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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER



Michael-Daniel Bam

Founder & Head: Projects

From the outset of this year, the Foundation has truly taken off. What began as vision and commitment has evolved into structured, measurable impact. Running Project Eudaimonia for its third Christmas marked not only continuity, but meaningful growth in scale, reach, and credibility.

Together, we raised a total of R145,275 - a figure that represents trust, partnership, and belief in our work.

I am deeply grateful and sincerely thankful to our supporters, volunteers, and donors. Your belief, time, and generosity made this year possible. This year reaffirmed that when purpose is paired with action, real change follows. It strengthened our governance, partnerships, and long-term sustainability, and reinforced why this work matters.

Every decision was guided by responsibility, transparency, and care, ensuring growth never comes at the cost of integrity or impact. As we move forward, we do so with intention, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to meaningful, lasting change.

650 +

Lives Impacted

R145,275

Total Raised

2

New Projects

THE BOARD



Armand Bam

Chairman & Director

Our Board of Directors - Prof. Armand Bam, Mr Jacques Schippers, and Mr Kurt Miller - contribute extensive expertise from diverse sectors.

Their insight and leadership guide the Foundation's path, ensuring that every initiative we undertake remains effective and built for long-term sustainability.

"This year reaffirmed the Foundation's purpose: to respond with care, responsibility, and dignity to the needs of the communities we serve.

Despite a challenging environment, the Foundation remains anchored in its values, delivering initiatives that balance compassion with discipline.

Thank you to all who contribute their time and support. I am confident in the direction we continue to pursue."

Armand Bam



Jacques Schippers

Director



Kurt Miller

Director

THE TEAM



Michael-Daniel Bam

Head: Projects

Michael-Daniel leads the Foundation daily. He is joined by Lyndon, Head: Media & Communications, who manages media engagements and ensures our work is communicated effectively. Leo, Fundraising Assistant, manages our fundraising with a partner school, while our committed volunteers bring projects to life and help expand the Foundation's impact.

"This year has been truly eye opening for me. Helping out has been incredibly rewarding, and being part of the Foundation has shown me what real impact looks like. We've grown, excelled, and reached so many people who genuinely needed support. It has shaped my perspective and purpose."

Leo Azuma



Lyndon Julius

Head: Media & Communications



Leo Azuma

Fundraising Assistant

QUARTER 4

OCT - DEC



Outreach & Impact

Quarter 4 reflected a period of consolidation, deeper collaboration, and expanded impact across healthcare, youth development, and community support. Engagement with Groote Schuur Hospital's Adolescent Centre of Excellence (ACE) formed a key focus during this quarter. Following an ecosystem tour on adolescent healthcare, the Foundation conducted further site visits to identify operational and patient needs through direct engagement with staff and patients.

R64,111

Raised in Goods

These engagements informed targeted interventions, including the provision of administrative diaries and the identification of needs for improved waiting room entertainment and equipment for the Fit Club obesity clinic. Through corporate partnership, Takealot sponsored goods valued at R64,111, which were delivered and installed at ACE in early December.

250

Meals Provided



Youth mentorship advanced meaningfully through the formal launch of Project Entelechy. Initial engagements brought together young changemakers from across South Africa, including Mpumalanga, Gauteng, and the Western Cape, focusing on mentorship, leadership development, and guidance for youth-led community initiatives.

This commitment translated into practical support when the Foundation facilitated and sponsored a mentee's attendance at the Digital Justice Summit hosted by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.



QUARTER 4 OCT - DEC

Outreach & Impact

Community outreach remained central, with the launch of a clothing drive in October and the implementation of Project Eudaimonia Christmas in December. The project culminated in the distribution phase on 20 December, reaching over 250 individuals and expanding into the Cape Flats, including Lotus River and Parkwood, marking a significant growth in reach.

This quarter also saw R11,410.46 raised in cash, alongside increased public visibility through a national television interview, an endorsement from music sensation Majosi, and strong social media engagement, with the Foundation's Instagram reaching 40,975 views.





FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2025



Total Raised

R145,275

Total Raised in Cash

R81,164

This year, the Foundation reached major fundraising milestones, raising R145,275 through proposals, eight fundraisers, events, campaigns, and nearly 100 meetings with supporters and partners. These funds supported Projects Eudaimonia, Plýsi, Entelechy, and broader community initiatives. This year also saw the creation of the Future Fund, an FNB Invest account where a portion of incoming funds is set aside to grow and provide financial resilience for future needs.

Total Raised in Goods

R64,111

PROJECT EUDAIMONIA



This year marked major milestones, including our third consecutive Christmas running the project and the fifth iteration overall. Both the Easter and Christmas initiatives were each supported by 26 volunteers, totalling 52 volunteers across the year for Project Eudaimonia. The volunteer base included familiar faces alongside many new individuals, some previously unknown to the Foundation, reflecting growing reach, trust, and a strengthening sense of community ownership.

Easter '25

- Over Easter, Project Eudaimonia reached more than 160 individuals experiencing homelessness, providing nutritious meals and distributing U-Turn vouchers. This initiative not only offered immediate relief but also supported fellow non-profits working on long-term pathways out of homelessness through coordinated, dignity-centred assistance.

160 +

Individuals Assisted

Christmas '25

- During Christmas, the project fed over 260 individuals, expanded into Parkwood, and reached a broader community beyond homelessness alone. U-Turn vouchers were distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness, strengthening collaboration with partner non-profits and extending impact across the Cape Flats.

260 +

Individuals Assisted

PROJECT PLYSI



Launch - Human Rights Day

Project Plysi was birthed after the Cape Town Central Library reached out following a December 2024 interview on eNCA. The project was officially launched on Human Rights Day at the library, focusing on dignity and access to basic hygiene. Twenty-five hygiene parcels were distributed to individuals in need, most experiencing homelessness, establishing the project's purpose and impact.

25

People Supported

Women's Day

On Women's Day, Project Plysi expanded after a local church made contact regarding the needs within its community, having heard an interview on Radio Tygerberg. The Foundation sponsored and packed 50 hygiene parcels as part of a broader initiative, contributing to a total of 500 packs distributed and supporting 500 women through dignity-centred care.

500

Women Supported

14

Volunteers

PROJECT ENTELECHY



Project Entelechy supports 3 young change makers, across the country!

Project Entelechy is focused on inspiring, guiding, and supporting young change makers to drive positive social impact in a sustainable and effective manner. The programme currently serves three young people, each aged between 16 and 18, based in different provinces across South Africa. This marks a significant step in taking the Foundation's work nationwide, extending its reach beyond Cape Town. Through mentorship, guidance, and consistent support, Project Entelechy equips young leaders with the skills, confidence, and strategic thinking needed to strengthen their initiatives, grow responsibly, and create meaningful change within their own communities and beyond.

Heideveld
Western Cape

Shakoor

Midvaal
Gauteng

Katleho

Phake
Mpumalanga

Kagiso

FUTURE OUTLOOK



Projects

For 2026: Project Eudaimonia is planned to run twice, with donations already being accepted for the Easter initiative. Project Plýsi aims to run at least twice, with a stronger focus on female-centred needs, specifically access to sanitary products. Clothing collected through a donation drive from earlier this year, alongside financial contributions, will be consolidated to support a women's and children's shelter for survivors of gender-based violence. Project Entelechy will expand to support at least five young people through regular mentorship and by facilitating access to learning opportunities.

Financial

Looking ahead to 2026, the Foundation's financial outlook is focused on sustainability, growth, and resilience. Plans include exploring further investment opportunities for the Future Fund to responsibly grow existing reserves. The Foundation also aims to diversify fundraising through varied initiatives and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, ensuring long-term financial stability and expanded impact.

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