On her first day at Nkwenkwezi High, Aimée Mwamba loses her lucky coin. It was given to her by her grandmother before she fled the civil war in the DRC. It is something precious from her country, and she has kept it safe across many borders and through many refugee camps. So when she drops it, and handsome, charming Mandla picks it up, she is determined to get it back. But why has he kept it? And what does he want from her in return?

Click for information on Social Assistance for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in South Africa.
Key Focus Areas

- EDUCATION
- FUTURE
- HEALTH
- COUNSELLING
- DATA & ANALYTICS
- COMMUNITY
- SAFETY

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“It seems the people we engage with are more open and honest when writing than when speaking telephonically. I use less skills to prompt them for further responses than I would telephonically.”

loveLife counsellor
Feedback direct from Learners

EDUCATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS?

NOVEMBER 2012

THIS SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED WITH LEARNERS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF LEARNERS, ACROSS ALL PROVINCES.

RESPONDENTS: 7324
SURVEY RAN FROM 22 NOVEMBER TO 27 NOVEMBER 2012

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Sample weighted to be nationally representative.
Map of all schools registered on Ukufunda
Ngangolwandile has 695 learners registered on Ukufunda.
Early Childhood Development
The first 12 months of a child’s life is the most critical, especially for sensory and language development.
Nal’ibali stories for children

Welcome back Andrew & Ridge

As parents & caregivers, we all dream of success for our children. Storytelling & reading is one way to grow our children’s potential and help them become successful learners at school.

NOTE: Your current language is set to Afrikaans.
Change it here to view the stories in other languages.

YOU WERE LAST READING
Die koning en die voets

UMnumzane uNogwaja waphuma ekhaya lakhe elisehlathini. Isibhakabhaka sasekuseni sasiluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka. Utshani buluhlaza okotshani. Izihlahla zinyakazizwa umoya opholile. Ihlathi lalichwaza izingoma zezinyoni. Kodwa ...

Kumata wakhe wokusula izinyawo ophambo kwendlu kwakuhona into angakaze ayibone ngaphambili: imali eyiphepha entsha ewu-R200.

Activities are designed to be **fun, cost-effective and easy.**

Most activities can be done using everyday items found around the house.
Daily activities are specific to the age and developmental stage.
Feedback from parents

“Oh I noticed that he enjoys being involved in helping out around the house and be asked to help, and also enjoys being praised for doing well, thanks a lot he enjoyed this a lot”

Caregivers reported that 42% of the children had a lot of fun during the activities. A further 29% of them were smiling and laughing a lot.

More than half of the caregivers who provided activity feedback gave the activity 5 stars.
Rich Feedback

“My son was laughing a lot in such a way I’ve never noticed. He even wanted to hold my hands the way he was so happy.”

“She was having lots of fun and she was leaning back and forth. I haven’t seen my lil’ angel so calm n happy.”

“I didn’t know that he was so clever. I didn’t have to repeat everything I said. He loved it!:D”
Rich Feedback

“it made my child happy even when there wasn’t much fun happening. I noticed that I also enjoyed it because it made me happy to see my child happy and it gave me and my child a strong relationship and bond”

“Siyamthanda I notice she loves to be in hands n she feel it when someone loves her n notice she really needs me more than anything now I finally hve that bond wth ma baby girl”
Rich Feedback

**Sphosethu**
Adventurer • 3 years old

**Cotton ball clouds:** 2014/03/19
I notice that sphosethu learns easier if his using things and hands

**Sort me, pack me:** 2014/03/20
He becomes angry when he can not get the activite riyt

**Which one fits?:** 2014/03/25
His need you to be patiant and not shout because his good with his hands

**Animal walking:** 2014/03/19
He knows a lot about animals

**Picture sorting:** 2014/03/20
You have to be patient with him but when he get the hang of thing he had fun

**Ladder walk:** 2014/03/26
His listen skills are improving
Rich Feedback

Which way is up?: 2014/03/26
Because i used animals i saw that he knows a lot of animals

This is the way we hang our clothes: 2014/04/01
He was calm and he completed the task

Bounce, kick, throw: 2014/04/01
He likes when you keep him busy

What was that?: 2014/03/31
His good at listening

Potato printing: 2014/04/01
He was curious and he looked like he had a lot of fun

Eyedropper painting: 2014/04/01
He loves working with colours
Key Lessons

• Excellent geographic coverage (leveraging the power of mobile phones)

• Highly engaged users (but relatively few)

• Rich data

• Lots of positive feedback (including mention of improved relationships)
Key Lessons

- General lack of awareness of the benefits of ECD
- Cost of access is a barrier
- Are we targeting the right people?
- Need an integrated approach
- Technology moves fast (but danger of leaving others behind)
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