

# NEWS BULLETIN

## THE NDA EMPOWERS LAVENDER HILLS CSOS TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

**Lavender Hills – 27 June 2022** Three Lavender Hills based civil society organisations (CSOs) receive R618 124,99 to implement community development programmes culminating into job creation, income generation and skills transfer to respond to gender based violence and femicide (GBFV). This follows a series of community dialogues in February 2022 with different target groups where interventions were needed to improve social ills in Lavender Hills and surrounding areas. Minister of Social Development, Minister Lindiwe Zulu, committed her department, including National Development Agency (NDA) and South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), to put in place programmes that will respond to issues of substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, school drop outs, gangsterism, unemployment and poverty.

In June 2022, the NDA, a government agency tasked with eradicating poverty by granting funds to civil society organisations that implement development programmes in disadvantaged communities, granted funds to the value of R318 124,99 to the Sozo and Fusion Inyameko Foundations.

The Sozo Foundation Trust is a non-profit organisation, based in the impoverished Cape Flats community of Vrygrond, adjacent to Lavender Hill. The Foundation's primary goal focuses on Youth Development projects and development programmes in the Vrygrond and surrounding areas. The NPO serves as beacon of hope with a passionate team creating pathways to employment through education, skills and social enterprise initiatives, in support of young people who are not in education, employment or training. Its focus is on breaking intergenerational cycles of poverty.

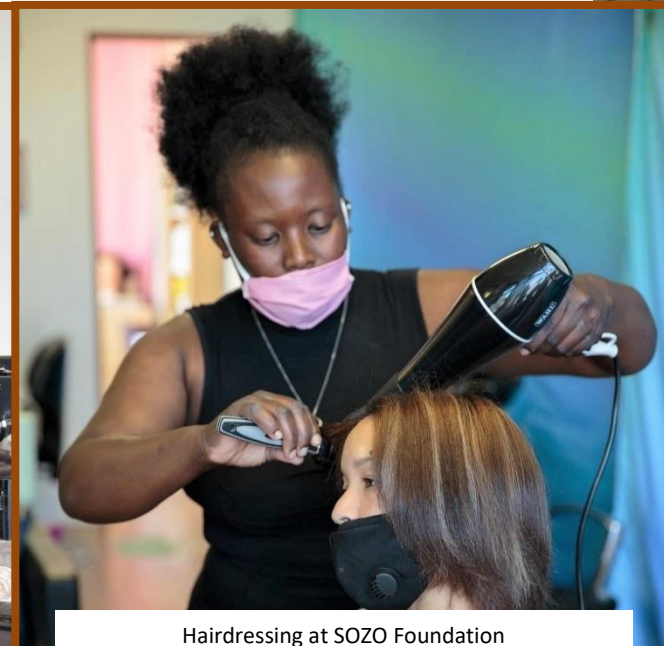
The NDA grant funding to Sozo Foundation will enhance productivity and business development for five beneficiaries in Vrygrond, by providing start-up business equipment, branding and marketing as well as assistance to register as with legal and compliant businesses for each beneficiary.



Staff at SOZO Foundation: Ms Geraldine Erasmus - Alumbi and NDA beauty business beneficiary; Mr Thulani Ketelo – Skill programme Director; Mr Anton Cuyler – CEO and Mr Cecil John – Trustee.



Anele Joyo, Barista at SOZO Foundation



Hairdressing at SOZO Foundation



Salon training room at SOZO Foundation

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Currently, 2 home based beauty spas, 1 barber shop, 1 hairdresser and 1 community bakery will be supported with the R220 310,79 over a 12 month period. Fusion Inyameko Foundation (FIF) is a registered NPO established in 2012. The Foundation operates throughout the Western Cape Province. The goal of the organisation is to make a positive impact in the lives of young people and vulnerable communities by providing them with the basic necessities which they have limited or no access to. FIF provides humanitarian relief to vulnerable households and communities, including child headed households, informal settlement communities, the elderly and orphans. Particularly over the last two years of Covid-19, they have set up community kitchens in the Hillview and Kampies informal settlements in Phillipi to provide cooked meals and food parcels to address food challenges.

The NDA grant funding of R97 814.20 will establish a household vegetable garden and chicken farming project. The project will contribute to the alleviation of poverty by increasing food security and generating income for the project beneficiaries.

The vegetable garden and chicken egg farming project will provide ingredients to the community kitchen which feeds the community daily, and generate revenue through the sale of produce to the general public and local businesses.

New World Foundation (NWF) is a non-profit organisation based in Lavender Hill in the City of Cape Town. The NPO focuses on restoring hopelessness, injustice and combating violence in the Lavender Hill community. This is done through programme services such as an educare, community mobilisation and advocacy, safety for women and children as well as education for work. "NDA has unlocked potential by supporting New World Foundation in our GBVF services provision in Lavender Hills as well as training for CBOs, funding of Hillview vegetable gardens and the Sozo Foundation. The fact that NDA and government have identified Lavender Hills as a pilot community is encouraging, we know that the political will and collaboration is required to bring about large scale social change" says Ms Erica Jacobs, Director at New World Foundation.

NWF received grant funding to the value of R300 000, 00 from the National Development Agency (NDA) through Criminal Asset Recovery Account (CARA) funds to implement gender based violence and femicide (GBVF) programmes. Through the programme, which builds on community strengthening and livelihoods, building hope, justice and peace in a context of increasing GBVF, 325 beneficiaries were reached.

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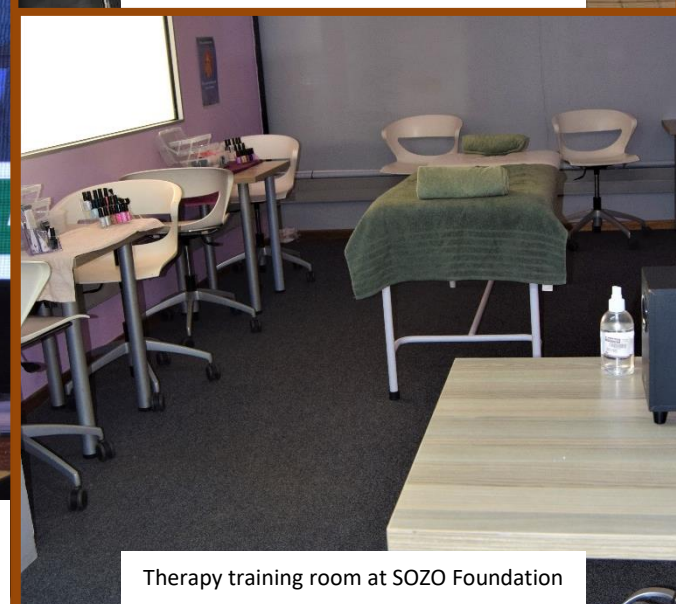
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NDA WC Provincial Manager led the programme at the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Lavender Hills, Cape Town. On stage are Ms Nandi Mayathula-Khoza, Chairperson of Central Drug Authority; Deputy Minister of Police Mr Cassel Mathale and Deputy Minister Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Ms Thembi Nkdimeng.



Bakery training at SOZO Foundation



Therapy training room at SOZO Foundation

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