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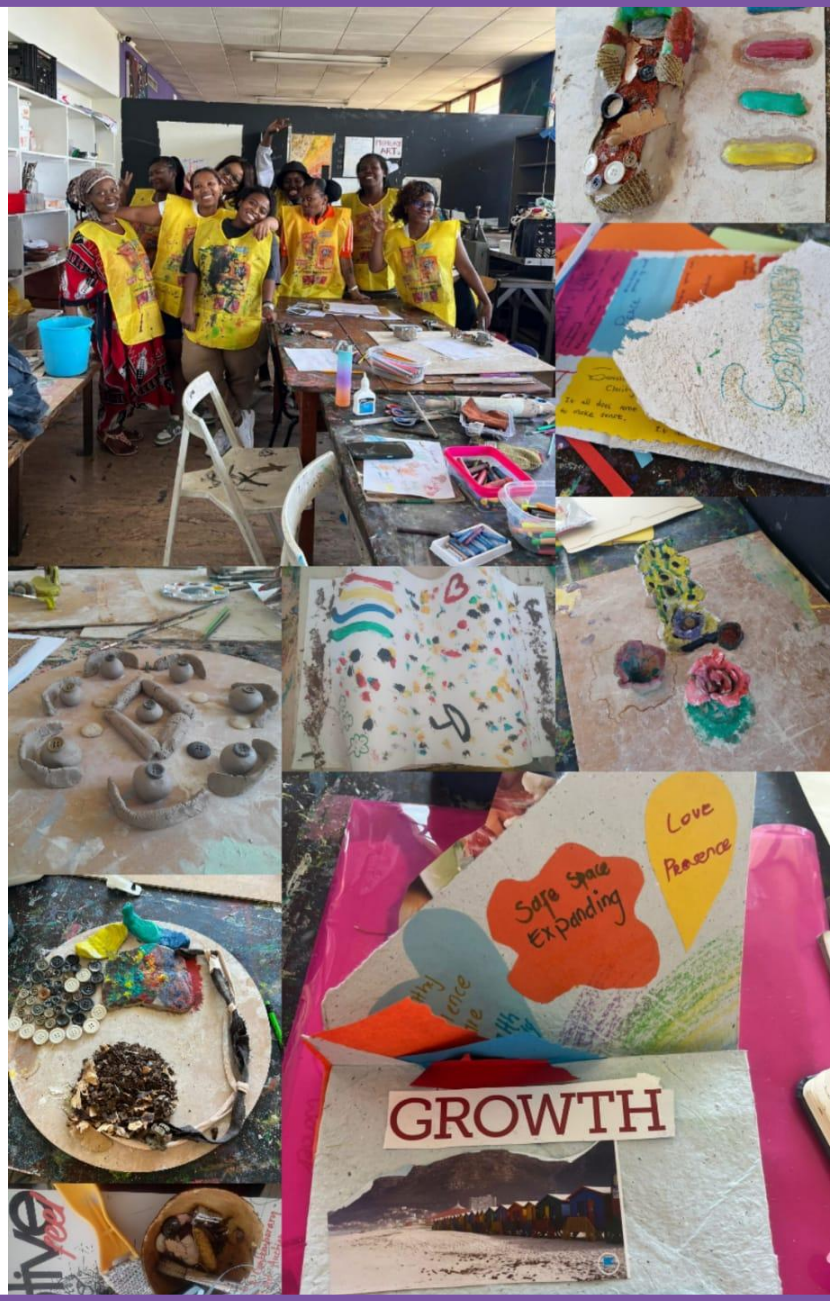
LEARNING AND SHARING SUMMIT 2025

Story of Change Template

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SYNOPSIS

Creating safe spaces for adolescent girls and parent support groups by increasing our capacity to deliver afterschool programmes. It will result in access to safe spaces, increased mental health support, better educational outcomes, increased emotional literacy and increased agency for female adolescents (10-18 years). These afterschool programmes become a movement as adolescents can advocate and support each other.



OBJECTIVES

What will the process/project aim to achieve?

- Increasing access to safe, supportive afterschool spaces for adolescent girls.
- Parent support.
- Addressing gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health.
- Movement building through the use of social media, networking with other organisations, faith-based and community-based as well as local political structures in the areas of implementation.



Planned Activities

- **What evidence or means of verification will you have for this change?**
- *Registers*
- *Facilitators reports*
- *Supervisor reports*
- *Needs assessment and post implementation questionnaires*



Contribution to change

What contribution will your organisation make to this change?

Because of the therapeutic nature of our afterschool programme based in arts that is traditionally an advocacy tool, coupled with the increased capacity for empathy we intend to allow the participants to have agency in how they want to form a movement. The therapeutic part provides them with an internal value for advocacy and the arts gives them external tools for advocacy.

Population Group this change will impact

Category	Women	Men	Total	% Women
Direct beneficiaries	**360**	**0**	**360**	**100%**
Indirect beneficiaries (e.g. through other networks)	**100**	**50**	**150**	**66%**
Online beneficiaries (e.g. website access, mailing lists, scholarly articles)	**700**	**300**	**1000**	**70%**
Total	**1160**	**350**	**1510**	**77%**

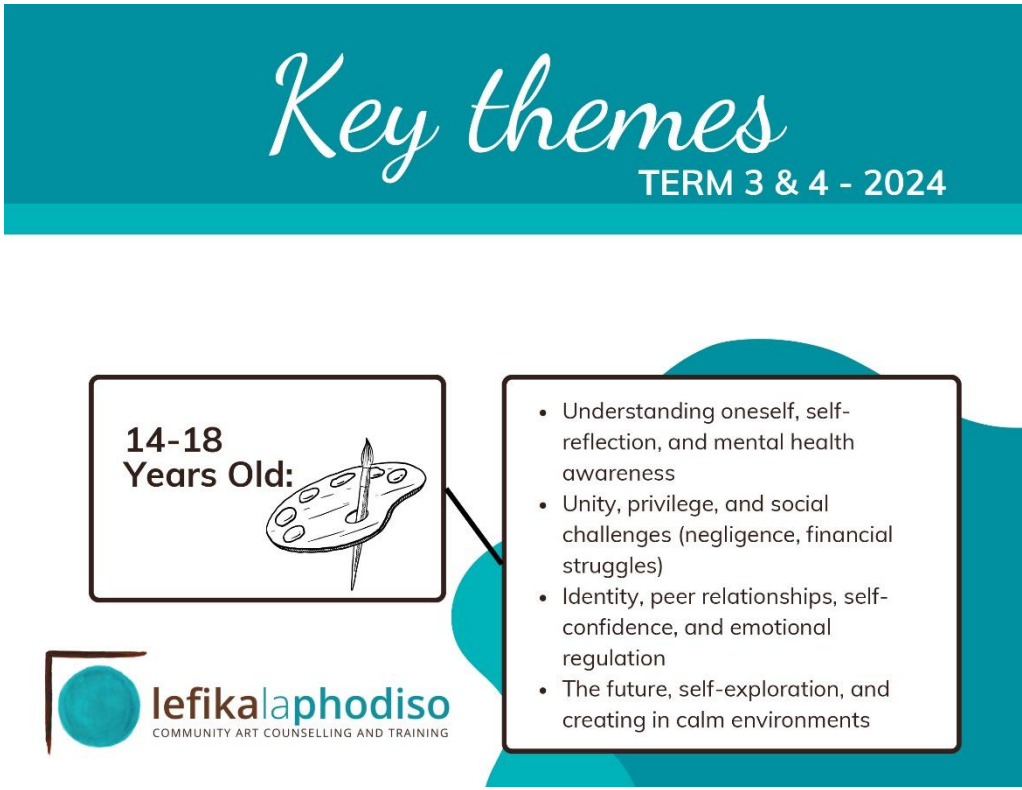
Significance of change

- **What will be the significance of the change?** *Please provide further information on what this change will mean for the movement and its goals, and what effect this change may have on the next steps in this area of work.*

RESULTS

Please share some of the results you aim to achieve, for example:

- *Female adolescent empowerment through*
  - improved emotional literacy
  - increased school attendance, and
  - greater self-confidence



Anticipated Challenges and Lessons to Learn

- What are the main challenges you anticipate? How do you plan to overcome these challenges?

- Social risk
- Economic risk
- Human resource risk

SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICATION

- How will the work be sustained/kept going?

  Through continuous fundraising and grant applications

- How will the work be shared or cascaded to other organisations?

  Through our Community Art Counselling training programme

NEXT STEPS

What will be the key priorities moving forward?

1. Trauma-Informed Interventions
2. Strengthening Community and Parental Engagement
3. Addressing the Intersection of GBV and Mental Health
4. Strengthening Partnerships and Advocacy Efforts
5. Expanding Digital and Media-Based Outreach

