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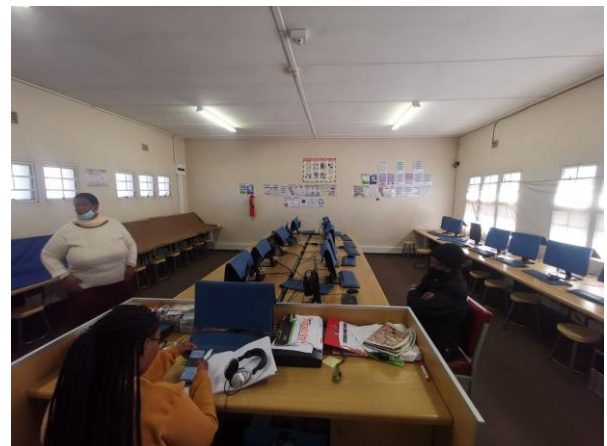
**Project Report: Siyazingisa Primary School**

**Location: Gugulethu**



## Project background

Siyazingisa Primary School situated in Gugulethu, which is a predominantly Xhosa speaking community consisting of around **98 500 people**. The community has an **unemployment rate of around 60%** with the average household income currently around R3500. Siyazingisa Primary School is a typical township school - born out of a previously disadvantaged community, poor infrastructure setup (RDP structure), poorly trained educators and learners from a society riddled with social ills. This school strives to offer quality teaching and learning to their primary learners which currently stands at **1081 pupils**. Siyazingisa Primary School is a no-fee paying school. The school serves learners from grades 1 - 7. Upon our arrival, the computer lab and classrooms were dysfunctional and without adequate learning resources. It was clear that the school was in need of infrastructure, resources and support. We saw an opportunity to create a massive impact on the lives of learners at Siyazingisa Primary School.



## Key challenges

Children at schools are suffering with a lack of skills, resources and infrastructure that is currently plaguing the Education sector in South Africa. We are urgently addressing this crisis to ensure that in the coming years, SAME Foundation along with our donors will allow children the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Schools in townships, in particular Siyazingisa Primary School – are faced with the following challenges:

- overcrowding
- ageing and dilapidated infrastructure
- insufficient resources, such as science equipment and study guides
- insufficient teaching aids and support

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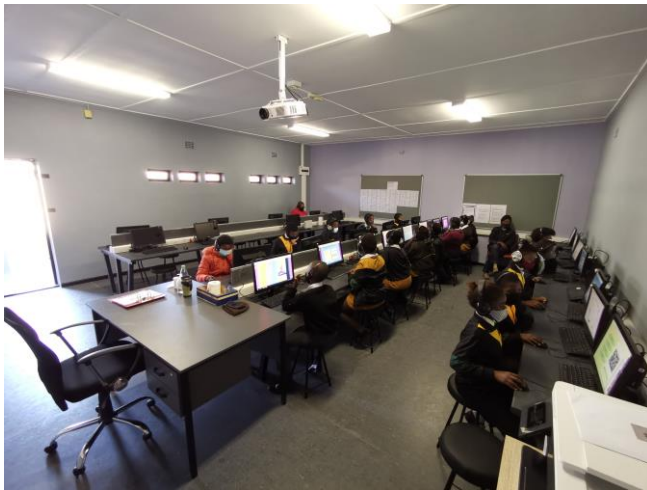
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The COVID-19 pandemic has had noticeable time delays on the turnaround time and completion of our projects due to imports of raw materials and products being slower than usual. This will however not affect the quality of the work that we do.

### **Project funding and completion**

Numerous donors of SAME Foundation contributed to completely renovate and equip a state-of-the-art computer room at Siyazingisa Primary School. The project commenced In March 2021 and all renovation work was successfully completed in May 2021. The wireless connected classroom was opened on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021.



### **Project Objectives**

- Increase pass rates.
- Increase levels of computer literacy.
- Enable pass rate to reflect the children's abilities.
- Upskill and empower the educators.
- Create a safe, learning conducive environment.

### **Work Completed**

The following was successfully achieved to establish the new computer room:

- Complete renovations:
  - Infrastructure
    - Walls, ceilings, doors, floors and skirting, windows and burglar bars.
  - Electrical
    - New electrical points for 41 computers.
  - Shopfitting and resources
    - New computer lab workstations, chairs, new writing and pin boards, equipment – as per curriculum, E-learning system with a 12 month training voucher, saferoom door installed. New wireless computers with locks and headsets, new wireless printer, new aircon unit.

## **Project Beneficiaries**

- 1081 Black South African Children
  - Male Learners – 553
  - Female Learners – 528

## **Impact Analysys**

The projected lifespan of the project and equipment is 10 years. The Education department have however indicated that they would aim at upgrading the computers every 5 years to keep up with changes in technology.

The total project cost came to R705 838.74

### Total learner beneficiaries:

- Current = 1081
- Conservative annual increase in learners 4%
- Total learners over 10 years = 12979

### Investment cost per learner:

- 5 years = R120.55
- 10 years = R54.38

## **Teacher Training**

We make arrangements for all teachers to get training on how to use the technology we provide. This training is set up by the school at a time that is convenient to them. The interactive teacher boards provide a multitude of resources to the educators which include but are not limited to, internet access and display, onboard teaching software, ability to play YouTube and other videos for educational purposes, educators from around the world to give live lessons.

## **Maintenance and servicing**

The SAME Foundation provides the school with one calendar year of maintenance and support for the classroom from date of handover. Thereafter, the Western Cape Department of Education take full responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the classroom and technology. The Head of IT for the Western Cape Education Department has assured us that they will endeavour to upgrade the computers in the lab within a 5 year cycle.

## **Impact on academic record**

Both the teachers and learners have shown great appreciation for the new computer room. The new lab has motivated the learners to look forward to computer lessons and we believe that this will be reflected in their grades at the end of the academic year.

## Conclusion

The project has already shown positive results. Undertaking projects such as these comes with many challenges, mainly due to the fact that schools run continuously. Therefore, the implementation of the project needs to have minimal disruption on the children. This is why scheduling is so important, and often projects need to be re-scheduled to adjust to the ever-changing environment.

The computer room is in daily use and the learners are making the most of the technology they have. It has been observed that the educators at Siyazingisa Primary School are extremely passionate about their school and providing the learners with a quality education, we will therefore be adding them to our list of schools to receive a new science lab this year.

The classroom is expected to have a minimum of 10 years of use. This means that it will provide a quality learning environment for over 13000 black learners over its expected use.

If you would like to any more info regarding this project or any of our current or future projects around the country, please don't hesitate to contact us. – [info@samefoundation.org.za](mailto:info@samefoundation.org.za)

Yours sincerely,



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