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I hope you are all well.

Firstly, I hereby confirm that Tateni Community Care Services received an amount of **R134 566.80/**

€ 7 000.00 on the 13 March 2023.

Secondly, I wish to take this opportunity to review the impact being made by Heva funding on Tateni's work.

HEVA contributes to just under 10% of Tateni's annual budget. Most funding comes from the Department of Social Development for Home and Community Based Care (providing psychosocial support orphans and vulnerable children and their families) which represents just under 70% of the budget. The remaining budget of just over 20% comes from a variety of sources mostly linked to calls for specific proposals, the occasional Lotto funding and private companies and individual contributions.

From all these funders HEVA has been the most consistent and reliable! [...]. In the past HEVA funding has often been lifesaving in bridging the gap between when the funds are promised and when they have been received.

From the outset in 2007 HEVA followed the approach that its funding was discretionary and should be strategically applied by Tateni, i.e. there where the funding can make the biggest difference to supporting Tateni's ongoing work. Since 2015, HEVA fund have been applied in two types of activities:

- a) Supporting Tateni's Youth Development programme aimed at young people (unemployed and school leavers or dropouts) who exit the safety-net of schooling and their access to child support grants. This initiative was called "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty" because it was aimed at equipping and preparing young people for adulthood and to "break free" from those forces keeping them locked into poverty. Young people were

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assisted with further education and training, finding jobs and building careers and entrepreneurs.

- b) Covering overhead expenses essential to the organisations output (e.g. municipal rates and taxes, telephone bills, transport cost, part- payment towards external auditing fees and certain staff expense) but usually underfunded by most funding agencies.

Both forms of support have been invaluable:

HEVA funding enable to Tateni to establish and operate the Youth Development Department that today provides support to 80 to 100 young people per year. These are young people who annually exit the homebased child support programme that is funded by the Department of Social Development. There are support programmes available for the youth funded by both the public and private sectors. However, the focus here is on providing specialised training courses, bursaries for students as well as on the job training opportunities. Unemployed youth and school leavers find it difficult to access these services and opportunities. This is where Tateni's Youth Development Department has developed a niche service by "bridging the gap" and enabling young people to gain access to a ranged opportunities and services available. That's why Tateni's Youth Development Department works with so many partners in supporting and assist young people in its care. In our last report to HEVA we highlighted the following in this regard:

1. Partnership with Stanza Bopape Skills Training Centre which last year offered computer training to 18 of Tateni's youth beneficiaries
2. Partnership with People's Upliftment Training Centre (POPUP) where seven of our youth beneficiaries were registered for a variety of training Courses
3. Partnerships with various retail businesses to gain on-the-job experience and training
4. OJ Driving school to enrol 10 of our beneficiaries to attend drivers 'learner classes without cost. There are many more such examples.

Tateni provides its own basic training course referred to as its Skills Advancement Training (SAT). Those who successfully complete this course are then offered opportunities for placement with partners for further training or job opportunities. This form of partnership has assured a high success rate. Moreover, Heva funds that are used to fund Tateni's Youth Development programme (about 40% of the funding received from HEVA) has had a huge

multiplier effect by unlocking resources within these partner organisations in support of Tateni's work in Mamelodi.

As Tateni is depending on grants, they all come ring-fenced, with no or very limited funding for overheads expenses. It is Heva that we depend on to cover those "difficult to fund" items like office data and salary top-ups for key support staff. Considering the ever-increasing costs of basic needs, the staff will not survive without the stipend top-ups and the other staff member whose stipend are 100% covered through Heva will literally be unemployed. Moreover, without offices cleaner and a caretaker/ guard who is also responsible for cleaning Tateni'yard, Tateni could not function as it does!

Many thanks from Tateni beneficiaries, staff, management and the Board.