

# Sustainably uplifting rural isolated communities within South Africa



2015 Annual Report  
Flying for Life

# OUR VISION

TO BRING HELP, HOPE AND HEALING TO RURAL ISOLATED COMMUNITIES WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA

# OUR PURPOSE

TO USE AIR TRANSPORT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS, DOCTORS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPEMNT (ECD) SPECIALISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS

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## WHAT IS FFL?

Flying for life is a registered Section 18A Public Benefit Organisation (2011/002050/08) that is committed to taking help, hope and healing to rural isolated communities in South Africa.

Flying for Life enables medical professionals, early childhood development trainers, social development specialists and other non-profit organisations to assist communities in need. We develop relationships and identify different needs in these communities that are beyond the reach of reliable roads, and use aviation to bring them the solutions they need.

Flying for Life currently focuses on the communities living in the Vhembe District of Limpopo and partners with the

Tshikundamalema and Ha-Makuya tribes, which consists of 46 villages collectively.

We partner with Love Trust, Pink Drive, CHOC, JAM, volunteer medical practitioners and the local tribal authorities to ensure we sustainably uplift the community according to their most urgent needs.

All of this is only possible through the dedicated volunteers, partners, and financial support provided by our donor



**“Flying for Life makes it possible for medical specialists to provide rural communities with much needed health care through a time saving flying service,”**

**- Professor Polla Roux**

# To serve and equip



2015 has been a year of defining who we are and what our purpose is here in South Africa. We believe that we have been given the mandate of partnering with small business, corporates, organisations and individuals to impact South Africa and to encourage people to be the change they want to see. We also believe that South Africa has a pool of very skilled individuals who want to give back but don't know how. As Flying for Life we want to bring about awareness and get people involved.

Our focus in 2015 has been to serve and equip!

Through the Flying for Life project we have been able to serve and build relationships with the Local Department of Health in Limpopo and work together to alleviate basic issues in very rural communities. We have been able to serve communities through enabling other non-profit organisations to get to these areas. We believe we have learnt a great deal from our time in these communities; it is not about giving, it is about enabling. We have found that the community no longer looks to us for what we can provide for them, but rather for what they can learn so that they can provide for themselves.

Through wisdom and insight from our council and donors we have been able to accomplish all that we set out to do at the beginning of the year.

Maxine Holman  
Managing Director for Flying for Life

## Council report

2015 has been a year of challenges and changes in which we used wisdom and guidance from our partners and donors for solutions being implemented in our activities.

On a practical level, we facilitated more flights, took more doctors into poor rural areas, partnered with more organisations to council and bring hope, and taught more people how to farm than any time in the past. This has only been possible through hard work from the full-time staff, support from local council members, and generosity from donors.

As a council we are excited to see and be part of the growth in all areas of our work, but are also aware of the great needs still not met.

The vision we have for 2016 is exhilarating and we stand in anticipation to see what we will be able to accomplish.

Braam van den Berg  
Vice Chairman



**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Teacher training by numbers  
for 2015



13 flights

1 crèche revamped

3 partner organisations flown

12 teachers being trained



**A crèche restored**

This year Ransom, a division of Willows Methodist Church, adopted the Segole creche and began the grulling task of revamping it.

The creche is now completed, equipped with a functioning toilet, kitchen and classroom facilities as well as developmental toys and educational equipment.

**Training teachers**

Khuti is one of the teachers on the programme who is excelling beyond expectation. She is being trained and equipped to be the next facilitator. If the future Khuti will take on the role of training other creche teachers in the district.

The other 11 teachers have been performing exceptionally well and are doing better than other teachers in the programme.

There is a great demand from other local creche teachers to be placed on the programme and we're looking into expanding this project in 2016/17.



## HEALTH CARE

Health Care  
by numbers for 2015



15 flights



7 communities served



3 partner organisations flown



308 general patients seen

138 cataract surgeries performed

406 dental patients seen

5 cancer awareness focused flights



### Restoring sight:

Joyce received cataract surgery mid-2015. Before the surgery her life had deteriorated until she could no longer work or simply take care of her family. She had lost her regular job as a waitress and cleaner at the South African National Defence Force and could no longer see her grandchildren. It was during this time that her house burnt down and using her hands to check the builder's workmanship she rebuilt her home from the ground up. Despite her determination to keep going, she was desperate for help.

Through information given to her by the nearby clinic, Joyce heard about the cataract surgery taking place at Donald Fraser Hospital run by Flying for Life. Asking strangers for help, she walked and took several taxis to eventually arrive at the hospital to be assessed. Thankfully she was put onto the waiting list, although the list had about 200 people on it, which would mean a year of waiting. She was devastated by the news that she would be spending a further year without a job and unable to care for or see her family.

Praying for things to change and pleading with the hospital staff she described how a "miracle" happened, and within a few weeks they called her to tell her she would be having her surgery within the month. Joyce passionately tells her story to anyone who will listen now and refers all her hard of seeing friends to the Flying for Life programme.

### Cancer awareness:

Shadrak lives in a secluded mountainous region. It's hard to imagine, but in this area there is no access to professional medical care beyond a local clinic. As

Shadrak is just one of the children we have helped since we started flying there. In 2015 he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He is 10 years old.

With our help, Shadrak was admitted to the Donald Fraser Hospital in Polokwane in October. He stayed there for two months to undergo many tests. Thankfully the tumour was declared benign. But it is still a tumour that can seriously affect his life. Shadrak will need to make regular trips to the hospital so they can monitor the lump.





# 2016 Goals

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## Extending into other provinces

We realise there are many other rural communities within South Africa that need a helping hand in

development. Our aim is to look for communities in northern Kwa-Zulu Natal in 2016 and use the same model we have in Limpopo to develop these communities.



## Eye Doctor Clinics

In 2016 we'd like to expand our eye doctor clinic to Elim Hospital in Limpopo as well as recruit more ophthalmologists to assist with cataract surgeries.



## IQ Football

We are looking to partner with IQ Football who will be developing brain-centred soccer training programs within Limpopo as part of our Social Economic Development and Enterprise Development. IQ Football's goal is to up-skill the local coaches so that they can run their own businesses and employ other locals.

Through teaching soccer, IQ Football will be developing fine motor skills and aiding the brain development of players.

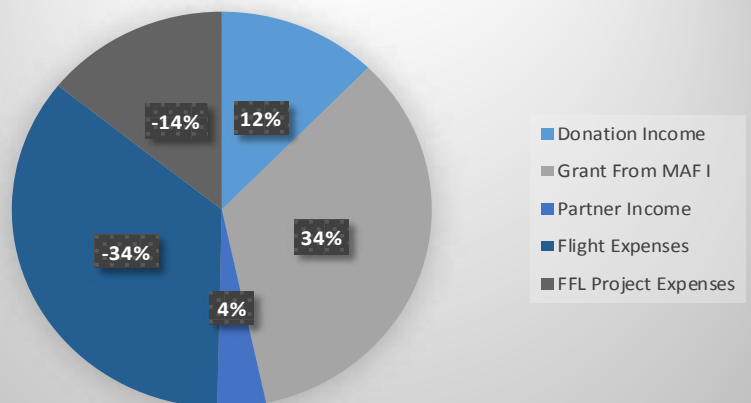


# 2015 Financial Report

## Flying for Life

Donation Income	322 106
Grant From MAF I	900 000
Partner Income	98 186
Flight Expenses	(928 827)
FFL Project Expenses	(372 887)
<b>Net result</b>	<b>18 578</b>

## Flying for Life Income and expenses



# Flying for Life 2015 in numbers

41 flights

13 partner organisations flown

22 communities impacted

138 eye surgeries performed

731 patients seen

1 creche built

150 Bibles handed out

5 known salvations



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