

SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION PROJECT

(Registration Number NPO 028-310)

Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended December 2024

These Annual Financial Statements have been audited by
LOW & SCHRIEBER
Registered Auditors, Cape Town

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements set out on pages 6 to 10 have been approved by the Board Members and are signed on their behalf by:



CHAIRPERSON
Isabel Essen



TREASURER
Lindie Scholtz CA(SA)

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Board Members are required to maintain adequate accounting records and is responsible for the monitoring, preparation and integrity of the Annual Financial Statements and related information included in these Financial Statements.

In order for the Board to discharge its responsibilities, management has developed and continues to maintain a system of internal control. The Board Members have ultimate responsibility for the system of internal control.

The internal controls include a risk-based system of internal accounting and administrative controls designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are executed and recorded in accordance with generally accepted business practices and the Organisation's policies and procedures. These controls are implemented by trained, skilled personnel with an appropriate segregation of duties, are monitored by management and include a comprehensive budgeting and reporting system operating within strict deadlines and an appropriate control framework. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the Board Members endeavour to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and restraints.

The external auditors are responsible for reporting and expressing an independent opinion on the Annual Financial Statements.

The Annual Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Annual Financial Statements also incorporate disclosure in line with the accounting philosophy of the Organisation. The Financial Statements are based on appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

The board members have reviewed the current financial situation of the organisation and is satisfied that the organisation is likely to continue as a going concern, taking into account its existing reserves and secured and anticipated funding.

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ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The South African Education Project (SAEP) continued its mission of advancing educational equity and community empowerment in 2024. SAEP strengthened and expanded core programs, significantly benefiting learners and educators in Philippi.

Early Childhood Development (ECD)

SAEP's ECD initiative, supported by the Lewis Foundation, Coronation Fund Managers, and the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), supported 206 ECD centres. Over 5,000 children and 650 practitioners benefited from training in curriculum implementation, toy-making, and inclusive education. The psychosocial team managed 52 support cases, providing trauma-informed care to vulnerable children, families, and educators. The Parental Strengthening Program reached 150 caregivers, enhancing child development and safety.

Primary School Intervention - Siyakhathala Program

SAEP expanded its Siyakhathala Literacy and Environmental Education Program from 3 to 6 schools. Over 40 teachers and 1,300 learners participated in literacy, eco-literacy, and creative writing initiatives. Environmental excursions to Kirstenbosch, the Shark Education Centre, and Cape Flats Nature Reserve cultivated learners' identities as storytellers, scientists, and change agents.

High School – Hope Scholars Program

In partnership with the Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust, SAEP empowered 1,732 high school learners through environmental education, leadership camps, career expos, and climate change debates. Learners achieved national recognition in environmental journalism competitions. In collaboration with WESSA, Vukani Primary School received the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award for initiatives including water conservation and climate change education. Kwa Faku Primary School earned the Eco-Schools Silver Award for its dedication to sustainability and community-driven initiatives.

Executive Director's Financial Commentary

Despite a challenging funding environment, SAEP maintained financial stability in 2024, closing with a modest surplus of R109,511. Reserves of R3.09 million ensure continued sustainability. Total income decreased from R6.17 million in 2023 to R4.45 million in 2024. Key costs were program delivery and support services. The organisation remains focused on strengthening revenue diversification and operational resilience.

— **Glenda Shupinyaneng**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of South African Education Project

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the Annual Financial Statements of South African Education Project, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out on pages 6 to 9. The analysis of revenue schedule on page 10 is presented as supplementary information and was not audited.

Board of Members' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Members is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Organisation's stated policies and procedures. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matters

Without qualifying our opinion below, we draw attention to the fact that, in common with similar organisations, the entity is dependent on securing donation and grant income to continue operating. The timing and amount of these income flows is subject to various factors and it is accordingly more difficult for the Directors to make forecasts in this regard.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organisation as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with the Organisation's accounting policies and procedures.



LOW AND SCHREIBER
REGISTERED AUDITORS, CAPE TOWN
25 APRIL 2025

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEMBERS

The Members have pleasure in submitting this report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

NATURE OF BUSINESS

To prepare children and youth at key stages of their development through education, life skills and psycho-social support.

MATERIAL FACT OR CIRCUMSTANCES

No material facts or circumstances have occurred between the accounting date and the date of this report.

GOING CONCERN

In common with similar organisations, SAEP is dependent on donation and grant income to fulfil its activities. The timing and amount of such receipts is often difficult to predict. However, the board is committed to securing appropriate funding to ensure that the entity is able to continue to operate and provide services as it has in the past. Should appropriate funding not be secured, then certain programmes and services will have to be re-evaluated or curtailed.

MEMBERS

The following persons served as Members during the financial year to 31 December 2024:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Changes</u>
Isabel Essen	Chairperson	
Kayin Scholtz	Vice- Chairperson	
Lindie Scholtz CA(SA)	Treasurer	Appointed June 2024, prev Vice-Treasurer
Kathrin Friester	Vice- Treasurer	Appointed June 2024, prev Treasurer
Helena Duk	Secretary	Appointed June 2024, prev Member
Shaun van Renen		Appointed June 2024
Noma-Afrika Nkwenke-Maxwele		Appointed June 2024
Winile Dubazane		Appointed October 2024
Gemma Oberth		Re-Appointed August 2024
Gina Leinberger		Resigned May 2024 as Secretary
Haroon Mahomed		Resigned May 2024

AUDITORS

Low and Schreiber

**THE AFRICAN EDUCATION PROJECT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

At 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 R	2023 R
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and Equipment	2	74,454	129,694
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables		330,477	99,209
Deposits and Prepayments		31,646	7,533
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	3,615,426	4,735,904
TOTAL ASSETS		4,052,003	4,972,340
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Specific Programme Reserves	4	820,579	1,782,210
Accumulated Funds		3,097,233	2,987,722
Capital Replacement Reserve		74,454	129,694
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		59,737	72,714
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		4,052,003	4,972,340

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 R	2023 R
INCOME	Pg 10 4,449,270	6,178,361
Grants Income	1,390,032	2,898,593
Corporate Income	900,000	1,136,843
Trust and Foundation Income	558,850	867,035
Donations - general	604,916	343,868
Interest Received	269,496	206,132
Government Grant	725,976	725,890
EXPENDITURE	5,378,044	4,926,433
Programme Services	3,025,261	2,450,564
Support Costs	2,034,939	2,159,998
Fundraising	317,844	315,871
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS BEFORE TRANSFERS	(928,774)	1,251,928
TRANSFER - RESERVES	1,038,284	81,906
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	109,511	1,333,834
ACCUMULATED FUNDS at beginning of the year	2,987,722	1,653,888
ACCUMULATED FUNDS at end of the year	<u>3,097,233</u>	<u>2,987,722</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Annual Financial Statements were prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and incorporate the historical cost conventions as the basis of measurement.

These Annual Financial Statements are presented in South African rand which is the functional currency of SAEP.

These Annual Financial Statements were prepared based on the expectation that the entity will continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve (12) months.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these Annual Financial Statements are set out below. These accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the preparation of prior year Annual Financial Statements.

1.1 Property and Equipment

Capital purchases, such as office equipment and furniture, are expensed in the year of purchase. The Organisation only carries purchases as Property and Equipment and depreciates them if the asset is a motor vehicle or if it is stipulated by a donor in a grant agreement. The Organisation depreciates its Property and Equipment according to the straight-line method over a period of 5 years (20% per annum).

1.2 Revenue Recognition

Revenue comprises funds received from donations, grants and from other programme services. The revenue is recognised when it accrues to the Organisation. Funds that are due under signed contract, but have not yet been received, can be booked as accounts receivable if the contract with the funder permits. Restricted funds are recognised as revenue, but kept in a ring-fenced reserve.

2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accum Depr	2024 Net Book Value
	R	R	R
Motor Vehicles	240,174	165,720	74,454
	<u>240,174</u>	<u>165,720</u>	<u>74,454</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

31 December 2024

	Cost R	Accum Depr R	2023 Net Book Value R
Motor Vehicles	240,174	110,480	129,694
	<u>240,174</u>	<u>110,480</u>	<u>129,694</u>

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2024 R	2023 R
Bank Balance (Current)	932,686	1,173,947
Bank Balance (Investment/Savings)	2,678,577	3,559,080
Cash on Hand	4,163	2,877
	<u>3,615,426</u>	<u>4,735,904</u>

The banking facilities are unsecured.

4. OTHER SPECIFIC PROGRAMME RESERVES

Early Childhood Development Programme Reserves	699,050	850,300
Hope Scholars Programme Reserve	-	455,167
Tertiary Support Funds	27,838	51,578
Siyakhathala Primary Project Reserve	93,691	425,165
	<u>820,579</u>	<u>1,782,210</u>

These funds were received for specified purposes and/or projects and had not been fully applied to those purposes and/or projects during the year under review.

5. TAXATION

The non-profit organisation has been approved as a public benefit organisation in terms of Section 30 of the Income Tax Act (the Act) and the receipts and accruals are exempt from tax in terms of Section 10(1)(cN) of the Act.

The public benefit organisation has been approved for purposes of Section 18A(1)(a) of the Act and donations to the organisation will be tax deductible in the hands of the donor in terms of and subject to the limitations prescribed in Section 18A of the Act.

No provision has been made for taxation as the entity had no taxable income for the year under review.

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ANALYSIS OF REVENUE

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 R	2023 R
GRANTS INCOME	2,116,008	3,624,481
WCED (Government Grant)	725,976	725,890
Philanthropy Initiative with Employees of Allan Gray	-	1,500,000
Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust	-	591,808
SAEP US	956,422	606,783
SANBI	433,610	-
Community Chest	-	200,000
CORPORATE INCOME	900,000	1,136,843
Coronation Asset Managers	650,000	550,000
Infra Impact Investment Managers	250,000	-
The Lewis Group	-	529,893
Afrisam	-	56,950
TRUSTS AND FOUNDATION INCOME	558,850	867,038
ER Tonnesen Will Trust	71,350	50,500
Hilary and Dorothy Champion Charitable Trust	200,000	200,000
Wenhold Family Trust	287,500	250,000
Norman Wevell Trust	-	66,538
Nussbaum Foundation	-	300,000
DONATIONS INCOME – Individuals and Institutions	604,916	573,832
INTEREST AND OTHER	269,496	240,769
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>4,449,270</u>	<u>6,178,361</u>