

## Safe Schools pilot phase complete



The pilot phase of the Safe Schools Project was successfully completed at Sivile Primary school at the beginning of this year!

The aim of the project was to reduce child pedestrian injuries and deaths around 3 selected schools in Cape Town. It consisted of five main components and these were: International Road Assessment Program (iRAP); Small-scale infrastructural upgrades; Teacher training; Distribution of high visibility clothing and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Below are some of the major results:

### Demographic information:

The study sample (children with full consent to participate) consisted of 170 children (58% girls and 42% boys); of which 146 were followed up at post-intervention (24 children were either absent or no longer attending the school). Children were recruited from Grades 2 to 7, and ages ranged from 6 years to 14 years.

### History of pedestrian injuries:

At baseline, 70 children indicated that they had experienced a pedestrian collision at some point in their life, and at post-intervention 66 children reported a pedestrian injury.



## Safe Schools Project

### Mode of travel to and from school:

The vast majority of children walk to and from school without other means of transport.

### Degree of pedestrian supervision:

Of the children who walked to or from school, the majority always or sometimes walked by themselves, and of those children who did not always walk alone, the vast majority were accompanied by friends or siblings as opposed to adults. On average, a smaller proportion of children reported “always” walking alone at post-intervention (12.7%) compared to baseline (38.2%). Most children lived relatively close to the school; within a 15 minute walk.



### Pedestrian safety knowledge:

Children were asked a variety of questions. For the first question, “if you can see the driver, the driver can see you?”, the majority of children selected the incorrect answer,

although a slightly smaller proportion did so at post-intervention (73.8%) compared to baseline intervention (78.0%). For the question on “where to cross the street if there is no zebra crossing?”, just under half of the children selected the incorrect answer at post-intervention, while 46.7% selected the correct answer at baseline.

However, for the remaining knowledge questions, a larger proportion of children answered correctly at post-intervention compared to baseline.

### Self-reported road-crossing behaviour:

The majority of children indicated safe road-crossing behaviours for each question, at both baseline and post-intervention. However, a greater proportion of children reported safe behaviours at post-intervention, with the largest increase for “Keep looking/listening for cars until you get all the way across the road” (21.4% more children at post-intervention indicated that they “always” engage in this behaviour).



## Updates

### Discovery Fund Enabling Leadership Programme

As part of the Discovery Fund's goal to continue sustainable engagement with their partners, the Discovery Fund runs an Enabling Leadership Programme annually. This is a Capacity Building and Organisational Development (CBOD) programme for a selection of its partner NPOs and CBOs. Childsafe was amongst the organisations that were selected to take part in this programme and Pumla Mtambeka represented the organisation during this year's programme.



The programme aims to empower and equip representatives from various NGO's that Discovery funds with leadership skills which would enable them to strengthen the operational capacity of their organisation, despite the general decline in donor funding. This programme is also designed to expose organisational leaders to various leadership elements to enable growth and enhance the leadership impact that they have within their organisation.

The Programme curriculum entails three learnings which are presented in 3 block placements at Discovery's offices in Sandton, Johannesburg:

**Personal Mastery:** a discipline of continually clarifying and deepening your personal vision, focusing your energies, developing emotional Intelligence (EQ) and seeing reality objectively in order to live life in the service of your highest aspirations, (February 1-5).

**Business Acumen:** is keenness and quickness in understanding and dealing with a business situation in a manner that is likely to lead to a good outcome, April (4-8).

**Networking:** this module empowers leaders with the ability to grow in authority and confidence through understanding trends and using trends to build networks tangibly or through social networking platforms, June (6-10).

In addition to the course work, Discovery offered all delegates Mentorship - a Discovery appointed mentor. The mentor ensures that there is continual support for attendees for the full duration of the programme and even beyond.



## Updates

### Safer Candle Project

Now almost ten years since inception, Childsafe volunteers and staff continue to give Safer Candle Project demonstrations in the waiting areas of Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Mothers, fathers and children listen and watch with keen interest as the simple, safer way of using candles is explained.

Our distribution of prepared recycled jars, with dry sand and half candles, has reached 9,550 jar units to a wide area, especially in the Western and Eastern Cape Provinces. Da Aar in the Karoo and Hogsback in the Eastern Cape, are recent new areas reached.

Volunteers, Busi and Ntosh joined the Project at the beginning of March and they are being trained to give demonstrations and make up stock for distribution. We are grateful for their support.

Fire and Burns Prevention presentations to nurses continue and are given in the Training Room at Childsafe.

As before, our gratitude is also given to Woolworths Trust, retired Sister Jenny Knobel, and Caryl Hodgson and the Constantia Crafters for their valuable contributions and support over many years.

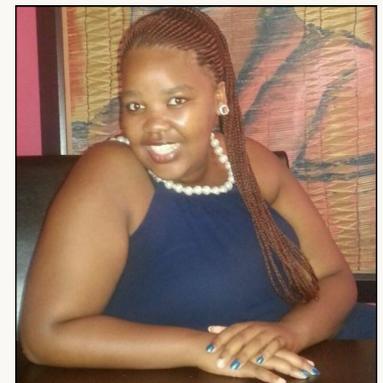


### New Volunteers

Childsafe has been joined by two ambitious young ladies from Khayelitsha.



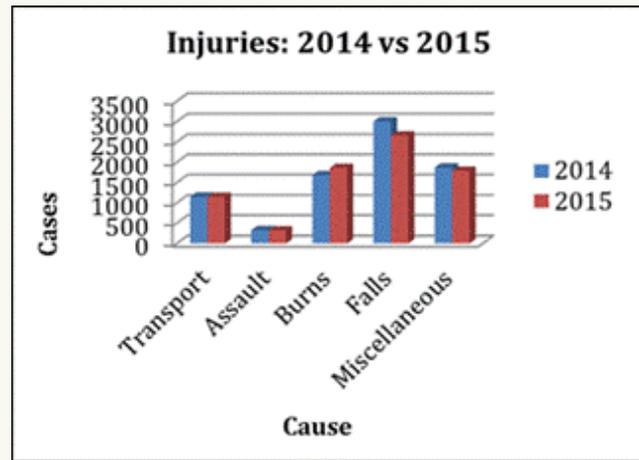
Ntomboxolo Magazi who is 27 years old (above) and Busisiwe Mkwakwi who is 23 years old (below).



These two have shown keen interest in not only assisting at Childsafe, but also taking the message of injury prevention to their community. Childsafe is delighted to have these two volunteers on board!

# Childhood injuries review

Childsafe South Africa continues to maintain the largest single-centre database on childhood injuries worldwide. Many thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers they are always able to complete the data capturing from the previous year before the end of January.



From the graph above, in 2015, a total of 7750 patients were captured from the Trauma Unit at Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital, a 3.2% decrease from 2014. Burn injuries have increased and they continue to have the highest admission at the Burns Unit. Within this category, patients mainly presented with hot water burns.

Although falls still remain being the highest cause of injury, they have decreased by approximately 12%. Patients in the Miscellaneous injury section are most often Struck by/Struck against an object, followed by Other Foreign Bodies, that are most often removed from ears and noses.

Transport injuries have remained the same and in this category, MVA pedestrian injuries present 69% of all transport injuries. Assault injuries represent nearly 4% of total injuries with Blunt Assaults and Rape/Sexual Assaults the highest in this section.



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