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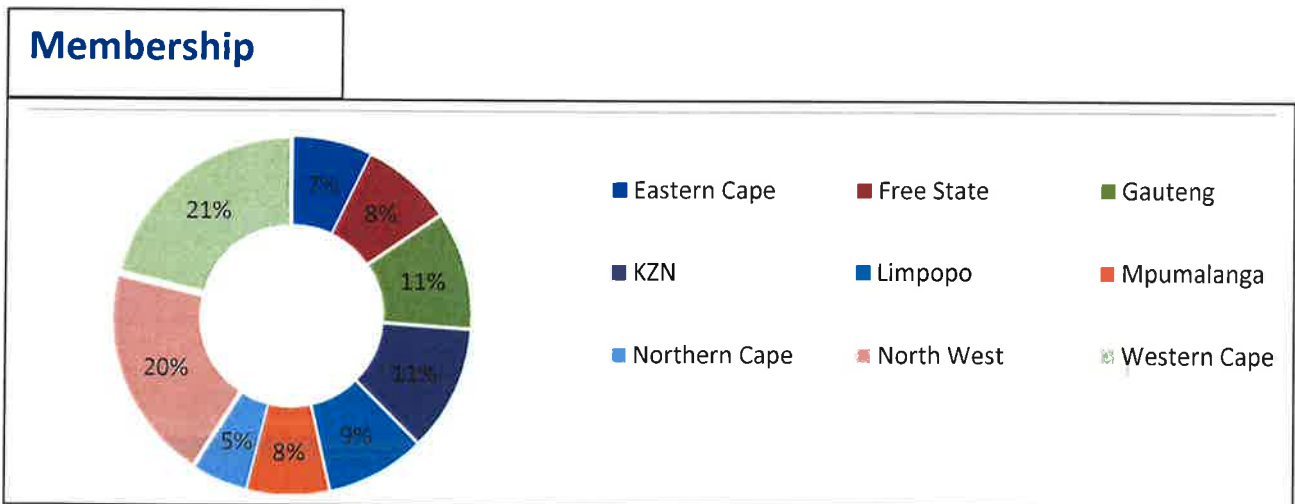
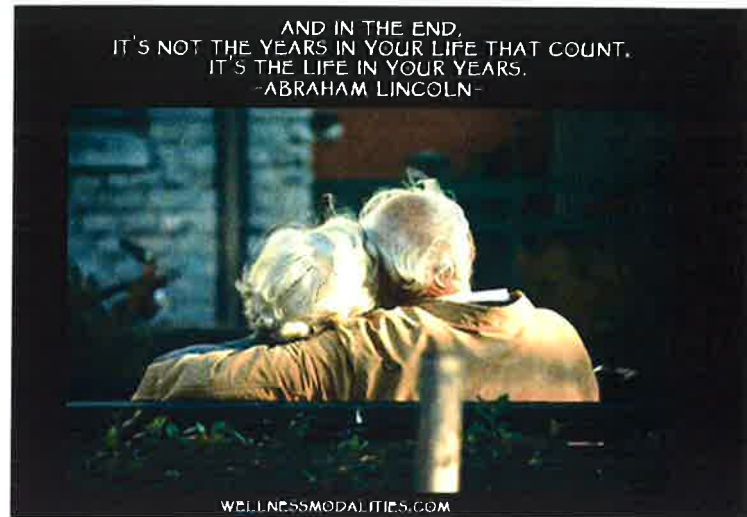


Age-in-Action
THE SA COUNCIL FOR THE AGED



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PROVINCIAL OFFICES

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Founded in 1956, Age-in-Action is the body representing older persons and represents NGO member organisations who provide regular, vital services to vulnerable older persons in need of care.

Mission

Age-in-Action is a national non-profit developmental organization which strives, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to uphold the rights and dignity of older persons through advocacy and lobbying; improved access to care; support and protection; training and development; and sustainable economic empowerment.

Objectives

- To initiate and promote programmes aimed at advancing the status, well-being, safety and security of vulnerable and needy older persons.
- To provide community based health care services for frail, bedridden, vulnerable and needy older persons.
- To initiate prevention and educational programmes on HIV/AIDS for older persons.
- To provide empowerment programmes for vulnerable and needy older persons, i.e., adult education.
- To conduct relevant social research so as to provide and initiate effective interventions.
- To compile relevant publications and disseminate information relating to older persons.
- To initiate and implement intergenerational programmes.
- To lobby and advocate for the rights of older persons.

National Executive Committee

Calvin Cornelson	Chairperson*	Gauteng
Cheronica du Preez	1st Vice-Chairperson*	Western Cape
Ethel Makhele	2nd Vice-Chairperson*	Mpumalanga
Evelyn Maahlo		Limpopo
Zodwa Mahlangu		Mpumalanga
Sibongile Mjangqeka		Gauteng
Pravin Patak		KwaZulu-Natal
Kedilatile Toodi		North West
Jack Ramashu		Limpopo
Ivan Siyila		Eastern Cape
Badisa Montsho		Northern Cape

*Management Committee

Management Report - Calvin Cornelson, Chairperson

The last financial year saw the organisation continuing with its decentralisation process, which came with many challenges, where provincial executive committees took responsibility for the operations and financial sustainability of provincial offices, while maintaining the national branding, mission and objectives.

The National Executive Committee met in March 2019 to discuss progress with the process and also take decisions for the way forward.



Ltr – Mrs Kedilatile Toodi [North West]; Mr Ivan Siyila [Eastern Cape]; Mrs Cheronica du Preez [Western Cape]; Mrs Ethel Makhele [Mpumalanga]; Mrs Evelyn Maahlo [Limpopo]; Mrs Zodwa Mahlangu [Mpumalanga]; Mrs Ingrid Cupido [CEO]; Mr Badisa Montsho [Northern Cape]; Mrs Sibongile Mjangqeka [Gauteng]; Mr Calvin Cornelson [Chairperson]; Mr Jack Ramushu [Limpopo].

Members were capacitated on their roles and responsibilities as National Executive Committee members and provincial reports by the respective members proved very insightful to gain a broader picture of the operations of Age-in-Action nationally.

A need for continued training of the National Executive Committee was identified as well as the need for an *indaba* with Provincial Executive Committee Chairpersons, Directors and NEC as soon as funding is available.

Despite great work being done, visibility of the organisation nationally remained a challenge due to inadequate resources.



Age-in-Action's national office, North West and Mpumalanga provincial offices participated in a workshop by National Dept of Social Development on the Implementation Evaluation of the Older Persons Act, together with about 120 other representatives. The Act aims to ensure good health, independence, dignity and respect through continued consultation.

Services and Activities

Training :

- Crime awareness - violent crime is on the increase and older persons are not exempted. They are extremely vulnerable even in their homes which are supposed to be their safe havens.
- Consumer protection - ongoing as older persons need to be aware of their rights as consumers.
- Healthy and Active Ageing – including health talks and seminars focusing on age related chronic diseases, i.e. Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, hypertension, heart health, HIV/AIDS, etc.
- Club/Service centre management committee training - office bearers need to be empowered to lead from a position of strength and *au fait* with the legislative requirements in terms of the NPO Act and their constitutions.
- Programme development - ensuring optimum functioning and maximum benefits to beneficiaries.
- Rights and responsibilities of older persons – so important not only to identify abuse but to educate them on available resources/interventions for assistance, and also to report abuse.

Special Programmes :

- Gambling addiction awareness - the SA Responsible Gambling Foundation trained beneficiaries on the pros and cons of gambling, especially longterm repercussions.
- Women's Month - partnerships were forged with local Department of Health to conduct preventative tests during Women's Month. During these sessions, women were encouraged to establish *Women's Business Forums*.
- Wellness Days – promoting holistic ageing in an effort for older persons to remain engaged and enjoy their independence for as long as possible.
- Celebrations with centenarians – families were assisted with material resources and accessing benefits (Grant-in-Aid, social grants, etc.) which enabled families to provide improved care for these centenarians.



- Family re-unification - specific focus was placed on whether families had the resources to care for their older family member/s and strong emphasis was placed on the importance of monitoring and evaluating the process.
- 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Children – awareness of gender based violence was again stressed.
- Mandela Day celebrations – the organization participated in activities to uplift deserving beneficiaries.

- Inter-generational activities – older persons reached out to early childhood development centres and orphanages and gifted the young ones with soft toys, blankets, clothes and sweet treats.
- Heritage Day – older persons played a vital role in passing down traditions, cultural activities and moral regeneration.
- International Day of Older Persons – global recognition of the valuable role older persons play at so many different spheres was acknowledged.
- Older Person’s Parliament in Kwa-Zulu Natal by The National Department of Social Development at DR Rantlui Petrus Molemela Indoor Centre - more than 1500 older persons attended and had an opportunity to interact with the Department directly.
- Golden Games project – Age-in-Action played a supporting role with logistics.

Casework included the screening and placement of older persons at risk. A catalyst to casework is the national Care-Line. Calls received pertained to :

- Housing/accommodation;
- Verbal abuse;
- Financial abuse/exploitation;
- Physical abuse;
- Home based care;
- Economic hardships; and
- Family related issues.

Enquiries relating to housing/accommodation far outweighed the rest, with drug dependency and spousal abuse following closely.



World Elder Abuse Awareness - 15 June

During the period under review, the staff of Age-in-Action and older persons countrywide created awareness of the challenges older persons are facing, despite being the custodians of our cultural heritage and the backbones in families, especially where middle-aged members are absent.

Stakeholders were :

- The SA Police Service
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Justice
- Department of Health
- Local Municipalities
- Local radio stations

In certain rural communities influencing factors such as unemployment, limited skills base, lack of community participation and rural location all impacted negatively on violence and crime resulting in older persons fearing for their lives.

Peaceful marches were held with appeals to the government that bail be denied for perpetrators of elder abuse.



Finance

Age-in-Action continued to explore all avenues to generate income to continue its services to vulnerable older persons in South Africa, yet it's donor base has shrunk drastically. Nonetheless, the organisation is extremely thankful for the continued financial assistance from individuals, trusts, foundations, corporates and government departments.

The needs of vulnerable older persons have increased which the organisation tries to address, despite its challenges with adequate resources, through awareness and marketing initiatives in collaboration with other stakeholders.

The future of Age-in-Action depends greatly on the continued support from donors without which it would not be able to provide basic services and share relevant information.

DONATIONS

A C Flooring Service
A C Kruger
Aaishah Mayet
Cab Holdings
Carl & Emily Fuchs Foundation
Charl Donation
Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyer Inc.
Clifford Harris Trust
F B Greene
Garden Cities
Isadore Choritz
Jet Lee Will Trust
Late Mr D.H Skinner
Lewis Stores
Mr L Gilbert
Pick 'n Pay
SM Wilder
Standard Trust Ltd : C A Williams Will Trust
The Charity Circle
Tiber Construction
Tirepoint Contracts

NETWORK PARTNERS

Consumer Protection Commission
Department of Agriculture
Department of Health
Department of Home Affairs
Department of Justice
Department of Social Development
Department of Sport & Recreation
Energy FM
Faith Based Organisations
Municipalities
National Lotteries Commission
Planet Fitness
SA Gambling Society
SA Local Government Association
SA Older Persons Forum
SA Police Services
SA Social Security Agency (SASSA)
Strong Families Foundation
The Charity Circle
Vodacom



*We ourselves feel that
what we are doing
is just a drop
in the ocean.
But the ocean
would be less
because of that
missing drop.
Mother Teresa*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Age-in-Action

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Age-in-Action set out on pages 8 to 20, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effect of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Age-in-Action as at 31 March 2019, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Basis for qualified opinion

Cash collections and donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for Age-in-Action (Non-profit Organisation). The National Executive Committee has determined that it is impracticable to establish internal controls over the collection of cash receipts prior to the initial entry into its financial records. We were therefore unable to confirm whether all cash collections were included.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the sections 290 and 291 of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (Revised January 2018), parts 1 and 3 of the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (Revised November 2018) (together the IRBA Codes) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities, as applicable, in accordance with the IRBA Codes and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Codes are consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) respectively. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The National Executive Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the National Executive Committee's Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa as well as the detailed income statement, presented on pages 21 - 22. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the National Executive Committee for the Annual Financial Statements

The National Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the National Executive Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the National Executive Committee is responsible for assessing the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the National Executive Committee either intend to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA's will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA's, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 organisation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the National Executive Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the National Executive Committee use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the National Executive Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PKF Cape Town

**PKF Cape Town
M Oosthuizen
Partner
Registered Auditor**

**13 September 2019
BELLVILLE**

Age-in-Action

(Registration number: 002-842)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

National Executive Committee's Responsibilities and Approval

The National Executive Committee is required by the Nonprofit Organisation Act, 1997, to maintain adequate accounting records and is responsible for the content and integrity of the financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The National Executive Committee acknowledges that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the organisation and places considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the organisation to meet these responsibilities, the National Executive Committee sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the organisation and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the organisation's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the organisation is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the organisation. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the organisation endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.


The National Executive Committee is of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the organisation's financial statements. The financial statements have been examined by the organisation's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 3 - 4.

The financial statements set out on pages 8 to 20, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the members on 13 September 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:



C Cornelison
Chairperson



I Cupido
Chief Executive Officer

Age-in-Action

(Registration number: 002-842)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2019

	Note(s)	2019 R	2018 R
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	2,931,415	3,783,970
Other financial assets	3	23,308	26,955
		2,954,723	3,810,925
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	4	16,289	102,150
Cash and cash equivalents	5	592,110	117,809
		608,399	219,959
Total Assets		3,563,122	4,030,884
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Retained income		2,533,961	2,888,004
Liabilities			
Non-Current Liabilities			
Other financial liabilities	7	29,002	310,676
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	393,069	374,478
Other financial liabilities	7	282,632	388,718
Grant creditors	8	324,458	69,008
		1,000,159	832,204
Total Liabilities		1,029,161	1,142,880
Total Equity and Liabilities		3,563,122	4,030,884

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

Detailed Income Statement

	Note(s)	2019 R	2018 R
Other income			
Salaries recoveries		-	(27,718)
Donations received		1,987,160	2,444,531
Stipend income		-	1,654,827
Sundry income		215,383	236,270
Subsidies		1,636,919	1,961,976
Conference income		-	70,050
Insurance income		122,400	-
Affiliation fees		(191,460)	142,922
Bad debt recovered		-	1,300
Dividends received	13	916	847
Fair value adjustments	14	-	5,666
		3,771,318	6,490,671
Expenses (Refer to page 22)		(4,112,174)	(7,922,263)
Operating loss	10	(340,856)	(1,431,592)
Finance costs	15	(9,540)	(95,194)
Fair value adjustments	14	(3,647)	-
		(13,187)	(95,194)
Loss for the year		(354,043)	(1,526,786)

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

Detailed Income Statement

	Note(s)	2019 R	2018 R
Operating expenses			
Auditors remuneration	17	145,801	104,804
Bad debts		-	1,277
Bank charges		21,246	62,184
Careline expense		-	87,719
Computer expenses		21,588	27,418
Conference expenses		-	103,560
Consulting and professional fees		2,750	533
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments		468,356	2,916,441
Employee costs		2,459,828	2,825,952
Insurance		230,494	353,832
Lease rentals on operating lease		309,307	606,590
Legal expenses		10,902	35,169
Motor vehicle expenses		2,246	12,239
Moving expenses		-	6,050
Municipal expenses		43,169	84,087
NEC meeting expenses		-	3,021
Other expenses		18,470	250,729
Parking		11,974	27,775
Petrol and oil		26,700	86,812
Postage		1,958	15,052
Printing and stationery		59,547	115,661
Profit and loss on sale of assets and liabilities		169,634	60,284
Repairs and maintenance		21,310	47,693
Subscriptions		11,933	11,015
Telephone and fax		40,581	53,348
Travel - local		34,380	23,018
		4,112,174	7,922,263