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It's our goal to empower local professionals in underresourced communities and (post)conflict affected areas by equipping them with the skills, knowledge and tools to help them make a change in the lives of children and youth they work with. Therefore we offer trainings and help with intervention implementation in the field of Mental Health and Education. This way we uplift the community from within and help to create better opportunities and outcomes for (traumatized) children and youth at risk.



Reflecting on our successful partnerships of 2023, we are proud to announce that, we've trained 212 professionals, and by doing so have made an impact on the lives of over 3000 children and youth across four African countries in more than 20 under-resourced communities.

Key collaborations include esteemed organizations like Dream Factory, GCU, Home Stead, The pedal project and Lighthouse Ministry. The following pages provide detailed insights into each organization's mission, target group, and the distinctive dynamics of our collaborations.

2023

The homestead

Misson: help street children reconstruct their lives, provide prevention and early intervention to children and families in disadvantaged communities.

where: South Africa

Website: homestead.org.za

Target group: homeless, orphaned, abused and neglected children and youth.

Impact: currently 47 children in their care, but impacting lots of children and youth in prevention and intervention as well.

Our collaboration

Train for Change trained 3 groups of of The homestead in 4 sessions of trauma-sensitive care. Over 40 Social- and child care workers participated. We are happy to provide ongoing training to the homestead in 2024.



2023

Great Commission United (GCU)

Misson: provide the youth of Heideveld with the opportunity of a better future through providing education tools and life skills .

where: South Africa. Heideveld and surroundings

Website: gcu.org.za

Target group: from early childhood to adolesence. (2-25+ years)

Impact: offers education & sport, fostercare, youth employment and empowerment and much more. Affecting hundreds in the community.

Our collaboration

Train for Change trained 2 teams of GCU. First we trained the 7 managers and social workers. After that we trained over 30 young (under 25) sports coaches and teachers in trauma sensitive teaching and care. We look forward to ongoing collaboration!



2023

Lighthouse Ministry

Misson: committed to children and teenagers growing up in extreme poverty and an unsafe home situation With educational programs, meals, practical help, hostels and lots of love, they strive to offer a hopeful future.

Website: lighthouseministry.nl

Target group: children and teenagers 4- 18

where: Namibia Rehoboth, block E

Impact: over 75 children and 25 teenagers participate in their programs daily, they also offer a place to sleep for those in need.

Our collaboration

Train for Change offered the rolemodels a 2-day training in "Teaching techniques" as most teachers weren't qualified. After that they completed a full 4 day training in trauma-sensitive care for children and teenagers. Each participant got a personal coaching sessions as well, based on observations prior and after training.



2023

Bana Ba Metsi School

Misson: To provide an opportunity for youth at risk to develop understandings, skills, attitudes and personal qualities through the dignity of learning and work, in order to re-enter the formal education system and become productive members of the community.

Website: banabametsi.org

Target group: boys only - most of whom have been affected by problems which interfered with their primary level education such as HIV/AIDS, poverty, bullying and being orphaned.

Impact: yearly enrolment capacity of 50 students, with the goal to reintegrate into society

where: Botswana

Our collaboration

Train for Change offered workshops in trauma sensitive teaching to the team of Bana Ba Metsi. We trained 10 people of their dedicated staff. We helped implement with practical classroom activities and lesson plans for the team to engage and re-connect with the boys.



2023

Dream Factory

Misson: education-focused organization providing hope, skills and meaningful opportunities to young people across africa. They design & implement programs for inschool youth, and out-of-school youth, that meet their socioeconomic needs, enabling them to participate meaningfully in society.

Website: dreamfactory.africa

Target group: Young people, 12-25 years out. Some programs have a focus on young women.

Impact: Over 500 young people a year in their own programs, + lots of youth in collaboration wit schools.

where: Botswana & South Africa

Our collaboration

Train for Change trained the team of 7 in South Africa in trauma sensitive care. In Botswana we provided traumasensitive workshops to 70 young people, aged 13-16 to empower them in being peer-educators. We have a ongoing collaboration, soon we'll train groups in (sexual) abuse too.



2023

Gold Youth Development

Misson: to empower peer leaders to become positive rolemodels and agents of community change. Changing the system of youth education and upbringing – enabling all young people to grow up in their communities powerfully.

Website: goldyouth.org

Target group: Adolescents at risk in under-resourced area's

Impact: active in 6 African countries - 31 297 gold Peer Educators, trained and mentored, as well as 1000's of jobs, internships and peers reached

where: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Rwanda

Our collaboration

Train for Change the team of 5 social workers in Botswana in trauma sensitive care. In collaboration with dreamfactory above we provided traumasensitive workshops in Botswana to 70 youth in high schools to be peer-educators.



2023

Pedal Project

Misson: bringing together the physically challenging activity of mountain biking, with caring mentors and therapeutic support tools. They do this to uplift and help young South Africans from disadvantaged backgrounds with their socioemotional development.

Website: pedalproject.co.za

Target group: Vulnerable children aged 6-12 in the under-resourced communities of the Western Cape

where: Communities surrounding Cape Town

Impact: Improving both physical and mental health on a daily basis with groups of children.

Our collaboration

Train for Change provided a workshop in trauma-sensitive support the coaches of the pedal project. In the new year we will do a coaching-skills program as well as the full training in trauma-sensitive support and psychological first aid.







As we stand on the threshold of 2024, We are delighted to continue our **ongoing collaborations** with esteemed organizations like the above mentioned organizations: The Dream Factory, GCU, Pedal Project, and The Homestead. They will for example participate in follow-up trainings about trauma, (sexual) child abuse, teaching skills and child protection policies.

In the pages below we will outline some of our **new confirmed partnerships** for the first quarter of 2024. Our partnerships will not be limited to these, and we are hopeful to build plenty meaningful new and ongoing partnerships with local schools and NGO's across the global south throughout 2024.

Our goal for 2024 is ambitious yet heartfelt—to train over 500 professionals, impacting the lives of over 7500 children and youth at risk. We envision achieving this with the support of a dedicated local team, fostering opportunities for young changemakers to contribute meaningfully to our shared mission.



Confirmed new partnerships for the first quarter of 2024:

Ikhaya le Themba: In the community of Izamu Yethu in Houtbay we will be training the staff (+- 20) of Ikhaya le Themba in a practical "teaching skills" training, as well as a full training in Trauma sensitive Teaching. They serve 135 vulnerable children of this community everyday.

School of Hope: We will train the 20 teachers of School of Hope in Observatory, Cape Town in trauma-sensitive teaching. They provide a second chance to vulnerable young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to complete their schooling.

hope.org.za



Confirmed new partnerships for the first quarter of 2024:

Ukhanyo foundation: Ukhanyo Foundation provides a 'secondchance' multi-faceted support programme to learners from disadvantaged backgrounds who have been unsuccessful in their matric examinations. We will train the dedicated team in trauma sensitve teaching.



Potential new partnerships:

We are far in the process of exploring the possibilities to collaborate with the following organizations that make meaningfull impact at vulnerable children and youth in under-resourced area's:

- Jerry bobi development projects (South Africa
- Sakha Sonke Spring stars football club
- Sesikhona community development
- Community Keepers and their partnering schools in and around Cape Town
- The Healthy Mom and Baby clinic in Jeffrey's Bay
- Tereo Project School South Africa
- Pedal Project South Africa



Potential new partnerships:

- Pebbles Project South Africa
- Vulamasango South Africa
- Home from Home South Africa
- Ghana Education Outcomes Project
- Yabonga South Africa
- John Fisher Institute Uganda
- Ceci Uganda
- pebbles project South Africa

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels to keep up with our collaborations and efforts with the amazing teams we have the privilege of working with!

Funding Partners





Our funding partners

At Train for Change, we believe in the power of collaboration to create lasting impact. Our work would not be possible without the invaluable ongoing support of our dedicated funding partners: **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Pro Juventute, Derect, and Takatuka.** These esteemed organizations provide essential resources that enable us to train local professionals, deliver critical services, and support the well-being of children and youth in under-resourced areas. Their unwavering commitment and generous contributions are indispensable to our mission. We extend our deepest gratitude to our funding partners for their invaluable support and shared vision for a better future.

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