



Frost Fellowship

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Storybook Project -
Qualitative analysis

Preschool Program
Evaluation

Grant Applications



Storybook Project

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Partnership with iThemba Projects for 10 years

Early Child Development (ECD) intervention: home-visiting, relationship centered. ~2 years



Baseline assessment

83% of families do not have any children's books





Workshops



Hope is like a chicken...



Beautiful Bilingual Books

about **ithemba**/hope



Ungakhathazeki! Ubuwazi ukuthi ngisemnane,
sasingenawo ugesi? Bengisiza uBabomkhulu ukutheza
izinkuni zokubasa umlilo.”

“Don’t worry! Did you know that when I was little, we didn’t
have electricity? I used to help my Grandfather gather wood
for the fire.”



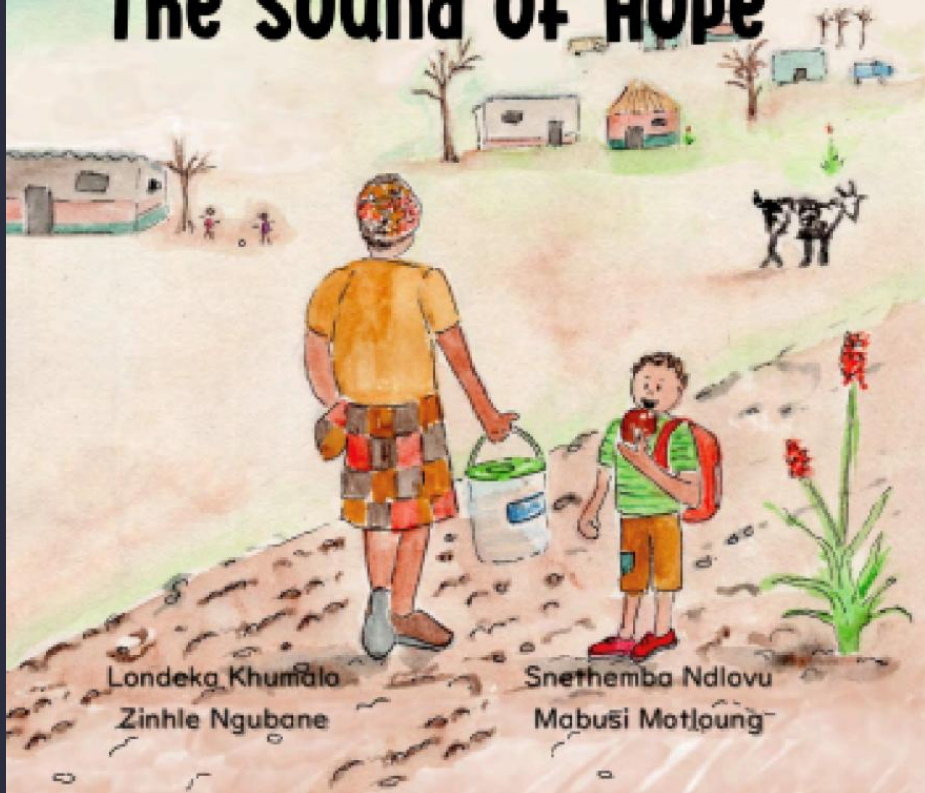


What?
Why?
How?
When?

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is a purposeful vision
for the common good
that encourages others
despite adversity.

UmSindo Wethemba

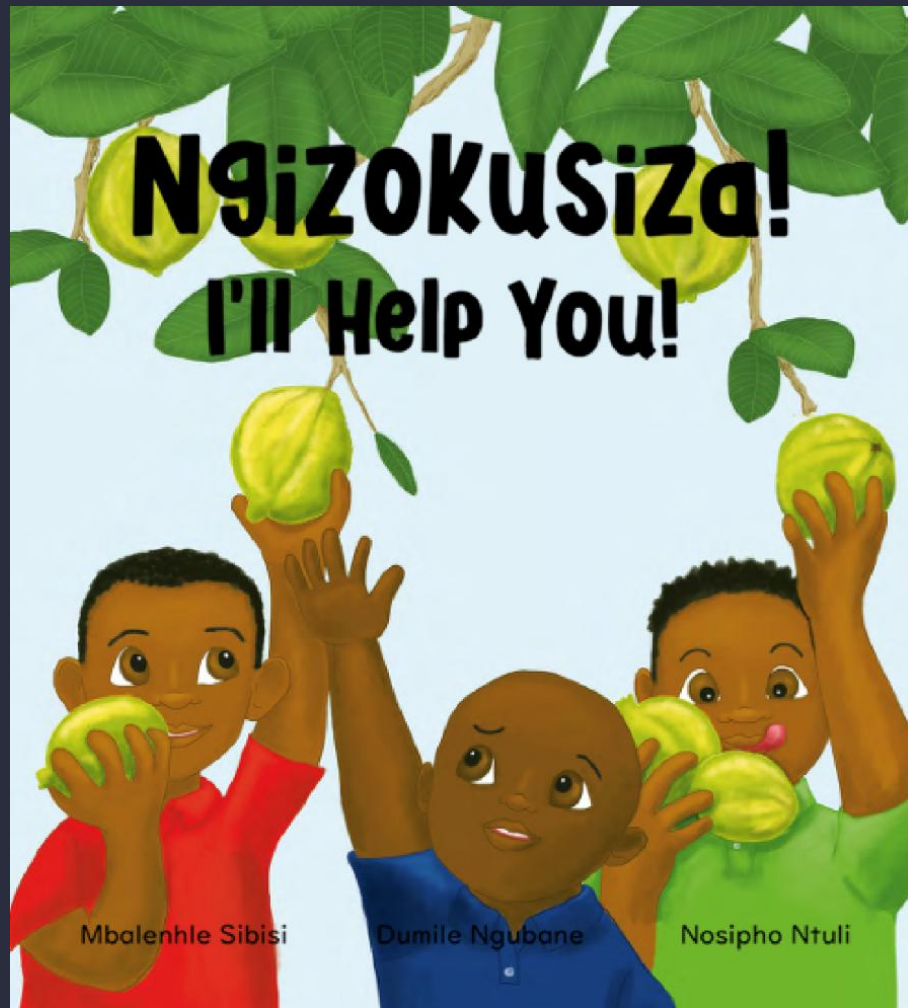
The Sound of Hope



Londeka Khumalo
Zinhle Ngubane

Snethemba Ndlovu
Mabusi Motloutsi

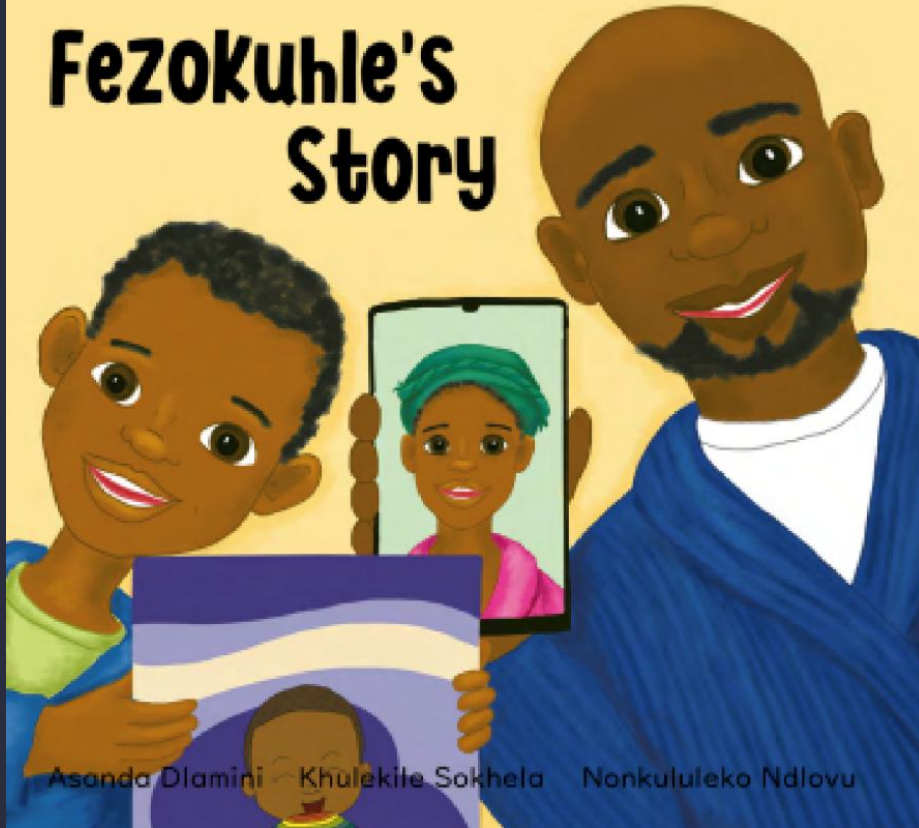
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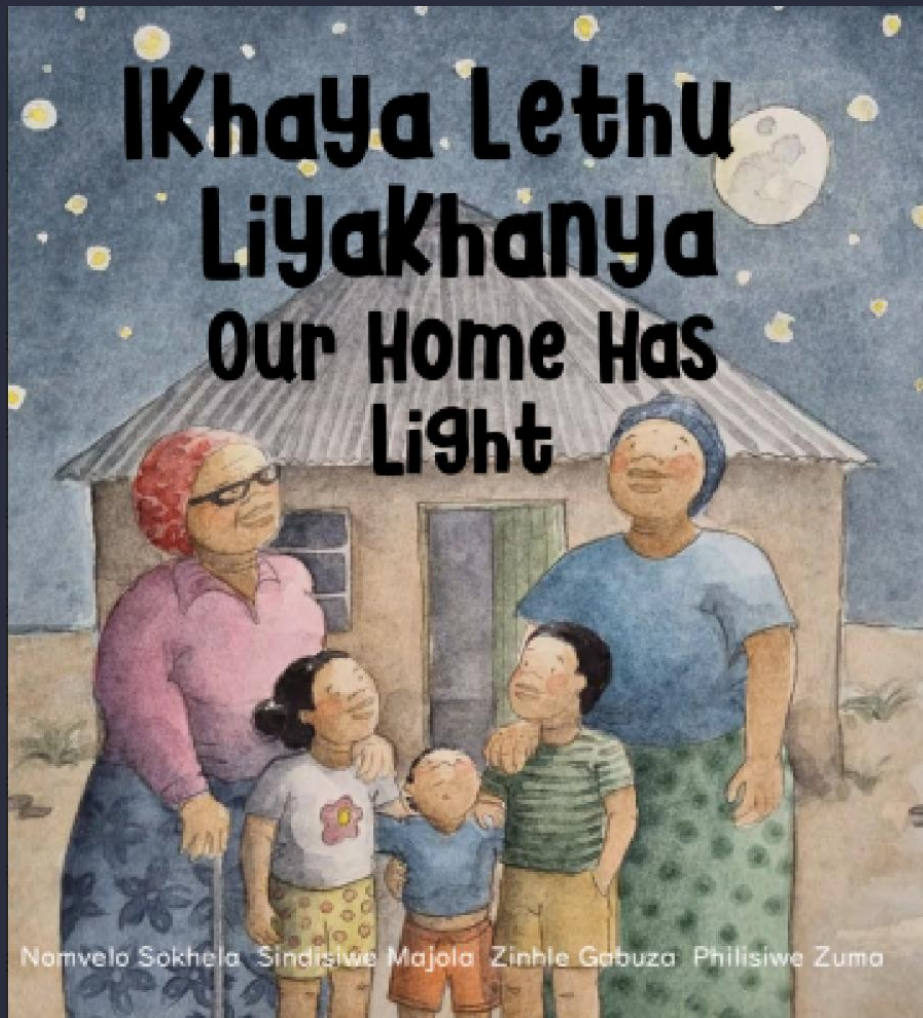
Indaba kaFezokuhle

Fezokuhle's Story



Asanda Dlamini Khulekile Sokhela Nonkululeko Ndlovu

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Thematic analysis

Future

God

People

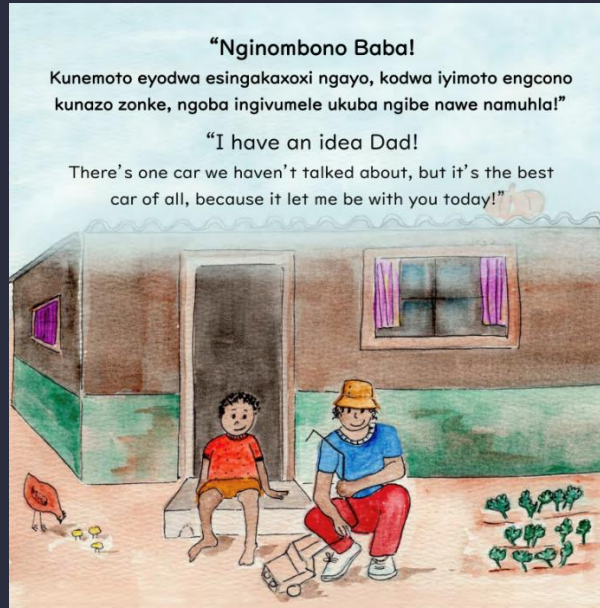
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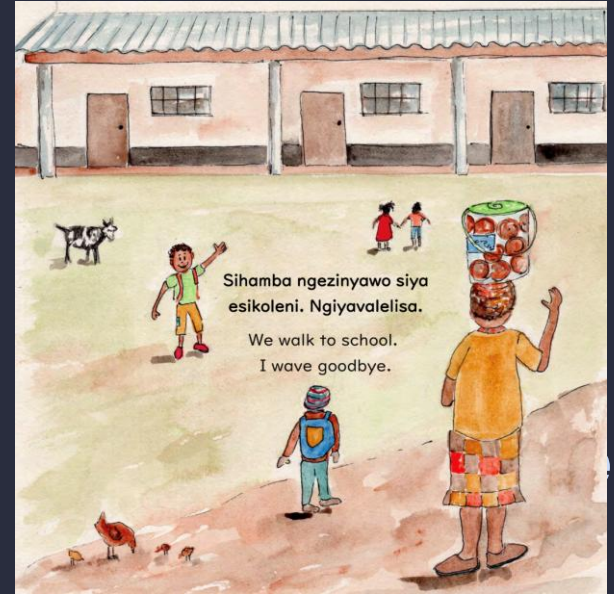
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Sihamba ngezinyawo siya
esikoleni. Ngiyavalelisa.

We walk to school.
I wave goodbye.

Next steps: Submit

*And revise and resubmit....
... and revise and resubmit...*



Preschool Program Evaluation Launch and go-live

iThemba Projects visited two schools to help with kindergarten assessments. (n = 81)

On average 2cm taller, almost 1 kg heavier
Significant even after controlling for age

Home visitation: Better at a classification task

Preschool Program: Better at drawing, jumping rope, and puzzles

No children from the home visitation intervention were stunted



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Presenting
to partners
at
iThemba
Projects



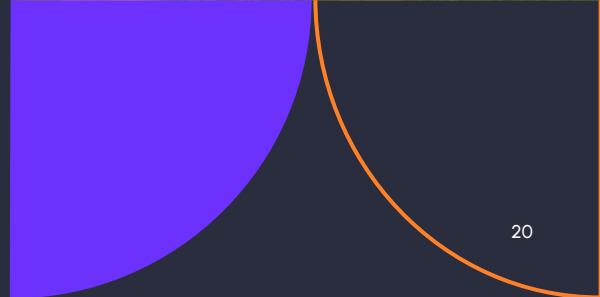
Authentic experience for students
+
Useful analysis for community partner



Grant Applications

Frost Center Partnership

1. Data collection
2. Data organization
3. Liaison with business and grant offices and funder
4. Report writing



For all the things beyond your expertise

Thank you!

Obrigada!

