

## Pebbles Project Staff 2012 - 2013

From left to right: Tashwell Beardman, Anna-mari Botha, Gletwin Brown, Marileze Buys, Aimee Du Toit, Sophia Warner, Phillipa Carolin, Estee Heyns, Mineke Toerien, Andrew Fredericks, Marelle Blomerus, Aletta Swarts, Laura Stopforth, Lettie Lindoor, Charles Summers, Melanie Julius, Louisa Greyvenstein



## Pebbles Staff Training 2012 - 2013

We believe in giving our staff the opportunity to develop their own skills in order to do the best job possible. During 2012—2013, our staff attended the following training, workshops and network meetings:

DSD forum meetings	Marelle Blomeus, Estee Heyns	4 meetings
NPO Leadership and Strategy Course	Sophia Warner, Marileze Buys	5 days
FASD Conference	Sophia Warner, Estee Heyns, Aimee du Toit, Mineke Toerien, Marelle Blomerus, Phillipa Carolin	1 day
SWOKK meetings	Mineke Toerien, Estee Heyns	1 meeting
Paediatric HIV/TB workshop	Mineke Toerien	1 day
Child Trauma Conference	Mineke Toerien	2 days
Protective Behaviours workshop	Mineke Toerien	1 day
ABBA network meetings	Mineke Toerien	6 meetings

### Pebbles Project SA Trustees 2012 - 2013

Sophia Warner, Mzokhona Mvemve, Peter Blaine, Anna Lusty, Keith Prothero, Stephen Digby, Lucy Warner

### Pebbles Project UK Directors 2012 - 2013

Sophia Warner, Keith Prothero, Ray Abercromby, David Wainwright, Elizabeth Clifton

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# Director's Report 2013

After a tough year last year, Pebbles had a much better financial year in 2012 - 2013. Our income increased by R900,000 which enabled us to increase our number of beneficiaries and staff. Our board of trustees have given their time for free to guide the organisation through a period of growth and expansion and we offer gratitude for their passionate contribution. Our board of trustees during 2012 - 2013 were: Anna Lusty, Mzokhona Mvemve, Peter Blaine, Stephen Digby, Keith Prothero, Lucy Warner and Sophia Warner. At the end of the 2012 - 2013 financial year, we sadly accepted the resignation of three trustees - Anna and Mzokhona who have been with Pebbles since its inception in 2004 and Keith who will remain as a Pebbles UK Director and one of our most dedicated fundraisers. As Mzokhona put in his letter of resignation: "Forever a Pebble". These three trustees have given so much to Pebbles over the years and will not be forgotten.

### Forever a Pebble

During 2012 - 2013 Pebbles impacted on the lives of 702 children from 0 - 18 years as well as their parents, families and communities through the 5 pillars of our work: Education, Health, Environment, Nutrition and Protection. Thank you to all of our awesome staff, trustees, UK directors, volunteers, sponsors and donors who continue to make the work of Pebbles possible.

### Sophia Warner – Director

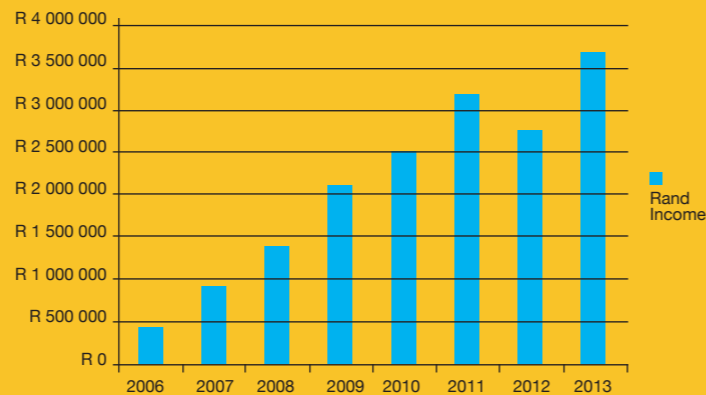


### Our Year in Numbers

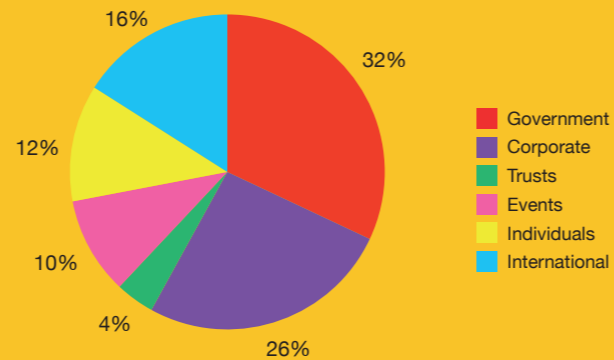
- 17 Farms supported
- 2 Township ECD centres supported
- 480 ECD (Early Childhood Development) children
- 222 ASC (After-School Club) children
- 25 ECD staff trained
- 11 ECD baby staff trained
- 15 ASC staff trained
- 583 Parents taking part in workshops

## A snapshot of our finances 2012 - 2013

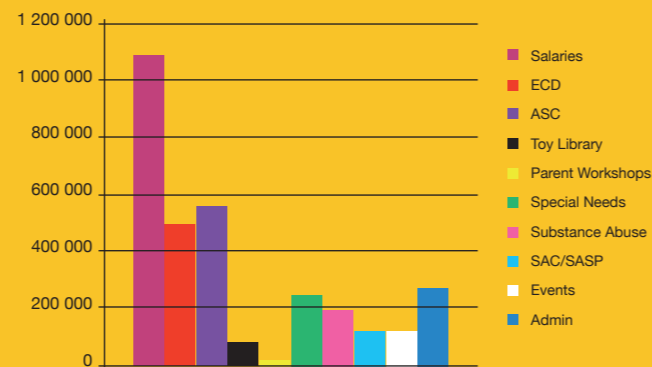
Pebbles income 2006 - 2013  
SA and UK funds



Income Sources  
2012 - 2013



2012 - 2013 Expenditure  
SA and UK Funds



# Our Programmes. What did we get up to in 2012-2013?



### EDUCATION PROGRAMME

**Baby Programme:** A student from the Netherlands completed an internship with Pebbles focusing on our baby programme and training a group of teachers on the different areas of development, hygiene in the centres and ergonomics.

**ECD Programme:** Our monthly training workshops have continued to equip the teachers with the ideas, knowledge and skills that they need to run excellent facilities. Additional topics were also covered such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, classroom layout and work ethic. In 2012 the Pebbles ECD Programme was approved by the Department of Social Development for registration. Testing of Grade R learners was carried out at local primary schools in order to determine how well the children from Pebbles ECD Centres were performing once they started attending school. The results showed that the Pebbles children performed better in all developmental areas compared to other groups, which proves the effectiveness of our programme.

**ASC Programme:** The ASC programme has developed and improved this year. We have replaced a number of activities with our Critical Skills Development Programme, which assists our Grade R - Grade 12 learners with the basic concepts and skills that they need in order to learn, grow and succeed.



### HEALTH PROGRAMME

Pebbles has continued to be very involved with the FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders) Task Team this year. The team comprises of NPOs, Government representatives, medical professionals, researchers and FASD parents and authors. The team dedicates it's time to developing FASD awareness materials and implementing prevention activities. In 2013, the FASD Task Team was responsible for organising an extremely successful conference to mark International FASD Day on the 9th September.



### ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

During 2012 - 2013, Pebbles was involved in the renovation and upgrading of a number of our facilities. This included some wonderful Mandela Day volunteers who painted, sanded, varnished and cleaned for many more than their 67 minutes-worth. Due to contributions from a farm community fund, the farm owner, a local corporate and a UK school (Darton House) we were able to provide one farm with a brand new ASC building and toilet block. Another UK school (St.Joseph's) spent a week renovating another ECD and ASC building. They raised the funds to pay for all of the equipment and also made a further contribution towards future activities. We are committed to providing safe, secure, clean and stimulating environments for our children.



### NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Our nutrition programme is still in its infancy. Our goal is to have every single child in our care receiving balanced, nutritious meals each day. Following advice from Pebbles, one of the farms has implemented a comprehensive weekly menu to ensure the children are properly fed and able to function at their best.



### PROTECTION PROGRAMME

**Individual & Family intervention:** Support was given to 46 individuals (including 17 families) focusing on substance abuse, parenting skills and family relationships. One adult and two children were referred to rehabilitation centres to address their substance abuse issues.

**Group intervention:** Our Pebbles social worker managed 2 groups consisting of children/teenagers focusing on behavior modification and prevention of substance abuse (14 children).

**Other problems/needs that were addressed by our social worker include:** Sexual abuse, coping with the loss of a parent and managing behavior problems displayed by children.

We celebrated two years of sobriety with John and Annalize who are role-models for so many on their farm. Congratulations to two very special people.