



# NEWSLETTER

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**Thank you for the veggies!**



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The monthly supply of vegetables to six pre-schools continues to be a priority paid for by LTPT and administered by Yolisa Gqirana from the Nomonde office.

# The Pandemic and LTPT Finances

	LTPT Budget April 2020 to March 2021			Actual Out-turn 31 March 2021 £
	As originally set pre-pandemic £	Pandemic scenario projected May 2020 £	Pandemic final scenario revised 3 March 2021 £	
Income	36,400	12,700	25,300	28,076
Expenditure	32,400	12,800	25,000	26,894
Surplus / deficit	4,000	100	300	1,092

## The Story

### ‘Finances - Looking Ahead’

This was the headline on page 4 of the February 2021 issue of the last Newsletter. Written early in January, we had projected then an income of £14,600 and expenditure of £11,500. The table above shows dramatically the initial shock that the pandemic gave to our budget arising from the cancellation of the profitable events programme. The final out turn is way above the gloomy scenario of last May and has been made possible by the wonderful response to four special appeals, many of the extra donations qualifying for gift aid.

In our last issue, concerning our 10th Year Anniversary Project and the Nomonde Playground improvement it was reported that:-

‘The aim is to clear out the playground equipment unsuitable for young children; to introduce a fenced artificially grassed area and a sun protecting carport for toddlers; where necessary to improve hard surfaces of the playground; to attach netting to the lower part of the external fencing to deal with the problem of windblown sand; to re-introduce the garden; and to install suitable educational and play equipment’.

Happily, the late surge in donations since Christmas enabled the Board to commission the start of work on the Nomonde playground, now to be completed in two self - contained stages. The first stage covering 80% of the project is illustrated in this issue. The second stage, including the sun-shielding carport, will be completed when we are able to pay for it, hopefully towards the end of this year.



## Nomonde Playground Stage 1

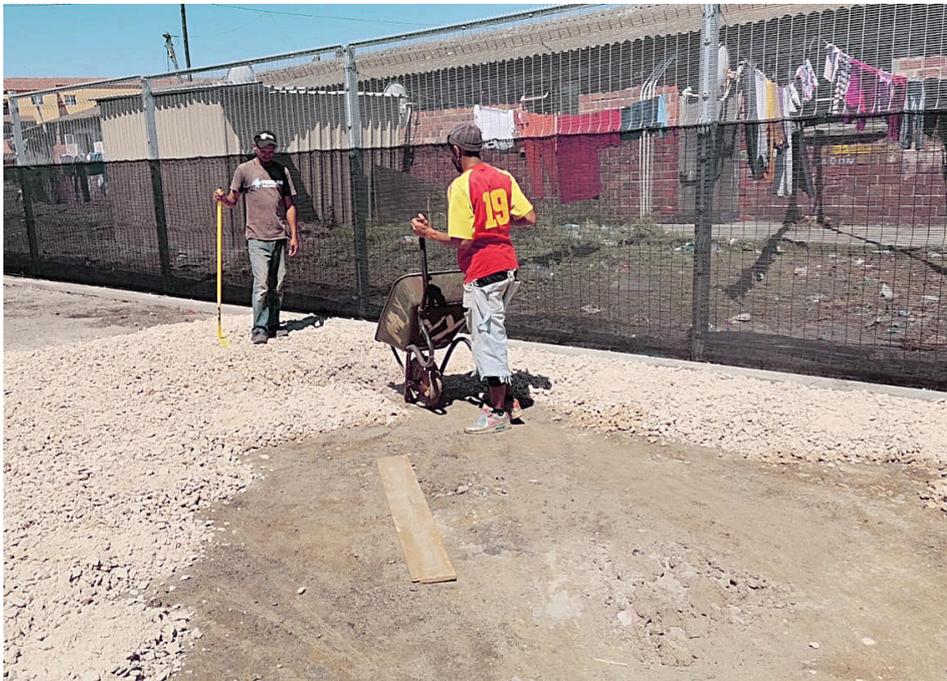
Construction work has now been completed, following work in stages as money became available from mid - February to early April. The photos show the progress and include the very prominent jungle gym donated by the VUSA Rugby and Learning Academy and another purchased by LTPT.

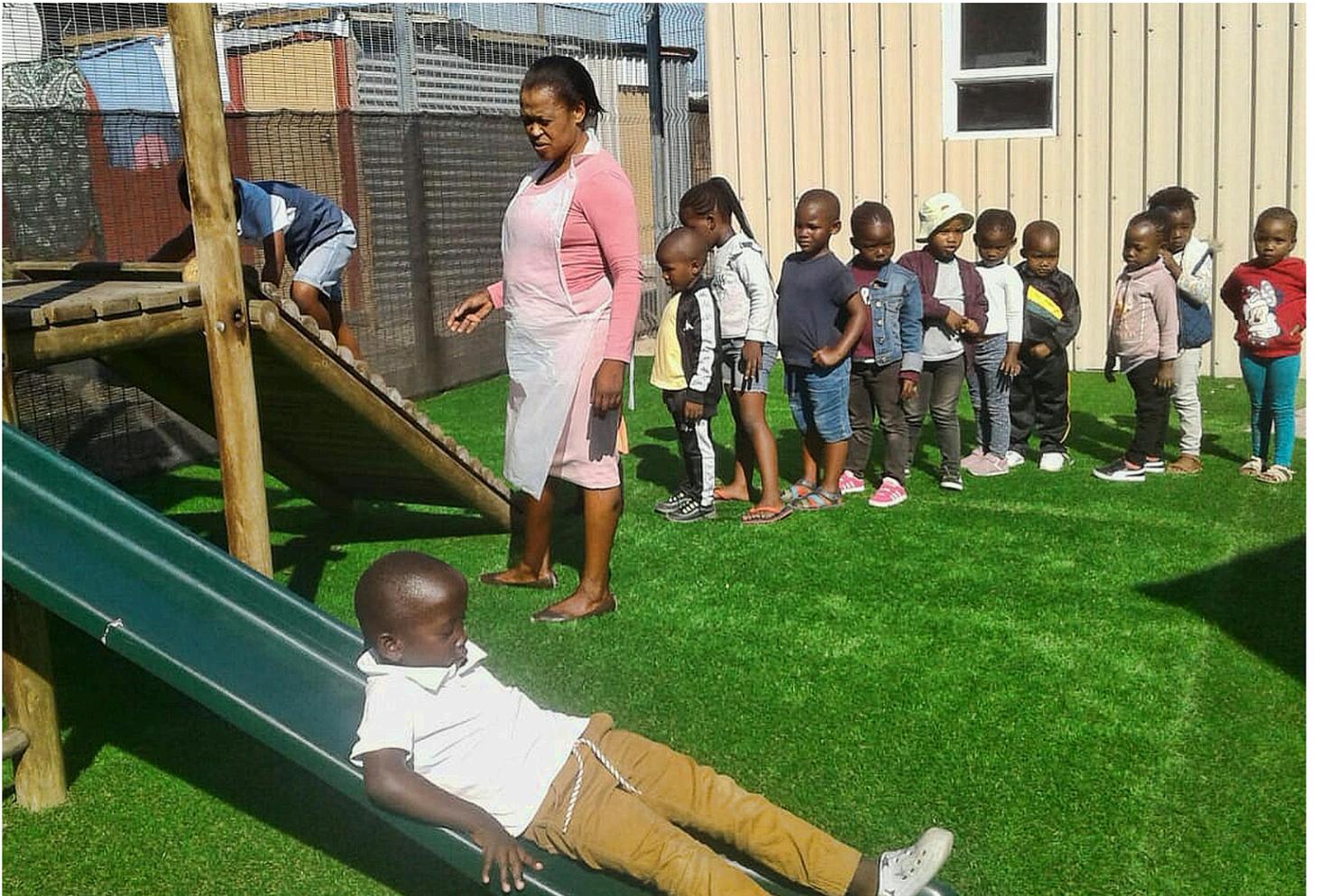
This has been the responsibility of Clarence Petersen Building Projects supported by Clarence's wife, Nadia.

Clarence's leadership and commitment to the job have been greatly appreciated.

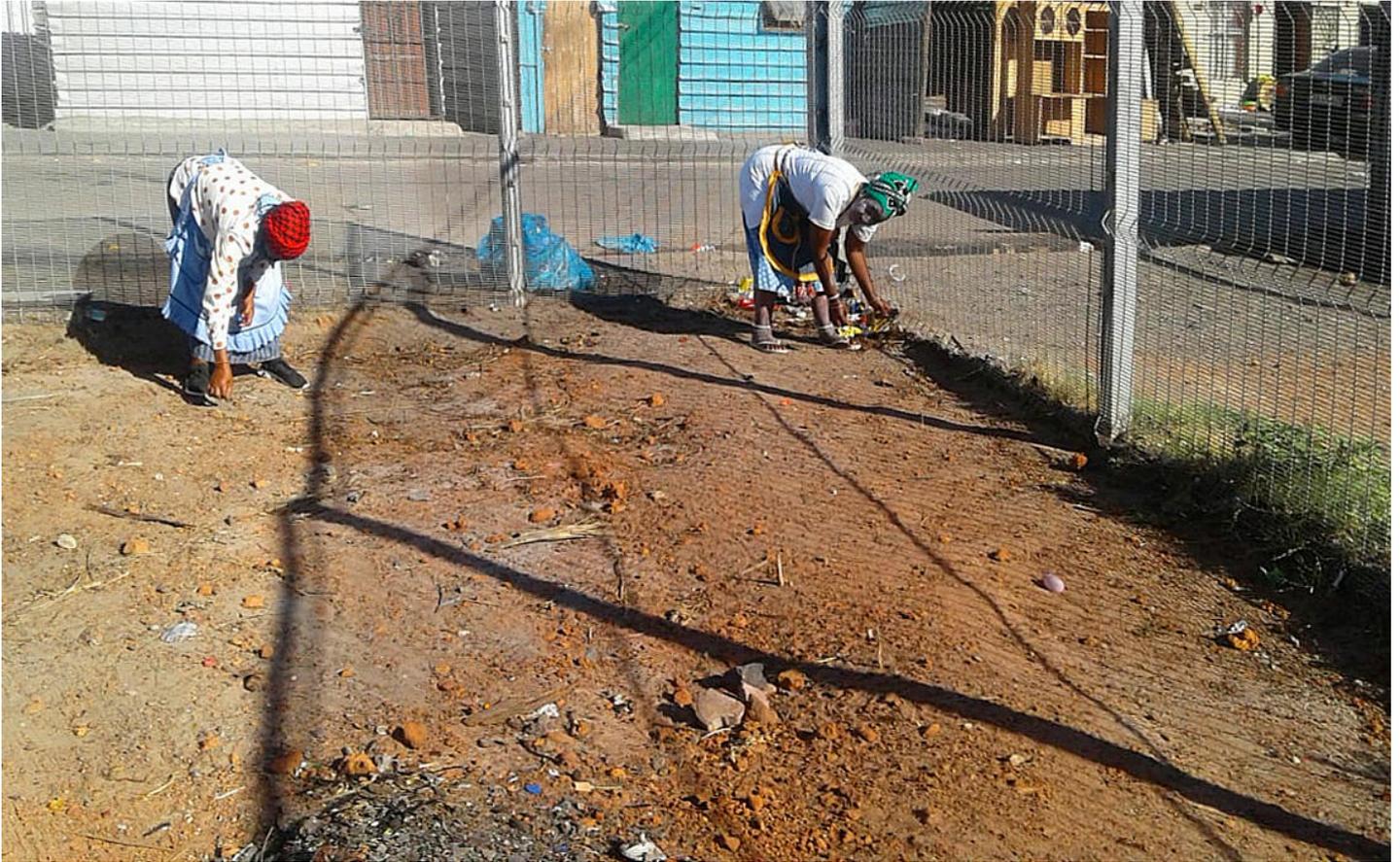
Clarence writes, 'COVID 19 has had a devastating effect on construction businesses and general employment. For months without work if you are a breadwinner the stress and daily struggle are devastating on you as a person. Lockdown has not made it easier so when I get work I employ those in need with the skill to get the work done.

'Township employees sit next to the road waiting to be taken on 'piece jobs' such as gardening or general labour on sites. The dedication and commitment of work they produce shows you that they want to be employed again. When I create opportunities such as this it makes me sleep better to know another household has something to eat during this pandemic!'

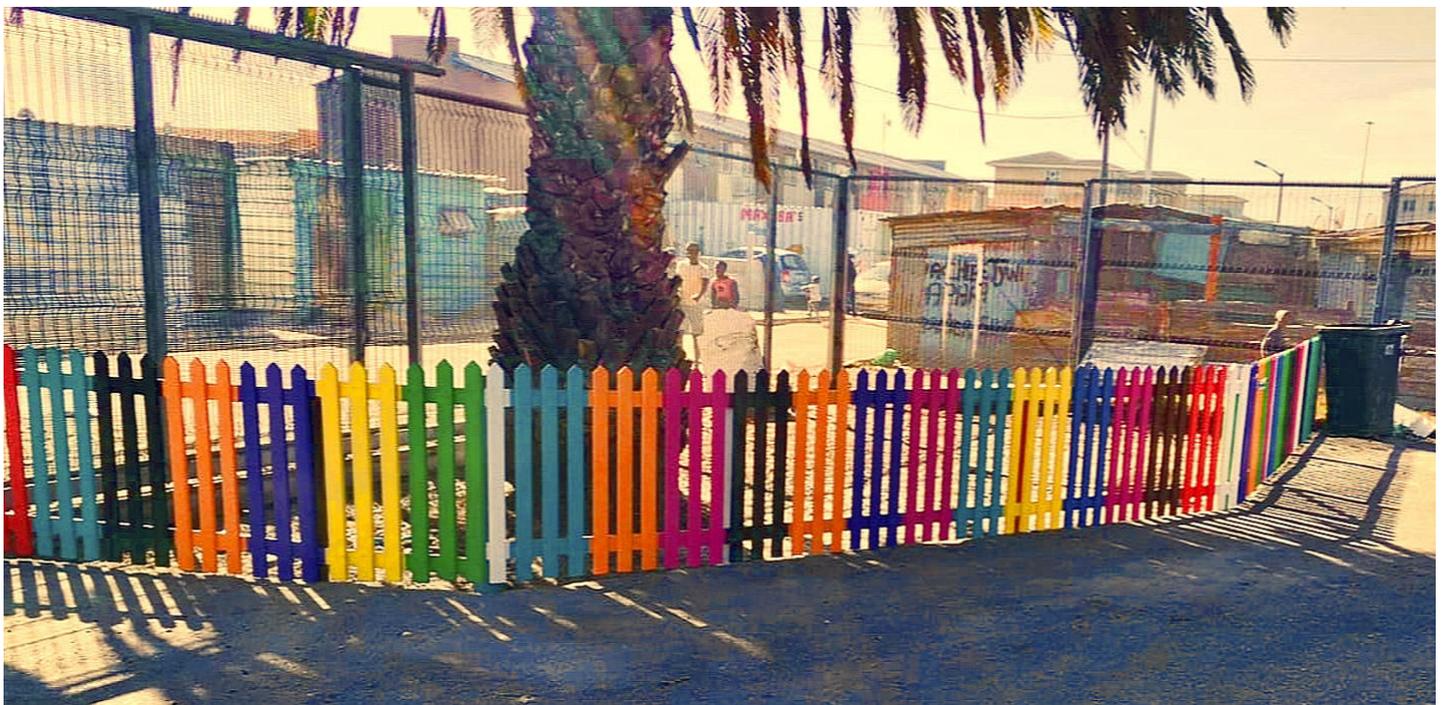




# The Vegetable Garden



Evalina and Lizeka in the 'garden'

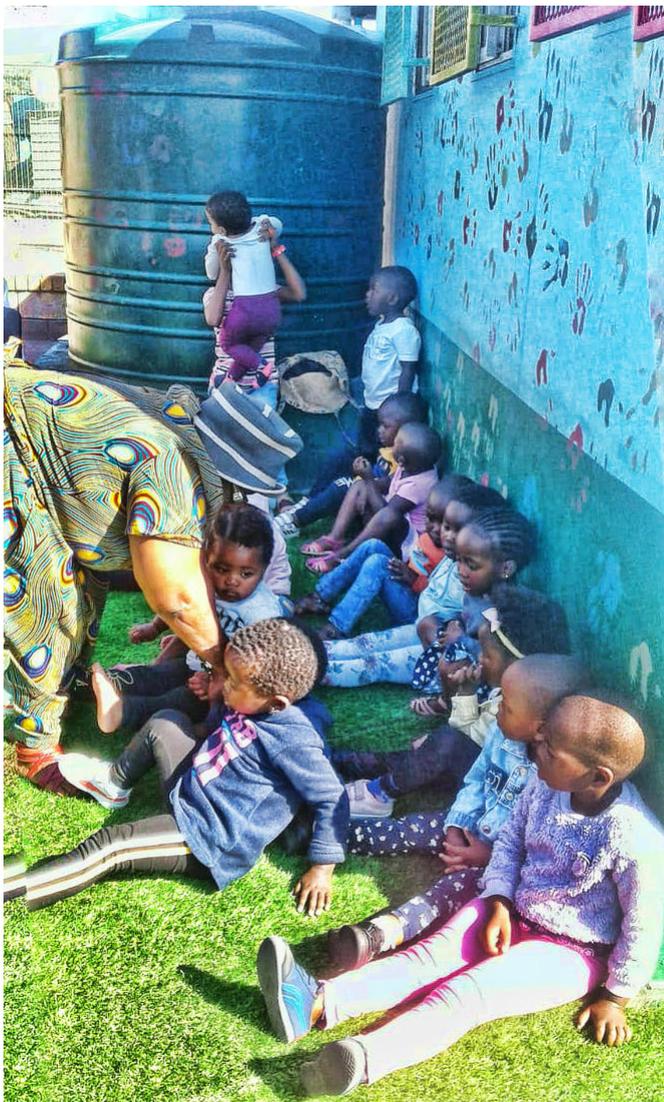


Fenced garden awaiting soil, fertiliser and seedlings

# Nomonde Playground Stage 2 Appeal

To complete the playground Stage 2 involves, removing the redundant equipment, preparing the ground for the artificial grass and erecting the sun-shielding car port. The cost will be £9,000 and our hope is to commission the work to be completed in October. Commitments for this to date have been received for £4,000 and we have pencilled in a profit of £2,000 from our two pending events. This leaves us with £3,000 to find.

*Opposite and below right:* The unsuitable climbing frame positioned in front of the LTPT donated two-classroom block needs to be removed and the rough surfaced ground area prepared for the laying of an artificial grass surface.



Toddlers sheltering from the blazing sun





Facing the pandemic LTPT has come across this astounding organisation. It started only six year ago, 'with one thought, one pot, one person and now it is a huge movement.' Its motivation is captured by the Sanskrit word, Seva - the art of selfless service.

Karin Winkelman reports:

'We have various beneficiaries in Langa, and many other areas of Cape Town. We supply around 138 primary beneficiaries with bulk produce and non-perishable items. Some of these primary beneficiaries share the items with other soup kitchens and through this system, we are supporting an estimated 400 soup kitchens in Cape Town. One of our main goals it supplying the items and then the soup kitchens make the food to feed the various communities.

'Below are our stats since the beginning of lockdown in South Africa.

Time period: Start of lockdown 20 March 2020 – 11 April 2021 (inclusive):

Hot meals and breakfasts: 324,721

Sandwiches: 4,273,914

Eggs: 397,282;

Bulk produce & groceries: 1,871,227kg

Farm vegetables: 2,055kg

'The above equates to a total of 14,553,812 meals.

On behalf of LTPT Nadia Petersen contacted Ladles of Love to see if they would be able to help with the completion of the Nomonde Pre-School garden, which had been donated by Clarence Petersen during his recent playground reconstruction for LTPT. The garden is not only an educational project for the children, but for the kitchen aims to grow spinach, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, broccoli and onions. Lizeka Saiti, the Nomonde cook will be the gardener advised by Evalina Sukwana, known in Langa as 'green fingers' because of her gardening initiatives. Evalina is also on the Management Committee of Nomonde Pre-School'.

Danny from Ladles of Love, with Lizeka during his visit to Nomonde on 29 April



# LTPT Events Programme Resuming!

## MOTOWN AT THE MAZZA

An Adventure in Indian cuisine

Wed 14 July 7pm

It is good to announce that, in support of pre-school children in Langa Township, Cape Town, we have been able to arrange our first event for over a year or so. This is to be a Music Night at the Mazza in Marlowes on Wednesday 14 July, starting at 7pm.

Clayton Stevens accompanied by Bernie on the saxophone, brilliantly brings us Soul and Motown. This event is the one postponed last September. There are only 80 places available so should you wish to attend please reserve your place/s (£25 each) through Gordon by sending an appropriate cheque for 'LTPT' or by transferring to the LTPT account, Sort 08 92 99, Account 6547185200, with the reference 'Motown'.

Should circumstances be such that the event cannot be held you will be refunded in full.

## GIN & JAZZ AT THE GATSBY

WED 15 SEP 7PM - 11PM



Event postponed last September return of brilliant London saxophonist Al Nichols with his Quartet. Repeat, following great success in May 2019.

Cocktail on arrival, three course dinner; smart casual! £45 per ticket, proceeds to support children in Nomonde Pre-School.

Please contact Rosina on 07720 897037 for more information or to reserve places.

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