

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This annual report feels like a tale of two different years. The second half of 2024 saw incredible growth by Amandla, both in terms of our team and our impact. Then the first half of 2025 saw dramatic change and the potential rolling back of decades of progress. While we don't want to focus on the negative, we do have to consider our work in terms of its impact and its sustainability.

So, let's start with our impact. We worked with over 79,000 young people across 48 schools and our 5 Safe Spaces. Of those testing HIV+ we consistently linked 95-100% to care. Reporting of incidences of domestic violence increased by 400%. We opened our solar maintenance and installation academy and trained 35 young people to work in a growing field. In short, a lot of young people entrusted their education and care to Amandla, and we're proud to say we believe we stewarded that trust well.



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But, we're still here.

The foundation Amandla has laid over time that has built trust within our community, and our organisational and government partners are what we'll rebuild on. As the NGO sector shrinks, we have government partners we can point our youth to and a history of working with both to make services work for the youth. As we all must become more strategic to complement each other's work, Amandla believes we're well positioned to lead. After all, building coalitions to tackle the full complexity inherent in the challenges our youth face is what Amandla was created to do.

There's much uncertainty now and to come, but we're ready for it.

Best,

Scott Clarke



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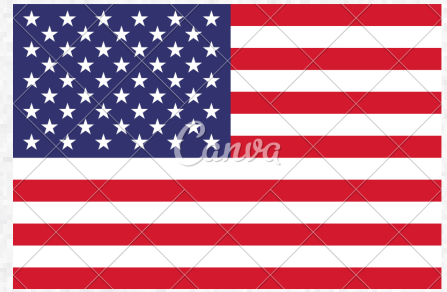
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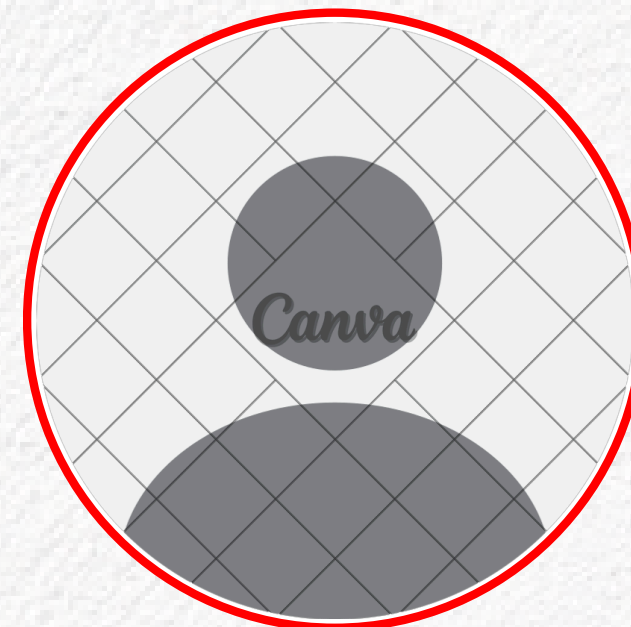
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2024 TO 2025 IN NUMBERS



<p>79,172 Young people reached</p>	<p>60 Partner organisations</p>
<p>50,267 HIV tests conducted</p>	<p>50 Partner schools</p>
<p>2,341 Youth initiated on PrEP</p>	<p>68 ECD centre partners</p>
<p>102 HIV+ youth linked to ART</p>	



FROM CRADLE TO CAREER



At the heart of Amandla Development's work is the belief that young people should be supported at every stage of their journey – from early childhood right through to entering the world of work. During the year, Amandla continued to serve as the backbone of the Philippi Collective Network (PCN), a collaboration of more than 60 community organisations, government departments, and schools working together to better support young people. Through this network, partnerships continued to grow across Philippi, Samora Machel, Heinz Park, and Mitchells Plain, both in schools and in community spaces. Guided by Amandla's vision of helping every young person reach their full and dignified potential, the organisation strengthened relationships with local clinics, schools, and youth-focused NGOs to ensure that young people could access the support and services they need when they need them.



Amandla's Safe Spaces remained core to the organisation's community work. These welcoming, non-judgmental environments provided young people with access to:

- Counselling and peer support groups
- HIV testing and reproductive health services
- Homework support and daily meals
- Structured life-skills and health programmes

Between 2024 and 2025, our safe spaces served a total of 79,172 youth across Philippi, Samora Machel, Heinz Park, and Mitchells Plain.



Programmes delivered through Safe Spaces during the year included:

- One Man Can – engaging men and boys in challenging gender-based violence and promoting gender equality
- Vhutshilo – supporting young people in understanding sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention
- Sinovuyo Kids – assisting teenage mothers to care for their babies while continuing education
- Grassroot Soccer – using sport as a vehicle for health education and mentorship



RESOURCE ACCESS PROGRAMME

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The Resource Access Programme continued to strengthen the connection between learners, their families, and their schools. The year began with focus group discussions involving parents and caregivers to better understand their level of engagement in their children's education. Findings from these discussions were shared at parent meetings and informed the introduction of several targeted support programmes.



The following programmes were implemented to bridge gaps between families and schools:

- Families Matter! — supporting caregivers in building positive parenting practices and discussing sexual health and HIV prevention with their children
- KidzAlive — focused on improving health outcomes for children and adolescents living with HIV
- Soul Buddyz Clubs — a school and community initiative helping children build life skills and engage with social and health issues
- Keeping Girls in School — reducing dropout rates, teenage pregnancies, and HIV infections among girls aged 14–18



Resource Access Program



Peer Mentors remained active across 12 RAP schools, and CSA's in 48 schools, providing structured guidance to learners in Grades 4 through to 12, with the RAP mentors mainly focusing on the grades 4,7 and 9 – key transition years in the schooling journey. When specific challenges arose, knowledge partners from the Working Groups facilitated specialised sessions to ensure learners received timely support.

The impact of these efforts was reflected in measurable outcomes:

- Matric results across participating schools improved by 2.1% compared to the previous year
- Teenage pregnancy cases declined significantly, with only 13 cases recorded in the final quarter of the reporting period
- The Learner Pregnancy Programme, implemented in partnership with the Department of Health, improved learner access to reproductive health information and contraception services

Resource Access Program

School-based mentoring and health education also contributed to positive changes in learner wellbeing. Through the Learner Pregnancy Programme, implemented in partnership with the Department of Health in secondary schools, learners received improved access to reproductive health information and services, including contraception. As a result, schools reported a noticeable decline in teenage pregnancies, with only 13 cases recorded in the final quarter of the reporting period.



Despite external challenges, RAP has continued to foster resilience in the school going youth within Philippi, and has increased their agency to seek services that they require timeously.



COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS



During the year, our programmes began to recognise an important gap: many of the young women we support have partners who had not previously been included in the programming. This insight led to the expansion of the Male Sex Partner (MSP) programme, which focuses on engaging young men around challenging harmful ideas of masculinity, preventing gender-based violence and femicide, and strengthening HIV prevention. Implemented through the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Domestic Violence Working Groups, the programme achieved notable results:



- 13,737 male partners of programme participants were tested for HIV
 - Community outreach campaigns, workshops, and advocacy activities expanded dialogue around gender-based violence
- Reported domestic violence cases declined, with fewer cases handled in local victim-friendly support rooms



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Progress within the Early Childhood Development Working Group was significant. The number of registered ECD centres increased from 39 to 56 during the year, through strong partnerships with the Western Cape Department of Social Development and the Early Learning Resource Unit. This milestone helped more centres become eligible to apply for government funding.

The Literacy Working Group continued encouraging a love for reading among young learners. Six of the ten invited primary schools participated in the year's reading competition for Grade 3 and Grade 4 learners, with activities conducted in both English and isiXhosa. A notable highlight was the first-time involvement of parents, whose presence created a sense of pride and boosted learner confidence.



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The Philippi Collective Network continued to serve as a vital platform for collaboration between schools, community organisations, government partners, and parents. The first PCN meeting of the year brought together 118 participants, including representatives from 44 partner organisations, 19 schools, and several School Governing Bodies (SGBs). The gathering reflected the strong community commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people in Philippi. The most impactful moments of the meeting was the inclusion of learner voices. A group of learners from different schools shared their personal experiences, speaking openly about the challenges they faced at school and at home. Their contributions grounded the discussion and reinforced the network's commitment to keeping young people at the centre of its work.



One of the most compelling examples of the impact of Amandla's Safe Spaces came from the Vhutshilo HIV support group programme, which served young people living with HIV at Crossroads Clinic.

A 20-year-old woman from Philippi entered the programme carrying a significant emotional burden. Prior to joining, she struggled deeply to accept her HIV status. Conversations about HIV triggered anxiety and fear, and she often felt isolated and uncertain about her future. Stigma had left her feeling unable to speak openly about her experience.

Through regular sessions, she gained knowledge about living positively with HIV, challenged the stigma she had internalised, and gradually rebuilt her confidence.

"The Vhutshilo programme helped me reclaim my life at a time when I felt overwhelmed by fear."

Her journey began to change when one of Amandla's Social Auxiliary Workers introduced her to the Vhutshilo support group. Although initially hesitant, she found comfort in the safe and understanding environment provided by the group.

By the end of the programme, she was living with renewed purpose and openly sharing her journey to support others in her community facing similar challenges – a testament to the transformative power of peer support and safe, accessible services.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Figures in Rands	2025	2024
Grants and Donations Received	39,486,029.00	29,498,333.00
Other Income	69,740.00	-
Operating Expenses	(42,148,458.00)	(28,719,191.00)
Operating Surplus	(2,592,689.00)	(779,142.00)
Investment Income	149,365.00	120,570.00
Surplus for the year	(2,443,324.00)	899,712.00
Total Surplus for the year	(2,443,324.00)	899,712.00

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