

SOUNDS;

Reaching out to new partners

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A picture of a SOUNDS training session is now rather stale so my report is only text which I hope you will find interesting.

With the arrival of Covid and other factors, the SOUNDS project had to change its direction. Two key partners mentioned in the GG application were lost albeit one of them only temporarily, they were The University of the Northwest and the US Peace Corps.

Peace Corps pulled all its volunteers back to the States but they do plan to bring in a new batch in late 2022. As yet, the details of this return are not finalised.

More seriously, the UNW has withdrawn from any contact with Rotary. The intention of the GG was to grow this connection to have the programme included in the Foundation Phase curriculum. This will not now occur.

This objective has been replaced by a goal of spreading SOUNDS widely in the Creches of Mamelodi West, Mamelodi East. Nellmapius, Soshanguve South and Soshanguve Central. In addition we have established a foot print at the University of the North West and a large number of schools in the Secunda area.

This has kept Edie and I busy and overstretched at the training centres. Fortunately we are able to recruit willing hands to assist us with the admin aspects of the project, but any one willing to join us would be welcomed. Up coming dates are

4th October, Soshanguve Central, about 100 new crèches

6th October, Nellmapius, about 100 new crèches.

29th October, Soshanguve South, year end review of achievements.

5th November, Mamelodi West, year end review of achievements.

10th November, Polokwane, year end review of achievements.

Date not set, Secunda, year end review of achievements.

The TRF has as a deadline for the project' completion as January 2023. Hopefully the project is not fully closed, and that another new direction will be found.

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