

For the past **26 years**, ORT SA CAPE has been operating at the forefront of education in the Western Cape.



Through our training programmes, we address critical educational challenges including South Africa's poor literacy rate as well as focus on educating, training, supporting and empowering teachers in disadvantaged communities. Ultimately, better trained teachers result in better educated children. Our vision is a future where all teachers receive quality training and all children have access to quality education. During 2019, ORT SA CAPE trained over 1700 teachers indirectly reaching approximately 51 000 learners.

ORT SA CAPE is currently focusing on four core areas:

TEACHER TRAINING:

Due to the challenges in our education system, we focus our training on Early Childhood Development (ECD) and foundational learning skills in young children. Courses include Literacy development, Perceptual Skills development, and Learning through Play. We also offer pre-service training for unemployed youth to study towards a qualification in ECD.



ECD INTERNSHIP:

This initiative addresses South Africa's high unemployment rate by recruiting, training, and placing young men and women in schools as teaching assistants for one year.



This allows for interns to develop a love for education and potentially continue in this field in the future.

PURPOSEFUL PLAY:

Together with the LEGO Foundation, ORT SA CAPE distributes LEGO resources and offers training on the use of these resources to schools and ECD centres in disadvantaged communities across the Western Cape.



EDUTECH HUB:

Our Edutech hub focuses on training educators to demystify coding, technology and robotics in order to incorporate these technologies in their classroom and curriculum.



2018 - 2020 at a glance



85
Level 4 ECD
teachers trained



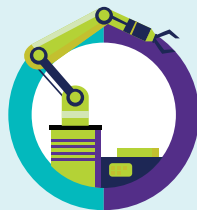
3,272
teachers trained through
short courses



270
youth placed on
ECD internships



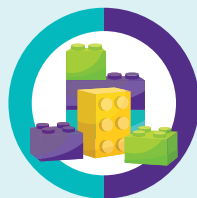
104,755
children
impacted



1,318
learners attended
Robotic Workshops



1,494
Lego Playboxes
distributed to schools and ECD centres



7,740
sets of Lego Six Bricks
provided to teachers and parents



35,000
meals
provided to

140
families
every month since
April 2020

COVID-19 RESPONSE:

During these difficult times when we are not able to teach face-to-face, we have rallied our resources to help our beneficiaries in other ways.

In order to reach our learners and beneficiaries, we have adapted our approach and are incredibly excited to be able to blend onsite and online learning. Presently course materials are shared via WhatsApp which allows for learning to continue.

We are in the process of developing an ORT online platform which will allow for better online and blended learning opportunities.

Through the generosity of donors, we have initiated a feeding programme for families in disadvantaged communities in which ORT SA CAPE works. By drawing on our network, we are assisting the most needy - including child-headed families, grandparent-headed families and those with little or no income.



"The recipients showed tremendous gratitude and the older generation were teary eyed when we left, as many people don't have anything to eat, which make this Ort Manenberg Feeding project so unique." – Dawn Adams, Manenberg Project Manager.

CONTINUED SUPPORT:

Continued support from donors allows us to sustain the work we are doing as well as adapt to the changing and challenging situation we currently face. As outreach into these communities is so urgently needed, we are constantly looking for new funding and support to enhance and expand our reach.