



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, 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 our dedicated volunteers, partners, and donors.

“We will be involved with the teaching of five doctors who are specialising in Ophthalmology. Most of them are from Limpopo and once qualified they will help to operate at a specialist level across different hospitals in Limpopo. Once more I want to reiterate how grateful we are to Flying for Life for their service because without the possibility to fly to the Vhembe area we would never have become involved.”

Dr Polla Roux



Maxine Holman
Managing Director for Flying for Life

Braam van den Berg
Vice Chairman



Flying for Life Projects

Healthcare

Eyes

Through Flying for Life's partnerships with volunteer Ophthalmologists from Pretoria and Johannesburg, patients in the Vhembe District were able to receive life-changing cataract surgeries for free. In 2016, we conducted eight flights for this project and 154 patients received cataract surgery.

Teeth

Many children in rural communities do not know about oral hygiene. By collaborating with the Department of Health and dentists from Johannesburg and Pretoria we saw 125 patients who were educated on dental hygiene and examined.

General Practitioners

Patients in rural isolated areas can wait up to a month to be seen by a doctor. 104 patients received medical attention and 22 women had a cervical examination.

Disability

The lack of specialist disability services in rural communities has left many disabled people without treatment or a good quality of life. We flew in Jan Willem, a Social Worker from Operation Mobilisation, who trained the teachers at the Disability Centre to best understand their clients and compiled medical reports for each of the 22 children.

Cancer Awareness

Many of the clinics and traditional healers know very little about cancer and how to identify its early stages. We flew Choc and Pink Drive who trained 44 people in cancer awareness, 227 people were assessed, and 2 people were referred for further examination.

Health Care by numbers for 2016

6 partners flown

154 cataract surgeries

126 general patients

125 dental patients

227 examined for cancer

22 disabled people supported



Early Childhood Development

Teachers

We flew in Kathy Mercer from LoveTrust to train 12 current caregivers from local crèches. They received training to become registered SAQA approved teachers.

Crèches

Tanda community received a shade as well as a jungle gym and a cultivated garden because of the partners we flew in who felt the desire to improve the community's facilities.

Social Development

Football

We flew in IQ Football, which facilitated a programme that uses brain-centred training methods to speed up and improve the mental processes of a player, including concentration, special awareness, and speed of thought. Training in this way created a positive space in working with the community.

Farming

FFL flights made it possible for Farming God's Way to reach Makuya and surrounding schools. Vegetable gardens were planted that both the school and community could benefit from.

Early Childhood and Social Development by numbers for 2016

4 partners flown

12 Teachers Trained

Flying for Life Financials 2016

Flying for Life Objectives 2017

Flying for Life in numbers 2016

39 flights

6 partner organisations flown

4 communities impacted

154 cataract surgeries performed

104 patients seen by a General Practitioner

22 women had a cervical examination

125 patients seen by a Dentist

44 people were trained in cancer awareness

227 people scanned for cancer | 2 people referred for further examination

3 schools experienced a Career Training Day

12 Teachers trained

300 children received gifts and a Christmas party

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