



Flying For Life

2018
Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM

During this past year we have seen the open hearts of people for other people in dire circumstances in an amazing way. Despite the challenging economic and financial situation in South Africa, people and organisations contributing to the work of FFL opened up their purses and contributed time and skills in order for us to reach many sick, poor and underprivileged people in the rural areas of Venda and give them a new hope and a future.

Flying in to Venda, where many roads are inoperative and other forms of transport is very difficult, we were able to reach and impact the lives of more than a thousand people through the eye clinic, dental program, career guidance, disability centre and CHE programs. It is still amazing to see people willing to travel to uncomfortable areas to offer their time and skill to give the underprivileged (literally) new vision, comfort and hope. We see and hear many testimonies of people whose lives had been changed and where the sparkle and hope in their eyes have returned.

To this end, there are many needs in South Africa and we have already identified another area where we would like to duplicate this work in future. We have formed a partnership with Mercy Air and are excited to see this unfold as we work to increase our donor and resource base in order to reach more desperate people in our country.

The board of FFL wants to thank the staff at the FFL offices and all volunteers, donors

and organisations who contribute, for their involvement in Flying for Life and the Venda project in bringing life to people without hope. I personally want to thank the board members for their commitment and support and offering up their time, skills and other resources to ensure that the work carries on and is done effectively.

As we enter an unknown future, may our hearts stay open to help give life to those who struggle to exist.



Maxine Holman
CEO of MAF SA



Braam van den Berg
Chairman of the Board



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FLYING FOR LIFE

Flying for Life (FFL) is a registered Section 18A Public Benefit Organisation (2011/002050/08) that is committed to taking help, hope and healing to rural isolated communities in South Africa. Flying for Life is an initiative of MAF.

Flying for Life enables medical professionals, early childhood development trainers, social development specialists and other non-profit organisations to assist isolated communities. We develop relationships and identify areas of need in these communities that are beyond the reach of reliable roads, and use aviation to provide solutions.

How do we fly?

We collaborate with Mercy Air, another existing Christian aviation organisation who significantly discount their rates and volunteer their pilots.

Where do we fly?

Flying for Life currently focuses on the communities living in the Vhembe District of Limpopo.



OUR IMPACT

In 2018
We flew 30 times to see...



373
Dental
Patients



136
Cataract
Surgeries



22
People with
Disabilites



600
Students For
Career
Guidance



62
People in a
CHE
workshop

MEDICAL PROJECTS

It is a misconception to believe that only the elderly experience cataracts. In 2018 we operated on a thirty-seven-year-old mother of four, and many others who were the wage earner of their household. Our doctors volunteer their services and help to train the local community.



PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with Mercy Air to reach communities that would otherwise not receive the specialist medical care that aircraft and volunteer doctors help to make possible.





FINANCIAL REPORT

	2017	2018
INCOME		
General Donation Income	R 413 721	R 547 036
MAFI Income	400 000	150 000
Total income	813 721	697 036
EXPENDITURE		
Flight Expenses	428 671	253 304
FFL Project Expenses	629 876	421 291
Total expenditure	1 058 547	674 595
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(R244 826)	R22 441

FFL is audited by PwC PricewaterhouseCoopers

Flying for Life Board Members (2018)

Maxine Holman (CEO)

Braam van den Berg (Chariman)

Stanley Arumugam

Dave Steytler

Emile Raubenheimer

Sustainability Assurance

We try to keep our operational costs as low as possible by using partner organisations that discount their flights and volunteer their pilots to fly our volunteers to their destinations. While the passengers give their time and resources, the flights are paid for by Flying for Life's supporting donors.



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