



Pebbles
Project

CHANGING
LIVES

2020

annual report

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“ When you can't change the direction
of the wind, adjust your sails.”

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.





Chairperson's Report



Director's Report

For the last few years, I have had the privilege of compiling the Chairman's Report for our Annual Report comfortable in the knowledge that we have had another highly successful year of helping those in the communities in which we operate. Pebbles has done so by educating children, providing safe and secure learning opportunities, as well as through the provision of healthcare, nourishment and counselling.

For the first 9 months of the previous financial year, that situation continued, and we were looking forward to maintaining our enviable record of progress, thanks to the unstinting efforts of all of our staff, in whatever capacity, and the guidance of my fellow Trustees.

And then, of course, the whole world was thrown into chaos by the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic.....

The majority of our activities had to be curtailed, and at this stage we have no idea when we will be able to re-commence operations, and what levels of service we will be able to provide, whilst maintaining the necessary safety protocols. Sophia and the Senior Management Team immediately put a plan together to try and ensure that the organisation can restore our operations to as high a level as possible as soon as possible.

The one major operation that has continued, and indeed has expanded rapidly, is our feeding programme, whereby we have distributed many thousands of meals to needy communities in the Winelands Region, and for this we owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Kitchen and Nutrition Programme sponsors, the Stichting Clouds Foundation in Holland.

The other major achievement of the year has been the wonderful success of the Pebbles Project Academy in Hemel-en-Aarde, in partnership with Freudenberg Help e.V., Rotary Hermanus, Rotary International, The Cape Wine Auction Trust and other generous individual donors.

In conclusion, nobody can know in what situation the Pebbles Project will find itself in the months ahead, but we can rest assured that with the efforts of our Management, Staff, Sponsors and Donors, we will make every effort to ensure that we continue to provide the necessary care to those most in need.

Stephen Digby, Pebbles Project Trust Chairman.

Pebbles Project Trustees 2019 – 2020

Our dedicated team of trustees in South Africa generously offer their experience, expertise and enthusiasm in helping to steer the ship and navigate new waters. We so appreciate the depth of their input. **Stephen Digby, Zanele Njapha, Peter Blaine, Lucy Warner, Matome Mbatha and Sophia Warner.** We bid farewell to **Matome Mbatha** and thank him for his 4 years of service as a trustee and we welcome our new trustee, **Leigh Zwaan** who joined us in December 2019.

Pebbles Project UK Directors 2019 – 2020

Pebbles UK operates as a UK registered charity, raising funds to support our work in South Africa. Continents may separate us – but we are always aware of how invested you are in our organization. Your contribution is always celebrated. Thank you to our UK team who give their time for free to ensure our continued growth and success. **Ray Abercromby, Sophia Warner, Elizabeth Clifton, Edward Powell and David Wainwright**

Senior Management Team 2019 – 2020

The crew that daily commit to roles of leadership, support and growth play a crucial role in championing the Pebbles vision – a huge thank you to the Pebbles Senior Management Team for raising the sails as we navigate the daily activity of the organization. "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Edward Everett Hale. **Sophia Warner, Marileze Buys, Estee Heyns, Michael Petersen and Angela du Plessis.**

There have been many times over the last 16 years that my role at Pebbles has been compared to that of the captain of a ship, which is particularly appropriate as the first time I visited South Africa 46 years ago it was on the Union Castle SA Vaal ship, with my dear father, Mike Warner, the Purser on board.

The captain is responsible for every aspect of the voyage and vessel. They set the course and the speed, they direct crew members and ensure that proper procedures are followed, keeping logs and records of the ship's movements and its precious cargo. A ship's captain must have communication, customer service, administrative and problem solving skills to guide the ship through the calm waters as well as the storms. The captain is also responsible for the ship's security, both in terms of basic operations and under extreme circumstances.

But the captain does not work alone.

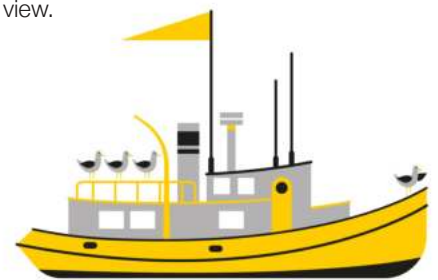
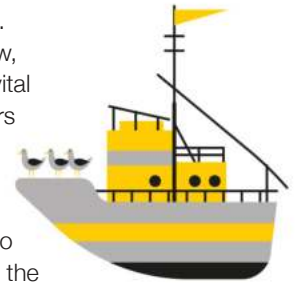
He or she has a highly skilled crew, each responsible for playing their vital part in making sure that the passengers are cared for, the cargo is properly stowed and that the ship stays on course and safely reaches its destination. The captain also

receives guidance and support from the shore office, much like the leadership that I receive from our wonderful SA board of trustees and Pebbles UK directors.

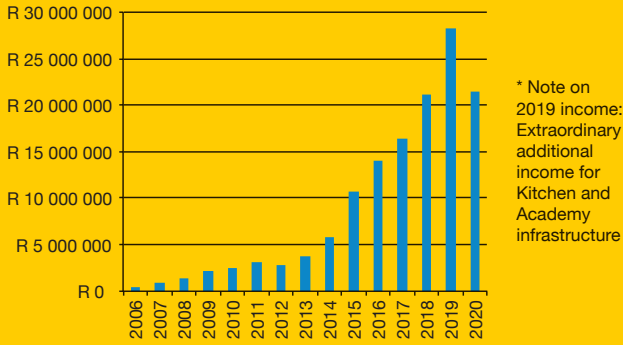
The financial year of 2019 – 2020 brought some choppy seas, the occasional huge wave or two and some extreme circumstances that we could never have predicted. Along with my trusty crew, we have safely navigated our way through and although there will undoubtedly be odd patches of rough weather still to come, we will one day reach calmer waters when we can kick back and enjoy the view.

Bon voyage!

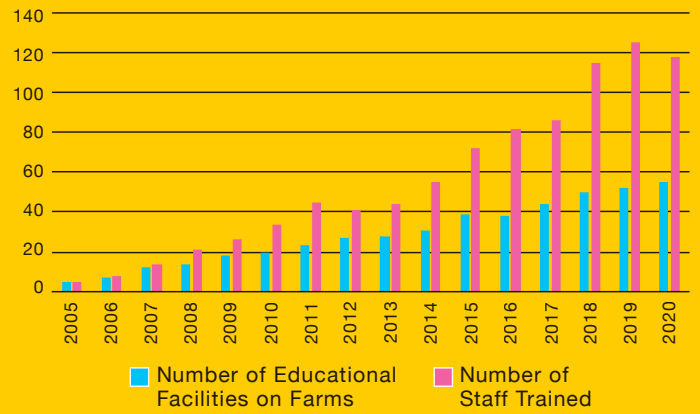
**Sophia Warner
Founder and Director**



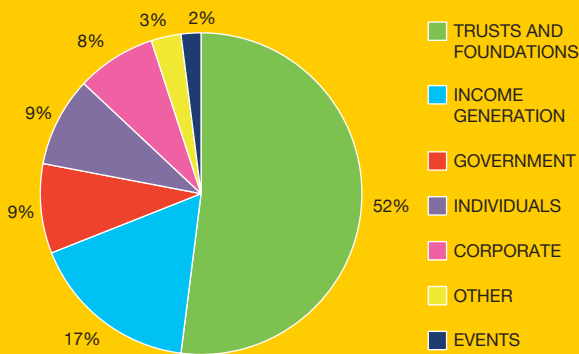
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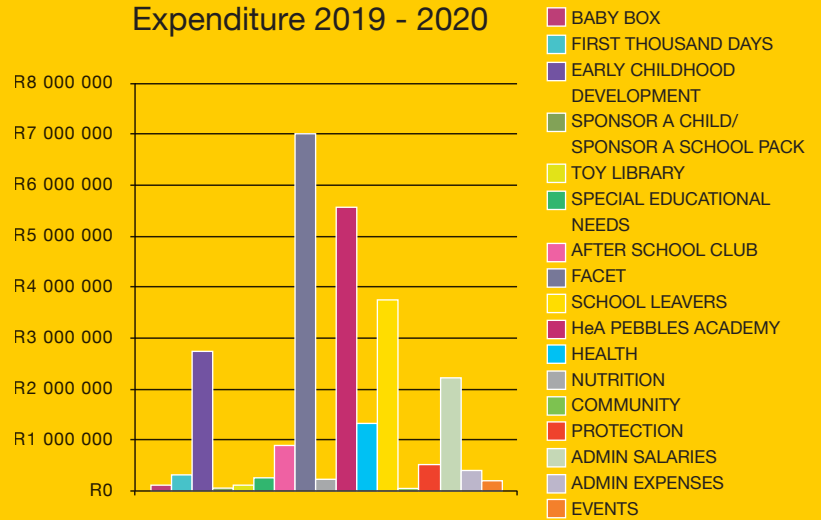
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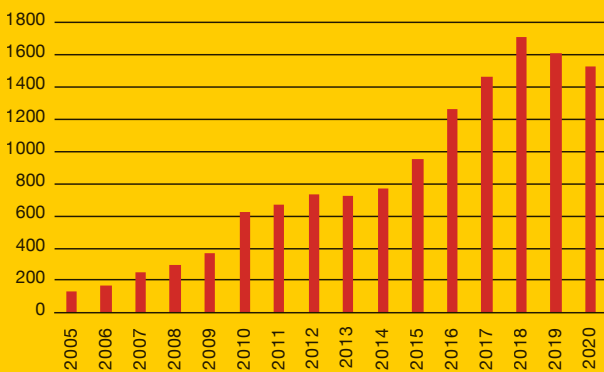
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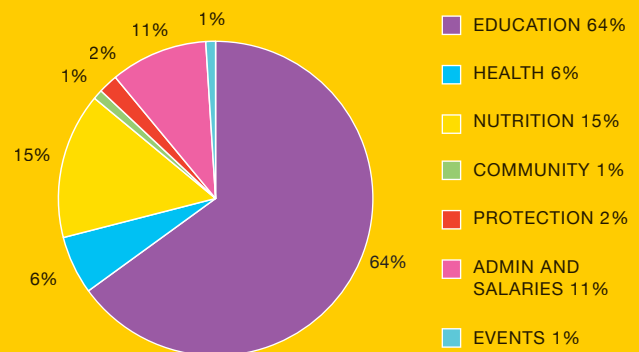
Expenditure 2019 - 2020



Beneficiary Numbers 2005 - 2020



Programme and Admin Expenses 2019 - 2020



Vision

A World of Opportunities for Empowered Communities

Mission

The work & mission of The Pebbles Project consists of 5 main pillars: **EDUCATION, HEALTH, NUTRITION, COMMUNITY AND PROTECTION**

Values

Compassion, Commitment, Courage and Integrity

Education Programme

1526 Beneficiaries aged 0 to 24 years

55 Facilities

118 Facilitators trained

3 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Pebbles celebrated 15 years of working with our 5 original partner farms.
- 4 learners passed Matric and 21 additional learners either registered for tertiary education, completed internships or were employed.
- 233 children entered Grade R fully prepared for primary school after going through the Pebbles ECD programme.



Health Programme

7055 Beneficiaries

2126 Beneficiaries younger than 5 years

1953 Beneficiaries 5 years to 18 years

2976 Beneficiaries older than 18 years

4 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 96% of all sick clients who visited the clinic were assisted by our staff, only 4% had to be referred to a hospital.
- 766 adult wellness screenings took place.
- 1003 toothbrushes were dispensed through the brushing programme.
- 0% teen pregnancy rate for our learners participating in the Sexual Health programme.

Nutrition Programme

887 Pebbles children received daily meals and snacks

216 Children from other NPOs also received daily cooked meals

3 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Research was conducted on a sample of 462 Pebbles children who form part of the nutrition programme with the following findings:

	Pebbles Project Stats	Western Cape Stats (2016)	National Stats (2016)
Underweight	3,6%	11,9%	5,9%
Stunted	7,8%	22,9%	27,4%
Wasted	0%	1,7%	2,5%
Severe acute malnutrition	0%	2,5%	3,6%
Severe acute malnutrition fatality rate	0%	0,3%	8%

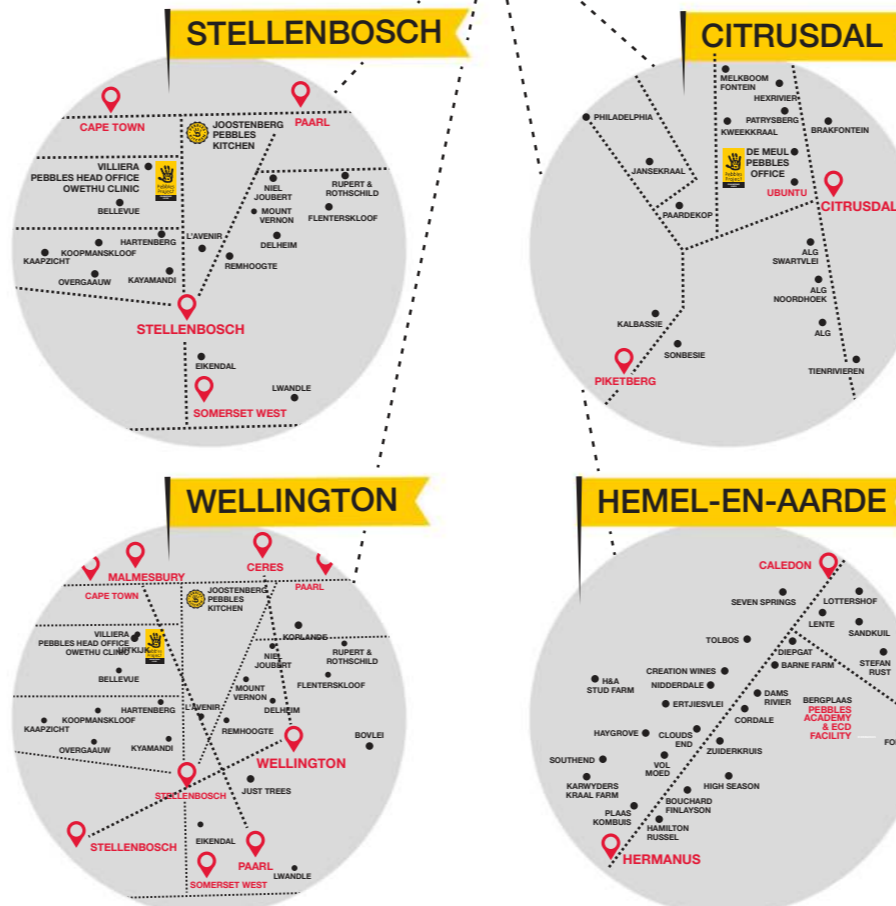
- In July 2019, 3 new farms were added to the programme, 2 in Citrusdal and 1 in Wellington.
- The Pebbles Kitchen scored over 80% in the first professional health and safety audit, and received some guidelines to enable any issues to be addressed.

Who supports us



Where we work

We work in the Western Cape of South Africa, supporting children and their families in agricultural communities in Stellenbosch, Somerset West, Paarl, Citrusdal, Piketberg, Wellington, and Hemel-en-Aarde (Hermanus).



Community Programme

3 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- To commemorate Youth Day 2019, Pebbles hosted its first 'Pebbles Got Talent' show at Adam Smal theatre in Stellenbosch. The hugely successful show enabled some talented youngsters to share their skills and brought communities together.
- International Day of Older Persons is celebrated annually on 1st October and our older generation on the farms were treated to a day of great food, fun entertainment and good company.
- Leadership for Life is an integral thread woven through the community programme and provides vital skills to participants, inspiring them to take on their own challenging projects. Our 50 participants worked together to provide Christmas Shoeboxes of Love for the children on their farms.

Protection Programme

69 Children supported

21 Adults supported

19 Families supported

2 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The month of May is Child Protection Month in South Africa. During the week of 28 May to 4 June 2019 numerous activities, workshops and educational experiences were facilitated to create awareness in families and farming communities.
- Male teenager learners were included in the Sexual Health sessions to enable them to make informed and healthy choices.

Pebbles Hemel-en-Aarde Education Project (HEAEP) and Pebbles Academy, Hermanus

113 Beneficiaries

3 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Pebbles Academy (Hermanus) opened its doors to 34 learners in July 2019, with the numbers increasing to 63 at the beginning of 2020. The Academy provides quality education for learners from Grade R to Grade 9.
- The newly renovated ECD centre was completed in April 2019 and comprises of three large classrooms, a fully functional kitchen, children's bathroom, staff facilities and a large, safely secured outdoor play area which includes a jungle gym, swings and a sandpit.
- The new centre, with its increased space has meant that learner numbers could be increased from 38 to 50 learners between the ages of 5 months and 5 years.
- The addition of more Academy classrooms, a main hall, a skills centre and an ablution block has opened up opportunities for current learners and the wider community. In future the facility will be able to provide services to school leavers as well as unemployed youth and adults from the surrounding HeA community.

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Section 18A certificates are available for tax purposes for donations

Registered UK Charity Number 1123172

Registered Gift Aid Number XT9937



Awards

The Jo Clifton Award

Jo Clifton was a close friend and big supporter of Sophia Warner, the Pebbles Project founder and director. Since Jo's passing in 2005, her parents made a commitment to honour her memory by making a donation to Pebbles every year.

The Jo Clifton Award is awarded to the most promising ECD child entering formal education in Grade R.

Junior Pietersen, a 5 year old learner from Niel Joubert farm received the 2019 Jo Clifton Award.

The Andrew Fredericks Award

Andrew Fredericks was a bus driver at Pebbles Project for 6 years. He sadly passed away in 2014. He was a man of good character and a perfect gentleman that made everyone around him feel appreciated. He arrived for work an hour early every day to clean his bus for his important passengers. He demonstrated the qualities that Pebbles aims to instill in our beneficiaries.

Andrew's family continues to support this award by attending the prize giving every year. They also donate a special gift for the winner to congratulate them on their success.

The Andrew Fredericks Award is given to a Pebbles learner who embodies the same generous character that Andrew displayed.

The 2019 Andrew Fredericks Award was presented to Melodine Van Rooyen, a 15 year old learner from Kaapzicht farm.

The Eugene Isaacs Award

Eugene tragically passed away in an accident on the 25th of November, 2016. He was 15 years old. He was a passionate, kind and driven young man. The Eugene Isaacs Fund was created to celebrate learners like Eugene who show the potential to become exceptional leaders. These leaders strive towards academic excellence as well as being passionate about their communities.

At the end of the year, one (or more) Ambassador(s) will receive a financial contribution towards their tuition, sports equipment, school fees or any other academic need that they might have. Additionally, the chosen Ambassador will receive a floating trophy of recognition for showing these attributes: academic excellence and participation in community service. This legacy will hopefully inspire learners to work hard and excel as well as showing compassion for their community.

Elze Pietersen (11 years old) from Koopmanskloof farm and Lorenzo Mouton (17 years old) from L'Avenir farm were the chosen recipients of the 2019 Eugene Isaacs Award.

The Hans Hessler Award

This award is in honour of a donor named Hans Hessler, a Canadian gentleman with a deep love for South Africa. Mr Hessler made a monthly contribution to Pebbles from 2014 until his death in December 2018. **The award is presented each year to the overall top academic achiever and in 2019 was awarded to Nazley Williams, a 14 year old learner from Villiera Farm.**

Achievements 2019 - 2020

- 👏 Celebrated our 15th birthday
- 👏 Raised almost R135 million since the organisation began in 2004
- 👏 Kitchen up and running - 300,000 meals and 300,000 snacks prepared throughout the year
- 👏 July 2019 - Opening of Pebbles Academy Hermanus
- 👏 Creating jobs for over 70 employees



Fundraising Events 2019 - 2020

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| 👏 18th October 2019 | Crystal Birthday Ball | Raised almost R250,000 |
| 👏 10th November 2019 | Shisanyama Braai event hosted by Bertus Basson and Remhoogte farm | Raised R26,000 |



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