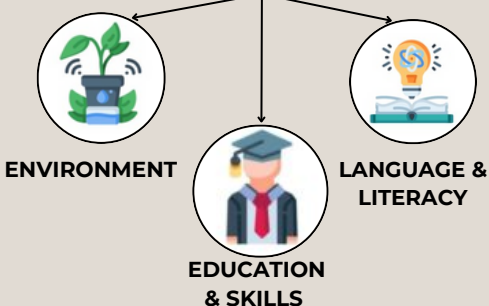


TRANSFORMING LIVES AND CREATING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



CORE PILLARS



EDUCATION & SKILLS

Addressing scarce skills through learnerships and micro-credentialling. Core projects: ECD Learnerships and short skills programs.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Prioritizing learning and development through workshops, coaching and mentorship. Core projects: Teacher and learner development.

ENVIRONMENT

Taking care of communities by ensuring green, healthy and sustainable learning spaces. Core Projects: Community gardens & Environmental Literacy.

ABOUT US

As the Environment & Language Education Trust gears up to celebrate 40 years of service next year, we are excited to present some of our most promising programs and prolific successes



We prioritize the provision of educational, entrepreneurial and employment opportunities for rural women and youth. As an education and development institution, we recognize that all our country's social ills are invariably linked. ELET is committed to ending this cycle of poverty. Therefore, our approach is primarily based in the upliftment of individuals from the ground up. In order to bridge the current gap between education and employment exacerbated by current crises, the root causes of inequality must be addressed.

PASSION

Sustainable programs that empower people to achieve their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

PURPOSE

Creating an enabling environment for the development and transformation of education by implementing skills and training programs focusing on communities.



"People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible."

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Where inspiration meets information



ECD LEARNERSHIPS

Foundational education is an essential component in securing the future welfare of all South Africans at a grassroots level. Each year ELET implements ECD course, training women from rural areas into proficient practitioners to teach this important phase of learning. The program remains our flag ship project, and we are ready to further increase our involvement in this important sector in 2024.



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Some moments in time find a permanent place in one's heart and reside there forever. The experience of graduating 159 of our learners on 29 September in the Level 5 ECD qualification is immensely inspiring to us. The atmosphere was overwhelmingly one of joy and hope at the ceremony as the women who had travelled great distances celebrated their wonderful achievements.

DID YOU KNOW?

The importance of Early Childhood Development stems from the ability to foster healthy habits and compassionate values, which carries over to older age.

PROGRAM LAUNCH FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This program is ELET's most recent addition to our ECD Learnership Program journey and goals- that is to prioritize and advocate for inclusive education in line with both South Africa's government mandate and the universally recognized SDG's. The launch of HWSETA Programs took place at Uvongo, south of Durban on 18 August.



Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 10 states that "inequality within and among countries is a persistent cause for concern." We aim to level the playing field of education through our ECD program which allows 90 rural women with disabilities from all over the country to achieve a NQF Level 4 ECD qualification. The aim is to ensure equal opportunities for these learners so that they are able to pursue sustainable careers.



7.5% of South Africans have a disability, including more than half of persons over the age of 85.



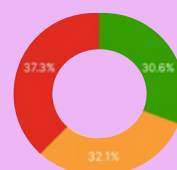
ECD INTERNSHIPS

200 of our level 5 ECD diploma graduates are currently enrolled in a 12-month Internship Program which began in June, 2023.

The full title of SDG 4 is:
"Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."

This is the first step towards ensuring the work-in-learning experience of these learners, providing a solid foundation for their absorption into the ECD sector and vital field of Foundational Education so that their valuable qualification is not neglected. It also provides a practical experience for interns to comfortably learn how to adapt to a formal workspace in the interests of their future career success and security. These interns serve their internship within their own communities, allowing for the transfer of skills and knowledge from qualified practitioners to community members.

DID YOU KNOW?



According to the Thrive by 5 report for KZN assessing 1,418,000 children in ECD programs, 30.6% are on track, 32.1% are falling behind and 37.3% are falling far behind. Up to 90% of South Africa's ECD practitioners are underqualified or unqualified.



Developing the bedrock of our society



FOUNDATIONAL PHASE LITERACY PROGRAM

According to the recent PIRLS study for 2021, only 19% of South African Grade 4 learners can read for meaning in any language. As a response to this study, ELET has decided to address this pressing issue by promoting reading and literacy from the ground up.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of schooling.

We have successfully implemented a literacy and reading program in 8 project schools in Umlazi District. This program has been funded by the IQRAA Trust with the Department of Education as a partner, and involves the provision of isiZulu and English language resources to the schools; workshops and on-site coaching support at schools.

ELET is hopeful that programs like these will assist to address the critical decline in literacy levels in our country.

Only 55% of South African teachers met the intermediate benchmark of Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) – which 82% of all grade 4 learners achieved internationally.

STEAM Teacher Development

ELET has once again successfully rolled out the SACE endorsed STEAM program, aimed to capacitate 34 GET phase educators (Grades 8 & 9) from 12 schools in the Umlazi District and improve teacher performance in the classroom for Mathematics, Physical Science, and Technology.

The targeted demographic was learners within the GET phase in order to ensure that a greater cohort of grade 10 learners elect science subjects in the FET phase. This will also lay a solid foundation for learners to pass well and be able to articulate to tertiary education programs.



Teachers were also supplied with tablets to re-energize and improve teaching and learning through migration towards mixed mode education. In this way, information may be shared among teachers long after the conclusion of the program.

This initiative has been endorsed by the Basic Department of Education (DBE).



The use of technology in classrooms promotes engagement, incorporates different learning styles and improves collaboration.



WORLD LITERACY DAY

International Literacy Day is observed annually on September 8th and serves as a global platform to raise awareness about the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right.

As part of ELET's Literacy and Reading initiative, International Literacy Day was celebrated at 8 project schools through a host of activities conducted in the month of September. These included: Plays, posters and interactive reading activities during which learners were required to imaginatively express stories and ideas to supplement their current school coursework.



The aim of this project was to inculcate a love for reading in young children, encourage their own personal interest in stories and to build their confidence as readers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children that read for 20 minutes a day or more have a greater chance of doing better on tests than 90% of their classmates.

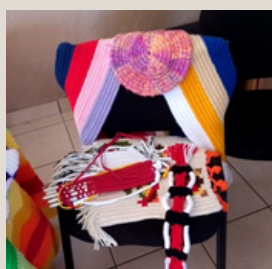


MICRO-CREDENTIALING

WEAVING

Partnering with the Rotary e-Club of South Africa One as part of our latest Learnership Program for learners with disabilities, this workshop facilitated their introduction into the basics of weaving. The purpose of the workshop was to support fine motor development, encourage social cohesion between students and provide future entrepreneurship opportunities.

We were privileged to witness the increase in confidence of their abilities as they honed this new skill and are looking forward to further workshops in the future.



ROBOTICS & CODING

ELET partnered with Young Coders to host an exciting and innovative workshop for 10 children between the ages of 8-10. Over the course of three days, participants were able to build structures out of colourful Lego pieces and then animate them using tablets.

This pilot program is a precursor to the rollout of a Coding and Robotics Course for lecturers and educators, as coding and robotics becomes an integral part of the school curriculum.



ENVIRONMENT



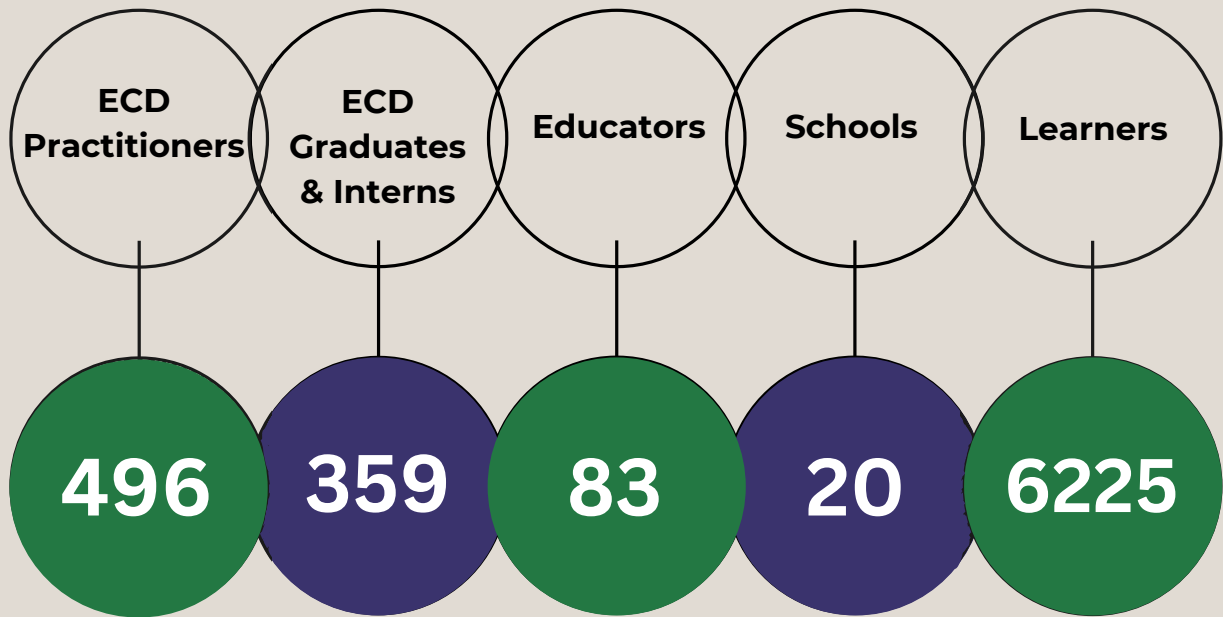
The effects of global warming result in the degradation of natural areas due to the inability of ecosystems to rapidly adapt to ever increasing temperatures. In commemoration of Arbor Day, ELET launched a Spekboom planting campaign in order to promote environmental awareness in our project schools, using the versatile Spekboom as an example of carbon sequestration.

In addition, waste management programs have been implemented at all ELET sites in order to ensure sustainable practice and healthy learning environments.

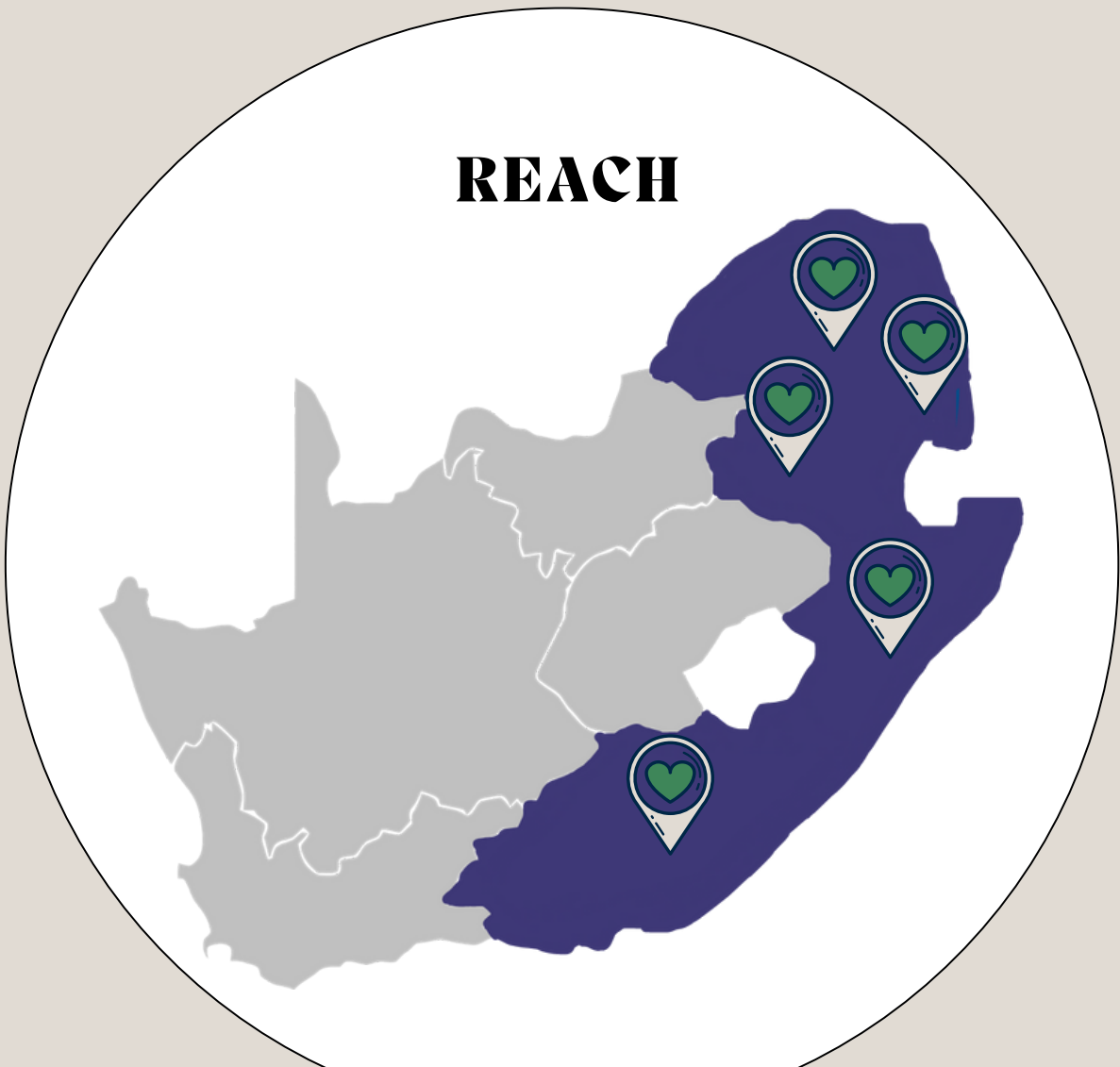
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

To celebrate Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM), our learners took part in their own initiatives. Activities included choral singing and praise poetry. Many voices rang out in thrilling harmony as the learners chanted "Whatever you may be, you can still triumph over your disability", and "I am proud of myself no matter what". In addition, learners also wrote and performed a play enacting the daily struggles of the disabled community, teaching us the meaning and impact of showing equal respect and kindness to all we encounter.

Principal Secretary at the Ministry for Public works and Transport Mr D Nkambule was in attendance to show his unwavering support for the project, as well as Thandi Maziko.



WORLD AIDS DAY

To commemorate World AIDS Day and as part of 16 days of Activism, our learners with disabilities at Shelly Beach composed praise poetry, chants, and musical items to reflect on the lessons that they have learned thus far and to bring awareness to these difficult issues. Our keynote speaker was Leandra Naidoo, received a personal commendation from former president Thabo Mbeki for her BA degree. A candle was lit in honour of those lost to HIV/AIDS, and red ribbons were handed out to be worn in solidarity with the victims of this disease.

Our learners touchingly thanked ELET for giving them one such opportunity to learn, better and express themselves within this cradle of care and support amid the challenges of life.



MANDELA DAY

On this historically momentous day, ELET drove a staff initiative in the form of a collection drive for hampers to be donated to 3 creches housing roughly 60 children. Food packs were also thankfully received, and we made sure to motivate them to keep up their reading and learning.



WORLD FOOD DAY

In order to spread awareness on the importance of food security as well as show our support for passionate welfare agencies, ELET organized 35 meals to distribute at the Cheshire Homes residential care facility.



CAREER DAY

In October this year, ELET shared in the enthusiasm and energy of Oceanview Primary School on their exciting career day. Our environmental coordinator gave a presentation on environmental careers of the future.

2023 has been a period of ground-breaking achievements for ELET. We want to thank our funders & donors, stakeholders, partners, practitioners, learners and staff, for helping us to make this a year to remember. Our organization turns 40 next year and we would like to think that this small beacon of hope will thrive for another 40 years and continue to transform the lives of those that need it the most.

Thank you for being part of our incredible journey. From all of us at ELET, be safe, blissful and have the most amazing festive period ever.

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