

# DIRECTOR'S report

This has been a year where many changes took place. Marietha Oelofse was the Director from 1 April 2017 – 7 January 2018. Lisl Roodt was appointed from 8 January 2018 and served in the post for the rest of the reporting year. Katlego Ratshidi was appointed as the new Senior Social Worker and manager of the Ikageng office.

Reaching the end of an era I also became very aware on how in the last 10 years services were adjusted to serve in the need of the community. We have moved from general life skills to specific programs with specific targets.

The focus this year was once again on parenting skills, including fatherhood and keeping the young school girl in school through prevention programs on Teenage Pregnancy. We are excited to partner with the Department of Social Development on a program to run the Sinovuyo Program that focuses on strengthening relationships between teenagers and their parents.

From the statistics it is evident that our Families and especially relationships, are greatly challenged. Most people struggle to hear what their partners or siblings need. Most people have a big hole in their heart and do not have the ability to communicate it to those nearest to them, without blaming. There is a worldwide focus on society's obsession with screens and the effect it has on personal communication skills.

Every year the total of therapy sessions increase. This year it stabilized as it correlates with the same statistics as last year. More children in schools were reached through the different programs.

Getting men involved in the Fatherhood program stays a severe challenge.

Once again thank you to the BOM for support and to each personnel member for doing their part faithfully and with passion to be the difference in each person's life that we work with.

My prayer for FAMSA is that this organisation will keep going from strength to strength. I experienced that we were blessed with personnel and grace from above that carried us through difficult times and I know will carry this organisation in future.

Thank you.

**Marietha Oelofse**