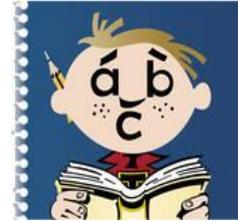


Learn more about the RCPE literacy project



THE SOUNDS PROJECT

SOUNDS is a project that promotes literacy in pre-school children and is a step by step process using simple tools and techniques to teach pupils to become readers. The club's champion for this action is President Robin Jones. There are three main steps to the process in which SOUNDS works:

Step 1 - Identify the sounds in words and identify the letter symbol representing that sound. This is done in small groups with emphasis on playing games with the letters while learning.

Step 2 - Build simple phonic words by "pulling out" the sounds of a word (building and writing words).

Step 3 - Sounding out phonetically written words through which the pupil discovers that he/she can read.



SOUNDS was initially launched in 2011 in primary schools in Mamelodi. Subsequently, 12 more schools were involved. The adherents of the SOUNDS project are mainly schools and crèche organisations. Currently the major emphasis has moved to crèches with pre-school children. However, SOUNDS can also play a major role in in primary schools in the grade RR and R level, and it can also be important in the remedial environment as a remedial tool in grades 1 and above.

Current partners in the distribution of SOUNDS are US Peace Corps, PEN Inner City Pre-school Forum, SA Cares and the SA Congress of Early Childhood Development (SAECD)

RCPE provides training and the materials involved in the SOUNDS programme. Over 500 sets have been imported from the USA and given to individual teachers in a classroom environment.

At 30 pupils in a classroom, 15 000 pupils benefit yearly from SOUNDS. **But we want to expand!**



GOAL 1: Raise funds

Scale up production using injection moulding process:

- ✓ Design and manufacture an injection mould
- ✓ Child-safe plastic
- ✓ Local manufacture - injection mould > R100 000; alphabet ≤ R1 000/set

GOAL 2: Raise awareness

- ✓ Outreach to early childhood development organisations
- ✓ More partners
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Management staff