



Supporting The Phoenix Burn Project Cape Town





Overview

The sad reality is that although
some of the best clinical burn care in
Sub-Sahara Africa is at the
**Red Cross Childrens Memorial Hospital
Cape Town**

Burn aftercare is woefully lacking with little
ongoing aftercare support for the burned
child and burn prevention education is key.

**This is where the
Phoenix Burn Project
rose from the ashes**

Why so many burns through fire?

Poverty

Severe drought conditions

Misuse of kerosene

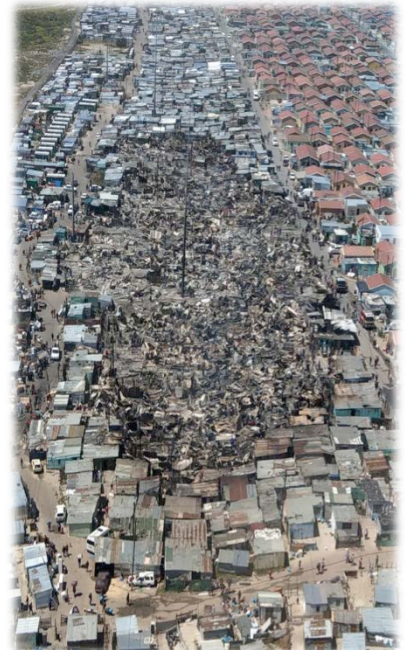
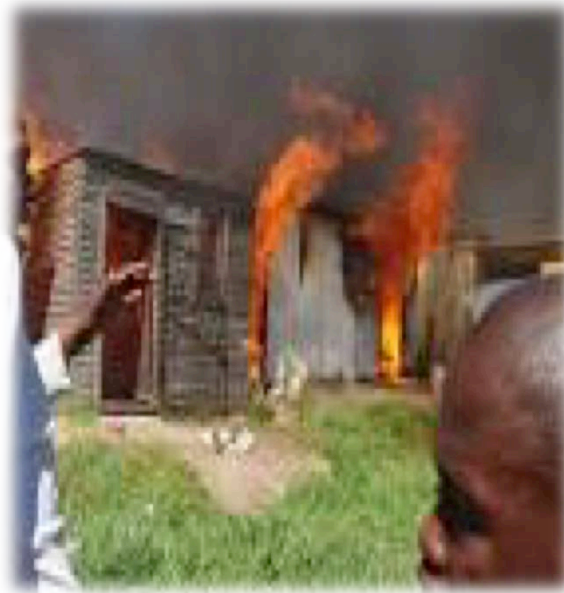
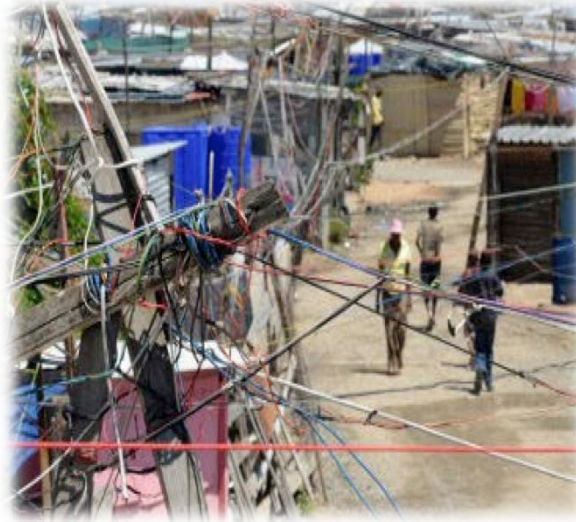
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Overcrowded informal settlements





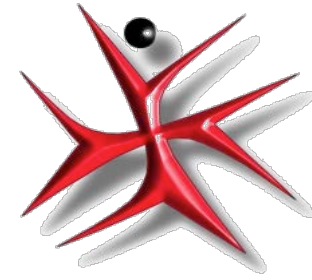
How our children burn



Haut Bay Cape Town







Phoenix Burn Project





**ACTION FOR
BURNS & CHILDREN**



working with the Phoenix Burn Project

Our achievements over the past 9 years

- Purchase of new dermatome for grafting surgeries
- 2 mil Rand state-of-the-art laser to improve burn scars
- X-box and TV for making physiotherapy fun and therefore less painful
- Flat screen TV to show children's movies - dressing distraction
- Sport equipment for gym / physiotherapy / play room equipment
- Baby push chairs and wheel chairs to take children outside in fresh air
- Birthday parties and gifts in the ward for all children with major burns
- Furnishing of counselling room and parent's rest/quiet area
- Providing Sun hats for all children with facial burns to avoid sun-related hyperpigmentation over the scars.
- Supplying all mothers with a toiletry bag as many arrive destitute from their burned out shacks and can stay for many months.
- European Burn Association knowledge sharing workshops and conferences

Working at the Red Cross Hospital

Constructive play



Dealing with language barriers



School reintegration



Group work and counselling



Birthday parties

School and Community Prevention Education



The full size demo
Hazard Shack
“Spot the hazard”





School and Community Burn Prevention Education

Because prevention is always better
than cure...

Setting up the demo hazard shacks at the Burns Conference Cape Town



Outcomes: Fire department statistics 2019

- 1.4% drop in informal settlement fires
- 5.5% drop in formal house fires
- 29% reduction in fatalities

(City of Cape Town Media Release 28 August 2019)

Modern housing can be just as dangerous





Teaching in township schools

Lessons learnt:

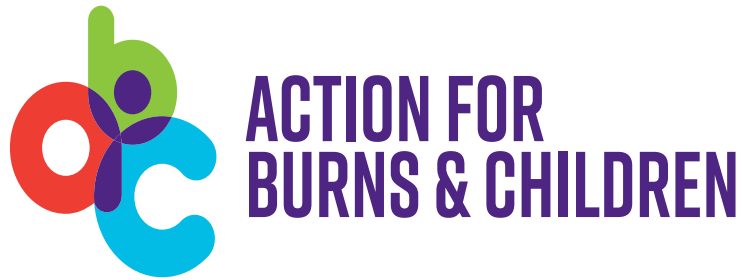
- Working with community for acceptance, access.
- Using adult burn survivors as trainers.
- Train the teachers too.
- Revisit schools every 2 years to enforce message.



Prevention drive 2019-20

- Over 30,000 primary school children have been trained in burn prevention to date.
- High schools have now also requested training
- Hospital admissions and number of surgeries needed are lower than ever, despite population growth in the under 14 year age group of the Western Cape
- 2020 – expansion to other regions in SA through Burn Ambassador training






Workshop Exchange with the European Burn Association

Burn Rehabilitation
Prevention Education
and
Sharing Experiences



**Burn Rehabilitation and Prevention
SHARING EXPERIENCES**

A two-day workshop for nurses, physiotherapists,
occupational therapists and counselors involved
in burn care in Europe and South Africa.



Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital
Cape Town, 16 – 18 January 2017
Paediatric Skills Lab, 6th Floor, Child Health Institute

Co-organised by
Phoenix Burns Project
European Burns Association



The Future Aims



- To further widen the Burn Prevention Education Programme for schools and families within the immediate community and beyond.
- To build on the important exchanges with the European Burn Association and develop ongoing working relationships.





9 years of Hiking and Biking
by
Action for Burns & Children
for
The Phoenix Burn Project
funds the projects

Thanks to Africa Oil Week and the intrepid participants of 5 major companies – Cripps Sears & Partners, Woodside, Total Oil, Schlumberger, Wood Mackenzie and members from the European Burn Association.

EBA Dutch Team 2018





Phoenix Burns Project Burn Prevention Programme for Schools in Cape Town, South Africa

Come and pay us a visit!

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