



Saving the Girl Child from the Street

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Kulula Skills Centre

Numbers of Things September '97 - September '98

11: Girls entered the Kulula Life Skills programme.

4: Girls were successfully reintegrated with their families.

2 518: Kulula functions within a 'family' environment, providing stability and security. The girls were part of this environment for a combined total of 2 518 days.

118: Children from the streets spent weekends and holidays at Kulula.

937: The children from the streets were the guests of Kulula for a combined 937 days.

22: During Christmas and New Year 22 children spent time with us instead of on the streets.

10 262: Meals were prepared and served by the girls in the project.

435: While many life skills are presented academically, we endeavour to maintain a therapeutic environment with life skills training underlying in most of our interaction with the children - the girls attended and participated in more than 435 such opportunities.

372: The number of times English tutorials presented - focus is on the spoken word, grammar, literature, comprehension, doing research with oral presentations, video and book reports, etc.

562: Typing lessons attended.

18: Words per minute, the average typing speed of the girls that have been in the programme for longer than 6 months. A remarkable accomplishment - the girls never typed before.

82: Ducks, geese, turkeys and chickens hatched.

30: Girls experienced the turkey's bad temper by being chased all over the farm.

3: Girls kicked by the turkey - thought that they could tease him and get away with it - a well learned lesson for them.

140: The depth of the borehole before finally finding water (3 000 lt/hr).

2 600: The metres of pvc water pipe installed. Now all the buildings have running water, plus, and additional 47 copper taps were fitted for outside/farm use.

850: Metres of electrical cable used for the installation of electricity in all the buildings.

277: Square metres of structures completed - the main and storeroom/classroom buildings.

3: Wooden cabins added to the existing 5 cabins - these cabins are used for the housing of the children and the staff.

1 100: In an attempt for the project to eventually become more self-sufficient 1 100 olive trees were planted on 4 hectares of land.

350: Indigenous trees planted on the farm.

600: Year-old saplings are being nurtured and cared for, to be planted next year.

2: 'Children' are welcomed, loved and immediately spoiled. The two donkeys, named "Patat" and "Lekkerbek", provide ample opportunity for affection.

1: Large vegetable garden established. Each girl also has her own veggie patch for which she accepts sole responsibility - this exercise provides an opportunity to evaluate individual performance and dedication to see a long-term task to an end.

27: Social, educational and cultural outings were attended.

209: Children had the benefit of attending the arranged social, educational and cultural outings.