run support groups and AIDS education in schools, Community Based AIDS support groups, an Internship Programme for local young adults interested in Child and Youth work in both Durban and Pietermaritzburg. **CIC/HBC/PSS/SYD** robyn@youthkzn.co.za
- **Zethembe People's Organisation:** Conducts HIV/AIDS awareness workshops, peer education, home based care and runs a crèche for orphaned children. **CD/HBC/SYD**

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- Bantabami/Holy Trinity Church petaane@futurenet.co.za
- Bell Jenny bell@wandata.com
- Black Sash sashpmb@blacksash.org.za
- Child Advocacy Centre pmbcws@futurenet.co.za
- Childline KZN joanvn@iafrica.com
- Children First stan@childrenfirst.org.za
- Children of the Dawn magali@icon.co.za
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- House of Hope and Recovery
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- Starfish Foundation projects@starsfishcharity.org
- Thandokuhle Health Group
- YMCA/YWCA
- Zenzeleni Project

What is CINDI?

The Children in Distress Network (CINDI) was founded in July 1996 and consists of over 100 Members – NGOs, CBOs, government agencies and individuals – who collaborate in the interests of children affected or orphaned by HIV/AIDS in the KZN Midlands.



Vision

A multi-sectoral well resourced network of civil society and government agencies capable of implementing diverse effective sustainable programmes for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mission

To foster a spirit of Ubuntu among CINDI Members, encourage collaboration, enhance mastery of Members, co-ordinate research and unlock resource opportunities for the benefit of all Members, through

- Problem Sharing
- Problem Solving
- Information Dissemination
- Raising Awareness
- Advocacy and Lobbying
- Collaborative Fund Raising.

Former Working Groups

Education Access – Referrals are now made directly to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education

Home Based Care Consortium – Developed a Training Manual in isiZulu now used by CINDI Member, Msunduzi Hospice

Child Intervention Panel – A panel of CINDI Members that sought administrative justice for children, now devolved to CINDI Members, Black Sash and Lawyers for Human Rights.

Housing Access Working Group – Now devolved to CINDI Member, Built Environment Support Group

Local Government Working Group – Numerous CINDI Members now serve on the City AIDS Steering Committee

Nutrition Working Group – Now devolved to the African Roots Project and the CINDI Nutrition Training Officer