



Project Success Story

South Africa

Despite apartheid officially ending in 1994, separatism and stark inequality still pervade South Africa. The effects can be seen at the earliest instances in education. Children growing up in the townships have dramatically fewer opportunities than do those who grow up in the towns. *ODFL has been working to reduce these inequalities.*



The children love their newly renovated preschool

With our local partner, Cuddle Trust, we have **renovated 21 preschools**. The owners have been taught how to run a preschool, train staff, and develop curriculum. Each preschool is also given a jungle gym, a water collection system, and new play equipment.



The children now start school knowing their colors, shapes, and numbers. Increased activity since jungle gyms have been installed has increased their upper body strength.

We did extensive renovations at Putfontein School, an underfunded school in the township of Midrand. The school had a packed down dirt field and no other play equipment.



New Kindergarten Room



Balancing structure built at Putfontein

In addition to converting a storage room to a kindergarten room, we built a balancing structure and painted numerous games on the walkways.



Games on the walkways

The children were so excited when they saw the work in progress that it was difficult to keep them away from the wet paint!

In 2017, we built the Reya Gona Care Center for disabled children. Prior to Reya Gona, there was no facility in the township of 450,000 to serve disabled children. When parents had work, disabled children that were too big to carry had to be locked up at home. They received no education, socialization or physical therapy. At the new center, they get all of these and they have been given wheelchairs so that their parents can get them to school.



Therapist working with child



Inside Reya Gona Disabled Care Center

Therapists work with the parents in the evenings, teaching them how to help their children with physical therapy. Doctors videoconference in when needed.

Adolescent girls encounter a different problem. When they reach puberty, if they have no way to deal with their period, they miss a week of school a month. After a year, they are so far behind they can never catch up and they drop out of school.



These girls are smiling because they just learned they would be able to complete high school. In most cases the girls will be the first in their family to do so.

One Dollar For Life's *Girls' Equality Project* (GEP) is solving this problem by providing thousands of girls with washable sanitary supplies and giving them feminine hygiene education, all at no cost to them. The GEP kits last for three years, usually long enough for the girls to finish school. With this advantage, these girls can look forward to the same opportunities as boys. This is something they could not have imagined before.



Education session during and after a GEP kit distribution

With computer donations from American schools, we have helped set up two Community Computer Labs to provide vocational training and education to local students and adults.



Some of our projects, like GEP, help girls. Some, like the preschool and school renovations, help both boys and girls. And some like the water catchment systems and the computer labs help everyone.

Reaching young people with even the smallest of assistance raises the trajectory of their life, for the rest of their life! And they, then, pass it on to others. *That* is ODFL.

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