



# SRC 2020/2021 Term 2 Report

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## Constitutional Responsibilities

The Social Impact is a portfolio in the SRC which is responsible for redress and addressing the imbalances of the past in underprivileged communities. It is also subservient to the content and responsibilities of the SRC and the university's constitution.

## Portfolio Overview

The Social Impact portfolio recognizes the challenges in most communities in the Western Cape caused by the imbalances of the past. In order to move forward the Social Impact portfolio is committed in a reconciliatory approach where the sharing of ideas and opinions will be possible in order to try and address the injustices of the past in underprivileged communities.

Vision: Our vision is to accelerate the pace of development in underprivileged communities.

Mission: Strengthening Stellenbosch University's capacity to Social Impact.

## Committees / Task Teams

The Social Impact portfolio consists of a Social Impact Sub-Committee (SISC). The SISC consists of fourteen members, seven from Stellenbosch main campus and seven from Tygerberg campus. Each member went through a rigorous application process of about 21 applicants where eventually the 14 applicants were appointed.

The SISC is in charge of planning the events in the Social Impact year plan. There are two compulsory positions the secretary and the branding and marketing positions. Each members are

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split into groups according to the different projects. For example, there are about five projects which are split in five group. In each group there is a combination of Tygerberg and Stellenbosch campus Social Impact leaders and one project leader. The main reason for this is to have different leaders from different backgrounds to work together in order to have a diverse and fair point of view.

An example of this:

### **Book Drive Initiative**

The initial plan for the book drive initiative is to have a book drive campaign in the last week of the term so that students can use the recess which will begin from the 1st of March till the 9th of March to collect books from home that they are no longer using. These books include novels, high school study guides (First year) and also students who have completed their degrees can donate their old textbooks. These books depending on the type of books will be donated to students from underprivileged high schools and also some students on campus who are still in need of books.

#### **Task Team:**

- Malikah Felaar (Stellenbosch)
- Tawanda Afeki (Stellenbosch)
- Haizel Mmile (Stellenbosch)
- Renske Strauss (Tygerberg)

### **School Shoes Initiatives**

The school shoes initiative will aim to raise funds by including different residence structures and any other potential stake holders internally and externally who will wish to be part of this campaign where each stakeholder will help in raising funds to buy school shoes which will be donated to underprivileged high schools.

#### **Task Team:**

- Masego Moloto (Stellenbosch)
- Joan Jacobs (Tygerberg)
- Tegan Duke (Tygerberg)
- Kanti Mokgohla (Stellenbosch)

### **Women's Appreciation Self-Care Pack**

The initial plan for this project is to go to the Philisa Abafazi Bethu centre which is an NPO in Cape Town which advocates for the rights of women who are victims of domestic violence and intimate partner violence. Most of these women feel a sense of loneliness and rejection due to the traumatic events they have experienced. Thus, this initiative will be to show these women that they are appreciated and that they also matter in society. The plan is to spend approximately 3 hours with these women speaking with them and getting to know them.

### **Talk with a primary school in Khayamnandi**

The plan for this year is to adopt a high school in Khayamnandi that we can work with and form a relationship with. Part of this plan will include a talk with the high school about any issue be it Gender- Base violence or any issue. A speaker will speak on the topic at hand to the students. The session should not be more than an hour.

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## Women Empowerment and Appreciation and high school talk

- - Malikah Felaar
- - Naadirah Matthews
- - Aphiwe Madondo
- - Haizel Mmile
- - Kanti Mokgohla
- – Ezelle Muller

## Term Overview

First and foremost it is very important to note that the Social Impact portfolio in the SRC has not existed since the term 2016/2017. Thus, following the reintroduction of the portfolio in the term 2020/2021 it has been quite a long journey setting up the ground work and foundation of the portfolio. There are a few potential partnership that the Social Impact portfolio is trying to secure and there are also a few project that we would like to leave behind for our future successor. Nonetheless, the portfolio is striving regardless of certain challenges faced e.g. covid-19 and others. The Social Impact portfolio still remains fully committed in strengthening Stellenbosch University's capacity to Social Impact and also in addressing the imbalances of the past in most underprivileged communities.

## Budget

For term 1 there were no costs incurred by the Social Impact portfolio as that was the term where the SISC was appointed and also the setting up of the different projects. The budget for term 2 is approximately R13 000.

## Budget & Reasoning

The reasoning behind the term 2 budget is based on the School Shoes Initiative project which aims to donate about 50 school shoes (25 boys school shoes and 25 girls school shoes) to a less fortunate school. The estimated amount for one school shoe is approximately R200. Thus,  $200 \times 50 = R10\,000$ . R1500 is budgeted for a photographer and the other amount is for any unforeseen costs including transport costs.

## Expenditure so far

N/A

## Plans for next term

### Term 3

#### Women's Appreciation Self-Care Pack – 14 August 2021

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## Long-Term Projects

These are the long-term projects which will stretch for the rest of the year unlike the short-term projects which in most cases will be once of projects.

### 1. Sustainable Garden

Part of the Social Impact long-term projects will be a sustainable garden in Khayamnandi. The Social Impact in Collaboration with the Engineering Student Committee ESC and the residence structures will be working together on a sustainable garden in Khayamnandi with Kuyasa an organisation based in Khayamnnandi which will provide the land for the harvesting.

### 2. Tutoring Programme

In Khayamnandi there is currently a tutoring programme going on but lacks a few things and resources such as tutors to begin with. We will be working with this tutoring programme and seeing how we can strengthen it and making it productive for the students.

### 3. Cancer Drive Campaign - 1st August 2021 - 31st

The Cancer Drive will be one of the biggest events in the Social Impact portfolio which will stretch for a whole month with different activities on Cancer Awareness. The Social Impact will also be forming a collaboration with the Special Needs portfolio in the SRC which is managed by Lugia.

#### • Cancer Drive Task Team – 17 May 2021

A Cancer Drive Task Team will be formed where students who would like to form part of the task team can apply. However, the task team will depend on whether the Social Impact Sub-Committee members and the Special Needs Sub-Committee members will be interested in the planning of this event. However, if there are no available members from the two sub-committees the applications will then go out to the public.

#### • Walkathon for the Cancer Drive Campaign

Part of the Cancer Drive campaign activities will be a walkathon where there will be ruffles where people can support. The walkathon will be more of a walk of solidarity for all the people who have succumbed to Cancer. Many people are now dying from cancer due to Covid-19 as people cannot see their doctors as they used to due to the covid regulations. This project will be planned in May already three months before the time so that we can be able to mobilise the funds involved and also to look for internal and external partners.

## Recommendations to improve portfolio

I would say the most important thing is to do proper research on a project before doing it especially a project on campus. Even though you might assume that it is something good and needed by the community or the students you may still be wrong thus, doing proper research is important.

## Important Contacts

- Book Drive Initiative – 10 May 2021 – 31 May 2021
- Women's Appreciation self-care pack – 14 August 2021
- Cancer Drive – 1 August 2021 – 31 August 2021

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