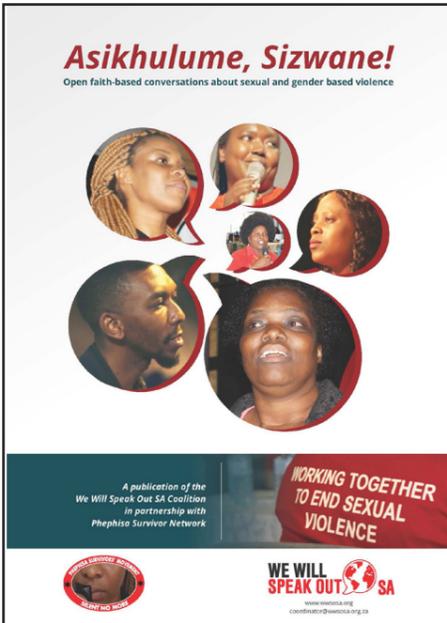


CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Lyn van Rooyen

In many ways, 2017-2018 proved the importance and resilience of WWSOSA. In spite of extremely limited resources, the coalition continued to operate, with our coordinator and others working tirelessly as volunteers to ensure that the coalition still addresses the crucial challenges of gender-based violence. We also know that our members continued to bring change and have an impact – and that is what a coalition is all about!

We look forward to being able to do more and be more effective in the next year – together we will continue to speak out and continue to work for a safer South Africa where there is no space for sexual and gender-based violence.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Simon Read

The auditor's report shows that for its first formal year of operation, WWSOSA has been functioning largely on a shoe string budget and generous contributions of time and effort from various individuals.

In summary funding from July 2017-June 2018:

- R 150 000 from Act Alliance Southern Africa, for Survivor in Solidarity activities
- R 55 200 from DGMT in May 2018, specifically for communications work.
- From July to December WWSOSA was still an activity of a 3-year Amplify Change project managed by Zoë-Life.

During January/February 2018 a funding application was submitted to Amplify Change, and in July we received notice that we have passed to the next phase of the approval process, for possible project start in early 2019.

Accounting procedures are being developed and some have already been implemented to ensure accountability of expenditure. This promotes transparency and gives funders comfort that funds are not being abused.

The future of WWSOSA is looking up.



We Will Speak Out South Africa

(Registration number 184-700 NPO)
Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018

	2018 R
Assets	
Non-Current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	7 574
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	60 323
Total Assets	67 897
Equity and Liabilities	
Equity	
Reserves	50 200
Accumulated surplus	12 695
	62 895
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Trade and other payables	5 002
Total Equity and Liabilities	67 897

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Daniela Gennrich

This has been our first year as an independent formal entity. Together with our members and partners in the 200-strong coalition, we made an impact in spite of funding challenges.

A small sample of the work achieved is offered here.

**16 DAYS AGAINST SGB:
SURVIVOR-FAITH LEADER DIALOGUE**

Together with seven members and partners*, over 100 sexual and gender-based violence survivors and almost 150 faith leaders grappled with what it might mean for churches to be safe places for survivors, and how to “do church differently”.



16 DAYS TO 365 DAYS AGAINST SGBV

WWSOSA documented the conversation in a Dialogue tool still used in churches and faith communities to help equip them to embrace survivors and speak out against abuse.

**SURVIVORS IN SOLIDARITY:
THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES**

On 5th June 2018 partners and members met to share their achievements and challenges since the previous meeting. They had some frank discussions about contested issues and planned some initiatives that they could do with minimal funding. This included starting an ongoing WhatsApp group, observing Thursdays in Black, using Asikhulume, Sizwane to open discussions in our churches and faith communities, and publishing a joint media statement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA PRESENCE

Funding from DG Murray Trust enabled us to maintain our Facebook and Twitter presence, update our website and work on improving our member database, and keep communicating with our members at least bi-monthly through our newsletters.

WWSOSA produced three press statements:

- A statement in response to the cruel murder of young Karabo Mokoena calling on all faith leaders to hold each other accountable, and on church women to speak out.
- An open letter of solidarity to the Methodist Church of Southern Africa Women's Manyano Executive in its calls for serious action to stand against abuse.
- A critique of the ruling party's silence when senior members were accused of sexual violence, and a call on all political parties to root out sexual harassment and abuse within their ranks.

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

The Coordinator, together with Phephisa leadership, maintained ongoing relationships with the KZN Premier's Office and Gender Machinery and other NGOs, and actively participated in the North-South solidarity partnership of Act Alliance Southern Africa.

WWSOSA took over the responsibility of the Thursdays

in Black website and campaign resources in May 2018. WWSOSA's new website embedded the comprehensive resources from the Thursdays in Black resource web page, to add value to our members' and partners work as needed.

WWSOSA members participated in various actions in solidarity with others, including #The Total Shutdown and MCSA Clergy marches,

RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND FUNDRAISING

was a strong focus, with success finally coming in the form of a new Amplify Change contract, promised for 2019.



THANKS:

Partners in the Survivors in Solidarity 16 Days Event: Phephisa, Religions and Peace, Councils of Churches: KZNCC, KRCC, Diakonia CC; Gay and Lesbian Network, Sonke Gender Justice, INERELA+. Donors: Amplify Change (Mannion Daniels), Act Alliance Southern Africa, DG Murray Trust