



**Help us to  
build solid  
foundations  
for learning  
in South  
Africa**



'Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon which you  
can use to change  
the world'

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A crisis is currently plaguing South Africans - The effects are far-reaching and serious. From bustling cities to rural landscapes, this crisis does not discriminate and impacts people across our country regardless of age, race, gender or class.

The crisis is illiteracy... and the impact is most severe on our country's poorest citizens.

Research indicates that despite the huge investment made by the SA government, the returns for basic education are poor. Collaboration is required by various stakeholders in society to change this.

The work of **Kamohelo Development Foundation** is designed to do just that. We collaborate with the public and private sector, and civil society to find solutions to the challenges in the education!

# Did you know...?

A large number of South African children have historically not received the proper foundations for learning provided through structured ECD.

Less than 40% of 5 year-old children in SA were enrolled at an educational institution in 2002. By 2012 the number of enrollments had almost tripled.



Research points to an education system which has grown exponentially and is buckling under the strain. This has affected the quality of teaching and learning.

A large number of South African children are not able to read at expected levels.

60% of South African children do not learn to read for meaning in any language by the end of Grade 3.



65% of Grade R learners enter Grade 1 without the necessary skills or concepts to master reading.

8 out of 10 children in SA cannot read according to an international study. SA performed worst out of 50 countries in this study.



South Africans as a nation are also not reading enough....

Only 14% of our country's population read books.

Only 5% of parents read to their children.



# About us...

Kamohelo Development Foundation is a registered Non-Profit Company based in Gauteng, the economic hub of South Africa.

Our mission is to make a positive contribution to the education sector by providing resources and opportunities to historically disadvantaged schools by working with educators and children.


We have a passion for Early Childhood Development (ECD) and our projects are focused on creating an enabling teaching and learning environment in which both educators and students can thrive.

Young children learn best when they participate in the learning process, are encouraged to explore, create, and play.

Studies show that Grade R has an overall positive impact on later learning outcomes.

ECD is critically important for cognitive, behavioural and social growth.

Children starting school with early literacy skills have a distinct advantage over those who don't.



## The importance of Early Childhood Literacy

An inability to read properly means that "many learners never get a firm grasp on the first rung of the academic ladder and fall behind.

Good reading skills enable children to learn much more and it enables them to learn independently.

The value of literacy extends beyond the classroom, equipping children with knowledge, skills and confidence to participate actively in society .

# Laying Solid Foundations for Early Childhood Literacy & Numeracy

Our early learning program is aimed at empowering teachers with the knowledge and skills to teach literacy and numeracy in a fun and interactive manner. We focus on the pedagogy of play and the achievement of specific learning outcomes. Classroom resources are donated which provides numerous opportunities for incidental learning. Ongoing support is provided to teachers to ensure optimal teaching and learning.



We train Grade R teachers on how to:

Teach literacy and numeracy in a fun and interactive manner.

Provide a learning environment for children with special educational needs.

We provide educational toys and other learning resources to Grade R classrooms who are very often poorly or insufficiently equipped to provide a stimulating learning environment.

We provide lesson plans to guide teachers in their daily classroom activities.

We give ongoing support through school visits and coaching to ensure that teachers are able to apply what they've learnt, in their classrooms.

We instill a culture of continuous learning towards the professional development of teachers.

close to  
**10 000**  
5 & 6-year olds are  
learning through play

**223**

Classrooms have  
been resourced with  
teaching & learning  
materials

**455**

Teachers have been  
trained to teach  
literacy and  
numeracy in a fun  
and interactive way

**108**

schools and ECD  
centres in

**5** provinces are benefiting  
from our program

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**Our  
impact  
since  
2016**

