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1992: A-Levels at the Waldorf School Überlingen (Germany).
1992-1996: Witnesses poverty, HIV/Aids and the beginning of the civil war in Zaire (DRC) on several long trips through the African continent. Decides to become a Social Worker in order to work with underprivileged children in Africa and to start an orphan project.
1997-2002: Studies Social Science (BA/SS) through UNISA (University of South Africa), majoring in Social Work and Psychology. Practical component: 3 years of practical Social Work in the Townships of Cape Town in a homeless shelter for adults and a home for physically and mentally disabled, neglected and abused street children.
2003: Sets up the German charity Positiv Leben e.V. (Living Positive), in order to raise the capital for starting the planned orphan project.
2004-2008: Founder and Director of the community development project Indawo Yentsikelelo for abused, impoverished, orphaned and neglected children in the Township of Nyanga in Cape Town, South Africa.
2008: Sets up the orphan project Vulamasango in Cape Town.



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**Place of safety for underprivileged,
neglected, abused and orphaned
children in Cape Town**



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SOUTH AFRICA

In a country, in which newly born children are given names like "Hope" and "Blessing", it seems almost ironic that more than 2 million children no longer have parents and many of them are sentenced to death in early childhood by an illness they contracted before they were even born.



Statistics of South Africa (Source: UNAIDS)

- 5,5 mil. people infected with HIV (the country ranks second in the world in sheer numbers of HIV infected people).
- Every 1,6 min. a person dies due to HIV (320.000 per year).
- Every hour 16 children become orphans!
The cultural, human and economic costs are staggering. Out of this need the initiative VULAMASANGO (Open Gates) was founded.



THE PROJECT VULAMASANGO

THE LOCATION: The 5ha „Vulamasango Farm“ in „Philippi Farmland“, surrounded by the vast Townships of Cape Town.

THE PROJECT: Multi-functional organization for children in need from the surrounding Townships.

THE AIM: Physical, social, emotional, and intellectual support for orphaned, neglected, abused and impoverished children and youths.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (since Oct. 2009)

- 40 Children (6-18 years) from the surrounding Townships (semi- or fully orphaned, or children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds).
- Protection from the dangers of the Townships (poverty, crime, alcohol, and physical or sexual abuse).
- Programmes: Homework supervision, English lessons, sport, theatre workshops, music and artwork.
- Educational workshops (HIV/Aids, gender equality, cultural identity, etc.) and therapy-sessions (working through traumatic experiences such as crime, abuse, rape, etc.).
- Providing qualitative education by enrolling children at better schools through privately funded educational sponsorship programmes.

CRECHE / PRE-SCHOOL (since Jan. 2010)

- 40 children (2-6 years) from socially disadvantaged backgrounds from the neighbouring Township.



ORPHANAGE (since January 2011)

- Place of safety for up to 120 children (in future).
- Family units of 10 children and two house-parents.
- Holistic education (internal pre-school and After School Care, external schools).
- Financing of tertiary (University) education.
- Internal skills training (child-care, nursing, organic farming, carpentry, etc.)
- Internal basic medical care.
- Integration of youth into an organic farming set-up.
- Sustainability through organic vegetable farming.

„What matters is not what has happened to us, but what we have made of what has happened to us!“



ZABALAZA - African Performance Art (since 2006)

A large part of the capital needed for the running costs of Vulamasango is raised through bi-annual concert tours to Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the UK and Belgium) by a group of selected children and youth from the project, trained and accompanied by Artistic Director Xolisa Majambe, Project Manager Bongwiwe Majambe and Choirmaster Lusanda Bali.

The performances consist of traditional South African songs, Apartheid struggle songs, and gospel songs, as well as traditional drumming and dancing. Through building up the children's sense of self-worth, the hugely successful tours are an artistic expression of the work done with the children and youngsters at Vulamasango and part of an emotional healing process to overcome both individual traumatic experiences as well as the shadows of South Africa's Apartheid past.

